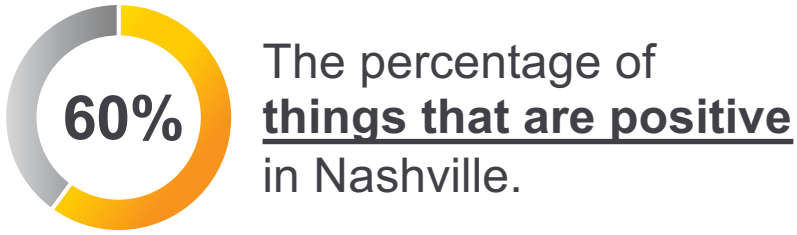


## Positives and Negatives in Nashville



### Top-5 Positives in Nashville

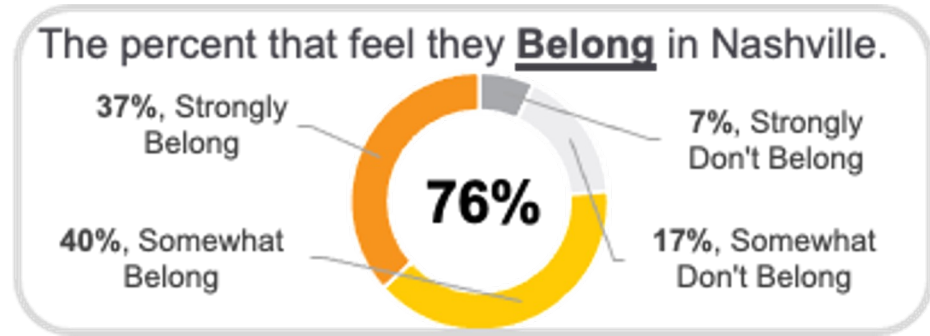
- Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options*
- 39% Rich diversity of people and cultures
  - 38% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
  - 34% Good outdoor rec., parks, and green spaces
  - 26% Creative gathering place for music, artists, etc.
  - 26% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity

### Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

- Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options*
- 59% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
  - 39% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
  - 38% High cost of living
  - 37% Too much growth/not being managed well
  - 34% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe

## Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

- Selection rate for the most and second most favorite vision among 5 visions*
- 57% **The Connected City**
  - 54% **Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging**
  - 53% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
  - 18% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
  - 11% Music and Arts Epicenter



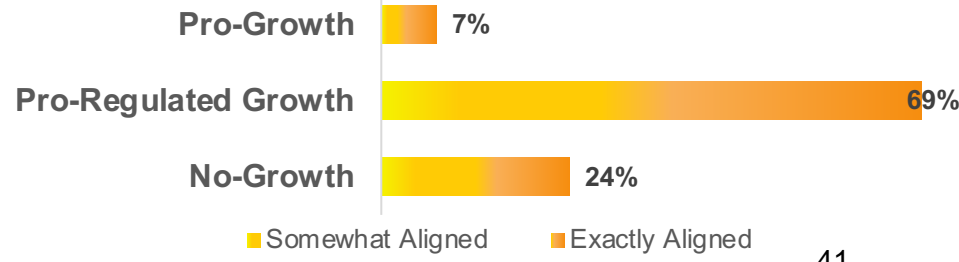
## 10 Very Important Neighborhood Features



## Growth Impact on Nashville



## Growth Orientation



## Housing

### Top-2 Goals For Housing

Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 55%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 42%** Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
  - 41% Make sure there is plenty of affordable housing in the communities of Nashville for people who keep the city going (musicians, artists, teachers, firefighters, police officers, etc.)
  - 41% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
  - 22% Eliminate homelessness

### Priorities Importance

Mean score on a scale of 1-Not at all important to 10- Extremely Important

- 8.5** Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options
- 8.1** Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
  - 7.8 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
  - 7.5 Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
  - 7.4 Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

## Education

### Top-2 Goals For Education

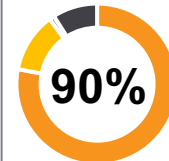
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 62%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 57%** Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
  - 44% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
  - 20% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
  - 17% Ensure they are prepared for college

### Education Priorities Importance

Mean score on a scale of 1-Not at all important to 10- Extremely Important

- 9.1** Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 9.1** Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 9.0** Increase school safety
- 8.8** Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.8** Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
- 8.7** Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 8.7** Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 8.6** Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 7.7** Increase the schooling choice and options available to parents to make sure their child gets the best education



Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

## Mobility

### Top-2 Goals For Mobility

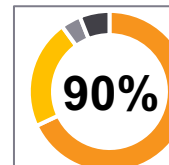
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 77%** Make it easier to get around Nashville—to and from downtown and from one place to another in the region (connecting different parts of the City and Downtown better)
- 49%** Ensure everyone has good access to downtown and the important parts of the region—make transportation options equally accessible to all across Nashville/Davidson Co.
  - 38% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries
  - 36% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live

### Mobility Priorities Importance

Mean score on a scale of 1-Not at all important to 10- Extremely Important

- 9.2** Reduce traffic congestion
- 8.8** Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
- 8.6** Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads
- 8.3** Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city
  - Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and infrastructure across the city and in the surrounding communities (bikeable streets, sidewalks, greenway and trail networks, etc.)
- 8.0** Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting



Agree with the statement **Investing in city-wide public transportation is an important priority for Nashville**

## Housing

### Comments

- *As someone who draws unemployment & has suffered from maintaining stable housing due to loss of income, I feel that an assistance program should be introduced for those who are actively seeking jobs yet unable to afford their rent & utility expenses.*
- *Help with property taxes for seniors that isn't impossible to meet*
- *Spread low income housing around the county; do not aggregate low income citizens in one area. An unusually high percentage of Subsidized Housing has been unfairly placed in S.E. Nashville and Madison.*
- *It would be great to offer home buying incentives for all educators. There should also be discounted rent or housing voucher for teachers, police, firefighters, etc.*
- *More restrictions on short term stay (airbnb) I know people who own 3-5 houses/condos in Nashville. They live in one and the others are strictly for airbnb*
- *opportunities for rent to own*
- *We need affordable housing options for undocumented folks. This is a whole community of people who fall through the cracks because they are not eligible for public services.*
- *Consider creating "step up", low income communities where people maintain it by working together. Many people have special talents & would be willing to use them if they had shelter & a place to feel needed*
- *Controlling rent on properties. I don't know how most renters can afford to live in this area.*

## Education

### Comments

- *Stop the rhetoric that everyone needs to go to college to get a 4 year degree. There should be more emphasis on trade and vocational schools. The concentration should be on being able to support yourself with meaningful work.*
- *Make sure all students have skills to read at grade level*
- *More multilingual teachers*
- *Pay our teachers. They deserve to be able to live in the county that they teach in.*
- *Increase salaries, reduce classroom size, accept federal funding and reduce charter schools applications*
- *Work with local universities to increase educational pipeline for teachers; increase aids/support in classroom for teachers; tap into PTA/PTOs for schools to increase communication to public and be a resource for insights into how to improve schools...*
- *Do better in the less wealthy communities. Antioch has the most residents per capita in the entire state, and yet the public schools are rated 1/10.*
- *I would like to see greater support for immigrant and refugee families, as they are more commonly utilizing the public school system and have fewer options/choices than native-born Americans or higher-income residents.*
- *Keep wit & wisdom! More field trip opportunities, smaller class sizes, perhaps more smaller schools. Listen to teachers and school employees. They know what the kids need and have big ideas.*
- *Stop these private charter schools like Goddard invest more in metro schools, provide teachers with minimum of \$90k starting salaries, require these major corporations to adopt schools so that all schools have a corporate partner*
- *All children have breakfast and lunch provided*
- *Make public schools cool again.*

## Mobility

### Comments

- *Build a light rail system. I would be happy to lose a lane for a year to add mass transit that will improve things for decades*
- *The main focus here needs to be city-wide. It can't be enough to move people to and from downtown or the airport.*
- *Any plan should include all areas of the city not just downtown. Focus on areas and Nashvillians that will actually use and need the transportation, i.e., Nolensville Pike, Gallatin Pike, etc. Do not focus on tourists using it.*
- *Build Park-N-Ride areas so people can park their cars and take the bus/train to work and eliminate transfers [...]*
- *Finish the greenway system and find ways to connect it to more neighborhoods. The greenways can be an important piece of our transportation puzzle.*
- *We need to make the city more walkable before even considering public transportation. Add sidewalks, lights, and fix existing roads first. We need that foundation. One suggestion for a commenter train is to take advantage of the existing tracks.*
- *Whatever solutions we implement should be designed for everyone, not just commuters going to work and home - folks with disabilities, elderly folks, folks who are not fluent in English, teenagers, etc.*
- *We need to not only make infrastructure improvements, but also find ways to change hearts and minds about transportation options. Reduce the mindset that cars are the only viable method to get around especially among middle and higher income earners.*
- *Consider middle lanes be used for traffic flow (similar to Hermitage Ave and Robertson) with lights that are green in AM and red in PM, etc*

## Ideal Neighborhood

### Comments

- *The single most important thing is low crime. Fear keeps people inside and afraid to know their neighbors. When I see people enjoying the neighborhood, talking a walk, talking to strangers, kids playing outside day or night, this is a good place to live.*
- *Retail stores, quality education for all, community grocery stores, and law enforcement*
- *Without sidewalks or green spaces, you will never establish a "community". It will only ever be a people living in the same area. Green spaces [promote] interactions with your community members.*
- *Would love to see several playgrounds just for the disabled. Swings for those in wheelchairs, sensory walls with different types of shapes and textures [...]*
- *Community...knowing your neighbors*
- *Housing diversity, especially medium and high density housing, to provide more choices and variety in each neighborhood*
- *Some neighborhoods clearly matter more than others. I think all neighborhoods making an equal difference matter. I live in Antioch. I used to live in Green Hills. They should matter the same to the city.*

## One Change

### Comments

- *Build a light rail that connects the suburbs to the city center and common workplaces and event venues. This would help decongest the traffic.*
- *Saving the history of the music industry [for] life long residences such as myself. Having more events to share this information with tourists*
- *More security, security cameras and lighting in a very dark city, which is why crime has increased, more rules for its inhabitants, so that they can be better citizens, let's love the city with respect. (Translated form Spanish)*
- *Affordable housing. Better K-12 education for all students.*
- *That they would give a better salary and opportunities to have a home and above all that it would be a safe place without crime. (Translated from Spanish)*
- **BASIC SIDEWALKS FOR ALL DAVIDSON COUNTY RESIDENTS**
- *The police need to enforce the laws of this city. Unsafe driving, crime, officers' response time, youth crime, and police presence must be addressed. Citizens feel unsafe in their neighborhoods and rarely do I see police officers.*

## Big Ideas

### Comments

- *An education hub, improving education and cultural diversity with the support of international student programs in the city. Having professionals from abroad certifying their careers here in TN.*
- *A combination of making Nashville more connected, more creative and an realistically affordable place to live.*
- *A sustainability, green energy innovation leader in the south, if not the country.*
- *I think if we can focus on bringing people together and helping them feel like they are part of the community of Nashville then together we will be better able to help the city grow, develop and find solutions to problems.*
- *Invest more in poorer areas, like Antioch. It makes no sense that there are no sidewalks in an area highly reliant on buses and walkability, or that fast food restaurants are closing their doors in the most populated area in the state.*
- *Keeping some focus on the history of the city instead of allowing new investors to tear down everything that has been here. Repurposing buildings, maintaining some green space and encouraging architecture/infrastructure with beauty [...]*
- *Regional rail and subway system is needed*
- *Our kids are our priority and we are creating various pipelines to success through higher education, sustainable careers and/or entrepreneurship.*

## Youth

### Comments

- *Fund mental health services! Increase access to this and support the organizations already doing this*
- *Community members taking an active interest in young people. Lots of green spaces and community gardens to reconnect youth to nature and healthy food opportunities.*
- *Our young people need structure in and out of school. They need community agencies with people who are able to engage with them after school and during the summer. These programs should be fully funded and in their communities.*
- *Technical training programs within high schools. Music and arts in every school. Pay our teachers a liveable wage!!*
- *To include them in the conversations that affect them.*
- *More and safer parks and green areas, sidewalks, community centers and youth activities*
- *Young people need more available opportunities for gathering safely together outside of school. These places should be available for young people from all walks of life and should be dispersed throughout the city for easy access.*
- *Family friendly policies, like paid parental leave, improved maternal healthcare, safety net programs that ensure access to critical care and basic needs for families [...]*