

community engagement survey



IOP Thrives!

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PLAN



IOP Thrives - Community Engagement Survey for Residents

1. Our Purpose

The City of Isle of Palms is deeply committed to the quality of life on our island, and to enhancing our residents' experiences as well. We want this island to be a special place for those who live and work here, and for our guests. Our goal is to preserve what makes us special, while ensuring the island is a beautiful, safe, well-maintained, and friendly community.

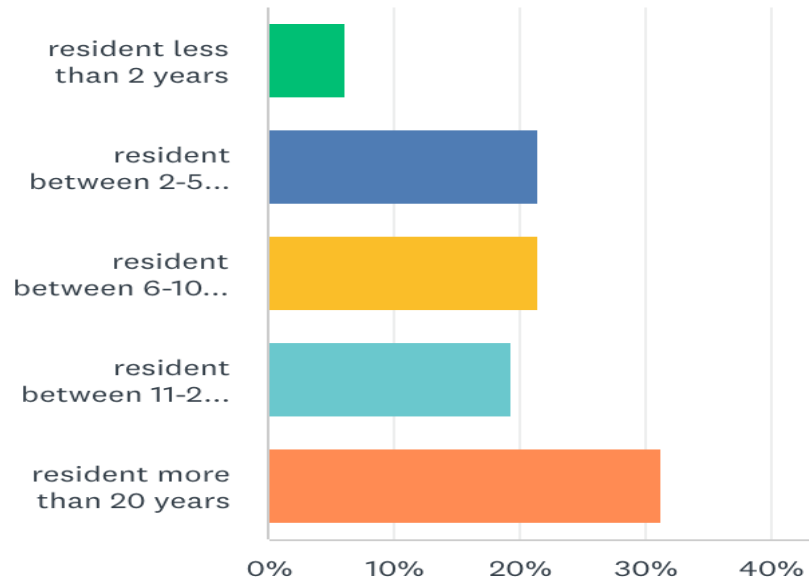
Following are questions regarding liveability, safety, conservation, and more that will help guide our City and its Council in fulfilling its mission. The survey should take less than 10 minutes, and your input is a highly valuable part of our planning. Please note that if you should leave the survey, your answers will not be saved, and you will need to begin again. At the completion, please click "done" to record your answers.

**Thank you,
Mayor and City Council for IOP**

community engagement survey

- 748 responders

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ I am a full-time resident on IOP	69.18% 487
▼ I am a part-time resident (8 months or less) on the island	18.75% 132
▼ I am a business owner/proprietor on this island	2.70% 19
▼ I am both a resident and have business interest on IOP	4.12% 29
▼ I am a visitor to Isle of Palms	5.26% 37
TOTAL	704



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Overall quality of life on the island

- **76%** say superb or nice quality with a few key areas needing attention
- **20%** say nice quality but it's declining and I'm concerned



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Strengths

- **82%** say very pleased or generally pleased with...*Ensuring safety for island residents*
- **81%** say very pleased or generally pleased with...*Ensuring island's natural environment and beauty*
- **79%** say very pleased or generally pleased with...*Providing high quality facilities for social, recreational pursuits, volunteerism and community spirit*

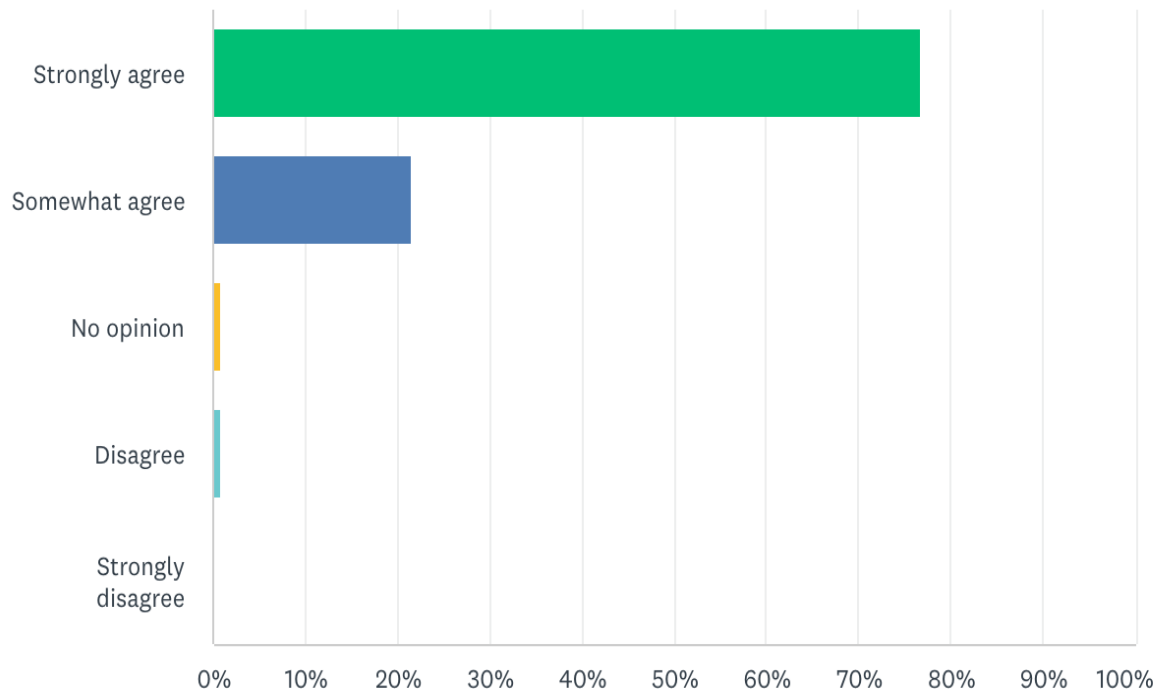


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- This is a safe place to live = **98.23%**

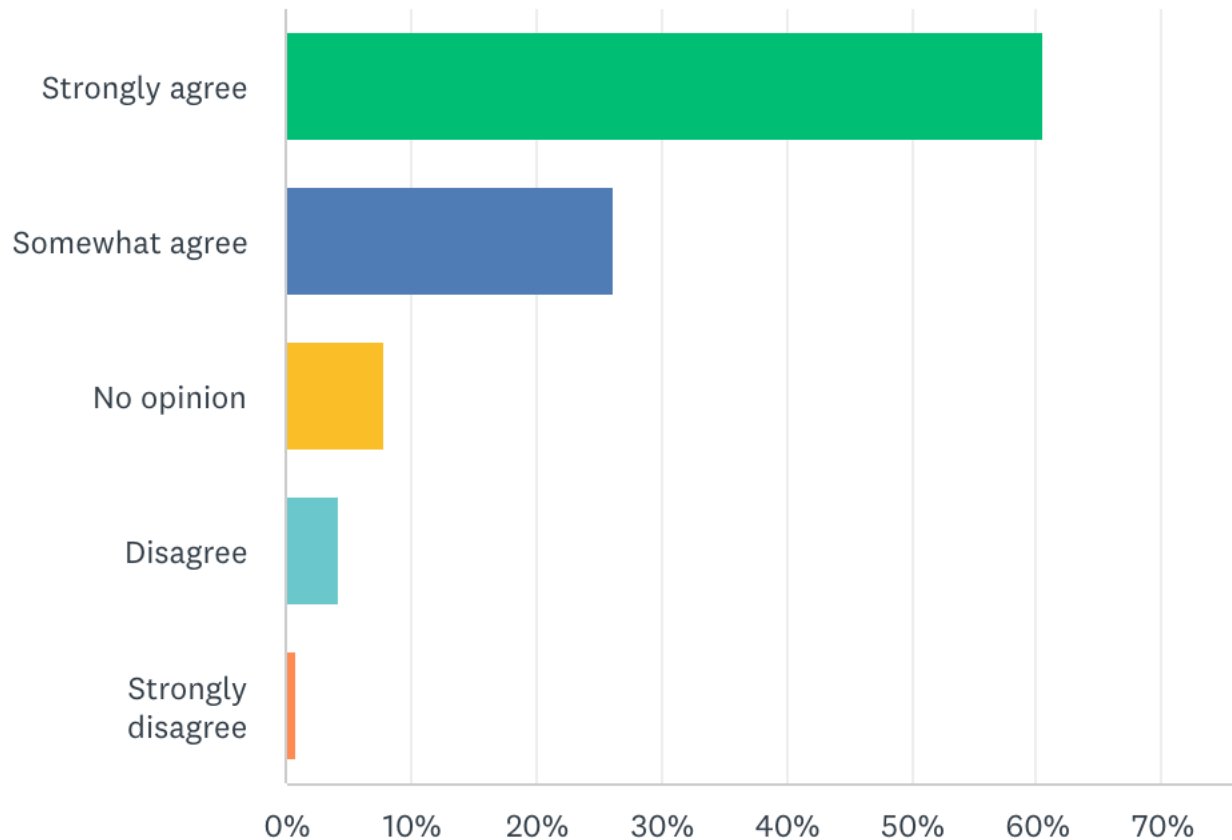
Please indicate your agreement with the following statement: I consider this a safe place to live.

Answered: 738 Skipped: 10



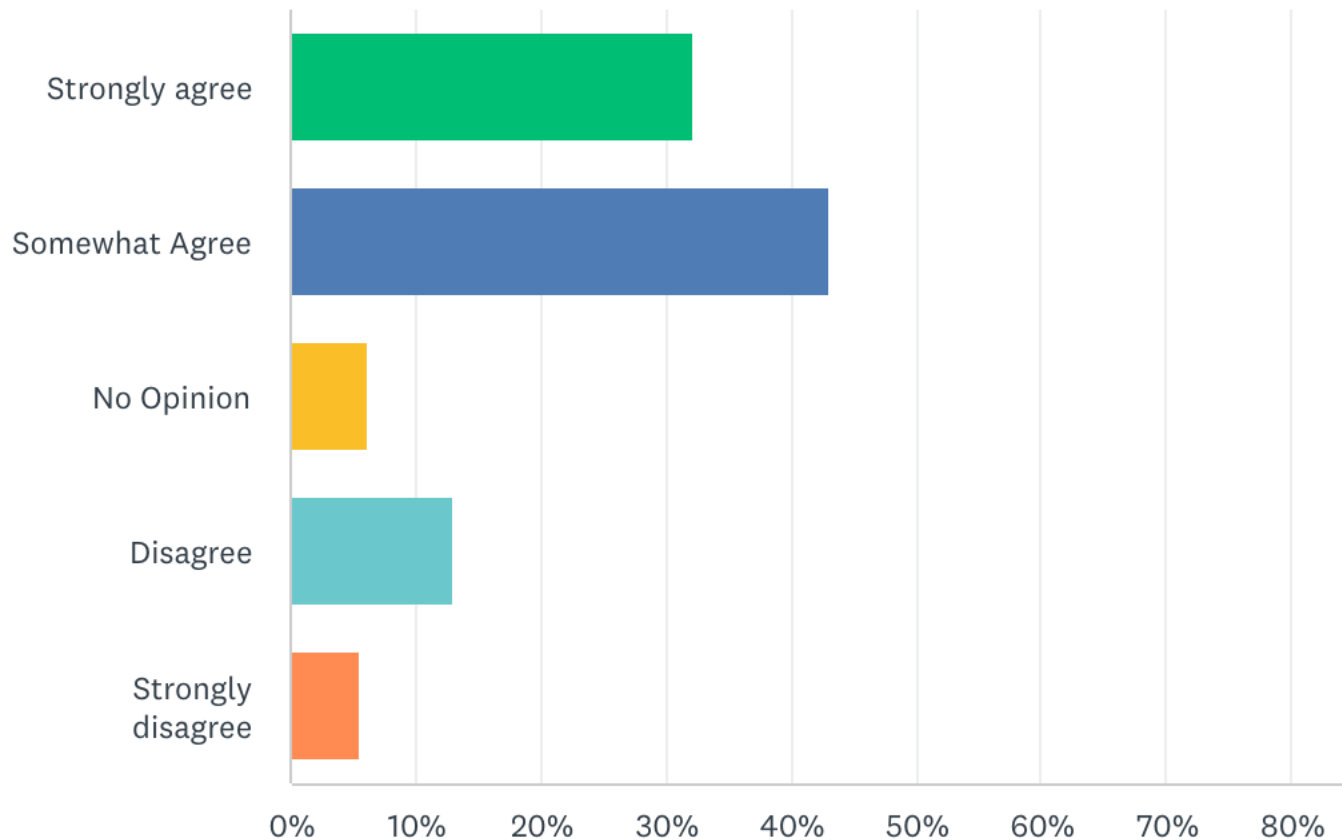
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- Emergency response is a strength for our island = **87%**



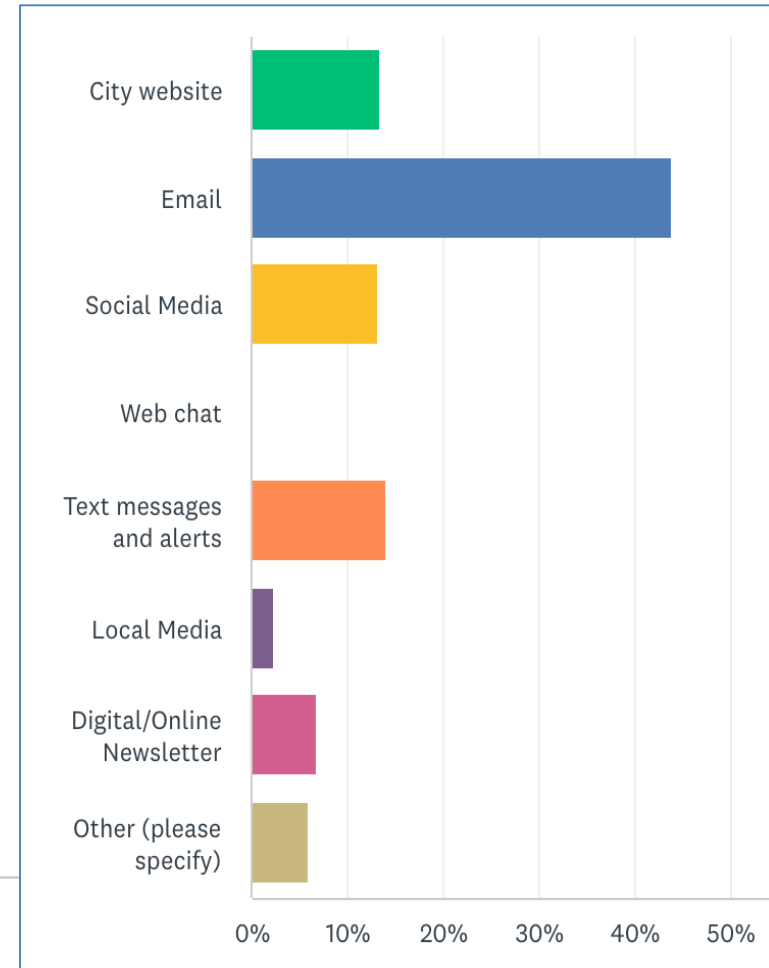
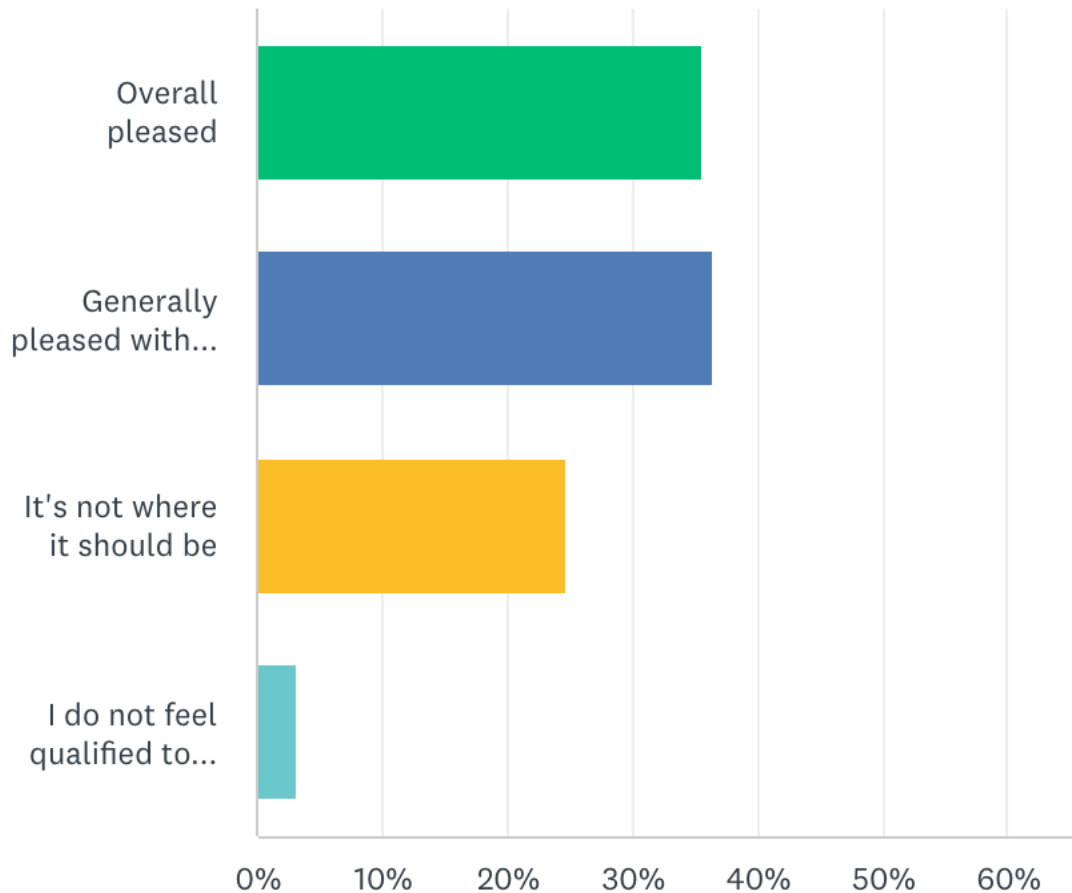
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- IOP is appropriately proactive on ensuring that we protect and work to improve our community = **75%**



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- City communications – pleased or generally pleased = **72%**



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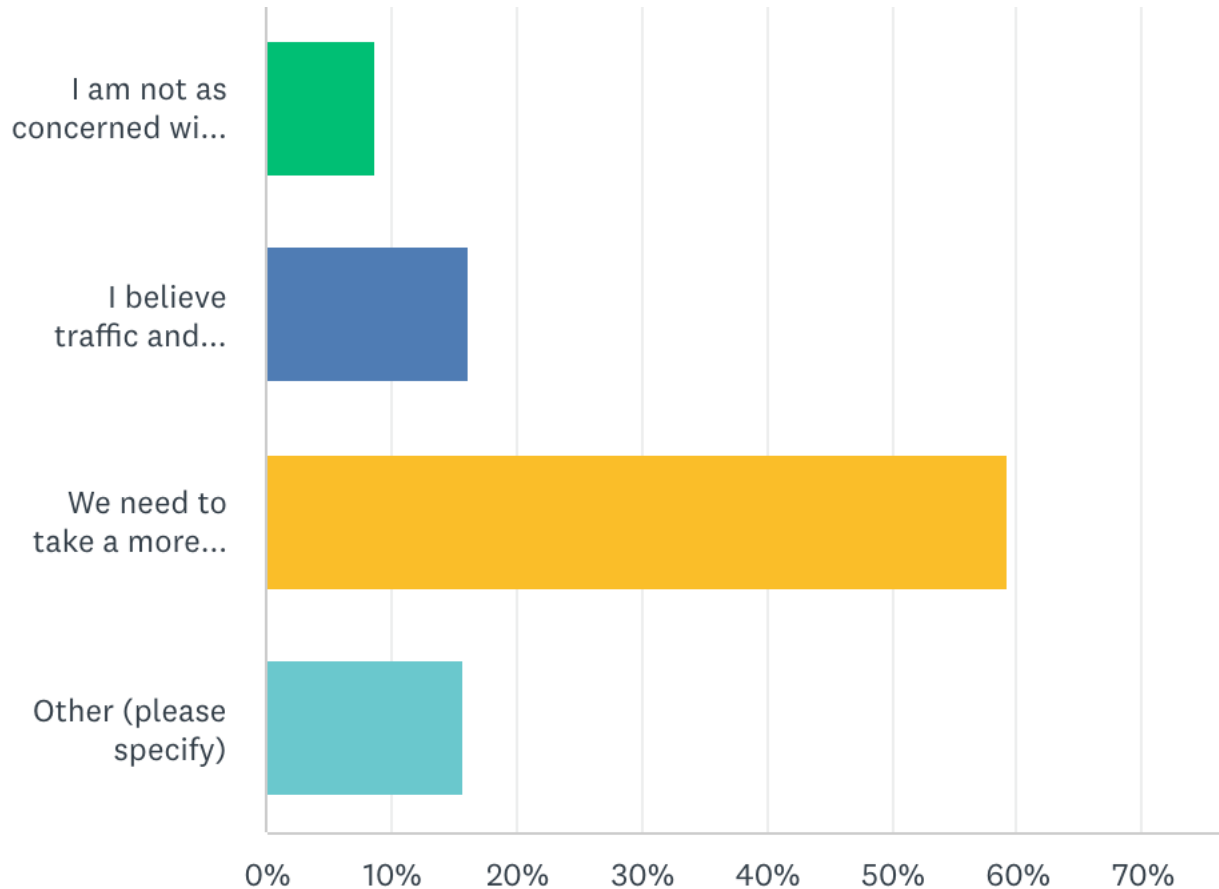
Lowlights

- **58%** say room for definite improvements or not meeting expectations with...*managing traffic congestion during peak season/hours*
- **44%** say room for definite improvements or not meeting expectations with...*attending to parking for island beachgoers*
- **36%** say room for definite improvements or not meeting expectations with...*regulations for STRs under current ordinances*



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- Traffic management during high visitation – we need to take a more creative approach = **59%**



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Rental Properties

- Property rentals— we have a good balance of rental property on the island = **71%**
- We need more attention on the enforcement of our current rental property rules = **69%**
- We need to be more aggressive in curbing any growth of rental properties = **42%**



community engagement survey: Most pressing environmental issues

- **46%** = storm water management
- **37%** = beach preservation
- **29%** = water quality (and septic tank issues)
- **24%** = reducing litter
- **18%** = sea level rise



community engagement survey: celebrations and recognitions... (224)

- The renovation to what is now Islander 71 was long overdue and is a superb addition to the marina area. They hold more community events than the town of iop does!
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- I completely appreciate our first responders. I recommend focusing on this department to improve their pay. I do find it scary that our island is very crowded and if someone needed help it could be very difficult. I would love to see this as a focus of our city.
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- The new front beach lighting is a great addition
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- First responders are top notch. Love the front beach festivals.
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