

Community Feedback On FY18 Budget

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An Improved Budget Process

- August 2016 BFA: reviewed improved process for setting annual budget priorities
 - Inform City Council with community input
 - Use Plan Houston as guide
 - Consistent with E.O. 1-53 and Administrative Policy 4-10
- Today: share results of community feedback
 - Background info for future budget retreat

3 Community Feedback Methods

- Priorities exercise
- Plan Houston Steering Committee
- Citizen satisfaction survey



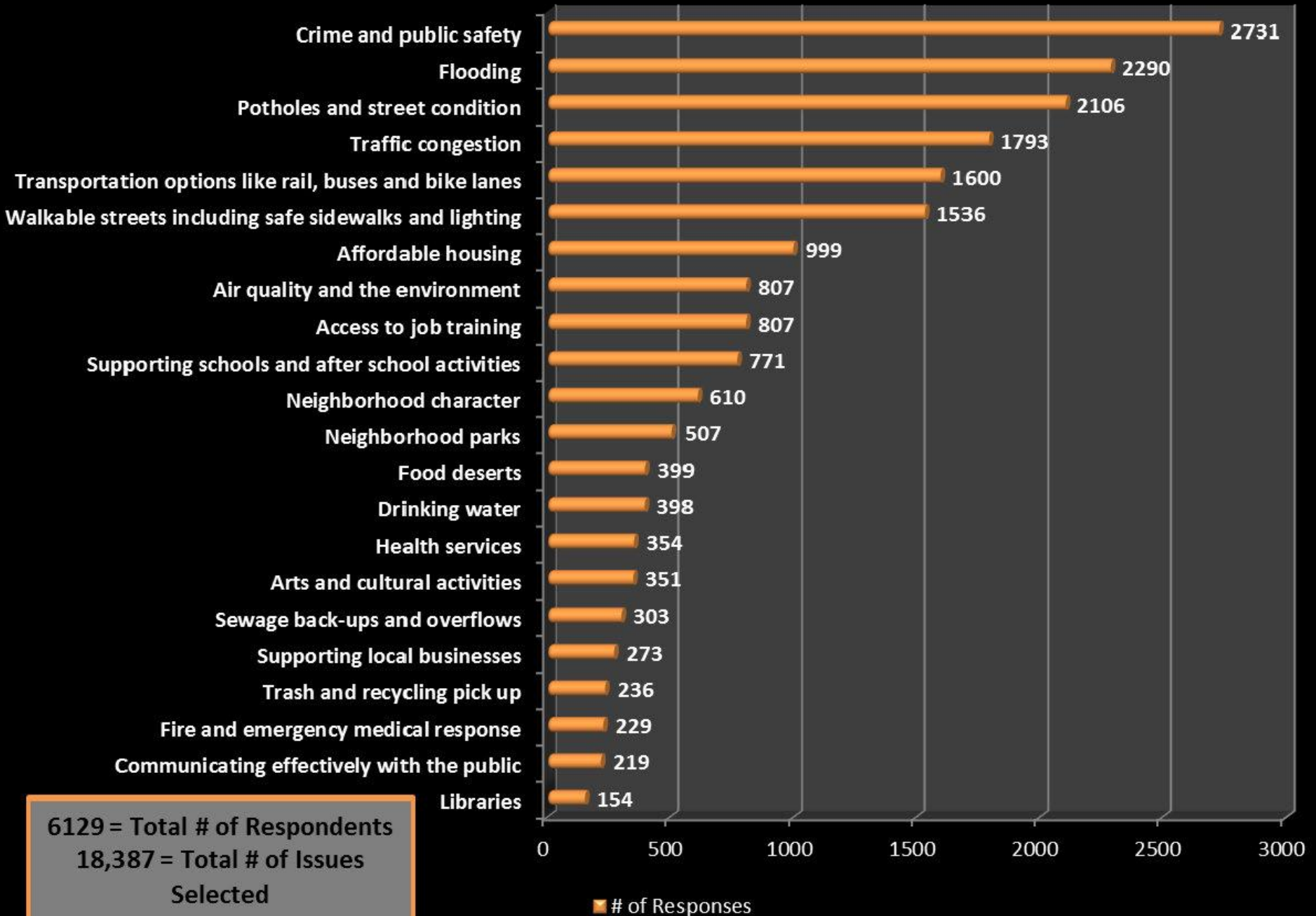
Priorities Exercise

- Simple snapshot of community priorities
- One question:
 - “If the City could place a greater focus on three issues in the next year, what should those issues be?”
 - Select from 22 options based on Plan Houston
- Primarily on-line survey tool
 - Paper copies available
- Zip code, written comments as well

Getting the word out

- Citizens Net and other email lists
- Paper surveys at libraries and multi-service centers
- Meetings and events:
 - Organization meetings
 - Workshops
 - Neighborhood events
 - Sunday Streets
 - Veterans Day Parade
- Four languages
- 6,129 responses within City limits

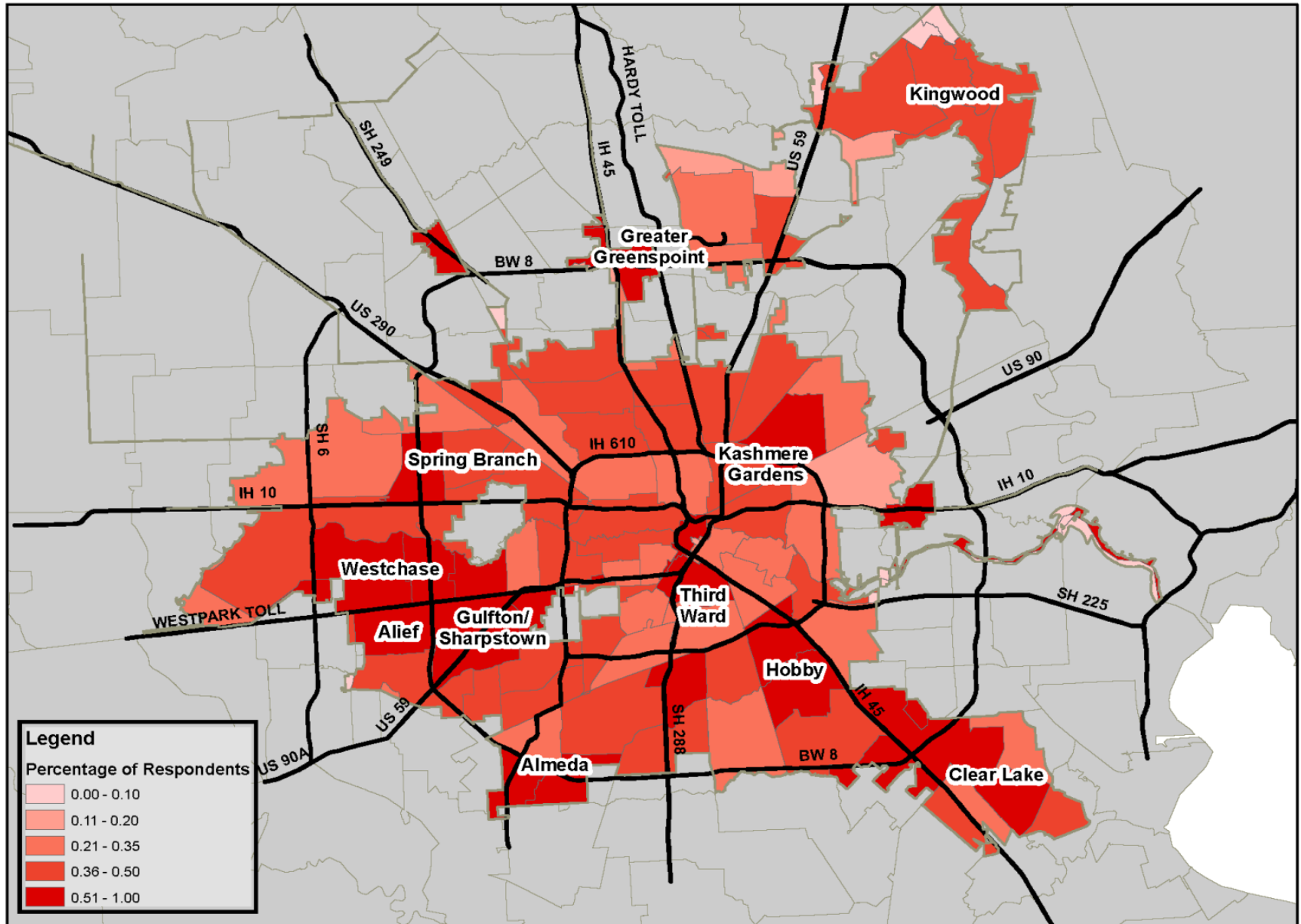
Plan Houston Responses



Map to be added
Distribution of responses by zip code



Responses By Zip Code: Crime and Public Safety

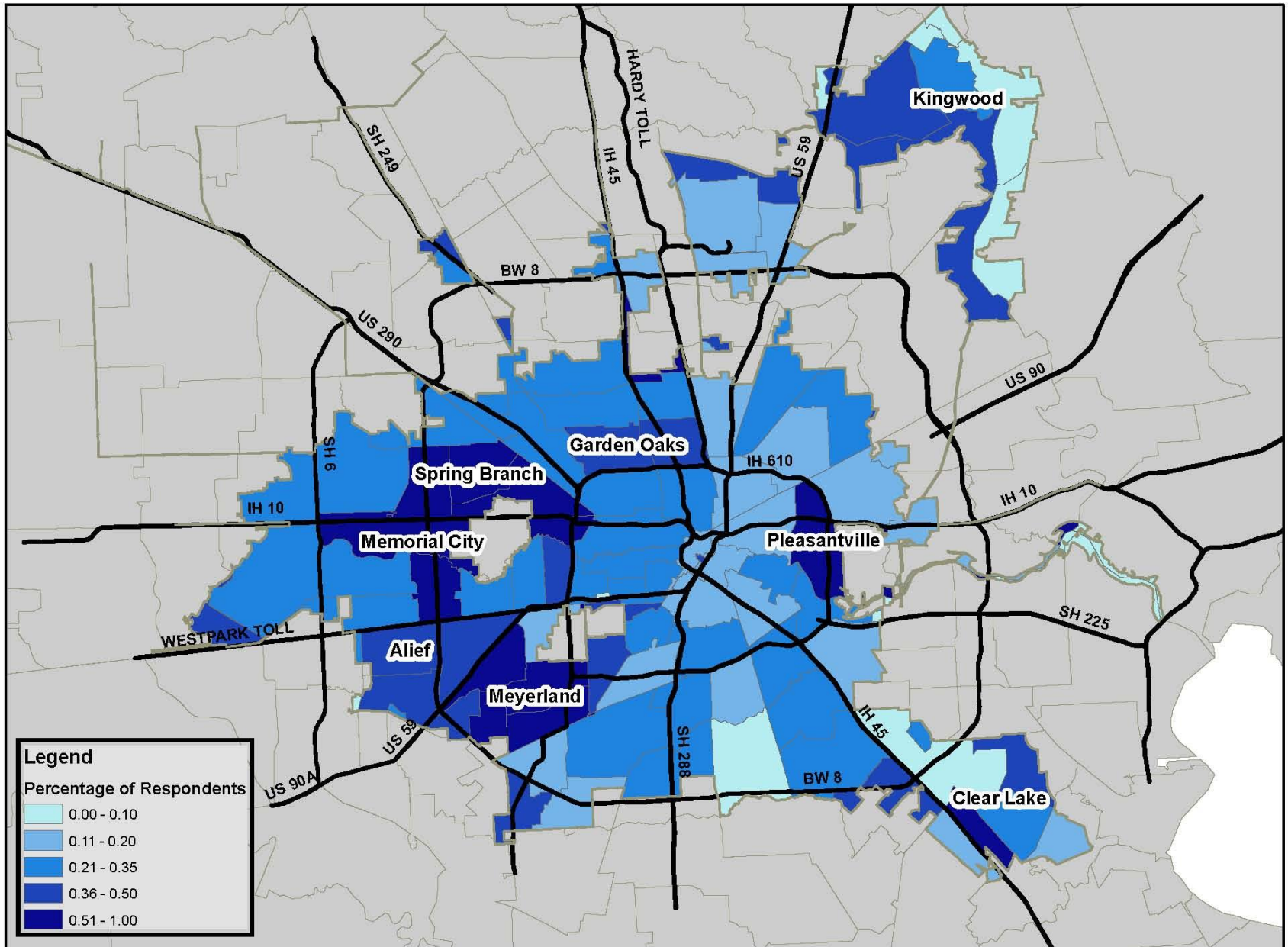


2730 Respondents Prioritizing Crime

0 2 4 8 12 16 Miles



Responses By Zip Code: Flooding



2290 Respondents Prioritizing Flooding

0 2 4 8 12 16 Miles



Plan Houston Steering Committee

- Leadership from community organizations with broad-based responsibilities
- Provided input on priorities facing City
- Also served as ambassadors for encouraging public participation

Committee Membership

- Blue Print Houston
- Center for Houston's Future
- Central Houston
- Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Houston Builders Association
- Greater Houston Partnership
- Houston Tomorrow
- Houston Independent School District
- Houston Housing Authority
- Houston Endowment
- Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Houston Galveston Area Council
- Houston Area Urban League Young Professionals
- Houston Parks Board
- Houston Real Estate Council
- Houstonians for Responsible Growth
- Indo American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston
- Kinder Institute
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Management Districts
- Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs
- Planning Commission
- Super Neighborhood Alliance
- Texas Southern University
- Urban Land Institute



Committee Discussion

- Identify priorities based on Plan Houston survey
- Top priorities:
 - Transportation options like rail, buses and bike lanes
 - Affordable housing
 - Walkable streets including safe sidewalks and lighting
 - Supporting schools & after school activity
 - Traffic congestion
 - Flooding
 - Communicating effectively with the public

Committee Discussion

- Transportation options
 - City should lead regional transportation decisions working towards greater mode split
- Affordable housing
 - Develop comprehensive housing policy that promotes mixed income housing in desirable areas
- Walkable Streets
 - Enhance sidewalk policies to address investment priorities, development standards, interagency coordination and maintenance
- Additional information available in packet
- More info on planhouston.org

