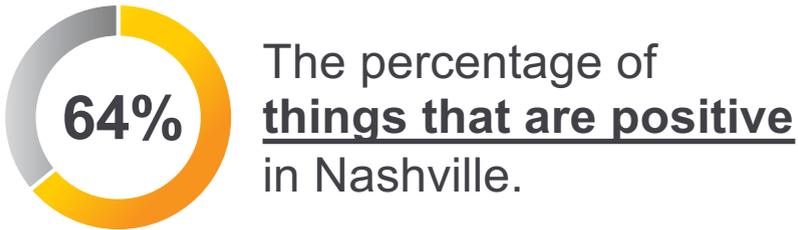


## Positives and Negatives in Nashville



### Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 49% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 36% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 33% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 27% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 25% Rich diversity of people and cultures

### Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

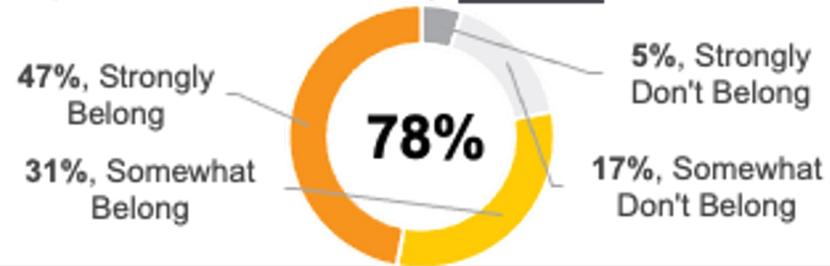
- 46% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 44% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 36% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 32% Lack of public transportation
- 32% High cost of living

## Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

Selection rate for the most and second most favorite vision among 5 visions

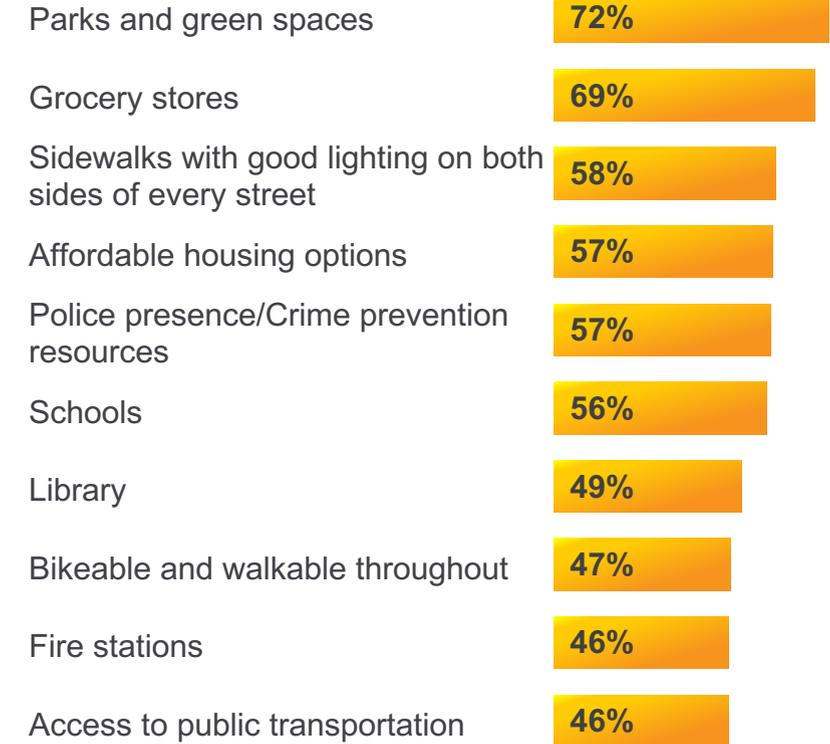
- 58% The Connected City
- 47% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 45% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 24% Music and Arts Epicenter
- 23% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter

### The percent that feel they **Belong** in Nashville.

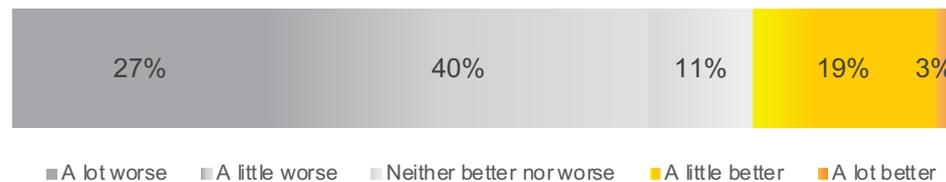


## 10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

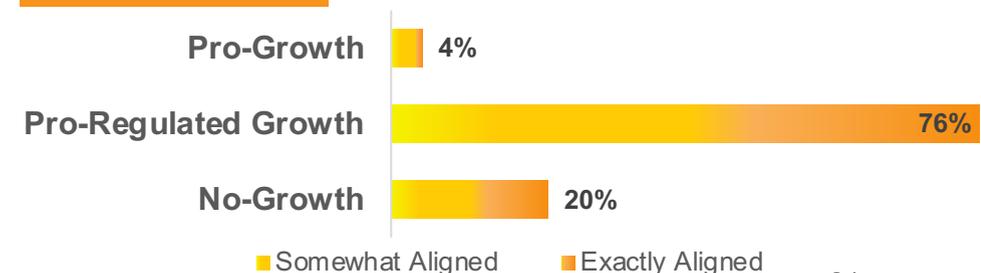
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features



## 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

- 49%** 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.)
- 46%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 45% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 42% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 17% Eliminate homelessness

### Affordability Priorities Importance

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

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

## Education

### Top-2 Goals For Education

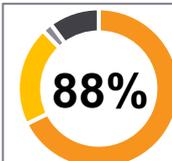
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 65%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 48%** Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 45% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 21% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 20% Ensure they are prepared for college

### Education Priorities Importance

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

- 9.0 **Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.**
- 8.6 **Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education**
- 8.6 **Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)**
- 8.2 Increase school safety
- 8.2 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 7.8 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 7.7 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 7.6 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 6.5 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

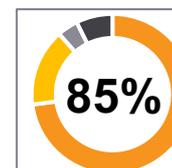
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 73%** 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)
- 59%** 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.
- 36% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live
- 33% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries

### Mobility Priorities Importance

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

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



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

## Housing

### Comments

- *Rent control. Limiting the production of "luxury apartments". More accountability for landlords to keep up with occupied properties*
- *Build more affordable housing. Lower property taxes and manage interest rates. Continue to expand the city outward, not upward.*
- *More high-density options for people to purchase their homes rather than rent.*
- *Pay the teachers, police, firefighters, nurses etc more-the average blue collar workers are being pushed out because cost of living raises and pay increases do not allow us to maintain leaving in our own city.*
- *Put caps on rent and don't allow landlords to collude with one another or own too much property in one particular area as to not have too much power with their pricing.*
- *Allow duplexes and quadplexes to be built anywhere single-family homes are currently allowed.*
- *Make it a priority to increase funding for the Barnes Affordable Housing Fund.*
- *Make sure that affordable housing is connected to affordable public transportation.*
- *Zoning which requires a certain amount of land to be used for affordable housing, prioritizing areas where public transportation is available. Developers are building as many giant houses as they can on parcels near the city*
- *More affordable multi family housing complexes*

## Education

### Comments

- *Fund public schools. Accept the federal money from the government.*
- *Language immersion options, starting at the elementary school level*
- *Please spend money on forgotten schools. Every child deserves to have a high quality public school education, regardless of their race, class and location.*
- *Better pay for public school teachers and preschool educators!*
- *Pay teachers more, get rid of vouchers. Invest in public education and stop giving benefits to private schools. No more charter schools - invest in real public K-12 education.*
- *Vouchers for all students to go to school their parents choose.*
- *Education should be the # priority for Nashville. Health, crime prevention, civic engagement...it all stems from a quality education*
- *All children should have access to safe spaces where they can gain an education. We need to invest in our citizens' success through basic education. And, we need to invest in the teachers.*

## Mobility

### Comments

- *More parking hubs, e.g. as in Bellevue, to increase bus, light rail use to city areas and downtown. This would help cut congestion.*
- *Shift existing rail now used for commercial purposes to commuter and residential use.*
- *Above ground or elevated train system. Put hubs in the various neighborhoods and suburbs (Donelson, Bellevue, Hermitage, Antioch, Downtown, Smyrna, Kingston, Murfreesboro, Hendersonville, Galatin...)*
- *We need transportation options that are not just for downtown, but connect downtown to itself and other areas of the Greater Nashville area. This includes connecting to the airport, and connecting to the immediate suburbs like Bellevue, Brentwood, Antioch*
- *More greenways, protected bike paths*
- *Mix of high quality public transportation with a focus on residents being close to where they shop and work*

## Ideal Neighborhood

### Comments

- *Places, occasions, and opportunities to come together and get to know each other, e.g. parks, festivals, etc.*
- *A sense of community where you have good relationships with your neighbors and support one another.*
- *Diversity of culture, race, age, and income levels*
- *Every public school should be a quality, desirable school.*
- *Sidewalks at least on one side of the street with street lights. I am paying for our street light in our neighborhood because we do not have one*
- *Good communication between elected politicians and residents*
- *A walkable community.*
- *All Davidson County residents should have free garbage pickup and curb pick up for recycles. I pay for mine whereas people closer to the "city" get it for free.*
- *Recycling center being close by is essential for my family. We drop off on a weekly basis.*
- *Great neighborhoods should be safe, including climate resilient.*

## One Change

### Comments

- *A safe, modern citywide and regional train system.*
- *More effort to preserve the true history and field of what has made Nashville, Nashville. Although not born and raised in Nashville, I have lived here since 1975. I respect growth is inevitable, but our growth has felt almost like a disregard to native Nashvillians*
- *Bike lanes with physical barriers down arterial roads. Possibly shared with buses. Bike lanes connecting all the greenways, trails, parks as well as residential and commercial hubs. Less cars downtown, more mass transit*
- *Education. Pay teachers more and fully fund public schools [...]*
- *Better infrastructure all around. This certainly means better road structures and routing. But also more public transit in both volume and routes. Infrastructure would also include an updated electrical grid, upgraded sewer & water systems, [...]*
- *Focus on environment - we live in a beautiful place- we owe it to our place to consider its care in all decisions*

## Big Ideas

### Comments

- *I want Nashville to quit losing its identity. Developers are destroying the very fabric that made us who we are. Quit tearing down our history to build a high rise.*
- *Support of clean energy initiatives more solar power, more green roof's downtown. Nashville's recycling infrastructure is lacking in so many ways. And it feel unsustainable.*
- *Affordable housing and access via transportation from neighborhoods to work places. Excellent public school education accessible to all students in every area of the city. Better planning in downtown areas.*
- *Nashville should be a climate-resilient place with green energy, public transportation, bike and walk paths, and community resiliency centers. A city that is prepared to protect its residents from flash floods, extreme heat, bad air quality, and storms.*
- *Mass transit!!!!. I love transit systems that work smoothly. I would love to not have to drive everywhere.*
- *I hope increasing community involvement, especially for young adults and families, is included at every level and every plan.*

## Youth

### Comments

- *Activities and gathering places (with knowledgeable, skilled, caring adults) to give young people more grounding, a sense of purpose, and community.*
- *Fully fund Community Achieves in MNPS so we can keep operating in our 58 schools. Teacher retention is key. Have better public bus routes so they aren't on the bus for hours in high school.*
- *I LOVE the art & community programs offered through the Department of Parks & Rec. I would love to see more options at the other community centers, especially on weekends and after 5pm.*
- *More public awareness on anti-bullying, cyber and social media security, more mental health awareness and support, more acceptance of others - less judgement.*
- *Heavy investment into trade schools or trade skills in junior and high schools is of primary importance. Not everyone needs to go to college, not everyone should go to college.*
- *A sense of community. Programs to connect with fellow young professionals, mentors, free and/or low-cost resources and enrichment. Affordable housing options.*