

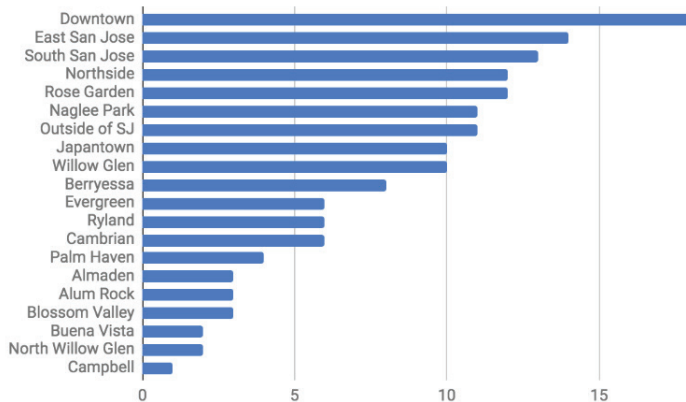
EVERYONE AT THE TABLE COMMUNITY MEAL IMPACT REPORT

The Everyone At The Table Community Meal was a collaboration between City of San Jose Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services and Hunter Franks Studio. The meal took place on October 19, 2018 at Paseo de San Antonio in Downtown San Jose. One long 200-foot table hosted residents from around the city to connect with their neighbors and discuss ideas for public space in San Jose.

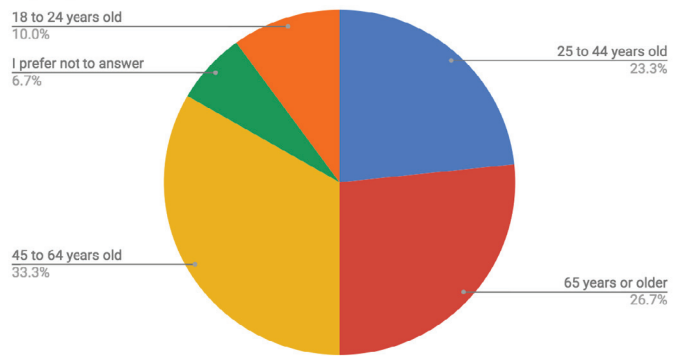
Prior to the meal, favorite household recipe from several residents were collected and printed onto custom ceramic plates. These plates were used at the community meal, creating a unique way to connect people from different neighborhoods. During the meal, attendees were guided by volunteer facilitators to discuss the challenges and opportunities they see with public space in San Jose. All ideas were shared with City officials and community leaders.

WHO ATTENDED

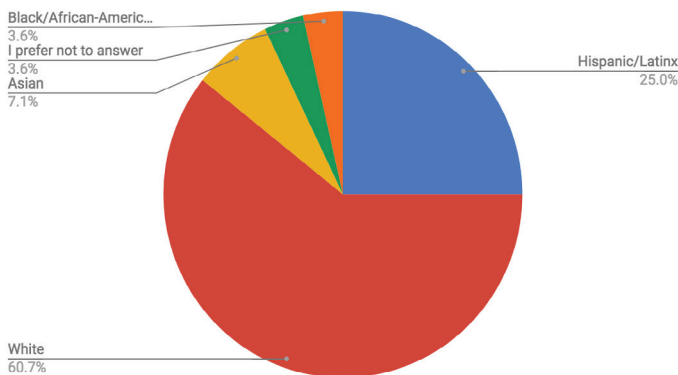
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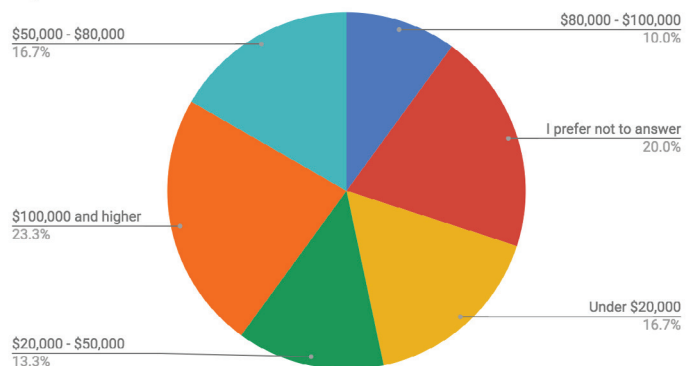
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I identify as:

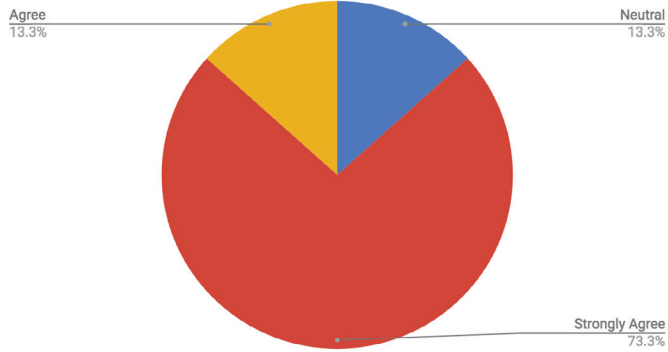


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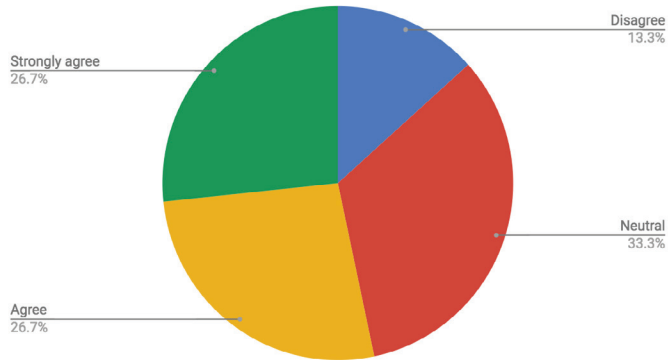


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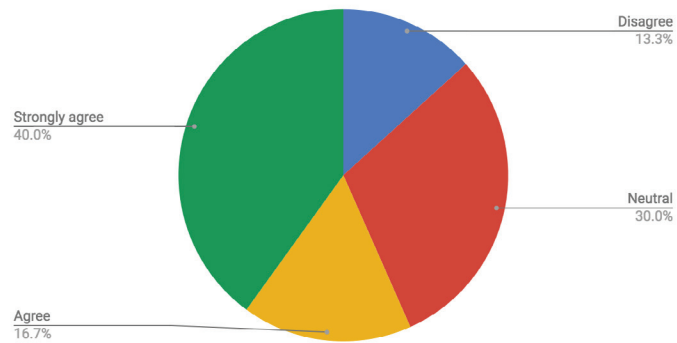
I met someone new at the event



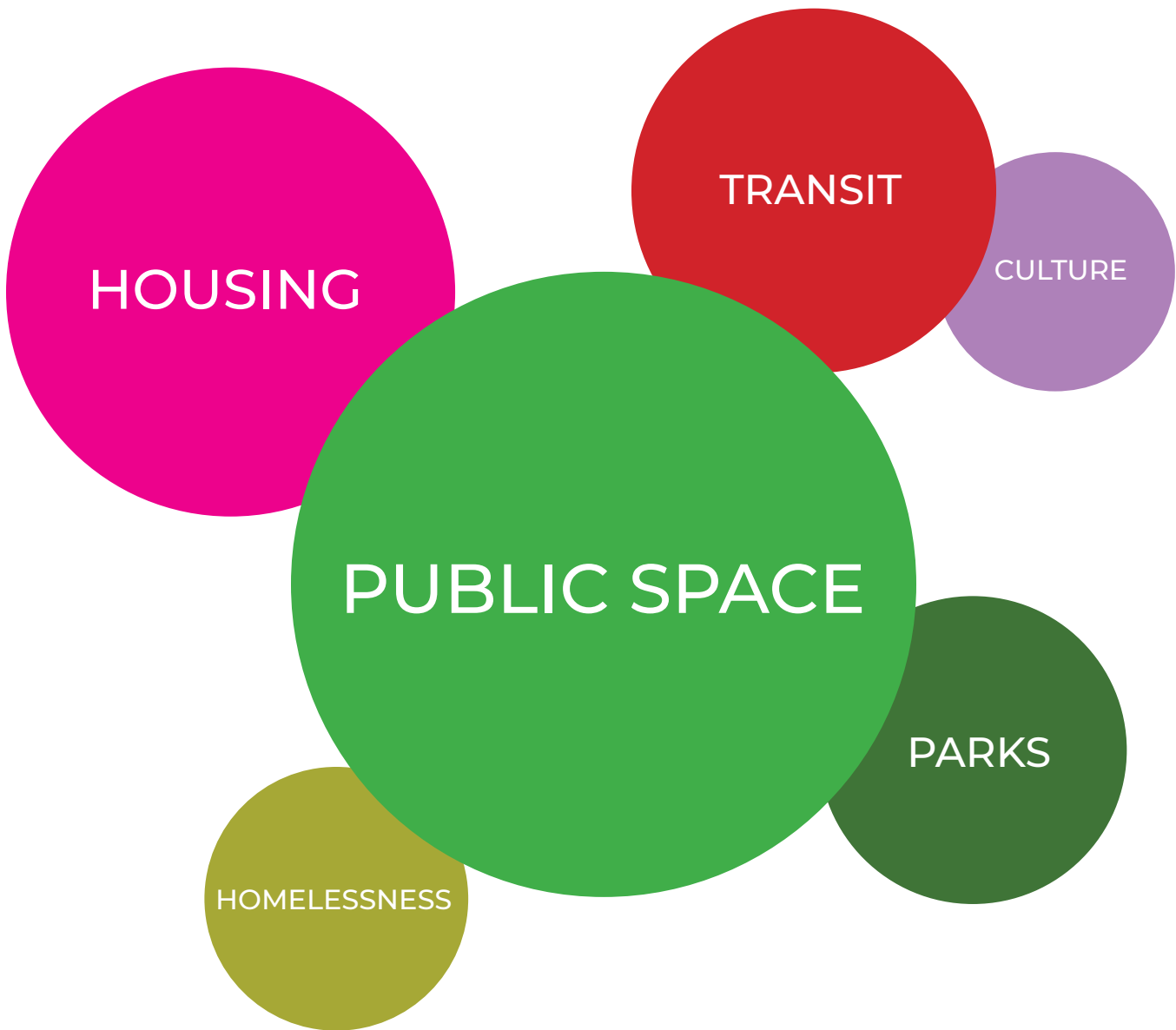
I feel more connected to other SJ residents after the event



I had a meaningful conversation about public space at the event



WHAT WAS DISCUSSED



How might we create more connection and community in public spaces in San Jose?

“more celebration of spirit and culture”

“more affordable housing”

“free public wifi in all parks”

“pipe music throughout the city to make everyone happy and create spontaneous dancing”

“Friday evening music and dance party in each park”

“more neighborhood get togethers at the local park. Kids theater, local musicians, etc.”

“fruit and vegetable exchanges”

ATTENDEE FEEDBACK



“People from all backgrounds, denominations and economic conditions sitting together, sharing a meal and meaningful conversations on why they love the city. Great exchange of ideas.”

“My husband and I loved it! We just moved into Paseo Plaza. We immediately felt a part of the neighborhood.”



“I love that my city is investing in events like these and really making an effort to gather and connect folks. Bridge-building is where the healing and strengthening happens. Thank you!”

“I loved watching my granddaughter enjoy herself and meeting new people.”



“Great ambience and diversity of people!”



“I enjoyed meeting and talking with people who shared similar interests but who had different opinions from mine, and practicing active listening skills with them.”

