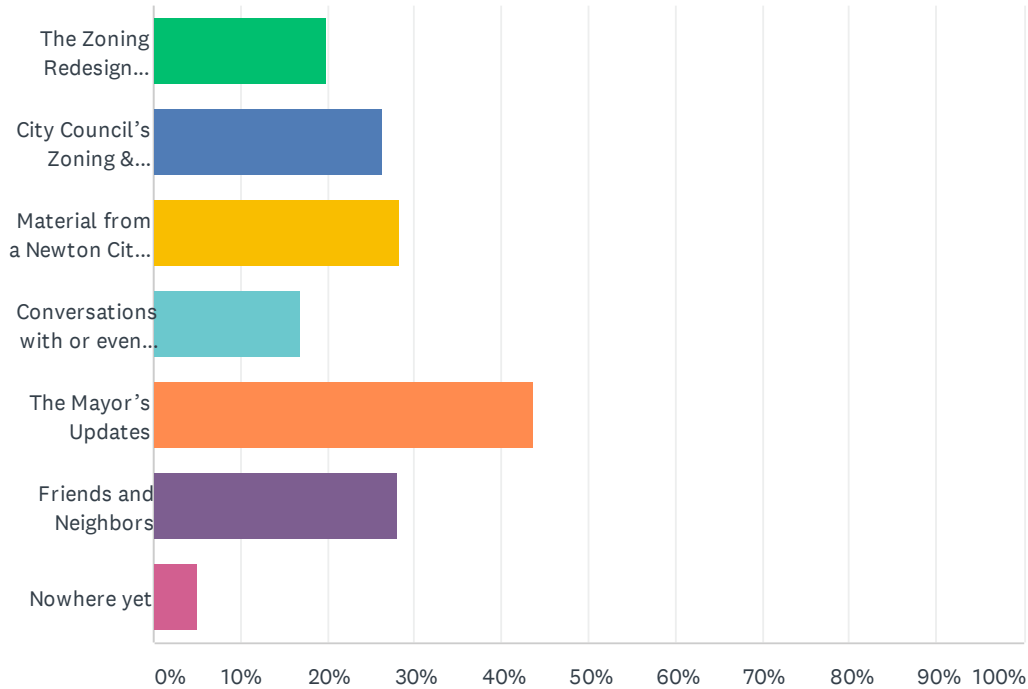


Q1 Where have you learned the most about Zoning Redesign?

Answered: 318 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The Zoning Redesign website	19.81%	63
City Council's Zoning & Planning Committee Meetings	26.42%	84
Material from a Newton City Councilor	28.30%	90
Conversations with or events led by Department of Planning & Development Staff	16.98%	54
The Mayor's Updates	43.71%	139
Friends and Neighbors	27.99%	89
Nowhere yet	5.03%	16
Total Respondents: 318		

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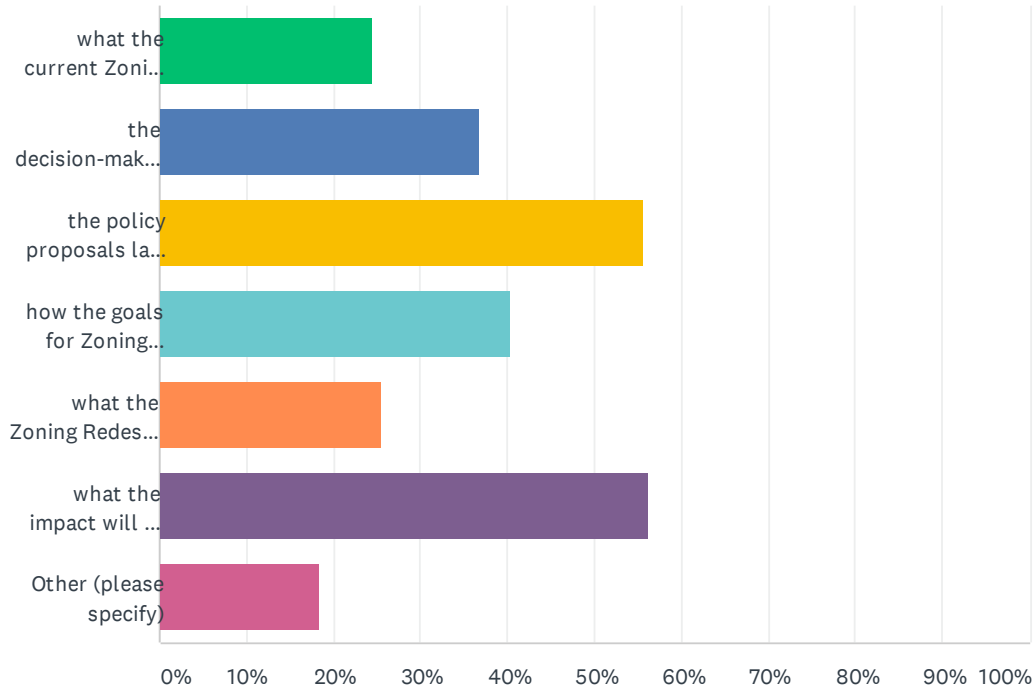
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1	Engine 6 meetings and emails	1/6/2021 9:14 AM
2	Engine 6	1/5/2021 8:47 PM
3	Engine 6	1/5/2021 4:29 PM
4	LWVN topic meeting 11/19/20	1/5/2021 10:56 AM
5	the TAB	1/4/2021 9:40 PM
6	The Newton Tab	12/31/2020 9:45 AM
7	Engine 6 meetings and updates	12/28/2020 3:34 PM
8	research	12/28/2020 12:27 PM
9	Right Size Newton and informed neighbors	12/28/2020 12:01 PM
10	Mostly from nextdoor.com	12/26/2020 3:42 PM
11	Engine 6	12/26/2020 1:17 PM
12	Online engagement events	12/26/2020 9:56 AM
13	there is no 'single source' of reliable, easy to consume info	12/24/2020 12:39 PM
14	The official website is terrible. As with the main city website, one cannot locate anything. Hire an archivist and web designer and get it done right. It is almost as though the disorganization is intentional. This day and age, it's pretty easy to organize things coherently and electronic form. One has to try to create such obfuscation.	12/24/2020 6:08 AM
15	Pam Wright	12/24/2020 5:49 AM
16	News and media	12/23/2020 8:42 PM
17	Also through the library.	12/23/2020 1:34 PM
18	Newton TAB, Nextdoor website	12/23/2020 10:20 AM
19	LWV Newton	12/22/2020 4:39 PM
20	I have been a member of working group on zoning and climate co-convened by the Newton Citizens Committee on Energy, members of Green Newton, 350 Mass Newton, Engine 6 and others. We produced a memo with recommendations which I hope you will take into consideration as you redesign zoning. The NewtonCAP calls for the use of zoning to meet goals.	12/22/2020 11:59 AM
21	Engine 6	12/21/2020 9:10 PM
22	Defund NPD	12/21/2020 5:18 PM
23	I have not attended one of the events in over a year, so I have very little familiarity with the current process.	12/21/2020 5:25 AM
24	Green Newton	12/20/2020 3:44 PM
25	Several Zoom meetings led by existing Councilors	12/19/2020 7:28 AM
26	tweeter	12/19/2020 5:44 AM
27	Newton Tab	12/18/2020 8:50 PM
28	The great community meetings held over the last two years by the Zoning and Planning teams	12/18/2020 6:58 PM
29	B'nai Brith webinar	12/18/2020 6:06 PM
30	Nextdoor Newton	12/18/2020 5:51 PM
31	Newton Tab	12/18/2020 5:21 PM
32	The Tab	12/18/2020 3:01 PM

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33	Neighborhood email group	12/18/2020 2:23 PM
34	Tab	12/18/2020 1:50 PM
35	Special Networks.	12/18/2020 6:13 AM
36	Professional conversations and relationships, personal reading	12/12/2020 11:58 AM
37	I only know the basics.	12/11/2020 4:34 PM
38	online news coverage	12/11/2020 10:45 AM
39	Engine 6	12/10/2020 11:22 AM
40	Engine six	12/10/2020 9:17 AM
41	reading the proposed ordinance and revisions	12/9/2020 7:21 PM
42	Engine 6 meetings	12/9/2020 5:17 PM
43	I use all these sources. Info is difficult to locate and inconsistent	12/8/2020 6:38 PM
44	League of women voters	12/8/2020 6:36 PM
45	League of women voters forum	12/8/2020 6:07 PM
46	Engine 6	12/8/2020 5:10 PM
47	LVW session	12/8/2020 4:56 PM
48	12/2 Planning Dept. presentation	12/8/2020 4:34 PM
49	Engine 6 website and emails	12/8/2020 3:54 PM
50	Engine 6	12/8/2020 3:37 PM
51	Your reach outs are poor	12/8/2020 3:31 PM
52	Rasala web site Newton Zoning Documents	12/8/2020 3:29 PM

Q2 I want to better understand...

Answered: 332 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
what the current Zoning Ordinance says	24.40%	81
the decision-making process of Zoning Redesign	36.75%	122
the policy proposals laid out in the draft update of the Zoning Ordinance	55.72%	185
how the goals for Zoning Redesign were arrived at	40.36%	134
what the Zoning Redesign maps and terminology mean	25.60%	85
what the impact will be of the draft update	56.33%	187
Other (please specify)	18.37%	61
Total Respondents: 332		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	A proposed list of expert consultants	1/6/2021 8:43 PM
2	How I can be involved / have a voice in the process	1/6/2021 1:49 PM
3	how we get a robust update and a more dynamic process going forward (hopefully not just updating zoning every 50 years but rather continuously looking at what our city needs)	1/6/2021 9:04 AM
4	how options affect accessibility to affordable housing	1/4/2021 8:26 PM
5	How this push reflects the wishes of city residents (I don't think it does).	12/28/2020 12:01 PM
6	why zoning redesign is necessary	12/26/2020 9:56 AM
7	for someone who has lived in Newton for 35 years, and chose our home and neighborhood carefully, I cannot support increasing density in currently less dense zoning. Contrary to comments made about us needing to 'do our part' on the housing shortage, well I don't agree. And this has to be up to the voters in each impacted ward, not based on councilors who claim their election gives them a mandate - ridiculous logic on a matter this important to those of us who have invested mightily in this town's development	12/24/2020 12:39 PM
8	The committee needs to take a massive step back and figure out if vast, wide-sweeping change is even necessary. How about small incremental tweaks to fix what bothers the majority of Newton (ie, massive houses in modest neighborhoods)? Just about no one asked for the entire zoning ordinance to be blown up. The plan rolled out and 2018 was well-vetted and reasonable. What happened to that? Why did a group of staff members at City Hall decide to take such a radically different course?	12/24/2020 6:08 AM
9	How the public can play a meaningful role in determining the goals of zoning redesign	12/24/2020 5:49 AM
10	How many experts were consulted in the process. How many experts have opposing views? Where are the expert opinions documented for public review.	12/24/2020 5:00 AM
11	I understand enough, thank you	12/23/2020 8:21 PM
12	How zoning can help people buy homes for \$500,000, so young middle class people can move to Newton.	12/23/2020 8:19 PM
13	Impact on school population	12/23/2020 7:09 PM
14	Please provide a clear, concise version of the proposed update. Please clarify what the impact would be for residents. Will setbacks ALL be increased? I am unclear on what the changes will be to setback requirements. Will building size still be tied to lot size (I hope it will - and I hope it's stricter than what we have now.)	12/23/2020 7:07 PM
15	I am concerned that the mayor, in response to a minority of vociferous residents, has taken important changes off the table re by-right and multi-unit housing, and would like is to reopen this discussion. This decision puts back in place the odious process of special permitting, so if it isn't byright we need to reform that process to incentivize climate proactive, affordable, diversified housing opportunities.	12/22/2020 11:59 AM
16	How can the City ensure that all neighborhoods contribute, including Chestnut Hill and Waban? Typically Chestnut Hill and Waban have avoided contributing to affordable housing and housing density.	12/22/2020 11:24 AM
17	What the city leaders are willing to do to start correcting the policies that have succeeded in Newton becoming more and more exclusive and less diverse over the decades	12/21/2020 9:10 PM
18	How Zoning will further other City goals, mainly related to sustainability?	12/21/2020 1:51 PM
19	how we can create additional and varied housing opportunities	12/21/2020 1:22 PM
20	Why the city is focusing on ideological goals through the zoning code.	12/20/2020 7:46 PM
21	Impact on historic preservation	12/20/2020 3:44 PM
22	How zoning can assist in our housing crisis by making multi-family homes by-right and in more districts than currently allowed	12/20/2020 8:31 AM
23	all of the above	12/19/2020 10:50 AM

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24	The lack of big picture consequences of such a sweeping zoning redesign. The lack of proper detailed analysis including infrastructure. The acknowledgment that zoning changes don't create affordable housing or diversity.	12/19/2020 9:53 AM
25	How Newton plans to increase affordable housing and mitigate the effects of decades of racist housing policies.	12/18/2020 11:53 PM
26	I would like detailed information on the Impact of proposed zoning changes on our homes value based on comparably sized municipalities.	12/18/2020 9:23 PM
27	The relative weighting of housing justice/affordability and decarbonization/environmental considerations in the decision-making process and design	12/18/2020 8:50 PM
28	Why you've made a decision to slow down/delay. The plan was good and Newton needs change.	12/18/2020 6:58 PM
29	Conversion of large homes to 4-6 units at moderate rent	12/18/2020 6:28 PM
30	What we are trying to accomplish and whether zoning is the way to do it	12/18/2020 5:39 PM
31	Why does anyone think that zoning needs to be redesigned a.	12/18/2020 5:15 PM
32	Please explain why you are doing this zoning overhaul during a pandemic. Please explain why dramatic changes to the zoning law are being considered without taking in the needs of the different villages and neighborhoods.	12/18/2020 1:31 PM
33	Examples of mixed zoning from European city's and U.S. I any	12/18/2020 6:13 AM
34	Why is Newton considering making this change? How will the change affect property values and the unique nature of Newton as a suburb? Which Newton homeowners actually want this change?	12/14/2020 4:38 PM
35	I want to see a copy of the proposed zoning redesign regulations	12/14/2020 10:20 AM
36	Is this a fait accompli or is this a process. I did not feel the Washington St. Plan was a fair process. Waste of my time!	12/11/2020 4:34 PM
37	what the city is trying to accomplish	12/11/2020 10:03 AM
38	How this is being distributed across Newton. I don't see any commercial development in Chestnut hill and Washington Street will soon be unrecognizable.	12/10/2020 9:19 PM
39	why it is being done AT ALL! Citizens do not want it.	12/10/2020 9:02 PM
40	How the changes will lead to a more diverse and accessible Newton	12/10/2020 11:22 AM
41	Why R 4 was added and how is it considered equivalent to M1	12/9/2020 8:31 PM
42	why this adoption of form based code is necessary	12/9/2020 7:21 PM
43	trade-offs of zoning proposal/choices-- there must be both costs and benefits to all proposals (lay it out in the pro/con way state ballots are stated), paint the picture of impact by stating what Newton would "look like" (visually, impact on green spaces, home sales-- more developer sales?, schools, etc.), in short term (3-5y), medium term (5-10y), long term (10/20y+), etc.	12/9/2020 11:20 AM
44	impact on city budget of full buildout	12/9/2020 1:05 AM
45	The analytical basis for what is being proposed	12/8/2020 10:16 PM
46	What is projected school enrollment due to proposed Zoning?	12/8/2020 8:02 PM
47	The goals seem to be everchanging. It would be good to document them and then show how the zoning recommendations address them. Are there better ways to address them that we should also explore?	12/8/2020 6:38 PM
48	Why the committee and administration is obsessed with densifying Newton	12/8/2020 6:36 PM
49	What data sources are being used to assess impact of zoning changes	12/8/2020 6:07 PM
50	exact changes/impacts to existing zoning property rights. Much is being taken away from current property owners and I have not seen a document that lays this all out with a fact based approach. Many of the recommended changes are far reaching and sweeping and examples	12/8/2020 5:22 PM

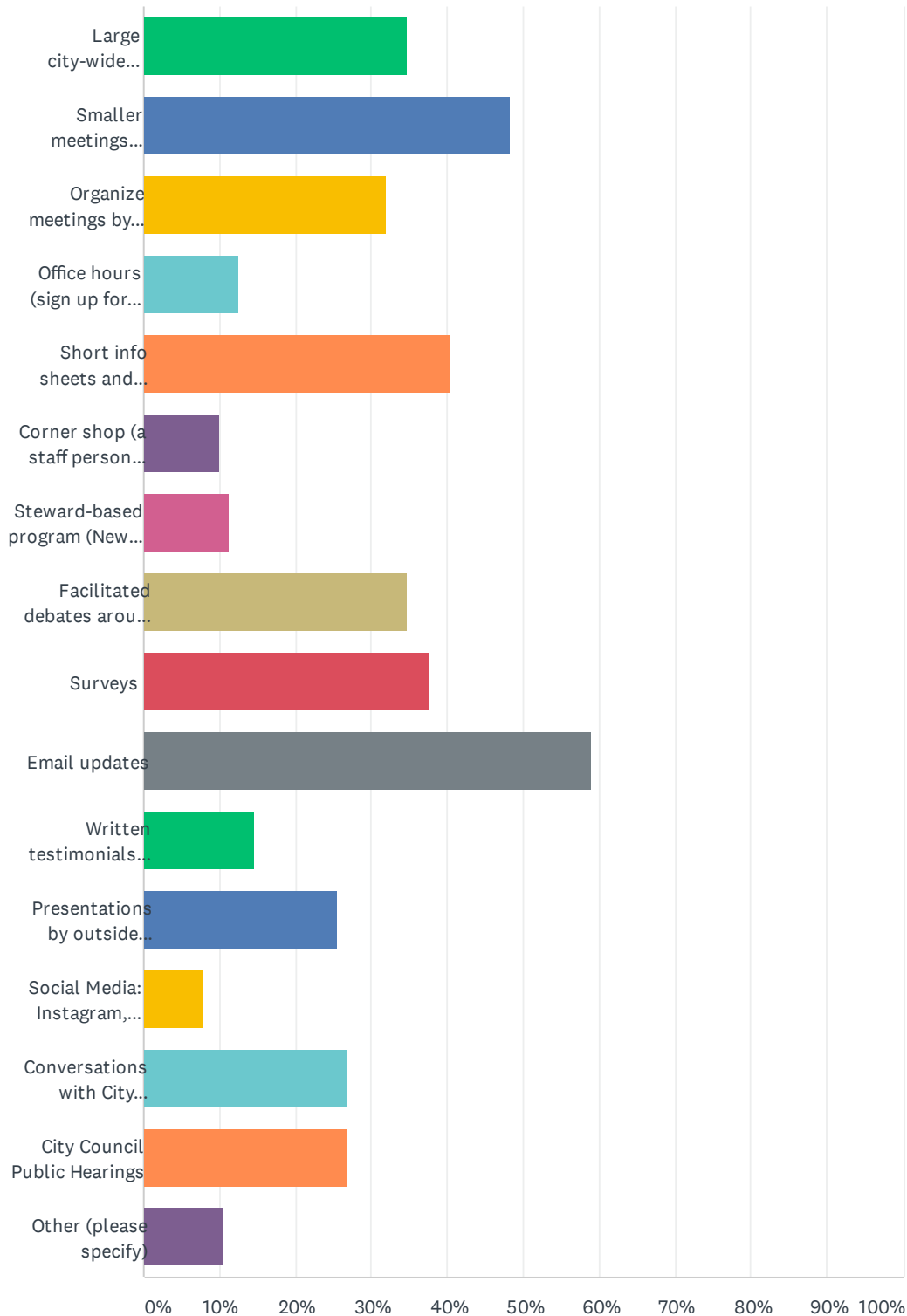
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used to justify the charges are some very targeted problems that can be solved under the current framework.

51	The specific recommendations for residential zoning will replace single-family (what can be built by right: 2 units? 6 units?) and village centers.	12/8/2020 4:51 PM
52	the impact the redesign will have on the community and property owners. Not wishful thinking but expertise. This is not just a housing issue.	12/8/2020 4:03 PM
53	How the plan will affect taxes, budget and city services	12/8/2020 4:00 PM
54	Why Newton is embarking on such a wide ranging change? Few citizens were consulted and almost no one knows about thisvplsn esp as it relates to single family housing	12/8/2020 3:49 PM
55	What is being done to stop teardowns and building huge expensive houses?	12/8/2020 3:45 PM
56	i would like to understand where the push for this radical change is comming from and if it is comming from newton administrators or the actual members of the community? in the breakout session iwas part of, no one was in favor of the zoning changes. i want to really understand how these changes would affect our schools, traffic , and most of all the tax burden on existing homeowners.deeffeakout session what will be the impact on our schools, traffic, and on existing property owner tax burdenx burden	12/8/2020 3:40 PM
57	Why the city switched on its previous course before halting the process.	12/8/2020 3:37 PM
58	Metrics and prior cities	12/8/2020 3:31 PM
59	None of the above items are completely clear on the city web site. In particular, allowing 2 family housing everywhere is not explicitly stated any place I can find even though it was mentioned orally in the public presentations last week.	12/8/2020 3:29 PM
60	Why the urgency for such a dramatic change amidst a global pandemic and without waiting to see the impact of Northland and Riverside.	12/8/2020 3:24 PM
61	Why this is done during a pandemic. It seems outrageous it would be pushed through at this time. These sweeping changes should go to a vote!	12/8/2020 3:17 PM

Q3 How would you like to participate in Zoning Redesign conversations? (These are all designed for either virtual or in-person, pending Covid-19 circumstances.)

Answered: 337 Skipped: 6



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Large city-wide presentations with break out groups	34.72%	117
Smaller meetings focused by ward, village or neighborhood	48.37%	163
Organize meetings by individual topics: building components, housing types, incentives for affordable sustainable housing, financial impact, etc.	32.05%	108
Office hours (sign up for a 15-minute slot to ask staff questions)	12.46%	42
Short info sheets and videos by topic	40.36%	136
Corner shop (a staff person sets up shop at a popular neighborhood corner to hand out Zoning Redesign information and solicit ideas, concerns and feedback)	10.09%	34
Steward-based program (Newton community members sign up to be 'Stewards,' where they review material that staff creates for public education, such as flyers, educational pamphlets, or surveys and help engage Newton community members)	11.28%	38
Facilitated debates around specific zoning related topics	34.72%	117
Surveys	37.69%	127
Email updates	59.05%	199
Written testimonials made public on the Zoning Redesign website	14.54%	49
Presentations by outside community groups and/or elected officials that have experienced the zoning code being redesigned in their city	25.52%	86
Social Media: Instagram, Facebook, etc.	8.01%	27
Conversations with City Councilors	26.71%	90
City Council Public Hearings	26.71%	90
Other (please specify)	10.39%	35
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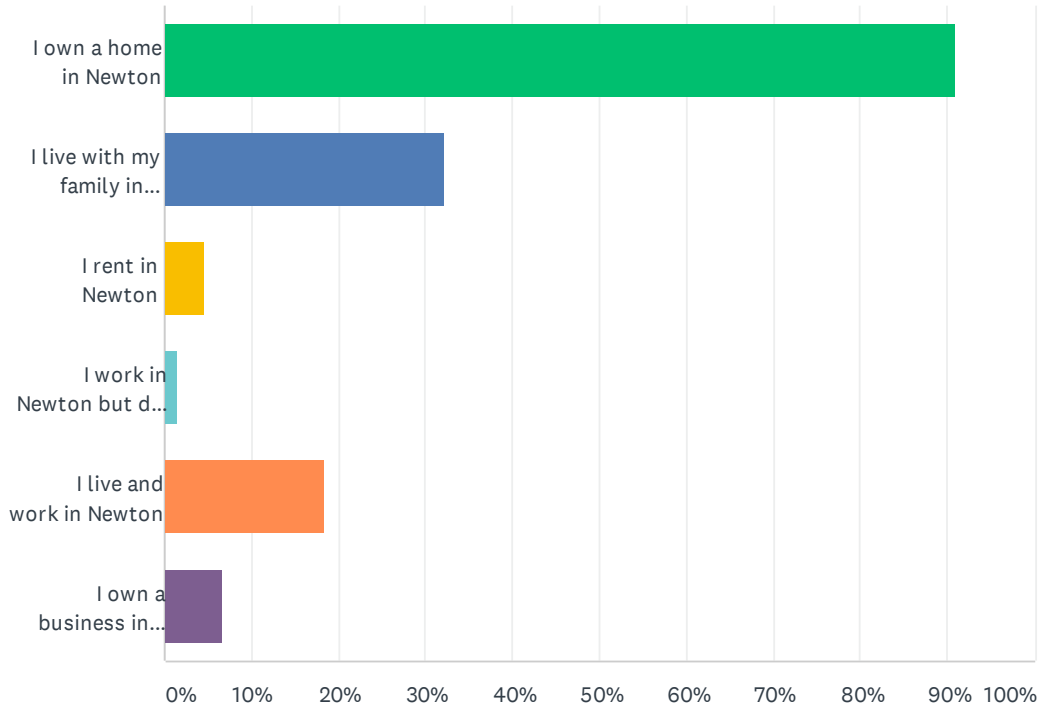
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1	zoom	1/7/2021 3:12 PM
2	I'm interested in making sure that young folks, and 30-50 year olds and seniors are plugged in. At the zap meetings there is quite a narrow group represented. The mayor of Framingham has a 20/40 council... She has 2 reps from each ward in the city that she meets w on a regular basis about issues facing folks between 20 and 40. I would love to see some outreach to young folks... This is their city coming up... We owe it to them. Maybe there is parallel conversation happening already... I dk. Is the city website appealing to them?	1/6/2021 8:43 PM
3	I think these are all goo ideas, but I'd like to see the city doing a better job at soliciting comprehensive input from all	12/28/2020 12:01 PM
4	ZAP open meetings	12/26/2020 9:56 AM
5	I like the city the way it is. That's why I chose Newton 35 years ago. Taller buildings, denser neighborhood living, poor fitting designs - I'm not in favor	12/24/2020 12:39 PM
6	Discussions with my city councilors are useless. Half of the Council is literally hostile to different opinions - this has been clear to anyone who has watched a zoning meeting. Deb Crossley could not be more rude to Lisle Baker, an intelligent, balanced, organized individual who has repeatedly asked very reasonable questions about the process. Other city councilors insinuate that people are stuck in a 1950s racist mindset if they do not embrace full-on densification of the city. The presumptuous arrogance and insularity is stunning. Unfortunately, nobody pays attention and then they wonder why we get the Councilors and results we have.	12/24/2020 6:08 AM
7	Focus on pros and cons of different ideas (e.g., Form-based code)	12/24/2020 5:49 AM
8	Presentations by experts with opposing views. Case studies of other cities that changed their zoning codes with lessons learned.	12/24/2020 5:00 AM
9	News media	12/23/2020 8:42 PM
10	Scientific, randomized surveys, not like this one, which will be answered only by activists. We need everyone in Newton to know about zoning.	12/23/2020 8:19 PM
11	Please provide primary written materials available on the city website so that citizens can attain clear, accurate information. Presentations are only attended by a tiny percentage of citizens. They are not effective in terms of educating the community.	12/23/2020 7:07 PM
12	Please include Nextdoor website as social medium	12/23/2020 10:20 AM
13	Not sure yet - have been engaging on this issue for a while and not sure what next steps should be.	12/22/2020 11:59 AM
14	postpone the process while we are in a pandemic	12/22/2020 11:49 AM
15	Please keep updates short and in writing. I do not have time to attend meetings.	12/21/2020 9:26 AM
16	A binding referendum/vote to approve any significant changes like the ones currently proposed.	12/20/2020 7:46 PM
17	The opportunity to vote on zoning redesign.	12/19/2020 9:53 AM
18	My experience for the last 50 years of living in Newton is that public engagement is phony and decisions have already been made.	12/18/2020 5:15 PM
19	City Council Public Hearings with members of the public given plenty of time to speak in person.	12/18/2020 1:31 PM
20	Referendums on specifics	12/18/2020 6:13 AM
21	videos explaining the zoning changes in each use group	12/11/2020 7:07 PM
22	The City may want to wait until after Covid because meetings are difficult during this time.	12/11/2020 4:34 PM
23	More transparency. I'd like to have every single comment and correspondence made by residents on this topic posted on the City website	12/11/2020 10:03 AM
24	events based on target group (i.e. zoning redesign for under 40s, for seniors, for renters, etc.)	12/9/2020 5:17 PM

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25	PPT, Word, Google spreadsheet summaries that can be scanned easily (also recordings/braille for visually impaired, etc. for maximum accessibility)	12/9/2020 11:20 AM
26	Comprehensive, easy to understand information on the website. Structured as goals, recommendations, relationship of recommendations to goals and community discussion--much as you would see on a blog to get a sense of pros and cons and citizen input	12/8/2020 6:38 PM
27	Would like to hear from experts in the areas of architecture, real estate development and historic preservation	12/8/2020 6:07 PM
28	many groups with targeted agenda's and outcomes are represented and driving much of this work and we seem to be missing the mainstream/average person/average property owner point of view and advocacy.	12/8/2020 5:22 PM
29	Tab	12/8/2020 4:39 PM
30	Transparency is key.	12/8/2020 4:20 PM
31	D: all the above	12/8/2020 4:19 PM
32	What the rezoning board is prepared to incorporate from the citizenry.	12/8/2020 4:03 PM
33	Clear and concise summaries. The site, despite obvious hard work does not express in SIMPLE language what the code will mean for the general public in terms of house renovation or new building. I've read the information multiple times and still don't get what will happen. You are the experts. Asking for the public to tell you what we want has been going on for many years.	12/8/2020 3:45 PM
34	Ability to vote for the final version. Anything you do needs to understand the concern that residents feel about these drastic changes. If not addressed all these suggestions won't matter. No one wants to be dictated to.	12/8/2020 3:37 PM
35	I do not trust your presentations	12/8/2020 3:31 PM

Q4 Which of the following apply to you?

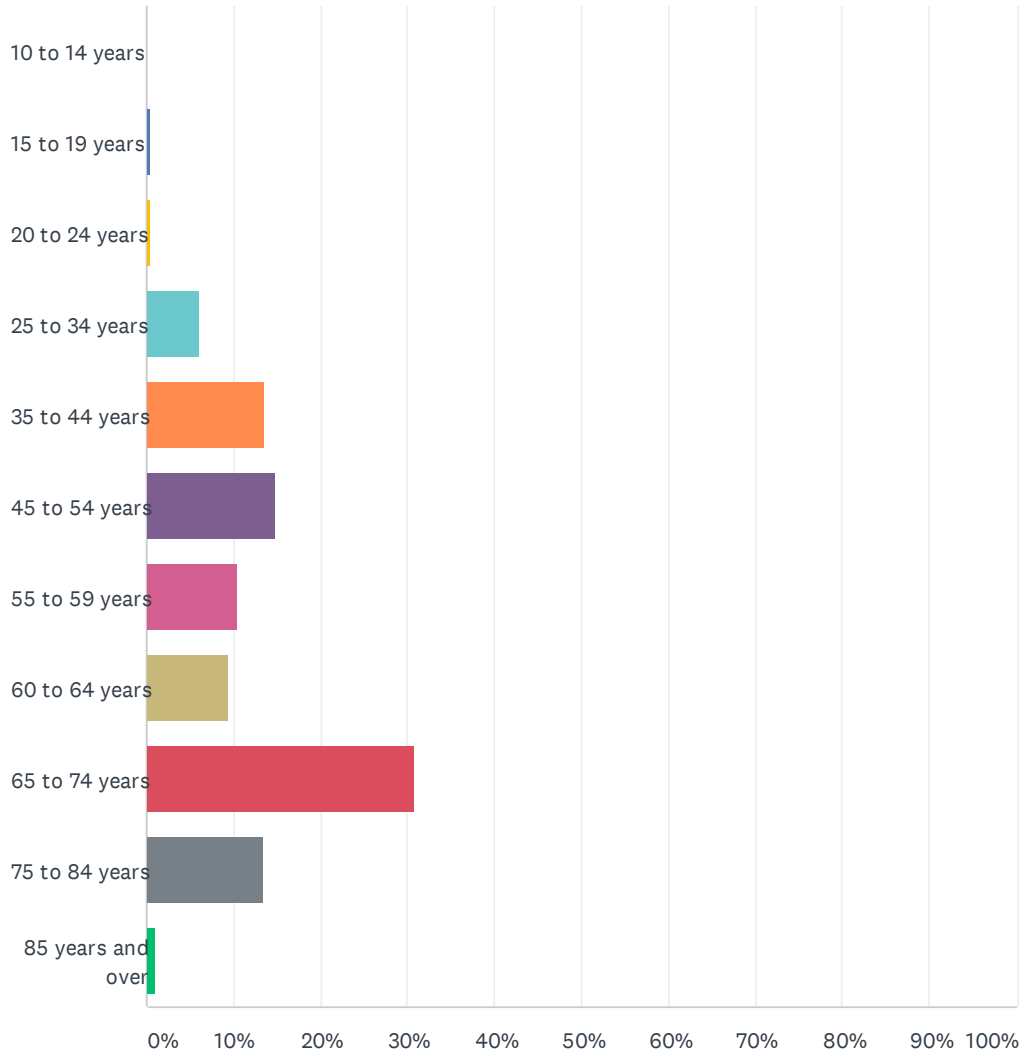
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I own a home in Newton	91.08%	296
I live with my family in Newton	32.31%	105
I rent in Newton	4.62%	15
I work in Newton but do not live here	1.54%	5
I live and work in Newton	18.46%	60
I own a business in Newton	6.77%	22
Total Respondents: 325		

Q5 What is your age? (Options based on the U.S. Census Bureau.)

Answered: 316 Skipped: 27

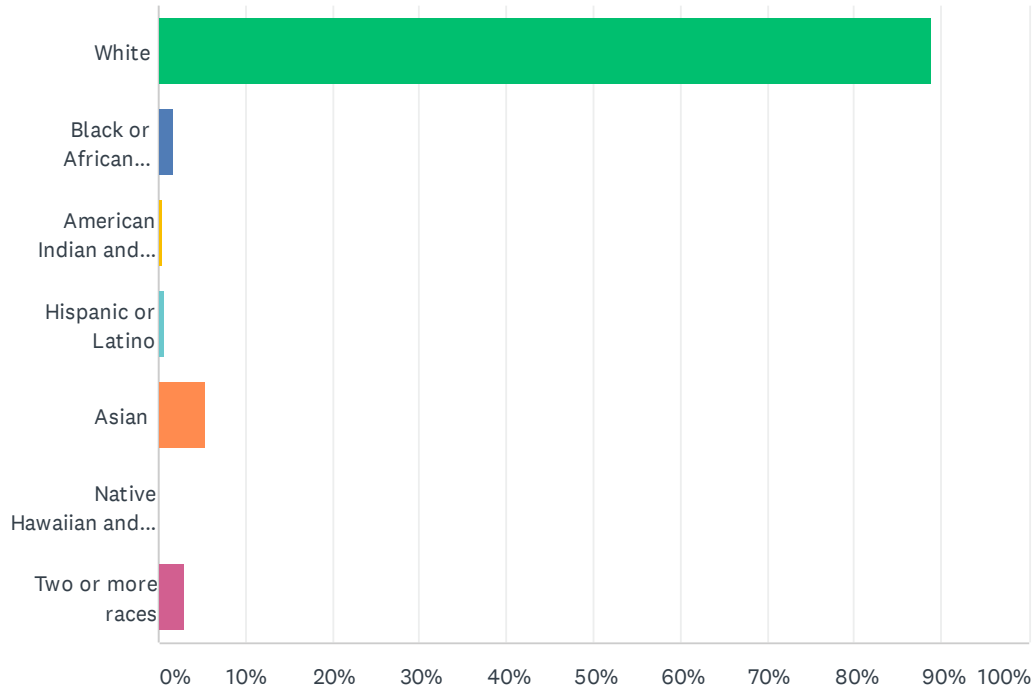


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
10 to 14 years	0.00%	0
15 to 19 years	0.32%	1
20 to 24 years	0.32%	1
25 to 34 years	6.01%	19
35 to 44 years	13.61%	43
45 to 54 years	14.87%	47
55 to 59 years	10.44%	33
60 to 64 years	9.49%	30
65 to 74 years	30.70%	97
75 to 84 years	13.29%	42
85 years and over	0.95%	3
TOTAL		316

Q6 Are you: (Options based on the U.S. Census Bureau)

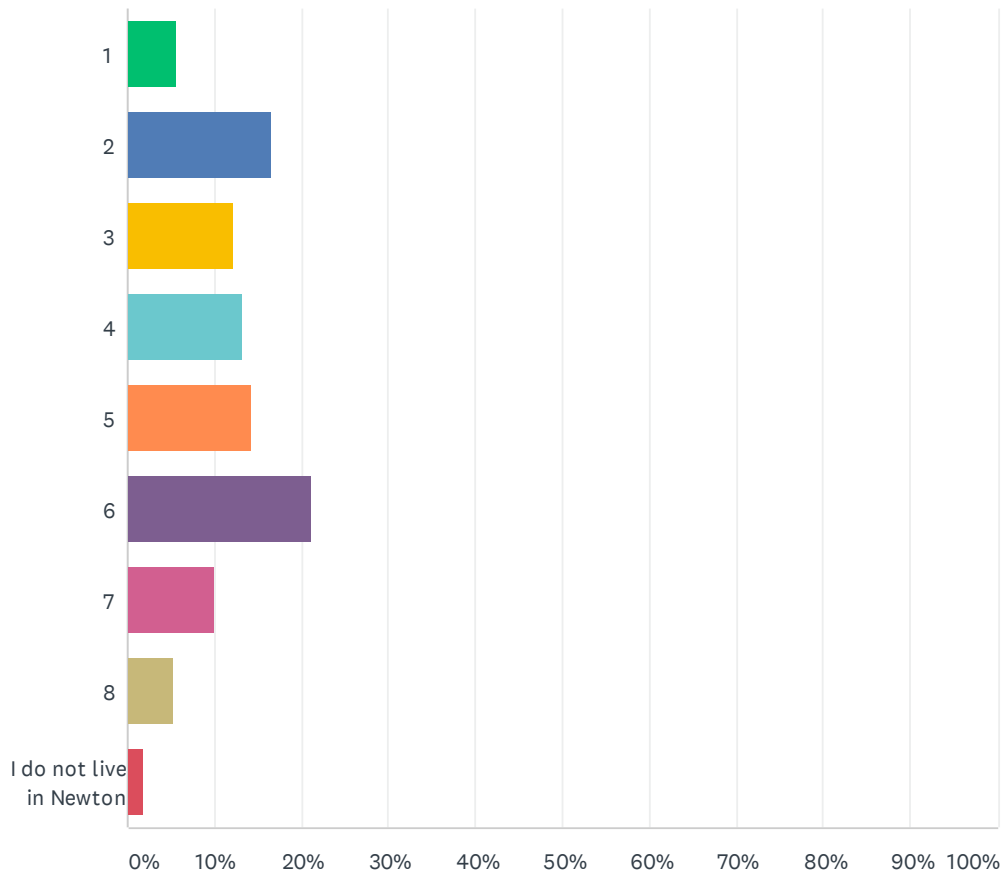
Answered: 299 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	88.96%	266
Black or African American	1.67%	5
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.33%	1
Hispanic or Latino	0.67%	2
Asian	5.35%	16
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Two or more races	3.01%	9
TOTAL		299

Q7 Which Newton ward do you live in? (You can refer to the City of Newton's Wards map at this link to determine this.)

Answered: 321 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	5.61%	18
2	16.51%	53
3	12.15%	39
4	13.08%	42
5	14.33%	46
6	21.18%	68
7	9.97%	32
8	5.30%	17
I do not live in Newton	1.87%	6
TOTAL		321

Q8 What other questions do you have about Zoning Redesign?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 221

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	mainly interested to know how Zoning Redesign will be able to facilitate greater diversity/inclusion in Newton	1/9/2021 1:11 AM
2	How can we get this on the ballot instead of allowing City Council to determine Newton's zoning fate?	1/7/2021 11:33 PM
3	its effects to business	1/7/2021 3:13 PM
4	I loved the Community Outreach programming, bravo! Can't wait for more. Also- the PD made a brilliant presentation on Z Redesign, best to date. Along w ZAP reset, I think there is a lot of reason for optimism. Thank you for working so hard...	1/6/2021 8:46 PM
5	Many. Let's start with, why is this a survey method the City is using?	1/6/2021 7:47 AM
6	A change of this magnitude should be on the ballot - either for approval or as a non-binding input from residents	1/6/2021 7:13 AM
7	While I understand the need for more housing, I do not see how the current plan increases affordable housing. Nor do I see the necessary extensions for supporting the increased number of students & families or seniors. I do not see the logistics support for the increased traffic - our roads are already a mess! Nor do I want to live in an urban city, which is where it appears we are heading with this zoning plan.	1/6/2021 7:02 AM
8	What is the projected timeline ?	1/5/2021 10:57 AM
9	where is a simple video explaining the issues and process?	1/4/2021 8:27 PM
10	How do you ensure that issues of access, equity, sustainability and preservation/conservation of the environment, while maintaining the character of the villages and respecting the history of the City are balanced as the City develops and evolves?	12/29/2020 4:48 PM
11	Why? I think our goals have gotten hijacked. I can see the need to minimize reviews for permits, but the 'as a right' suggestions clearly are not in the interest of Newton residents. Please note that Newton alone cannot solve the housing crisis. Ruining Newton will benefit developers. Period. We do not want to ruin our neighborhoods and schools.	12/28/2020 12:04 PM
12	Are there still determinations based on proximity to public transportation? If so, please specifically define public transportation - is it every bus stop? Very concerned with having no on site parking requirements.	12/26/2020 4:11 PM
13	Why do goals keep changing? Is zoning redesign the best approach to meeting those goals?	12/26/2020 9:57 AM
14	How does the discussion that was held by the professor/activist online about 2 months ago fit into all this discussion.	12/25/2020 8:51 AM
15	Would be good to have a clear vision of why redesign the regulations and what goals folks hope to accomplish	12/24/2020 2:25 PM
16	Of all the poorly conceived times to do this, the middle of a pandemic is unconscionable.	12/24/2020 12:42 PM
17	My questions are largely those shared by Lisle Baker, Mark Laredo, Pam Wright and the second (marginalized) building professionals group. It would be really excellent to have a full, balanced discussion of form-based zoning. It would also be nice to have independent studies on what a more extensive build-out means for the tax base and the city's ability to provide a range of public services in this community.	12/24/2020 6:15 AM
18	When will the public be given alternative ideas about how to achieve certain goals (e.g., greater diversity in Newton) rather than a single, predetermined plan?	12/24/2020 5:51 AM
19	Please transcribe all zoning meetings. A 1 page transcript summary is not adequate for a proposal this large. Please include documentation from all experts consulted (with their recommendation and advice/cautions). Which cities are we modeling this zoning proposal on? Please give me confidence that the city council has done due diligence in gathering evidence and data from other cities that have enacted big zoning changes.	12/24/2020 5:06 AM
20	Looking for ways to increase affordability without seriously violating neighborhood scale except in the TOD and commercial distract edge locations	12/23/2020 11:02 PM
21	How more density can be good for Newton?	12/23/2020 8:22 PM

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22	How specifically can zoning address the lack of economic and racial diversity in Newton.	12/23/2020 8:20 PM
23	I am really concerned. I feel in the dark about the Zoning Redesign. It's been a terrible process, and a source of stress for our family in an already horrible year. We don't want to see Newton change dramatically. We moved here because we wanted to live in a single family home community. There have already been three gigantic high density developments (Washington St, Needham St, Riverside) which will worsen traffic and crowd our schools. I'm so tired of feeling taken advantage of by this City Council. Why do we need more density after density is already increasing dramatically with these three giant developments? The citizens need to be educated about what changes are being proposed. I don't want to see more traffic to add to the stress of living here.	12/23/2020 7:10 PM
24	First question : who said we have to do this? Are there state or federal mandates that have to be met?	12/23/2020 6:23 PM
25	Who has the final say? Will this go to a vote?	12/23/2020 1:35 PM
26	I don't understand how removing single family housing entirely can avoid a massive change to multi family. My family owned a large house in Waban for 44 years, but in the 30 years since, it has changed hands 3 times.	12/22/2020 4:41 PM
27	Address specific issues that are currently problematic, solve racial inequities without creating huge increases in density and population, provide housing for very low income people with disabilities who live on government subsidies SS, SSDI, SSI.	12/22/2020 3:37 PM
28	I would like to see the City of Newton encourage home ownership by: providing assistance with mortgage down payments for low-to-moderate income home buyers, safeguarding existing affordable housing, including two family houses, and building more homes or town houses that are (A) for sale and (B) not priced as luxury homes.	12/22/2020 11:28 AM
29	How will Zoning Redesign further goals of diversity and inclusion, including making Newton a more accessible place to live for minority families.	12/21/2020 1:52 PM
30	Which Wards will bear the brunt of redevelopment and all the issues that are related ? Basically, will the more affluent areas be left as is and the congested less affluent areas get hammered, again, ???	12/21/2020 1:44 PM
31	Will public art and creative placemaking options be a part of the Zoning Redesign?	12/21/2020 1:27 PM
32	We need to keep small, older houses from being taken down by developers and replaced with big, expensive houses!!!!	12/21/2020 9:27 AM
33	I understand the need for more housing and yet developers goal is to make money. I don't think that just changing zoning will net the intended result. AI	12/21/2020 9:15 AM
34	I would want to know how much "grandfathering" will be done to enable folks who have certain expectations for their properties for some time in the future when they decide to sell.	12/21/2020 5:28 AM
35	Will public transportation improvement go on tandem with new zoning code	12/20/2020 3:48 PM
36	I do not have a question. I am a renter but recently downsized after owning a single family home for 37 years. Have a multifamily development was important to my husband and me.	12/20/2020 8:33 AM
37	How you will determine multi family homes	12/19/2020 5:17 PM
38	Are there data from communities demographically comparable to Newton who have successfully utilized zoning reform to increase the supply of housing for moderate and lower income families?	12/19/2020 3:50 PM
39	None.	12/19/2020 1:02 PM
40	I am concerned with the apparent naïveté of the planning so far. This proposed change is far too sweeping and puts way too much power in the hands of developers who are profit oriented. There seems to be little consideration of the impact (infrastructure, economy, diversity, affordability) in turning single family neighborhoods into two family or more neighborhoods. While teardowns with enormous house replacements need to be stopped, these proposals seems to throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Washington Street is already beginning to look like Pleasant Street in Waltham. Citizens should be able to vote in or out such sweeping changes and not be fully decided by committee (ie city counselors). While I am relieved that	12/19/2020 10:08 AM

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the plans are on hold for now, I am deeply concerned that they will simply delayed and implemented at a later date. Given the lack of foresight so far, I do not trust this process and eventual conclusion.

41	Is the city going to make a show of gathering community input, only to end up doing what was originally planned, as with Hello Washington Street?	12/19/2020 8:12 AM
42	Not a question, but comment. What I know so far about the zoning decisions so far are not substantial enough. Wealthy communities like newton have to give up more and with more speed. The housing crisis in America is increasing at exponential rates as is the wealth gap compared to Newton's tinkering zoning efforts. It's great this is happening, but it's unconscionable the seed and effort. I realize it's been 50 yesterday since zoning laws were updated, but the speed and rate of truly affordable housing we're talking about is paternalistic and smells of way too much economic and racial privilege for anyone to claim meaningful action. This is not close to equity in value, process or outcomes. This isn't impressive IMHO. If affordable housing is truly a value and strategy then plan and design for the needs of trans black women, for example and if their needs are centered and listened to, y'all would be moving a hell of a lot more boldly and quickly. This seems like window dressing policy change efforts. Really appreciate the good intentions, but " the road to hell is paved with good intentions". Housing access is the primary way wealth generation happens and I don't see an equity lens of any significant substance being applied. We can do better fellow Newtonians.	12/19/2020 7:15 AM
43	The question about race is inappropriate. Access to fair housing should be race neutral.	12/19/2020 6:57 AM
44	How are you getting input from people who cannot attend numerous meetings (because they work multiple jobs, have language access issues, etc)? What proactive steps are you taking to ensure that even the most marginalized in our community are heard?	12/18/2020 11:57 PM
45	Counter the false info out there	12/18/2020 11:25 PM
46	Will any of us really anything to say about or will it just be railroaded through as usual?	12/18/2020 9:44 PM
47	will there be any changes to change zoning in so-called odd lots?	12/18/2020 9:28 PM
48	Why are the goals appropriate for this level of government? I wonder if Newton is too small to take this on ourselves and have an impact without Weston, Wellesley, Brookline, Needham joining in.	12/18/2020 9:25 PM
49	Why delay/give up? We'll never fix what's broken if we give in to the NIMBYism.	12/18/2020 7:01 PM
50	Implementation	12/18/2020 6:29 PM
51	What is the general time frame?	12/18/2020 6:24 PM
52	Density projections, school requirements, who does this actually benefit? The scope seems to benefit contractors over Newton residents. The housing won't be anymore affordable. There is only so much carrying capacity for our city.	12/18/2020 6:18 PM
53	What will happen with parking? I already have many homes around me with more cars than parking and they park tandem blocking the sidewalk. Also precovid traffic had become unbearable - everyone angry and honking all the time, I never felt safe having my kids walk to school. How will you make the roads safe	12/18/2020 5:59 PM
54	I am supportive of zoning redesign and I hope that the city can communicate that density is not something to fear, density makes our neighborhoods more desirable, livable, and green.	12/18/2020 5:42 PM
55	Is it equitable? Or are we densifying the least affluent areas?	12/18/2020 5:40 PM
56	I just saw the Mayor's email and did not follow the comment that 2-family zoning would no longer be considered as an option in Newton.	12/18/2020 5:40 PM
57	I support opportunities for people of all income levels to live in Newton and send their children to Newton schools. I oppose special consideration for my precinct.	12/18/2020 5:34 PM
58	The aims seem incompatible. How do radical zoning changes be reconciled with village preservation?	12/18/2020 5:25 PM
59	How will proposed density affect the Newton neighborhoods	12/18/2020 5:23 PM
60	Will referendum on Zoning Redesign be considered?	12/18/2020 5:22 PM

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61	Won't influx of truly affordable housing expose us to security threats, eg burglaries, muggings etc., and the need for acute situational awareness I learned while commuting on public transit and then walking to work in North Philadelphia?	12/18/2020 5:21 PM
62	Will there be a city wide long range, e.g. 2040, vision for all of Newton?	12/18/2020 5:18 PM
63	I would like the zoning changes put to a vote so that the citizens of Newton can weigh in on these changes.	12/18/2020 1:33 PM
64	Timeframe of the changes and what will be grandfathered	12/17/2020 4:46 PM
65	What are the ways that zoning can impact climate change?	12/15/2020 3:17 PM
66	What will the new proposed setbacks?	12/15/2020 1:02 PM
67	People who seem completely opposed to any change in Newton's zoning ordinance have been very vocal over the past few months. I'd like to know whether these residents and City Councilors are happy with everything they see happening in Newton that is influenced by our current zoning, or if they simply do not believe the zoning can be changed in ways that might lead to positive change or reduce negative change in our community.	12/14/2020 8:34 PM
68	Which Newton home owners want this change? How will the change affect property values and the rights of Newton home owners?	12/14/2020 4:41 PM
69	Where can I find the text of the zoning redesign proposal?	12/14/2020 10:21 AM
70	I would like to understand how we are assessing the environmental impact of the current zoning relative to any changes we make. The current zoning creates an outside carbon footprint so it will be useful to know if any changes make this smaller.	12/13/2020 10:28 AM
71	I think that folks really don't know what is going on, including me. My understanding is that builders will be able to tear down houses and put up multi-families which is not what I want for the City. Do we get to vote in this process?	12/11/2020 4:35 PM
72	Not a question, but I am most concerned about increasing the availability of senior-friendly housing near the village centers. I would like to downsize and continue living in Newton but don't see many affordable, attractive (i.e., walkable, single-story) options other than Weeks House.	12/11/2020 1:26 PM
73	Why is this necessary and how will it help?	12/11/2020 11:25 AM
74	What are you trying to accomplish with Zoning Redesign	12/11/2020 10:03 AM
75	Why does the city make the unspoken presumption that cherishing one's own home and status quo is a confirmation of White Privilege?	12/11/2020 6:49 AM
76	How will it increase affordable housing?	12/11/2020 12:04 AM
77	Why is this major change happening without a city wide vote	12/10/2020 11:49 PM
78	If the goal is to increase housing supply, what is being done about empty houses that elderly are holding onto unoccupied while having retired and living in a warmer state? Shouldn't there be a requirement that those residents rent or sell their empty house after several years of it being empty and unused? Also are there plans to make senior living facilities in newton to house the ageing and elderly population who can't afford to move out of their single family detached houses that they no longer need? Shouldn't those existing 3 and 4 bedroom 2k sq foot affordable houses go to a young family instead of a retired couple that no longer wants a home, but doesn't want to leave newton?	12/10/2020 10:35 PM
79	I'm concerned about overcrowding (the people not the buildings). How will new zoning project population growth?	12/10/2020 9:48 PM
80	We need smaller homes . We take down the old homes and put in much bigger ones	12/10/2020 9:42 PM
81	How is making multi family house creating affordable house. It is just creating more higher priced apartments , too dense neighborhoods, over crowded schools eventually and wsy too much traffic.	12/10/2020 9:23 PM
82	What can't this WAIT until the C19 crisis is over?!	12/10/2020 9:03 PM
83	I want to reverse Newton's exclusionary nature by ensuring available and secure housing for	12/10/2020 11:24 AM

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people at all socio-economic levels

84	I would like to see some official rebuttals to common myths about zoning redesign - that 6 unit conversions will be possible everywhere, that multifamily conversion only benefits developers, that it will destroy neighborhoods, that it will force residents into an "urban lifestyle", and that parking will disappear	12/10/2020 9:20 AM
85	From what I've seen the Planning Dept is forcing zoning to address issues it can't resolve, get your act together and come up with a less radical approach that we can appreciate.	12/9/2020 9:10 PM
86	Why are we moving ahead during the pandemic? What data supports that people who live w/in 1/2 mile of a T station take the T more than those who don't. What analysis has been done as far as how Covid will impact commuting patterns	12/9/2020 8:34 PM
87	Are there any specific goals for the zoning redesign?	12/9/2020 7:21 PM
88	will the redesign website be made more user friendly and accessible?	12/9/2020 5:18 PM
89	Does the City Council have the power to change the zoning without vote or input from Newton citizens?	12/9/2020 2:22 PM
90	How to refute misinformation circulating around? This all needs to be addressed, and includes misinformation spread by Councilors...	12/9/2020 1:43 PM
91	What is the projected: build out rate, impact of densification in terms of # of added people, tax revenues, service demand and expenses, impact on existing property values for people who do not sell and somebody/developer builds a multi family dwelling next door or nearby, impact on urban canopy of smaller setbacks and frontage/minimum lot size	12/9/2020 12:39 PM
92	I live in Ward 7/3	12/9/2020 11:22 AM
93	Do not turn Newton into an urban landscape.	12/9/2020 5:43 AM
94	Why is this not being postponed until kids are back in school and parents have time to understand what's being proposed?	12/9/2020 1:16 AM
95	Why not just build lower cost housing right at the points of public transportation	12/8/2020 10:19 PM
96	How are you addressing pedestrian issues?	12/8/2020 8:38 PM
97	Why is it being done now-while we are in the middle of pandemic? Also who gets to make the final decision? Can the decision be city wide?	12/8/2020 8:30 PM
98	School enrollment projections are foundational, and need to be published prior to moving forward.	12/8/2020 8:03 PM
99	Any reform needs to address the need to create more affordable housing in Newton.	12/8/2020 7:09 PM
100	Why is it so hard to get consistent information on goals, recommendations, pros and cons?	12/8/2020 6:39 PM
101	Too many to write . I would like to speak with chair of the committee on the phone . Thank you shelley Amira 6178230078	12/8/2020 6:39 PM
102	can zoning design encourage trees and lots of planting around houses?	12/8/2020 6:37 PM
103	Why is it necessary to replace the entire code rather than adjust what is not working? Can we put a hold on this until netting's can be held in person? This is too important to rush through while people are overwhelmed by the current health crisis.	12/8/2020 6:12 PM
104	Are the new Newton zoning ordinances based upon another city of Newton's size and demographics? Are we using another other city as a guide in proposing a zoning change?	12/8/2020 5:57 PM
105	why do we need to take our micro neighborhoods of single family homes and change that to densely populated area's. One of the most attractive and desirable things about Newton is the diversity including the various types of micro neighborhoods and older housing stock. Much of the Zoning Redesign work that I have seen so far attempts to "normalize" and homogenize everything across the City.	12/8/2020 5:28 PM
106	Instead of re zoning, why not just address the issues, lower cost housing, traffic, too many tear downs	12/8/2020 5:24 PM
107	How will my house be impacted?	12/8/2020 4:40 PM

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108	Would like to have the opportunity to vote NO	12/8/2020 4:24 PM
109	Virtual mode excludes many. Large #of ZOOM participants indicative of great interest and concerns. Don't rush this. Thank you.	12/8/2020 4:23 PM
110	How will documents like the Consolidated Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan, Economic Development Strategy, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Housing Strategy be integrated into Zoning Redesign?	12/8/2020 4:22 PM
111	Don't abolish single-family zoning.	12/8/2020 4:20 PM
112	Thank you for the outstanding work that you have been doing!	12/8/2020 4:14 PM
113	Many. Too numerous to state here.	12/8/2020 4:05 PM
114	Why can't we keep what we have now and make targeted changes?	12/8/2020 4:01 PM
115	The goals of this plan will not be met by this plan. You have provided no metrics that this has worked anywhere else that is similar to Newton. You can check Brookline and see what a mess they made. People move here for the space and single family living not for density like Brighton. More housing can be added at village centers to better meet your goals	12/8/2020 3:54 PM
116	Will making the entire city "multifamily" really help and stop the MacMansion? I'm not convinced. I also don't think just not providing parking is a good answer to the need for more affordable housing. Seniors will not walk everywhere, no matter how close to a village center, particularly in the winter. Good luck! You need it!	12/8/2020 3:48 PM
117	do the committee members/employees who have designed the initial proposals live in Newton: will "they eat their own cooking?"	12/8/2020 3:40 PM
118	If Newton moves to 2-family zoning everywhere, what studies have been done to (a) assess the impact on Newton infrastructure such as schools, senior services, transit, traffic, safety, tax rates; (b) to explain how adding more housing in general will actually lead to more affordable housing for lower and middle income people.	12/8/2020 3:36 PM
119	Clarification of how rezoning will encourage diversity in Newton.	12/8/2020 3:34 PM
120	Rewrite based on COVID changes	12/8/2020 3:33 PM
121	If the goal is "attainable" housing, what is the guarantee that rezoning won't offer free reign to developers and result in less diverse, not more diverse housing options.	12/8/2020 3:26 PM
122	Why this isn't going to the citizens to vote on and why it is being pushed through during a pandemic!	12/8/2020 3:19 PM