



Mayor Oscar D. Montoya
Commissioner Joe Martinez
Commissioner Armando Garcia

Commissioner Dr. Jacob Howell
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Ruben Saldana
City Manager Alberto Perez

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 30, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, TX 78570

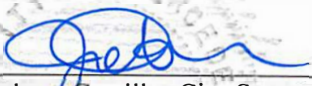
"At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code."

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Establish Quorum**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Project updates**
6. **Bids/Contracts:**
 - a. Approval of Annual Roof Repair Contract
7. **Ordinances/Resolutions:**
 - a. Approving Resolution 2024-22 regarding Local Park Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Application
 - b. Approving Resolution 2024-23 regarding updating the Parks and Open Space Master Park Plan
8. **Executive Session: Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development)**
 - a. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters – Section 551.074
 - b. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation -Section 551.071
 - c. Consultation with Attorney regarding contracts – Section 551.071
 - d. Discussion regarding Project M30 – Section 551.087
 - e. Discussion regarding Project M2 – Section 551.087
9. **Open Session:**
 - a. Item A from executive session
 - b. Item B from executive session
 - c. Item C from executive session
 - d. Item D from executive session
 - e. Item E from executive session
10. **Adjournment**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a *Special Meeting* on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking formal action regarding the items listed above. This notice is given in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. Seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY THIS THE 26th DAY OF JULY, 2024.

ATTEST:



Joselyn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 5:20 P.M.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The City of Mercedes recognizes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (956) 565-3114 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with requests for reasonable accommodations, including requests for a sign language interpreter.



Local Park Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Application

A resolution of the City of Mercedes as hereinafter referred to as “Applicant,” designating certain officials as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the Applicant in dealing with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, hereinafter referred to as “Department,” for the purpose of participating in the Local Park Grant Program, hereinafter referred to as the “Program”; certifying that the Applicant is eligible to receive program assistance; certifying that the Applicant matching share is readily available; and dedicating the proposed site for permanent (or for the term of the lease for leased property) public park and recreational uses.

WHEREAS, the Applicant is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is desirous of authorizing an official to represent and act for the Applicant in dealing with the Department concerning the Program;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE APPLICANT:

SECTION 1: That the Applicant hereby certifies that they are eligible to receive assistance under the Program, and that notice of the application has been posted according to local public hearing requirements.

SECTION 2: That the Applicant hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time.

SECTION 3: That the Applicant hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to act for the Applicant in dealing with the Department for the purposes of the Program, and that Alberto Perez is hereby officially designated as the representative in this regard.

SECTION 4: The Applicant hereby specifically authorizes the official to make application to the Department concerning the site to be known as Mercedes Sports Complex in the City of Mercedes or use as a park site and is hereby dedicated (or will be dedicated upon completion of the proposed acquisition) for public park and recreation purposes in perpetuity (or for the lease term, if legal control is through a lease). Projects with federal monies may have differing requirements.

Introduced, read and passed by an affirmative vote of the “Applicant” on this 30th day of July, 2024.

Signature of Local Government Official

Oscar D. Montoya, Sr., Mayor

Typed Name and Title

ATTEST:

Signature

Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Typed Name and Title



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7B

Ordinances/Resolution

DATE: July 30, 2024
FROM: Javier A. Ramirez, Assistant City Manager
ITEM: Mercedes Sports Complex Grant Project

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In our ongoing commitment to enhance the Mercedes Sports Complex, the City of Mercedes recently conducted a survey to gather valuable feedback from both residents and children. This survey was widely distributed through social media platforms, as well as made available at the local library and recreation center. The goal was to capture a diverse range of opinions and ideas to guide the planned improvements to the complex.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2024-23
- Survey Results

Staff Recommendation: Approval.

RESOLUTION 2024-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES TO UPDATE THE EXISTING 2019 PARK AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PARK PLAN TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF MERCEDES SPORTS COMPLEX PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS; AND TO ADD AN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Mercedes recognizes the importance of maintaining and updating its Park and Open Space Master Park Plan to reflect the evolving needs and preferences of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Park and Open Space Master Park Plan serves as a crucial guide for the development and management of parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mercedes has conducted a public engagement survey to gather input from residents regarding the City of Mercedes Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the survey results provide valuable insights into the community's desires and expectations for the sports complex and other recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, an updated operations and maintenance plan is essential to ensure the longevity, safety, and usability of the city's parks and recreational facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The City of Mercedes hereby adopts the public engagement survey results related to the City of Mercedes Sports Complex as an integral part of the 2019 Park and Open Space Master Park Plan.

SECTION 2: The City of Mercedes directs the appropriate departments to incorporate the survey results into the existing 2019 Park and Open Space Master Park Plan to ensure that the plan accurately reflects the community's current recreational needs and preferences.

SECTION 3: The City of Mercedes authorizes the development and inclusion of a comprehensive operations and maintenance plan for the parks and recreational facilities within the updated Master Park Plan. This plan will outline the necessary procedures, schedules, and resource allocations required to maintain the quality and safety of the city's parks and recreational spaces.

SECTION 4: The City Manager or their designee is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to implement the updates to the 2019 Park and Open Space Master Park Plan as specified in this resolution.

SECTION 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of July, 2024.

CITY OF MERCEDES, TX

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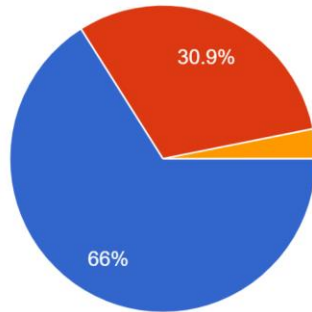
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MERCEDES SPORTS COMPLEX

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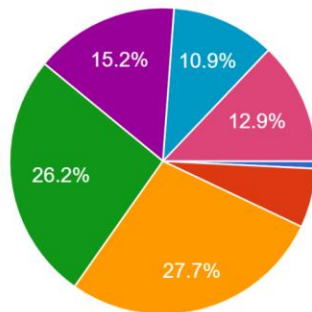
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- Male
- Prefer not to answer

What is your age group?

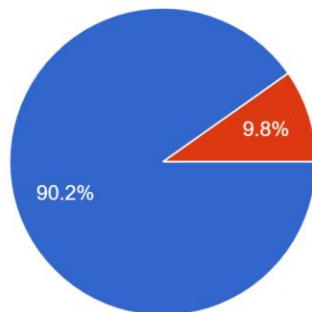
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- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

Do you reside in the City of Mercedes?

256 responses

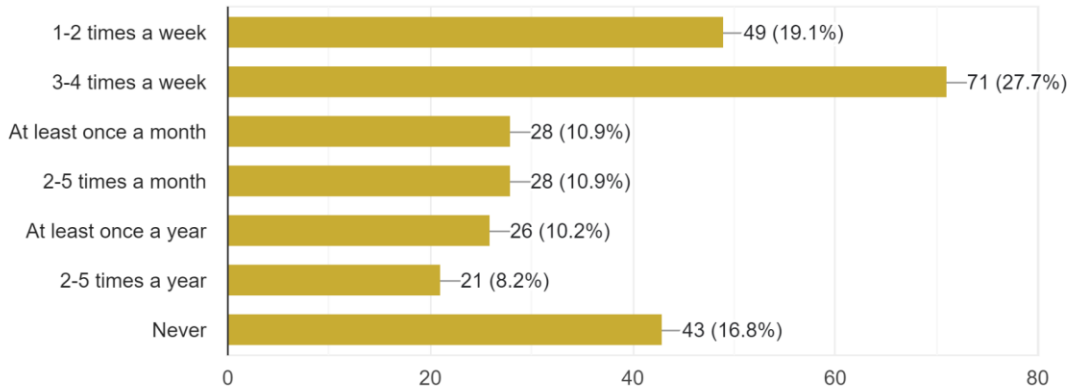


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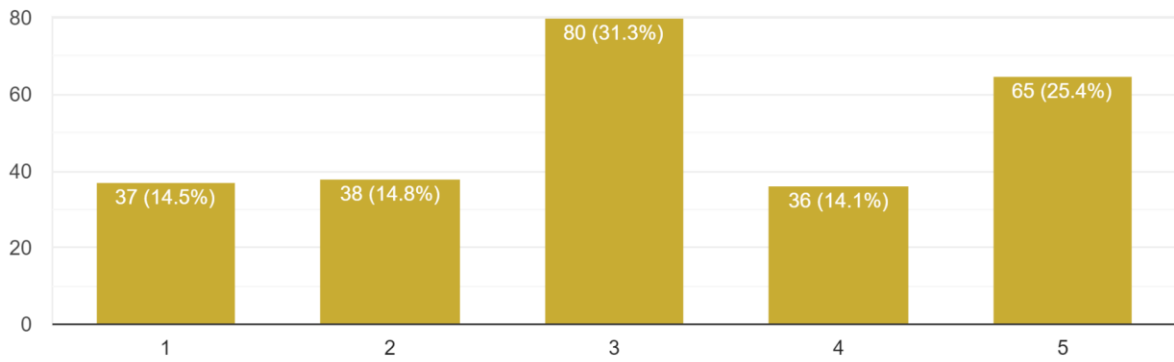
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256 responses



How likely is it that you would recommend the Mercedes Sports Complex to a friend or colleague?

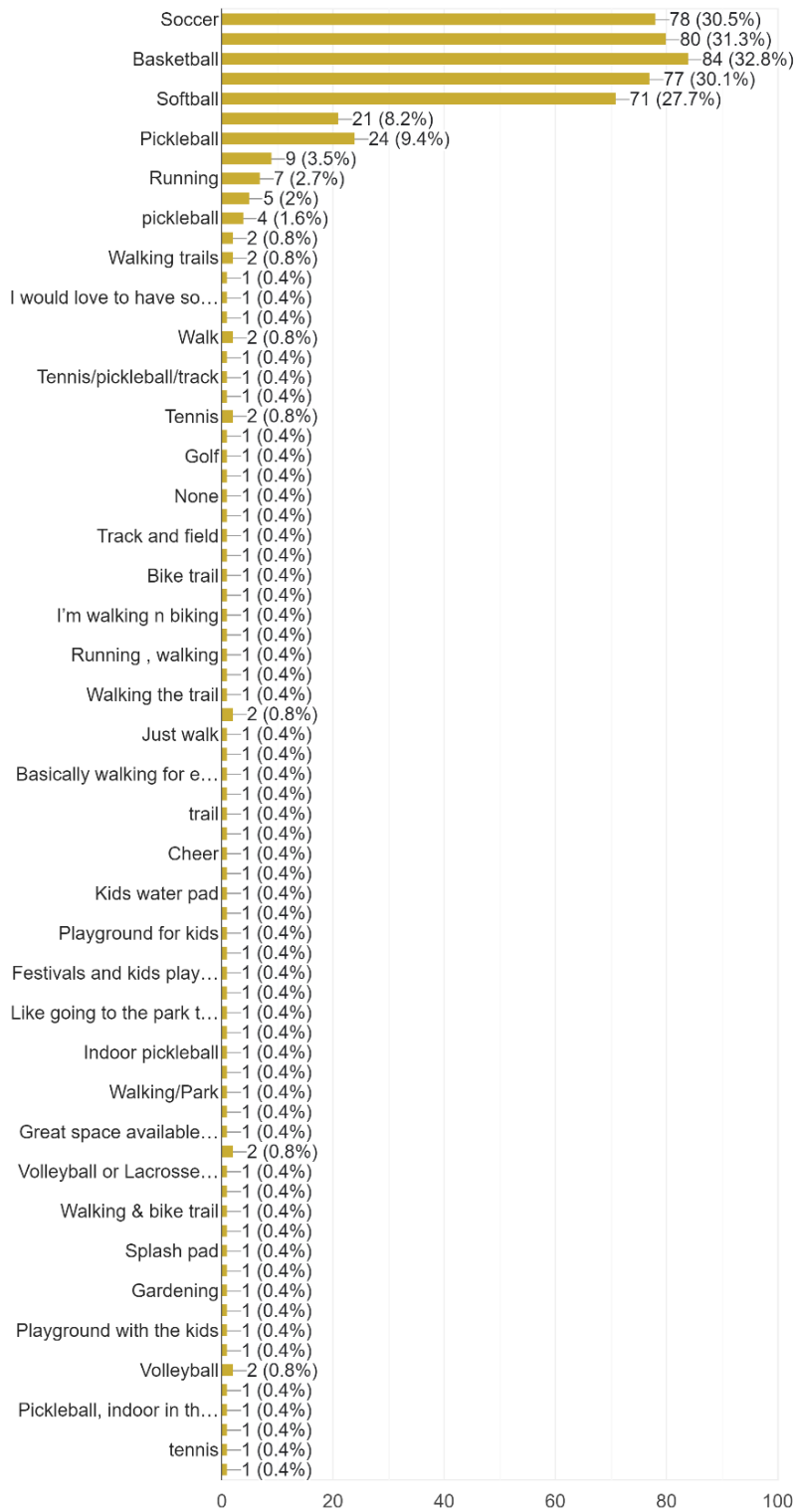
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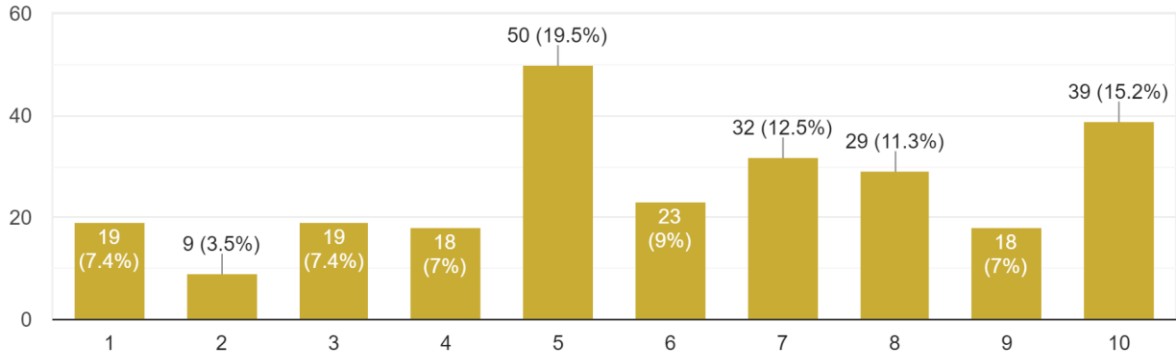
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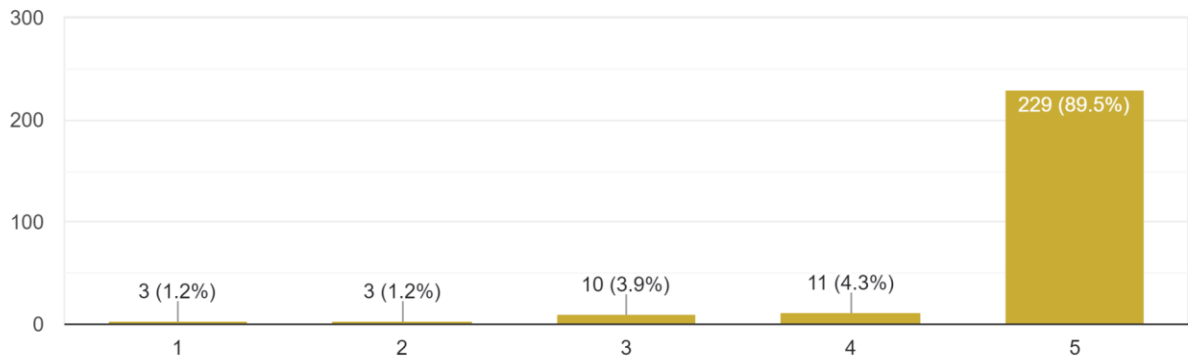
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256 responses



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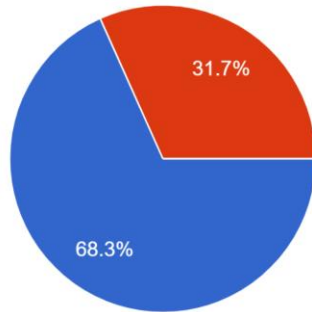
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KIDS – MERCEDES SPORTS COMPLEX

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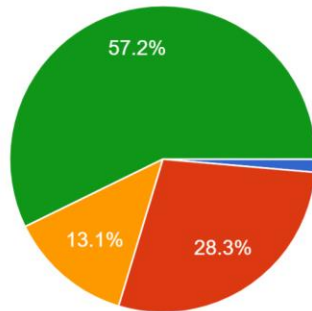
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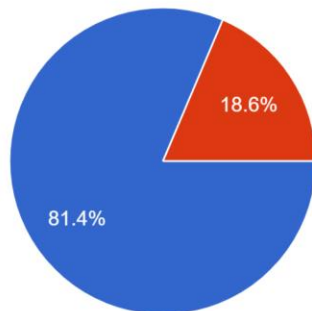
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- 5 & under
- 6-12
- 13-18
- Over 18

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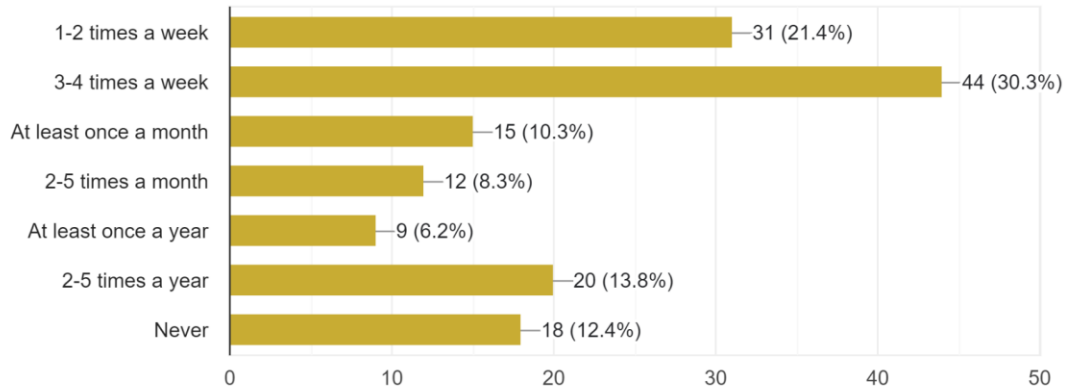


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- No

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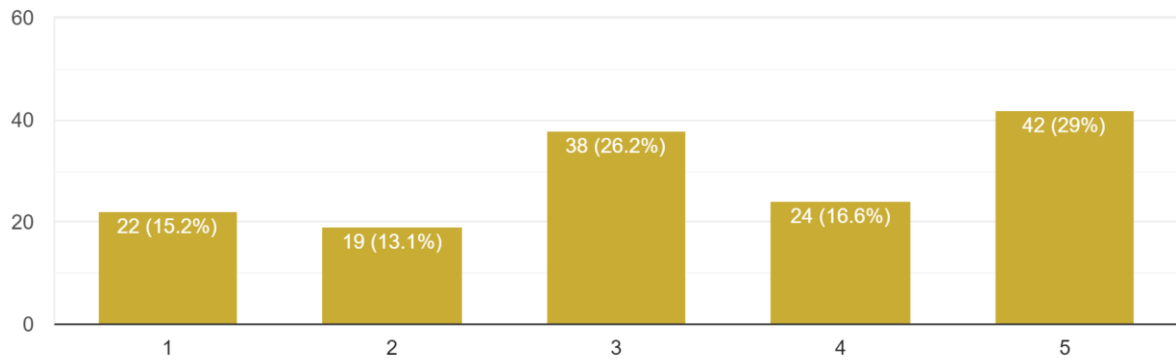
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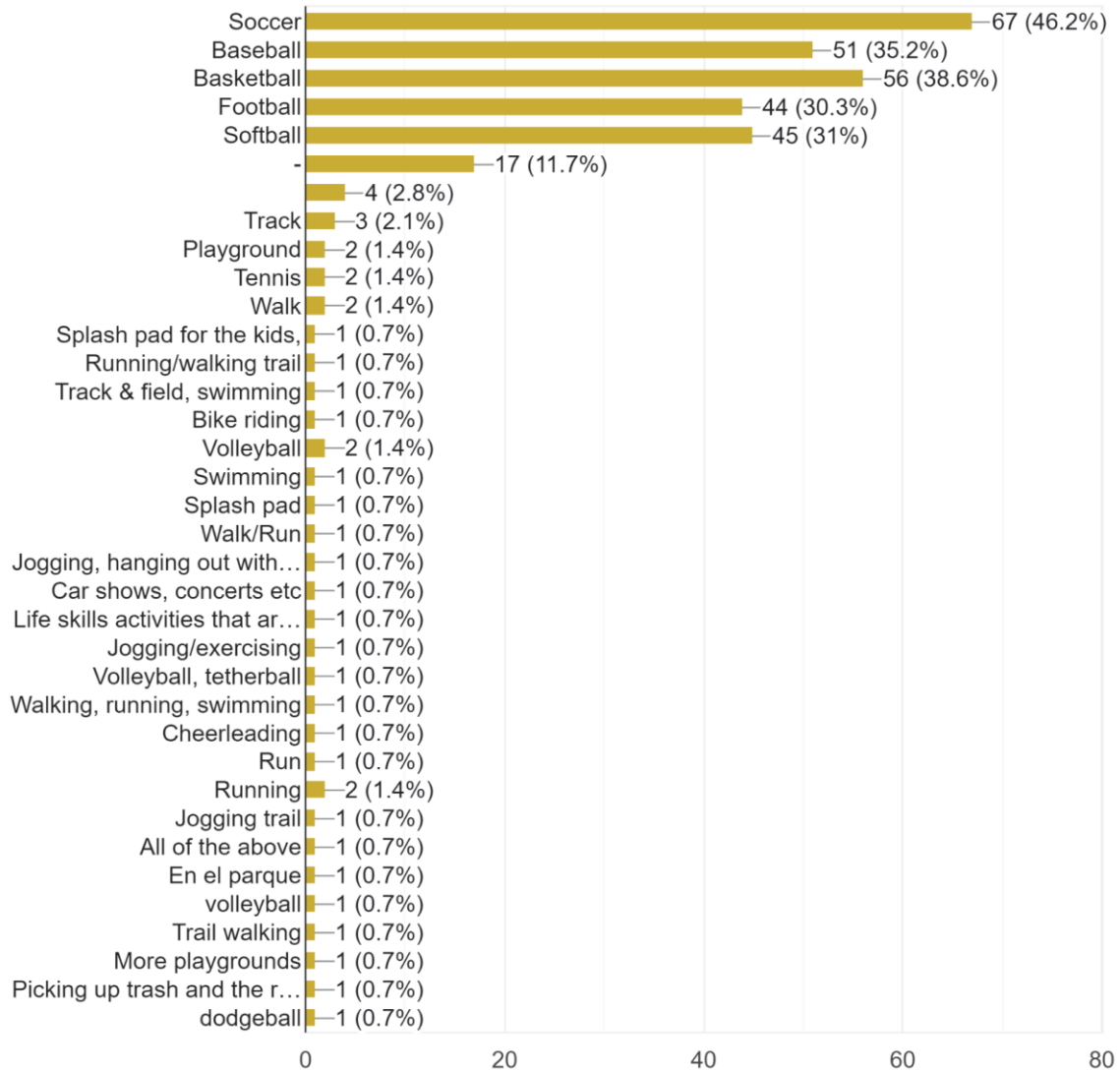
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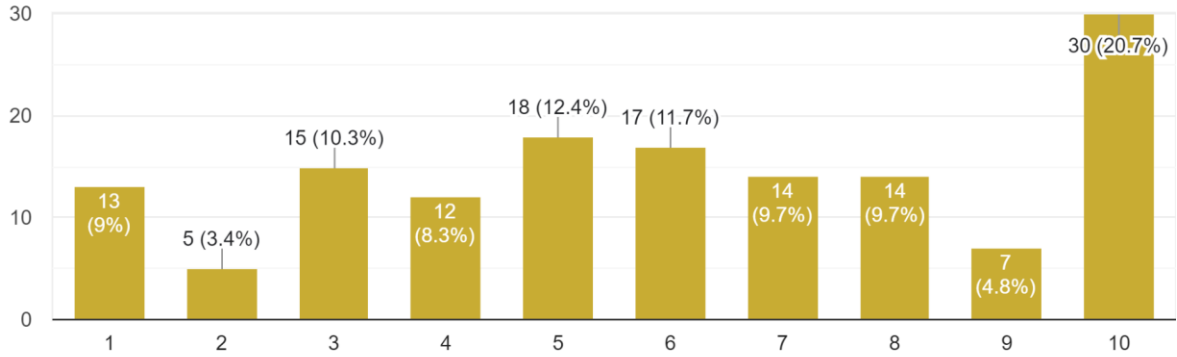
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