

Green New Deal Oversight Board

August 17th, 2026
Public Meeting

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Staff Updates



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Board Field Trip



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Board Field Trip

- Date Options:
 - Saturday 9/19
 - Sunday 9/20
 - Saturday 10/24
 - Sunday 10/25
- Riverbed Cleaning
 - Doing cutbacks
- Invasive Species Removal
- Trail establishment
 - Defining the trail to the river
 - Moving rocks from the river to trail



Rising Tide and WA Bus Community Assemblies Reports



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Community Assemblies Report

- In 2025 People's Economy Lab supported two community assemblies.
- Rising Tides and Washington Bus community assembly reports have been released!
- Read more about community priorities and next steps on OSE's new blog.
- Access to the full reports can be found on the People's Economy Lab website.
- Please share the reports with your communities!



Board Appointments Process



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Board Appointments Process

- The Board application committee has concluded the interview process and made recommendations- big shout out to the whole team!
- Reviewed 35 Applications
- Interviewed 8 Candidates
 - **George Farrell** is the Board appointed Frontline Community Seat
- Timeline
 - Land Use & Sustainability Committee Meeting- September 16th
 - Next Full Council Meeting- Tuesday September 22nd
 - New Board members onboarded in October
 - Current Board members with an expired term and whose seats are filled **will term off in October**

Executive Committee Term



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Next Steps- Executive Committee Term

- In August staff usually begin discussion on Executive Committee elections and in September we ramp up to have elections.
- Due to staff capacity restraints, we are proposing that we hold off on elections until the new year and extend Emily and Nancy's term on the Executive Committee.
- If you have any concerns with extending Emily and Nancy's term until the new year, please reach out to staff before September's meeting.
- If there aren't concerns, there will be a vote to extend their term at September's Board meeting.



Budget Season: Staff's Dos and Don'ts



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Budget Season Do's and Don'ts

- The Mayor will be releasing her budget towards the end of September.
- Since Staff are part of the Mayor's Executive Branch, we can not talk to anyone from City Council after Labor Day.
- Staff won't be able to schedule, attend or prepare any speaking points for you.
- We can share technical information with you.

Councilmember Meet and Greets



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Councilmember Meet and Greet

- Purpose of these meetings are to build relationships, learn about their environmental and climate priorities and to build connections between their priorities and the Board's work.
- We have met with Councilmember Saka's staffer and Councilmember Foster's staffer.
- We focused on sharing Budget and CAP recommendations, and discussing community assemblies.

Next Steps with Meet and Greet

- Council President Hollingsworth, Councilmember Saka and Councilmember Foster's Chief of Staff Nausheen would like to a second meeting scheduled with Board members.
- Due to scheduling being so close to the Mayor's Budget release, staff can not participate.
- Is anyone interested in attending a meeting with Council President Hollingsworth, Councilmember Saka and Councilmember Foster's Chief of Staff in **early October**?
 - Hannah will coordinate the meeting with Councilmember Saka, **can someone volunteer to coordinate a meeting with Council President Hollingsworth and Councilmember Foster's Chief of Staff Nausheen?**



Limited GNDOB Staff Capacity



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Limited GNDOB Staff Capacity

- Staff Capacity will be limited through the end of the year due to staffing transitions.
- Timeline:
 - **(Sept – Oct)** Tracking and possibly responding to the City Budget.
 - **(Oct and beyond)** Onboarding at least 5 new Board members.
 - **(Nov/Dec)** Reviewing and possibly commenting on the City's public draft of the Climate Action Plan.
 - **(Ongoing)** Developing a Board stance on data centers and possibly also recommendations for community benefits agreements and how to address potential impacts from data centers.
 - **Recommendation:** Other priorities this fall have strict deadlines, staff are recommending the Board re-thinks the timeline and scope of the data center work, you have more time than originally anticipated to develop your stance and recommendations.

Executive Committee Updates



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Action Request Process



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Action Request Process

- Executive Committee has been working on a draft.
- Still need to have further conversations to clarify and edit the process.
- Hope to have something to share in the near future.



Indigenous Advisory Council Meeting



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Indigenous Advisory Council Meeting

- We went to this month's Indigenous Advisory Council Meeting.
- Gave an overview of who we are and what we do:
 - Board Budget and CAP recommendations
 - Advocacy on FPCF
 - Community Assemblies
 - Data Centers
- Shared that we would like to keep building relationships
 - Invited them to join the field trip to Rachel's land and will share a date with them once it has been finalized.



VOTE: Sign on to a Letter of Support for Bank and Pension Legislation



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Sign on to a Letter to Support Bank and Pension Legislation

- Alec from the Stop the Money Pipeline asked the Board to sign on to a letter supporting bank and pension legislation the City can pass to support energy transition and cut off financing for fossil fuel companies through the City's financial management.
- The legislation commits the City to hiring banks that have clear climate goals, or that don't finance fossil fuel expansion, for all new banking contracts . As for pensions, the City would commit to not buying new debt issued by coal, oil and gas companies.





**We will
return
from our
break at
6:05**

Climate Action Plan Update

8/17/2026 GNDOB Meeting

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City of Seattle, Office of Sustainability and Environment



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Agenda

- . The CAP Update: What We've Been Up To
- . What We've Learned: Emerging Themes
- . Introducing Action Families
- . Time for Questions

CAP Goals



**Protect the
health and
safety of all
Seattle
communities**

**Strengthen
neighborhoods
and natural
places**

**Make our
homes,
transportation,
and energy
cleaner and
more
affordable**

**Build an
inclusive green
economy**

**Partner across
departments
and with
communities**



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Engagement to Date

4

**Climate
Community
Assemblies**

20

**City
Departments
in Work
Group**

50+

**Existing
Plans
Reviewed**

1K +

**Public
Survey
Responses**

130+

**Regional
Partners
Forum**



Seattle Regional Partners Forum



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What we're hearing



Adaptation alongside mitigation: Participants consistently discussed preparing communities for climate impacts while continuing to reduce emissions.



Affordability: Climate actions should remain accessible and avoid disproportionate costs for lower income households and renters.



Community partnerships: Trusted community organizations, neighborhood networks, and local messengers were identified as critical partners – in both shaping and delivering climate action.



Measuring success: Participants emphasized tracking meaningful outcomes and community impacts.



Regional collaboration: Many comments encouraged stronger coordination across jurisdictions and sectors, noting that climate progress requires alignment beyond city limits.



Implementation: Participants encouraged actions that can be funded, implemented, and sustained over time.



Continued investment in public education and storytelling was identified as important for sustaining community engagement. **Education and storytelling:**

Public Survey (Early Results)

Participation Highlights

1,219

survey respondents

93%

reported living in Seattle

7

council districts represented

Who was most visible

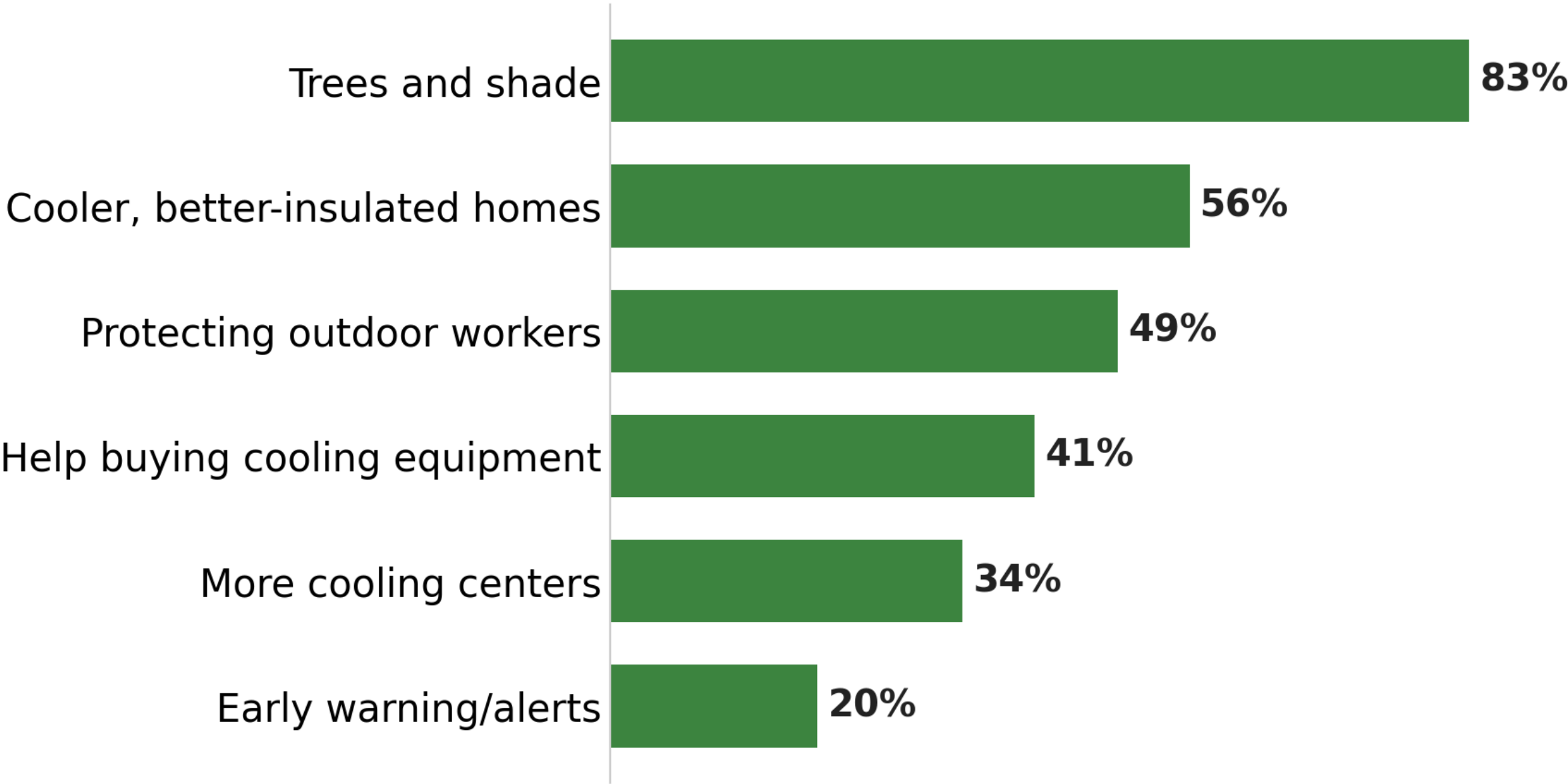
- 676 homeowners
- 451 renters
- 208 seniors (65+)
- 135 parents/caregivers

Limitations

- Renters were underrepresented.
- Youth were 5% of respondents (59 people)
- Self-description groups overlap

Public Survey (Early Results)

Trees and shade are the most widely requested climate support



83%

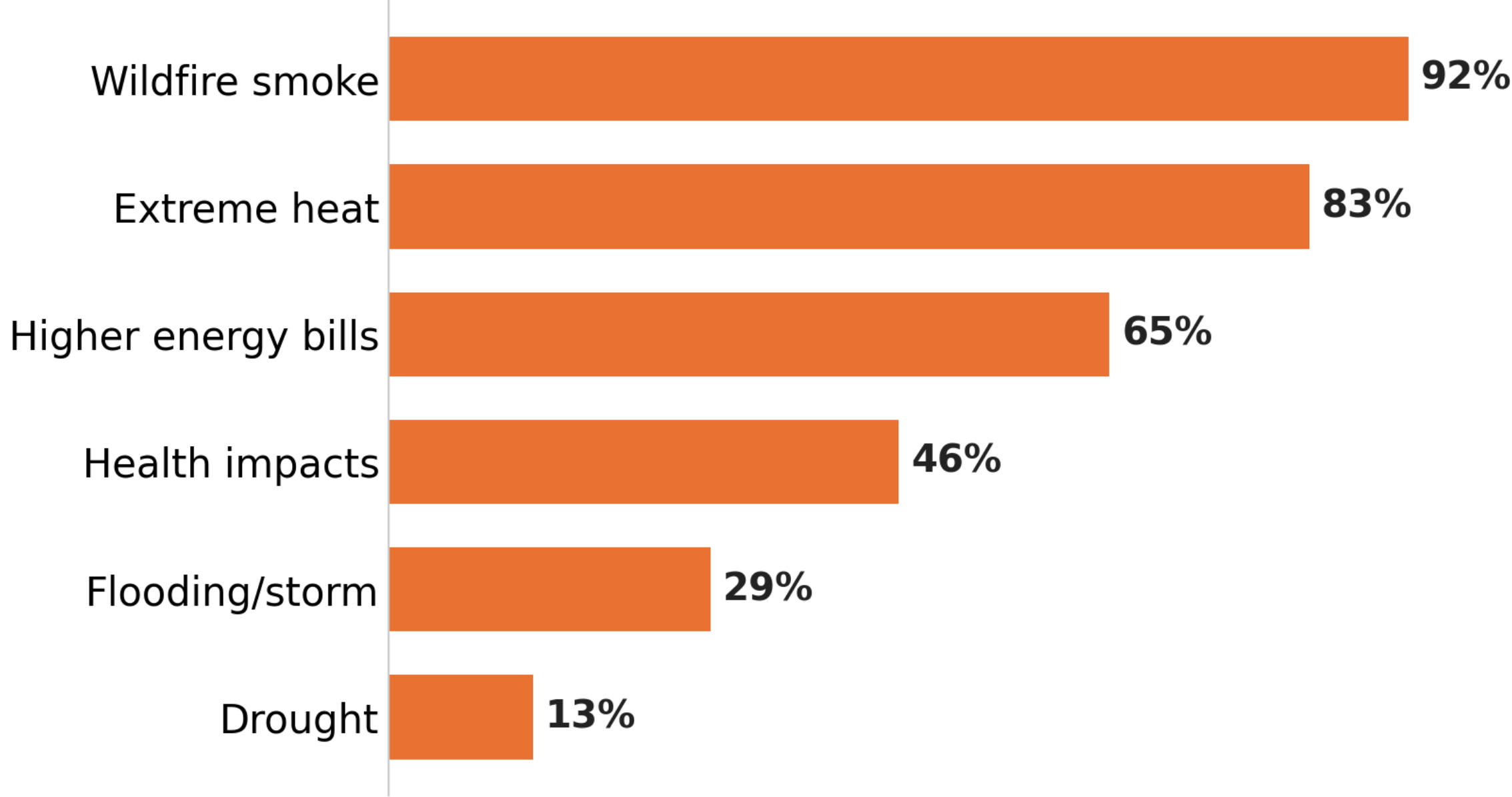
selected trees and shade

Respondents also identified:

Cooler homes
Outdoor-worker protection
Help buying cooling equipment

Youth showed greater interest in alerts, cooling centers, and cooling-equipment help.

Public Survey: Heat and wildfire smoke are already common experiences



92%

experienced wildfire smoke

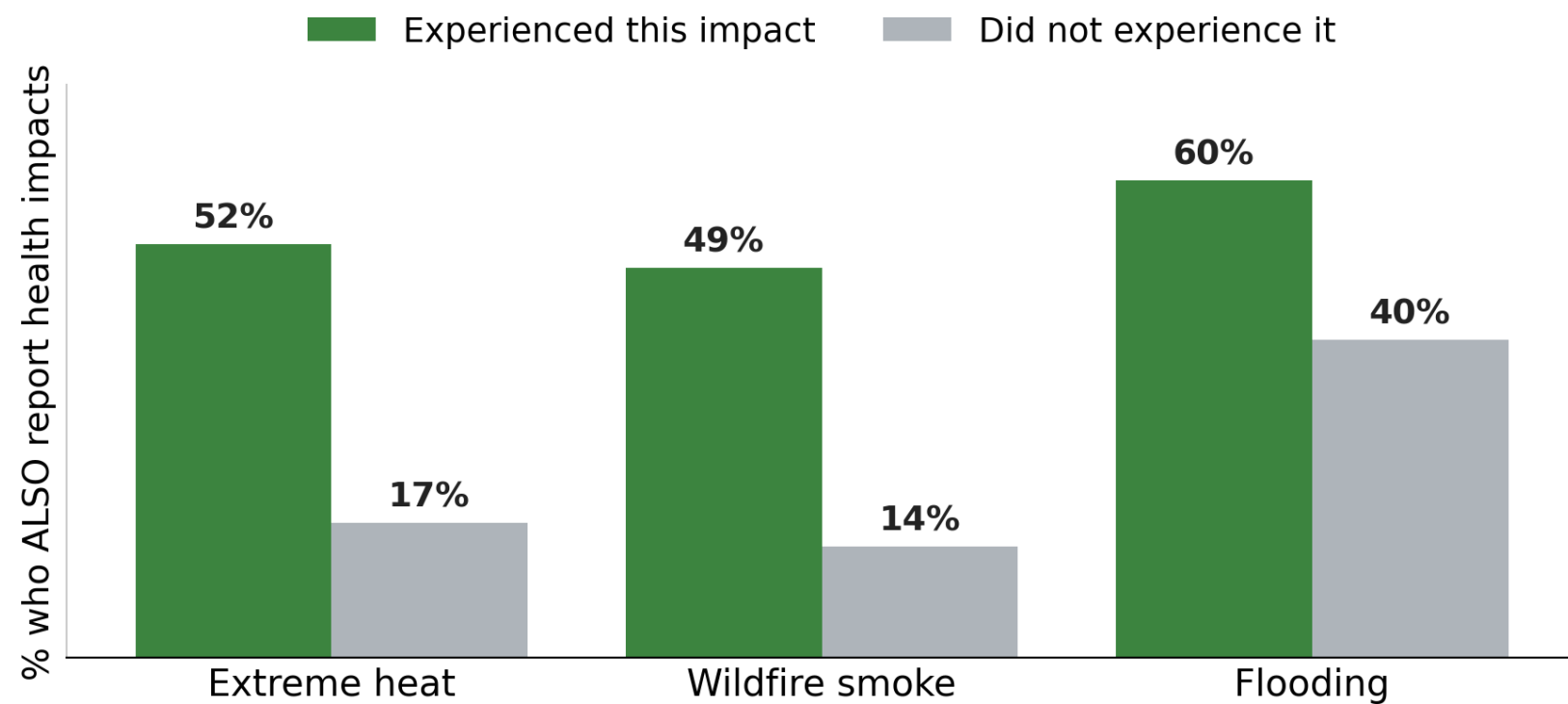
83%

experienced extreme heat

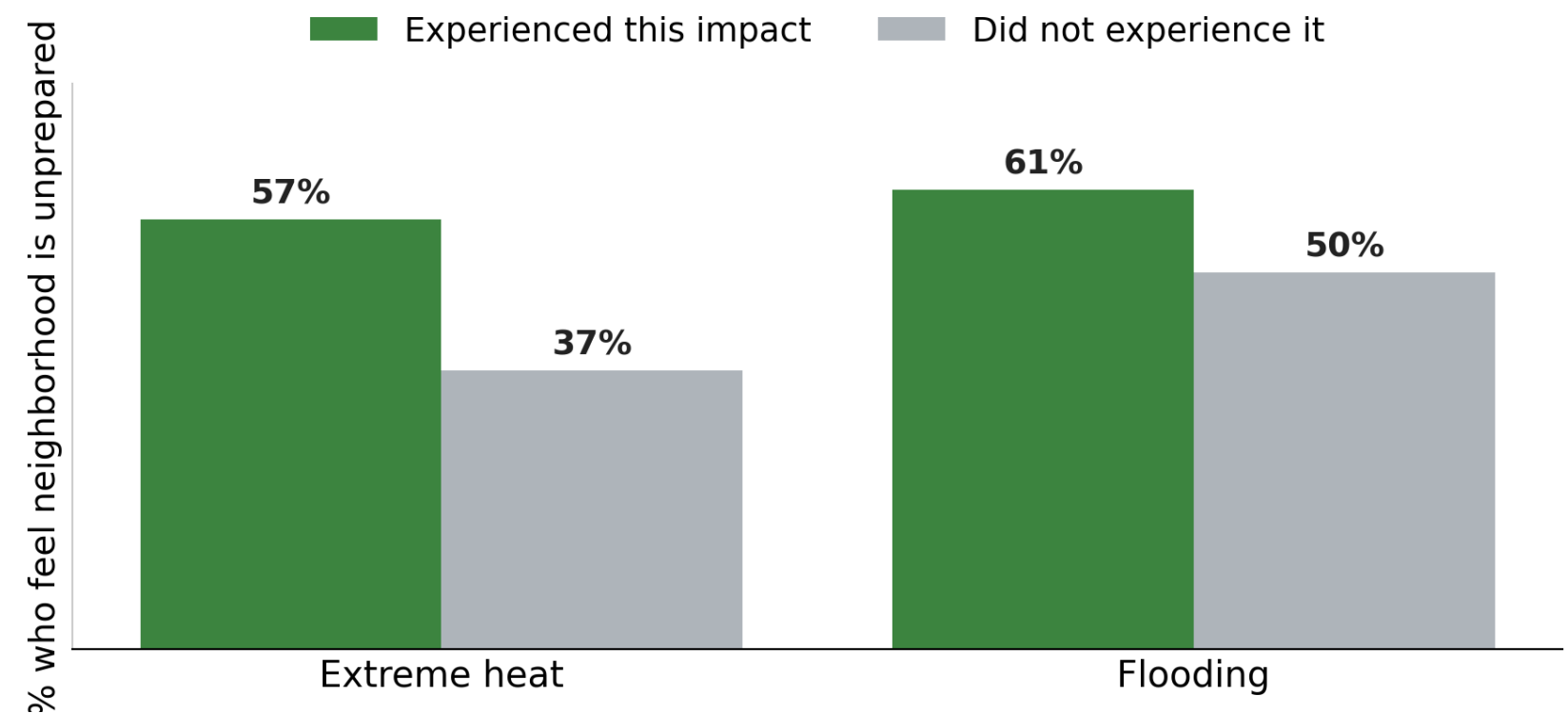
Higher energy bills and health impacts were also widely reported.

Reported impacts are associated with health harms and lower preparedness

Health impacts



Neighborhood preparedness



Respondents reporting heat, smoke, or flooding were also more likely to report health impacts; those reporting heat or flooding were more likely to feel unprepared.

Residents connect climate action to everyday life

HEAT + SHADE

“There are lots of homes still without cooling... and homes without any shade cover.”

FLOODING

“The pipes are old and small, and I’ve seen backups near my house in the street during storms.”

GREEN SPACE

“These have a huge impact on daily life and mental health. Increased access to green space is crucial.”

Sample of illustrative comments from CAP open-ended survey responses



Introducing Action Families

CAP Framework: Action Families

1. Low-pollution, climate-ready buildings
2. Expand clean, connected transportation
3. Power Seattle with reliable clean energy
4. Prepare communities for climate impacts
5. Restore and protect ecosystems
6. Protect and steward water systems
7. Reuse more, waste less
8. Transform food systems
9. Create climate careers and economic opportunity for all
10. Promote health in a changing climate



Action Families 1–5



1

Low-Carbon, Climate-Ready Buildings

Build new and upgrade existing homes and buildings to use clean energy, cut climate pollution, and withstand extreme weather while moving toward net-zero emissions by 2050.



2

Expand Clean, Connected Transportation

Make it easier, safer, and more affordable to get around by expanding transit, walking, biking, and electric vehicles, while cutting transportation pollution.



3

Power Seattle with Reliable Clean Energy

Power homes, businesses, and neighborhoods with renewable energy, stronger infrastructure, and a modern grid prepared for future demand and climate impacts.



4

Prepare Communities for Climate Impacts

Equip neighborhoods - especially those hit hardest by heat, flooding, and climate change - to be prepared for extreme weather and emergencies with trusted spaces, community support, and tools to stay safe.



5

Restore and Protect Ecosystems

Restore forests, trees, creeks, waterways and natural areas so nature can do what it does best - cool our city, clean our air, improve our well-being, and absorb climate pollution.

Action Families 6–10



6

Protect and Steward Water Systems

Safeguard our drinking water and improve Seattle’s water, drainage, and wastewater systems to prepare for a changing climate.



7

Reuse More, Waste Less

Rethink how we use materials, from everyday products to building supplies, to reduce waste, cut climate pollution and build healthier communities.



8

Transform Food Systems

Grow a food system that feeds people well, wastes less, and holds up under pressure, with more access to healthy, local food across every neighborhood.



9

Create Climate Careers and Economic Opportunity for All

Invest in pathways for good jobs, workforce training, and local business growth so Seattle’s climate investments strengthen neighborhoods and expand economic opportunities for everyone.



10

Promote Health in a Changing Climate

Address the health impacts of climate change by reducing risks from extreme weather and climate anxiety, while strengthening community support and public health systems especially for our frontline communities.

CAP Update Timeline





What questions do
you have?

Thank you!

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Community Engagement Committee



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Committee Updates

- Toolkit process
 - The committee has been updating different sections and will review a draft at the next committee meeting.
- Creating a schedule of community events
 - There has been discussion on attending community partner led events to talk about the Board's work.
- Next steps for the CEC led community event
 - Due to hard deadlines and the Board reprioritizing the scope of work, the CEC needs to discuss the best path forward for the event.