

For each of the following statements please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the statement. If you do not have an opinion one way or the other, please just say so.

SCALE: 1. Strongly Agree 2. Somewhat Agree
3. Somewhat Disagree 4. Strongly Disagree 5. No Opinion/Don't Know

(REPEAT AFTER EACH UNTIL UNDERSTOOD: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with that statement?)

(RANDOMIZE)

12. Investment in low income housing helps keep neighborhoods vibrant and diverse
13. Investment in low income housing is good for our economy
14. Seattle already spends enough to help low income families
15. Emergency rental assistance for low income residents is a good use of taxpayer dollars
16. Preventing low income residents from losing their homes helps other homeowners by promoting stability
17. Building or rehabbing low income housing is a good use of taxpayer dollars
18. Investment in low income housing is good for the environment because it enables low wage workers like grocery store clerks, day care workers and others to live close to their jobs

(END RANDOMIZE)

If you were prioritizing the City's housing funding, how would you prioritize the following programs -- use a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being the lowest priority and 7 being the highest priority. You can use any number from 1 to 7.

(REPEAT AFTER EACH UNTIL UNDERSTOOD: How would you rate that item, with 1 being the lowest priority and 7 the highest priority?)

SCALE: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | 8
Lowest priority Highest priority | (DO NOT READ: DK)

(RANDOMIZE)

19. Housing for individuals or families who are currently homeless
20. Housing for low wage workers who cannot afford market rate rents
21. Providing loans to first time homebuyers so that low-moderate income people have opportunities to purchase a home in the city
22. Emergency rental assistance to keep people in their homes
23. Foreclosure prevention

(END RANDOMIZE)

24. Which statement is closest to your opinion even if neither one is exactly right:

(ROTATE STATEMENTS 1 AND 2)

1. In this economy, it's more important now than ever to make sure we keep investing strongly in low income housing programs and assistance.

OR

2. Times are really tough right now and we just can't afford to spend as much on low-income housing programs as we could in the past.

3. (DO NOT READ: Neither) 4. (DO NOT READ: Both)

5. (DO NOT READ: Don't know) 6. (DO NOT READ: Refused)

25. As you may know, in two thousand two (2002) Seattle residents renewed the low income housing levy which will expire in December two thousand and nine (2009). In general, do you think this levy should be continued, or should it end? **(IF CONTINUED)** Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that? **(IF SHOULD END)** Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that?

1. Strongly should be continued 2. Not So Strongly should be continued

3. Not So Strongly should end 4. Strongly should end

4. (DO NOT READ: Undecided/Not Sure) 6. (DO NOT READ: Refused)

51. Which statement is closest to your opinion, even if neither one is exactly right:
(ROTATE STATEMENTS 1 AND 2)
1. In this economy, it's more important now than ever to make sure we keep investing strongly in low income housing programs and assistance.
OR
2. Times are really tough right now and we just can't afford to spend as much on low-income housing programs as we could in the past.
3. (DO NOT READ: Neither) 4. (DO NOT READ: Both)
5. (DO NOT READ: Don't know) 6. (DO NOT READ: Refused)
52. And which of the three options do you prefer most, Option A which is one hundred and sixty seven million dollars (\$167M) and would serve about twenty three thousand (23,000) people, Option B which is one hundred and forty four million dollars (\$144M) and would serve about eighteen thousand (18,000) people, or Option C which is one hundred and seven million dollars (\$107M) and would serve about thirteen thousand (13,000) people? **(IF UNDECIDED)** Well, which way do you lean, towards Option A, B, or C?
01. Option A 02. Lean A
03. Option B 04. Lean B
05. Option C 06. Lean C
07. (DO NOT READ: Undecided/Don't know) 08. (DO NOT READ: None)
09. (DO NOT READ: More than one) 10. (DO NOT READ: All)
11. (DO NOT READ: Refused)
53. Given the changing economy, some people have suggested that we should include a provision in this levy to give the City the ability to direct money for housing assistance to where it is needed most instead of the money being dedicated to specific programs. This could include things like a fund to buy abandoned properties for use as low income housing, providing assistance to homeowners to prevent foreclosure, and provide emergency rental assistance. The City's housing department would determine which of the various programs to implement according to economic conditions. Do you think giving the City this additional flexibility with the levy money is a good idea or a bad idea?
1. Good idea 2. Bad idea
3. (DO NOT READ: Don't Know) 4. (DO NOT READ: Refused)
- Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.
54. Do you own or rent your apartment or home?
1. Own/buying 2. Rent 3. (DO NOT READ: DK/Refused)
55. Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household?
1. Yes 2. No/(DO NOT READ: Refused)
56. Next, which of the following categories includes your annual household income? (READ 1-5)
1. less than \$30,000 2. \$30,000 - \$49,999 3. \$50,000 - \$74,999
4. \$75,000 - \$99,999 5. \$100,000 or more 6. (DO NOT READ: Don't Know/Refused)
57. What race would you classify yourself as-- African-American, White, Hispanic, Asian, multiracial, or something else:
1. African-American/Black 2. White/Caucasian 3. Hispanic/Latin-American
4. Asian/Asian- American 5. Multiracial
6. (DO NOT READ: Other (Don't specify)) 7. (DO NOT READ: Refused)

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING, WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!