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Using pol.is, the community was surveyed about Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency Spending Priorities.

Pol.is is part of the "Computational Democracy Project". You can read about it here: https://compdemocracy.org/

The survey ran from March 28 to April 16, 2023. It was hosted by mountvernoncitizen.org

96 people voted on 15 statements. Below, statements are ordered from most to least agreement.

A complete description and results are available at https://pol.is/report/r6m6snkctpck7spnvrdps

Statement	% Agree
A high priority need for the city is to improve public facilities and infrastructure.	97%
Before the city agrees to take an $8m federal loan, the terms of the loan -such as the interest rate and the repayment schedule- should be disclosed to the public.	97%
A high priority need for the city is the elimination of slum and blight.	93%
A high priority need for the city is to support programs and services for our youth.	86%
A high priority need for the city is to implement grant programs effectively and efficiently.	85%
A high priority need for the city is to support programs and services for our seniors.	77%
A high priority need for the city is to expand economic development opportunities particularly for low-and-moderate-income individuals.	63%
The city should include the MV Animal Shelter on the list of facilities that will be restored/fixed using the “Mount Vernon Public Facilities Loan Fund.	60%
A high priority need for the city is to prevent homelessness.	59%
A high priority need for the city is to support programs and services for people with special needs.	57%
A high priority need for the city is to support programs and services for low-income individuals/families.	51%
The city should take an $8m loan from the Federal Government to restore/fix the Armory, the Dole Center, the John Stevens House, and Fire Houses.	50%
A high priority need for the city is to provide services for the homeless.	48%
A high priority need for the city is to provide housing for the homeless.	35%
A high priority need for the city is to increase the supply of quality affordable housing.	32%

Report

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Overview

Pol.is is a real-time survey system that helps identify the different ways a large group of people think about a divisive or complicated topic. Here's a basic breakdown of some terms you'll need to know in order to understand this report.

Participants: These are the people who participated in the conversation by voting and writing statements. Based on how they voted, each participant is sorted into an opinion group.

Statements: Participants may submit statements for other participants to vote on. Statements are assigned a number in the order they're submitted.

Opinion groups: Groups are made of participants who voted similarly to each other, and differently from the other groups.

This pol.is conversation was run by Chris McDonough. The topic was 'Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency- How Should It Spend Federal Grant Funds?'.

96	83	1,205	15	12.55	15.00
people voted	people grouped	votes were cast	statements were submitted	votes per voter on average	statements per author on average

How divisive was the conversation?

Statements (here as little circles) to the left were voted on the same way—either everyone agreed or everyone disagreed. Statements to the right were divisive—participants were split between agreement and disagreement.

How to use this: Hover to see the statement text. Start on the far right to find out what the most divisive statement was.

Consensus statements Divisive statements

STATEMENT	OVERALL	A 46	B 37

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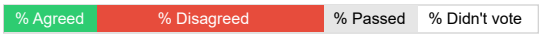
0	A high priority need for the city is to increase the supply of quality affordable housing	32% 59% 7% (79)	47% 40% 11% (44)	14% 82% 2% (35)

Majority

Here's what most people agreed with.

60% or more of all participants voted one way or the other, regardless of whether large amounts of certain minority opinion groups voted the other way.



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1	A high priority need for the city is the elimination of slum and blight	93% 0% 6% (77)	90% 0% 9% (42)	97% 0% 2% (35)
2	A high priority need for the city is to improve public facilities and infrastructure	97% 1% 1% (78)	97% 0% 2% (43)	97% 2% 0% (35)
3	A high priority need for the city is to support programs and services for our youth	86% 6% 7% (80)	93% 2% 4% (45)	77% 11% 11% (35)
11	A high priority need for the city is to implement grant programs effectively and efficiently	85% 6% 7% (78)	90% 4% 4% (43)	80% 8% 11% (35)
14	Before the city agrees to take an $8m federal loan, the terms of the loan - such as the interest rate and the repayment schedule- should be disclosed to the public	97% 2% 0% (79)	95% 4% 0% (44)	100% 0% 0% (35)

Opinion Groups

Across 83 total participants, opinion groups emerged. There are two factors that define an opinion group. First, each opinion group is made up of a number of participants who tended to vote similarly on multiple statements. Second, each group of participants who voted similarly will have also voted distinctly differently from other groups.

Group A: 46 participants

Statements which make this group unique, by their votes:

	STATEMENT	OVERALL 83	A 46	B 37
9	A high priority need for the city is to provide services for the homeless	48% 37% 13% (80)	79% 2% 18% (44)	11% 80% 8% (36)
4	A high priority need for the city is to support programs and services for our seniors	77% 16% 6% (79)	95% 0% 4% (44)	54% 37% 8% (35)
7	A high priority need for the city is to prevent homelessness	59% 32% 8% (81)	80% 8% 11% (45)	33% 61% 5% (36)
8	A high priority need for the city is to provide housing for the homeless	35% 51% 12% (79)	59% 18% 22% (44)	5% 94% 0% (35)
5	A high priority need for the city is to support programs and services for low-income individuals/families	51% 34% 13% (79)	70% 9% 20% (44)	28% 65% 5% (35)

Group B: 37 participants

Statements which make this group unique, by their votes:

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Areas of uncertainty

Across all 83 participants, there was uncertainty about the following statements. Greater than 30% of participants who saw these statements 'passed'.

Areas of uncertainty can provide avenues to educate and open dialogue with your community.

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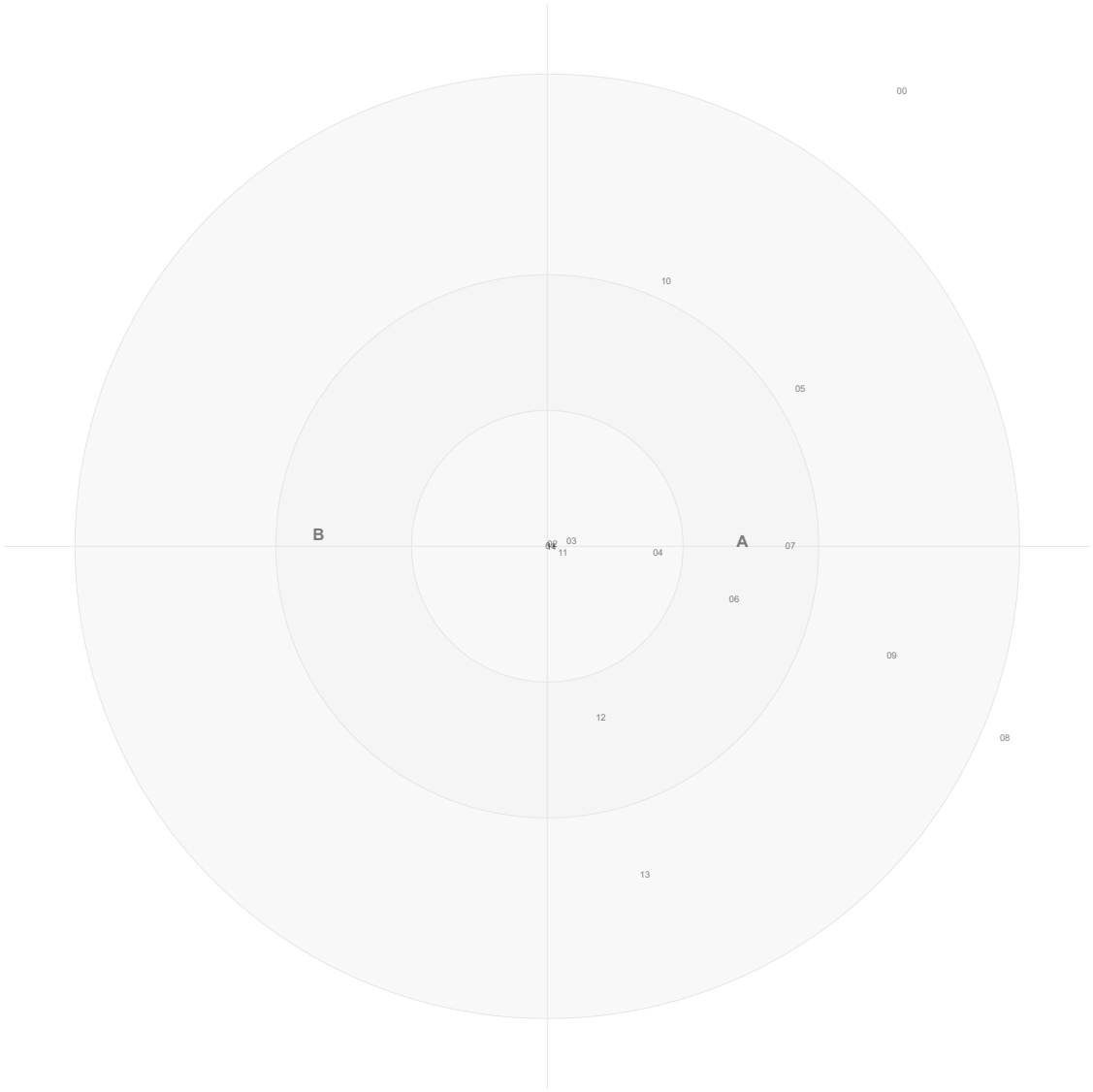
Graph

Which statements were voted on similarly? How do participants relate to each other?

In this graph, statements are positioned more closely to statements which were voted on similarly. Participants, in turn, are positioned more closely to statements on which they agreed, and further from statements on which they disagreed. This means participants who voted similarly are closer together.

Axes | Radial axes | Statements | Participants (bucketized) | Group outline | Group labels

Click a statement, identified by its number, to explore regions of the graph.



All statements

Group votes across all statements, excluding those statements which were moderated out.

Sort by: Statement Id

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11	A high priority need for the city is to implement grant programs effectively and efficiently	85% 6% 7% (78)	90% 4% 4% (43)	80% 8% 11% (35)
12	The city should take an $8m loan from the Federal Government to restore/fix the Armory, the Dole Center, the John Stevens House, and Fire Houses	50% 27% 22% (77)	52% 21% 26% (42)	48% 34% 17% (35)
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