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Questionnaire Summary
Appendix A: Full Results

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Design Standards Questionnaire
Total Responses: 113

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What is most important as the City prepares design standards for new residential buildings
Rank from most important to least important

Priority Area	Rank 1 (4 pts)	Rank 2 (3 pts)	Rank 3 (2 pts)	Rank 4 (1 pt)	Total Responses	Weighted Score	Total Responses
Minimize Cost & Barriers	38	22	15	23	102	287	102
Apply Sustainable Practices	26	29	30	12	99	271	99
Improve Aesthetics	21	24	17	34	99	235	99
Maximize Public Safety	14	22	34	27	98	220	98

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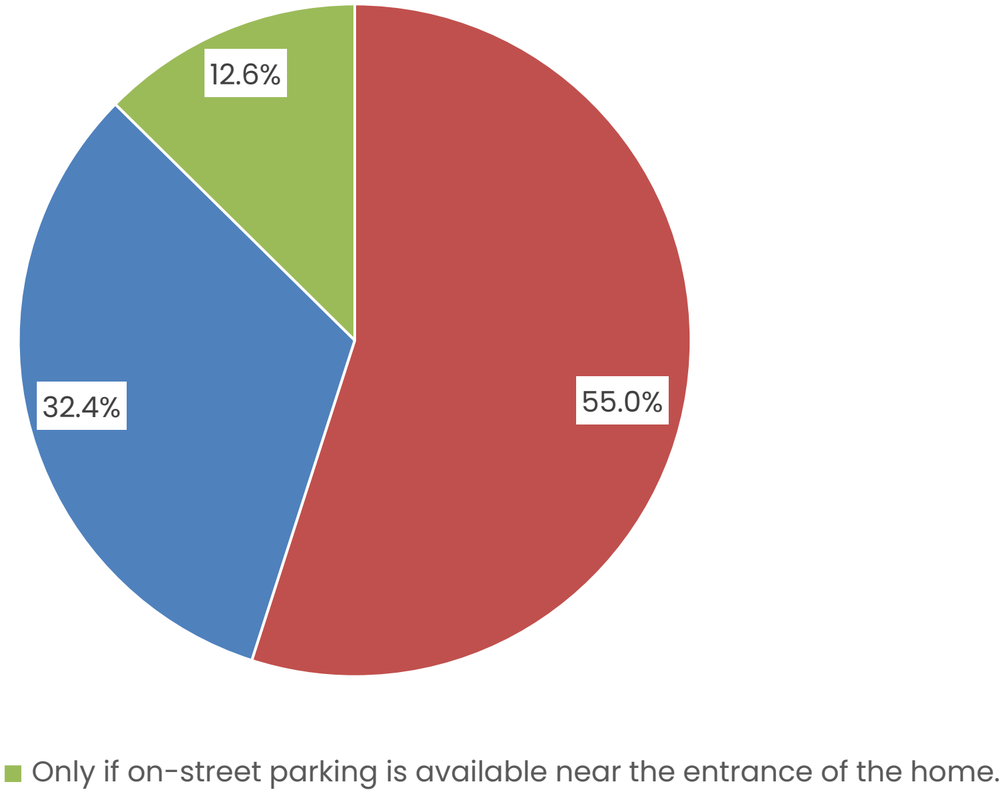
Should Hood River reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces to 1 space per home?



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What is most important as the City prepares design standards for new residential buildings.
Rate from most important (10) to least important (0):

Design Feature	Total Responses	Total Score (Weighted)	Weighted Average
Height and size (sometimes referred to as scale, bulk, mass and volume).	109	**923**	**8.47**
The main entrance of the building faces or is visible from the street, rather than being designed only to serve a parking area (for example, similar to Hood River's downtown and waterfront, and less like a suburban shopping mall).	92	728	7.91
The minimum amount of the front of the building to be windows, architectural features and landscaping.	98	676	6.90
Customer amenities such as seating areas, public art, or similar features	96	652	6.79
The materials used on the outside of the building are characteristic of the region (for example, use of stone commonly found in Hood River County).	100	673	6.73

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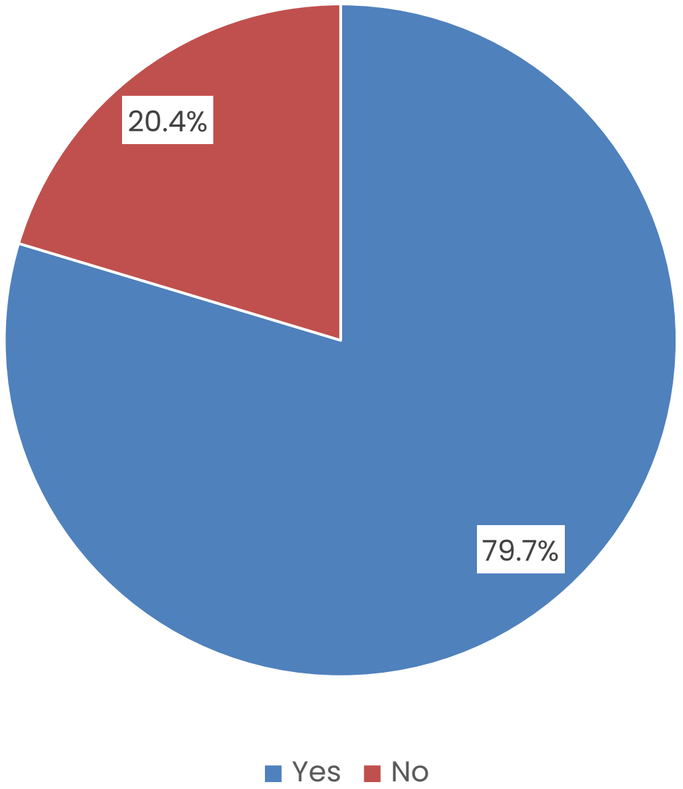
Should the City apply specific standards to gas stations and drive-throughs?



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Outdoor Lighting and Trees Questionnaire
Total Responses: 145

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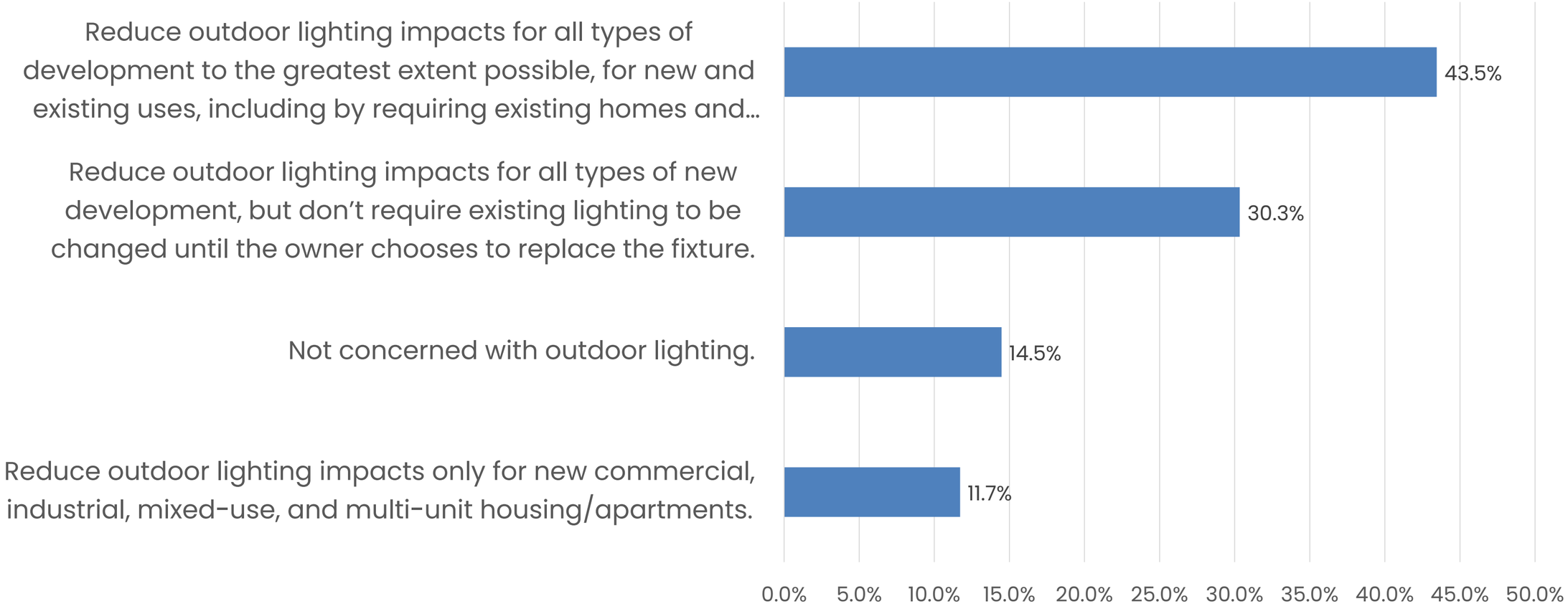
For lighting on private property, which option is closest to your opinion?



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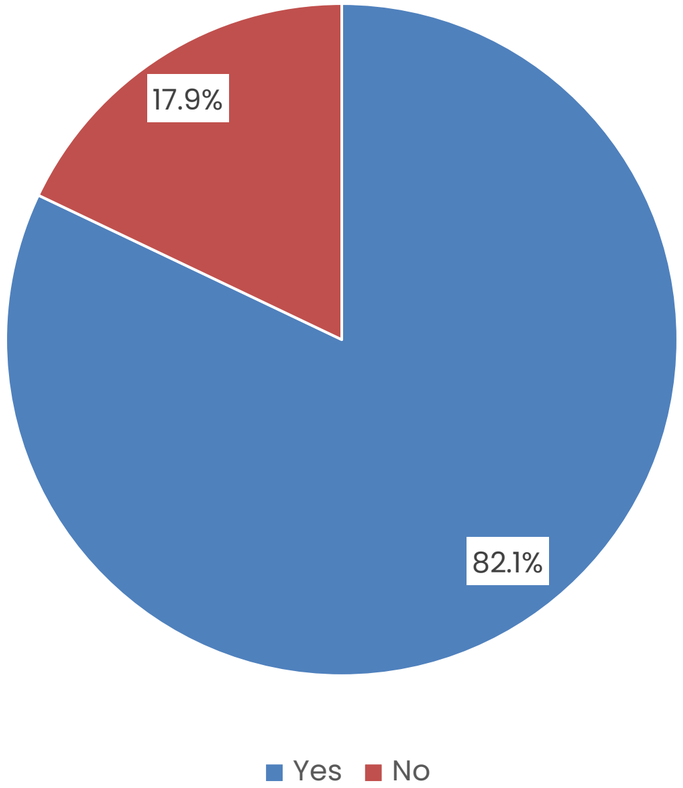
Should the City require new developments to conserve **native tree species** (for example, Oregon white oak) or replace them if removal cannot be avoided during a development?



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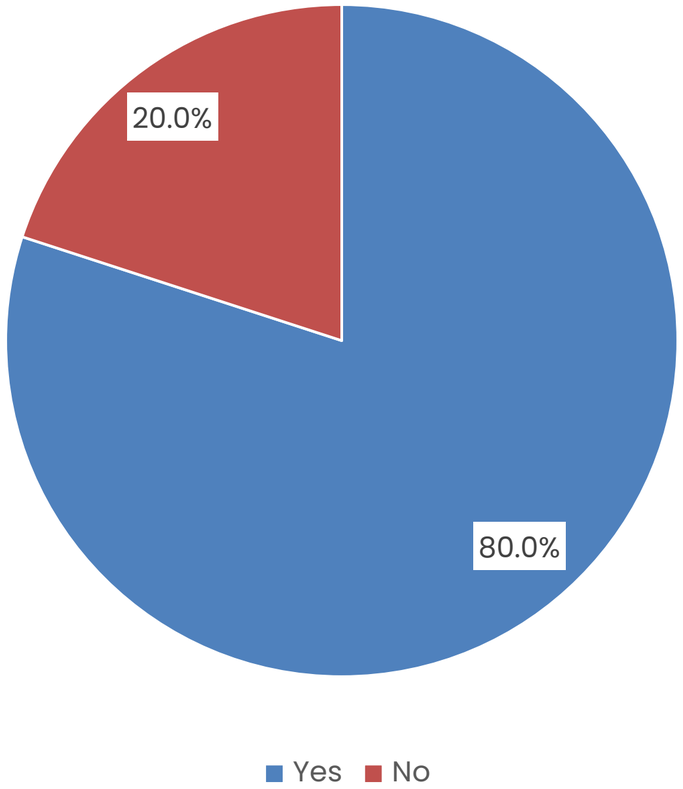
Should the City require new developments to conserve **mature trees** (for example, greater than 12” inches diameter) or replace them if removal cannot be avoided during a development?



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Requirements for Different Types of Developments Questionnaire
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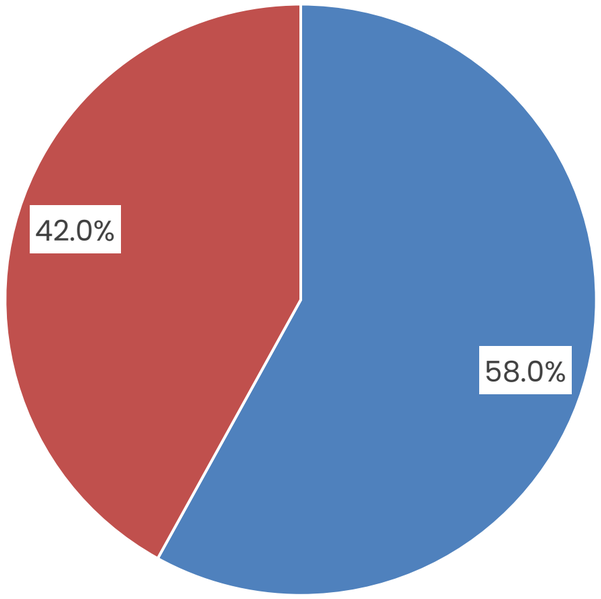
Many existing homes and businesses do not meet the requirements of the current zoning code, due to changes over time. Which option is closest to your opinion?



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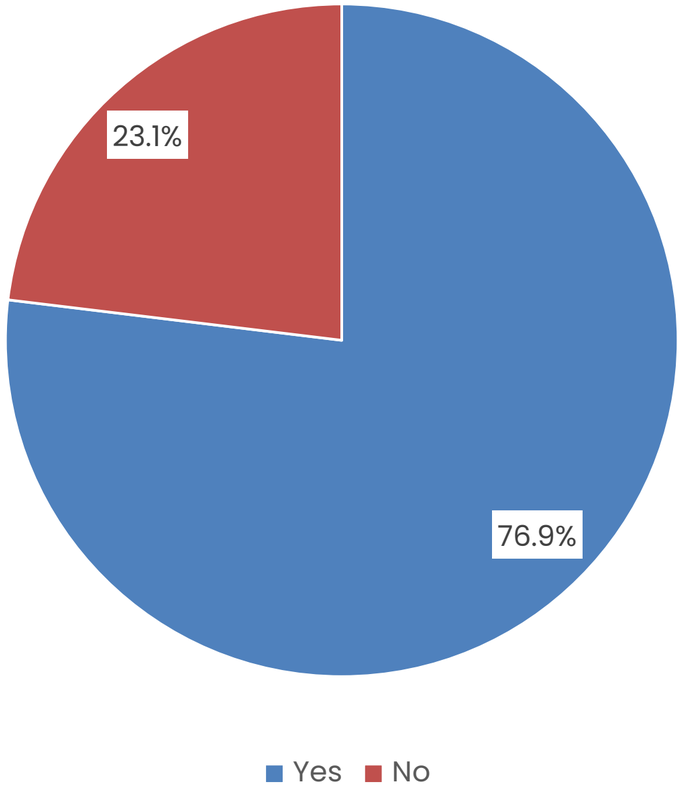
Should Hood River allow projects that mix housing and small commercial uses such as coffee shops, professional offices or small retailers in areas that are intended for apartments and located close to residential neighborhoods?



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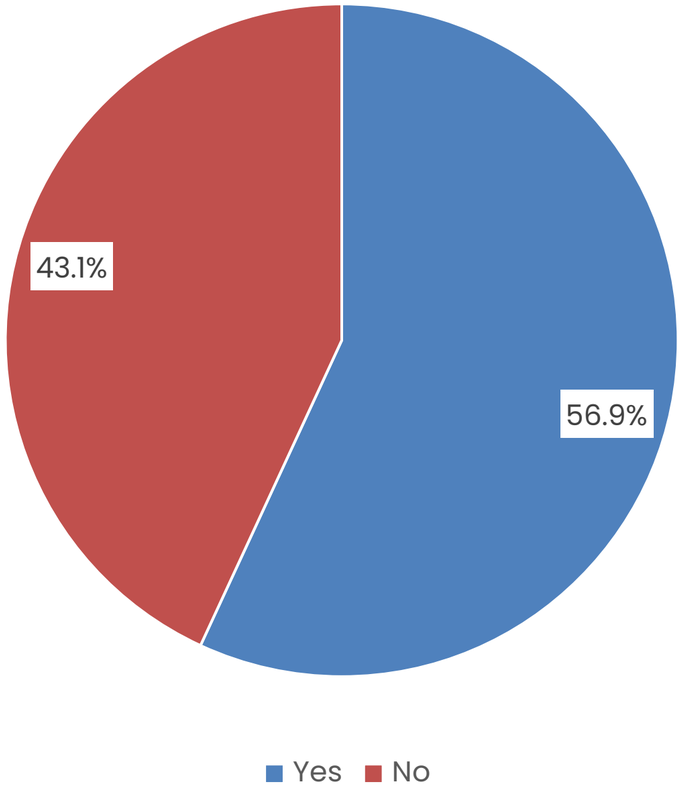
Should Hood River give projects that include affordable housing a faster path to approval with fewer barriers and more flexibility in design?



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Information About Proposed New Developments Questionnaire
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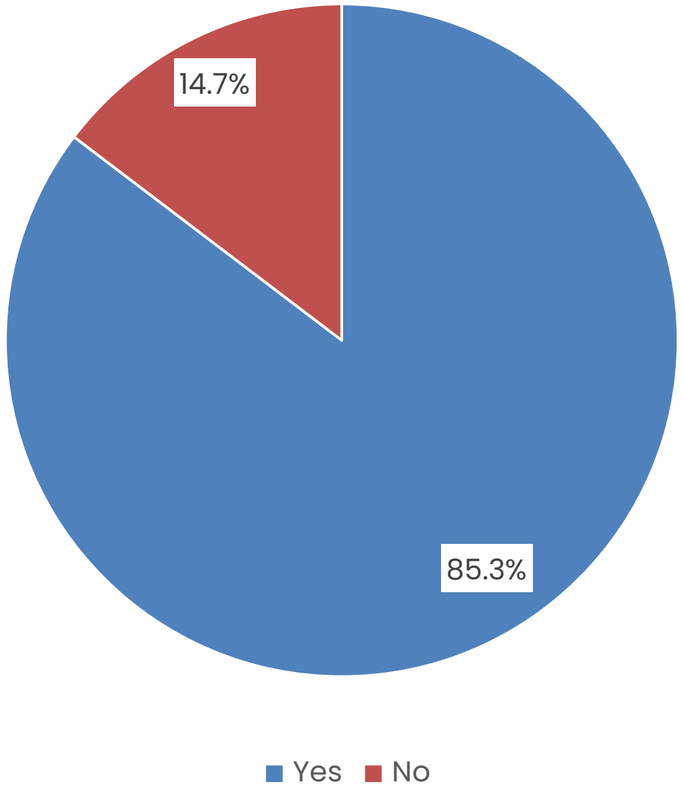
Would you like to receive notices about proposed development projects near you, even if public input will not have an impact on the project's design or approval?



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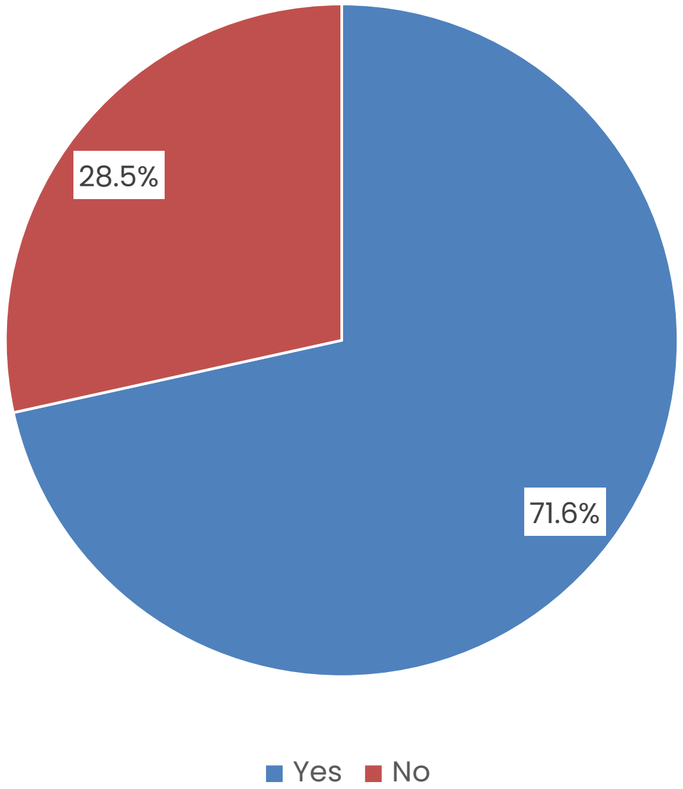
If you apply for a development permit and public notification of your project is not required based on state law, do you believe notifications should still be mailed so your neighbors will be aware of your project?



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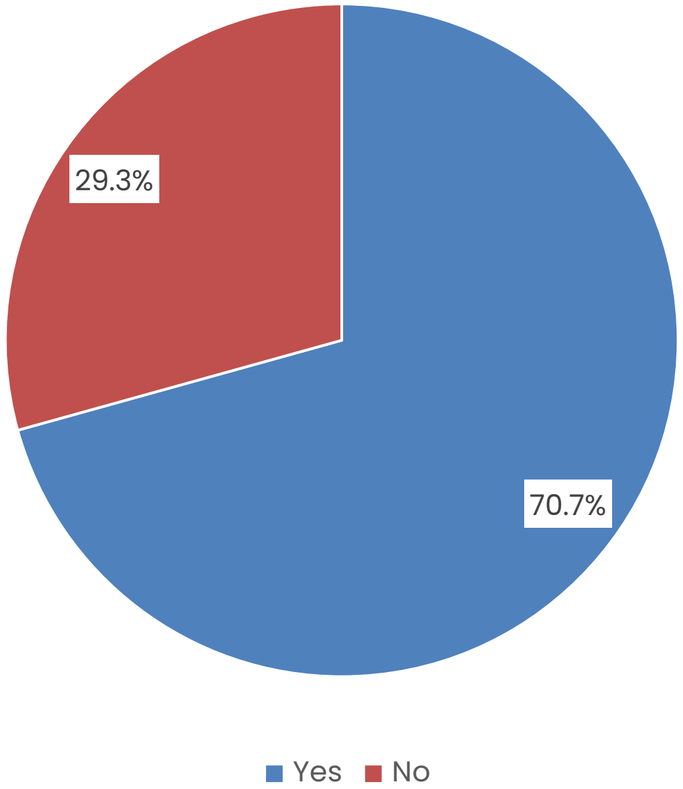
If your neighbor proposes to operate a business out of their home, should public notification be mailed to you and other neighbors?



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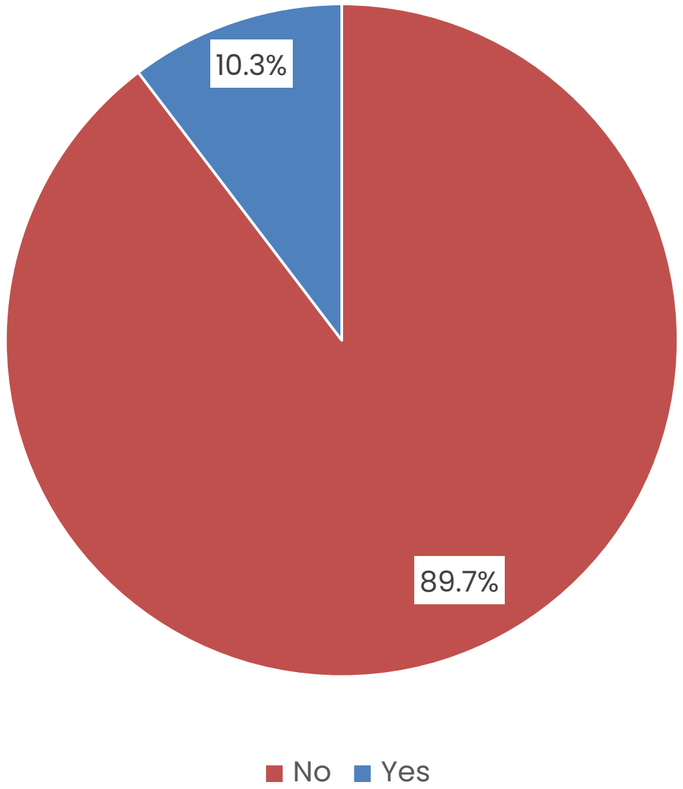
If there is no outside indication of a proposed business in a home (it will not bring employees, customers or deliveries to the home), should public notification be mailed to you and other neighbors?



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Best Ways to Learn About New Developments Questionnaire
Total Responses: 65

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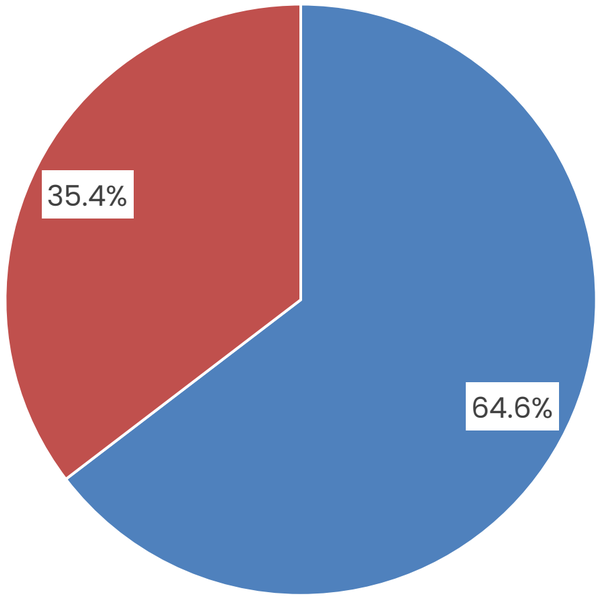
Which option do you support:



- Continue mailing public notifications to a larger area than is required by state law, making more people aware of development projects.
- Reduce public notifications to be consistent with state law, streamlining the development review process.

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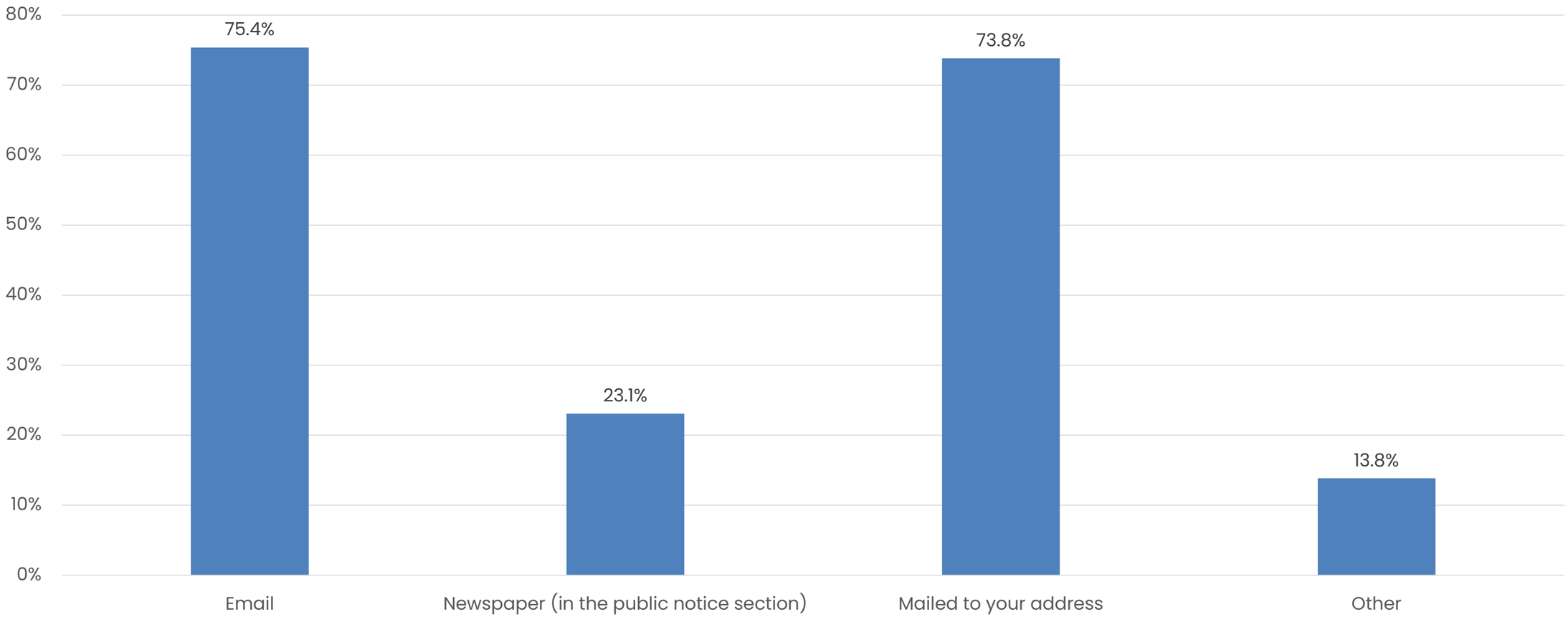
What would be the best way to notify you of development projects (check all that apply):



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