

# Vernon

## Plan of Conservation and Development

Visioning

January 14, 2021



MILONE & MACBROOM

# WORKSHOP

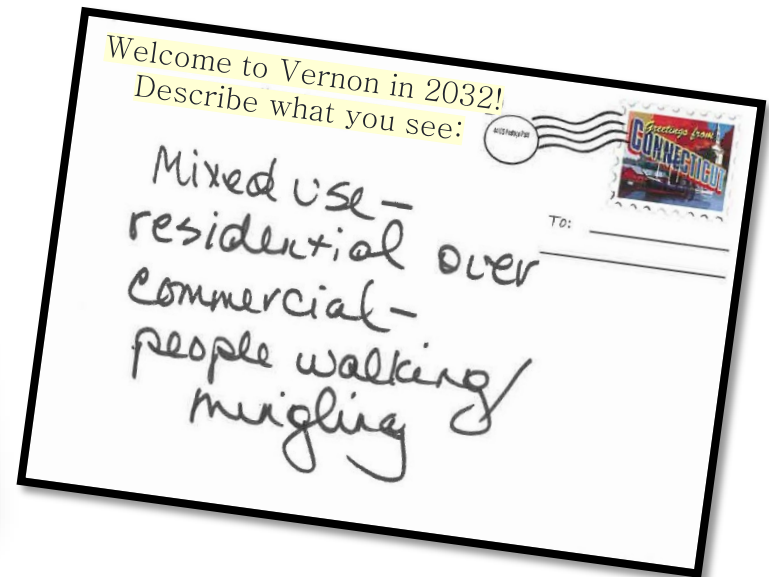
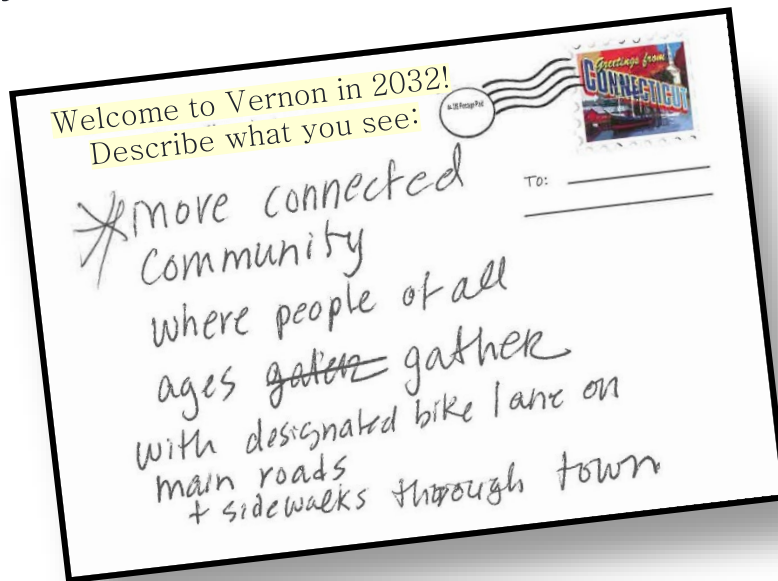
About 50 participants

## Intent:

- We need your input to help **prioritize issues and opportunities, verify the information** collected to date, and coalesce around an **overall vision** for Vernon and the Plan
  - Which issues are most important?
  - Where do you wish to see Vernon ten years from now?
  - Narrowed topics for discussion tonight, but feedback on any POCD topic is welcome
- A follow up workshop will be held in the spring and will focus on specific strategies to help achieve that vision

# EXERCISES

- **Top 3** land use issues in Vernon
- **Commercial & Industrial Uses** – How should this development be encouraged?
- **Rockville sites** – What would you like to see?
- **Housing** – How do we balance demand and development?
- **Pedestrian Access** – Where are sidewalks most needed?
- **Postcards from the Future** – Imagine Vernon in 2032. What do you see?



## TOP 3 PLANNING ISSUES

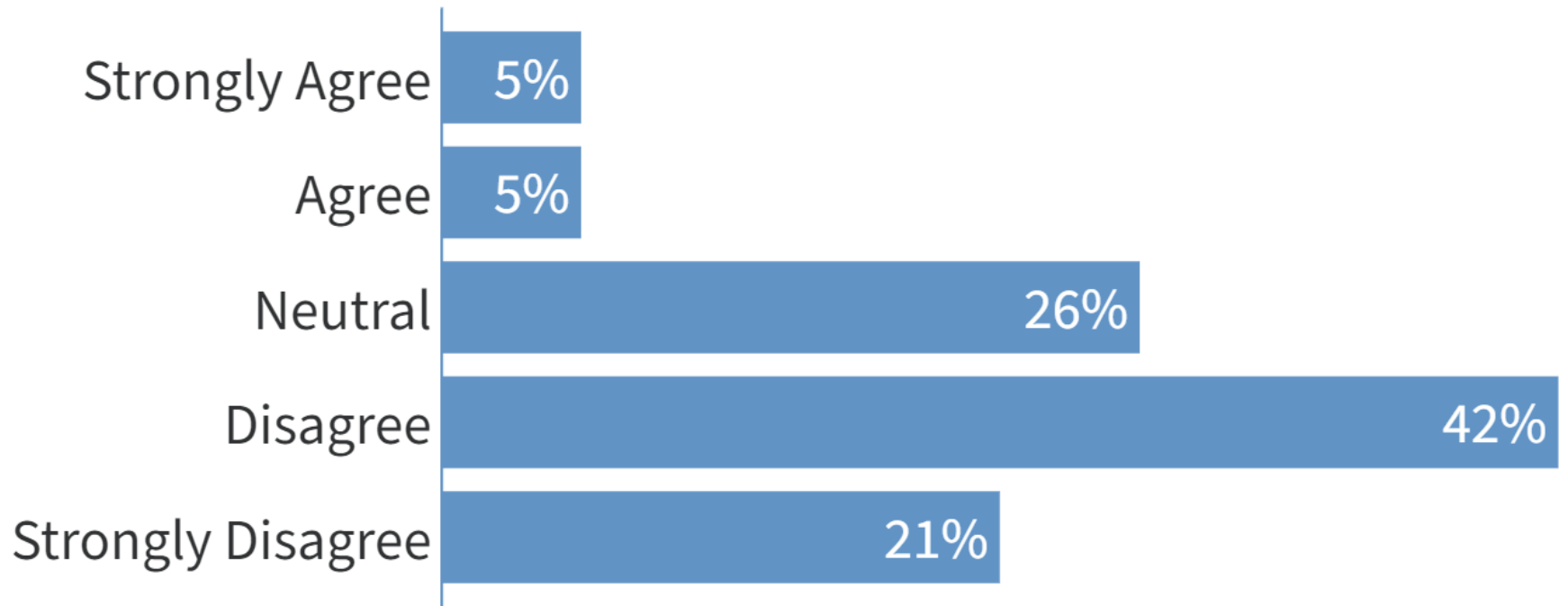
1. Conservation & Open Space
2. Economic Development
3. Walkability

**What are the 3 most important planning issues facing Vernon? (Enter each issue separately)**



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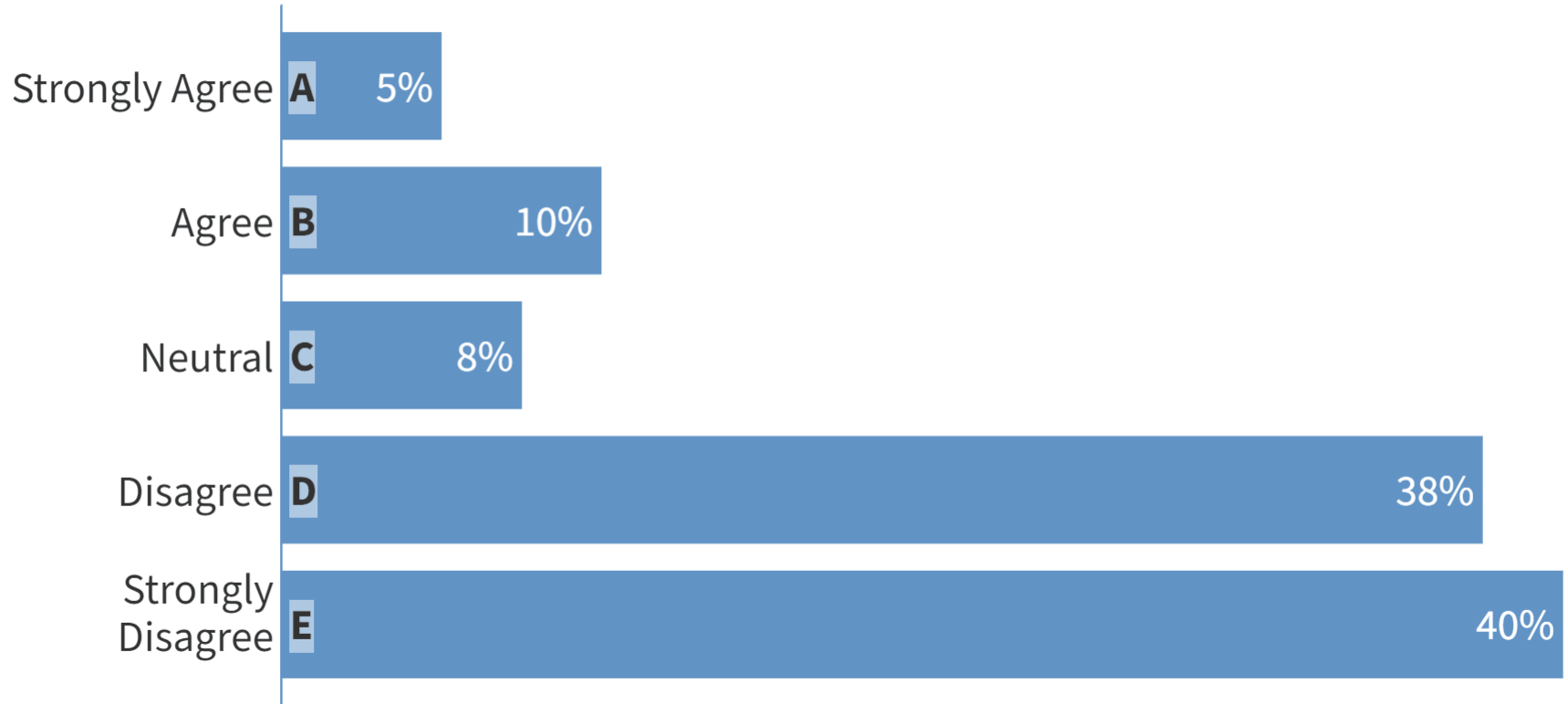
**I often visit Rockville for shopping and personal services**



Total Results: 38

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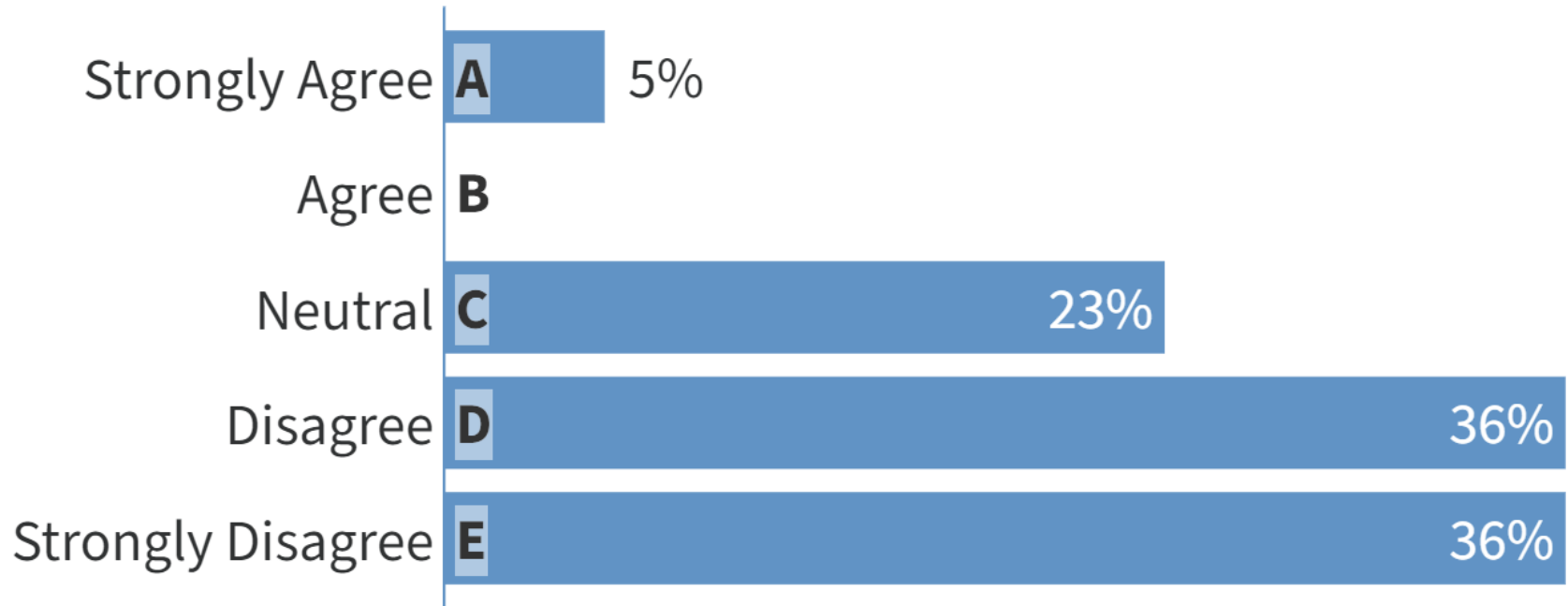
**I often visit Rockville to go out to eat**



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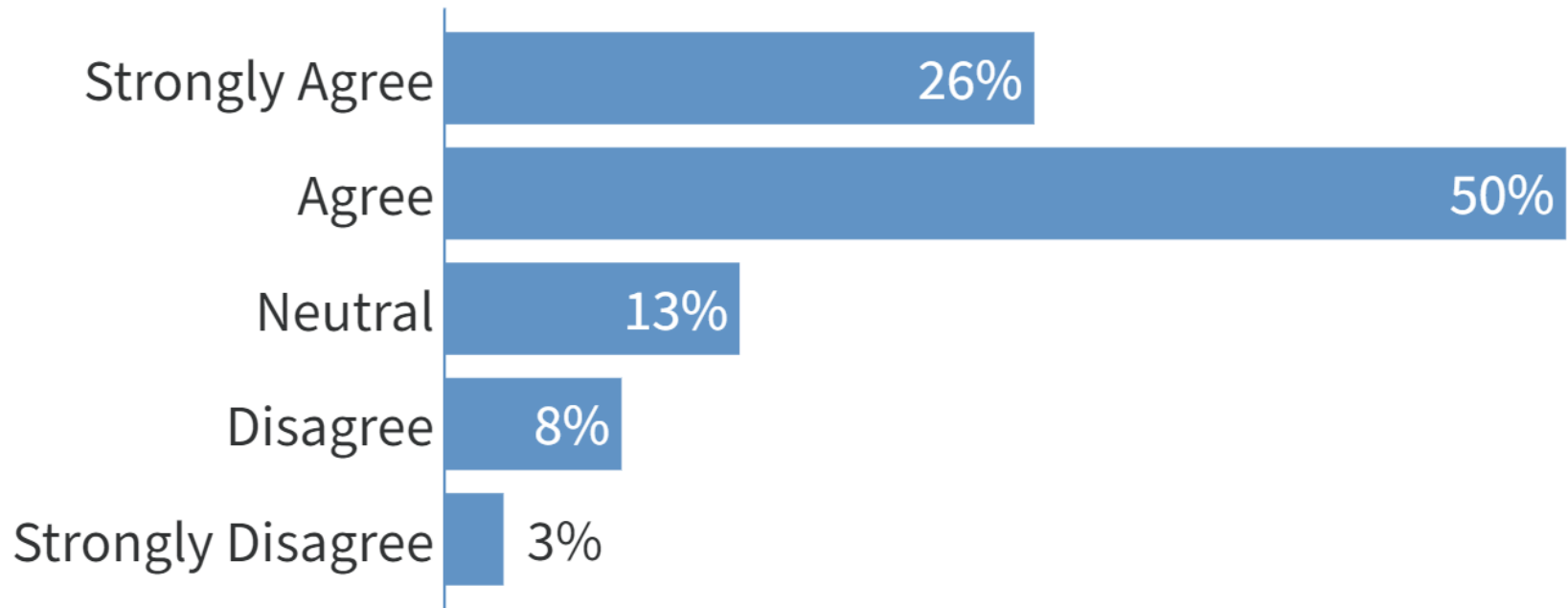
## I often visit Rockville to get health care



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# ROCKVILLE

## I often visit Rockville to use government services



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# ROCKVILLE

1. Brewery & Dining
2. Entertainment
3. Retail

## What uses or amenities would you like to see in Court House Plaza?



# ROCKVILLE

1. Community Space
2. Arts & Culture
3. Brewery

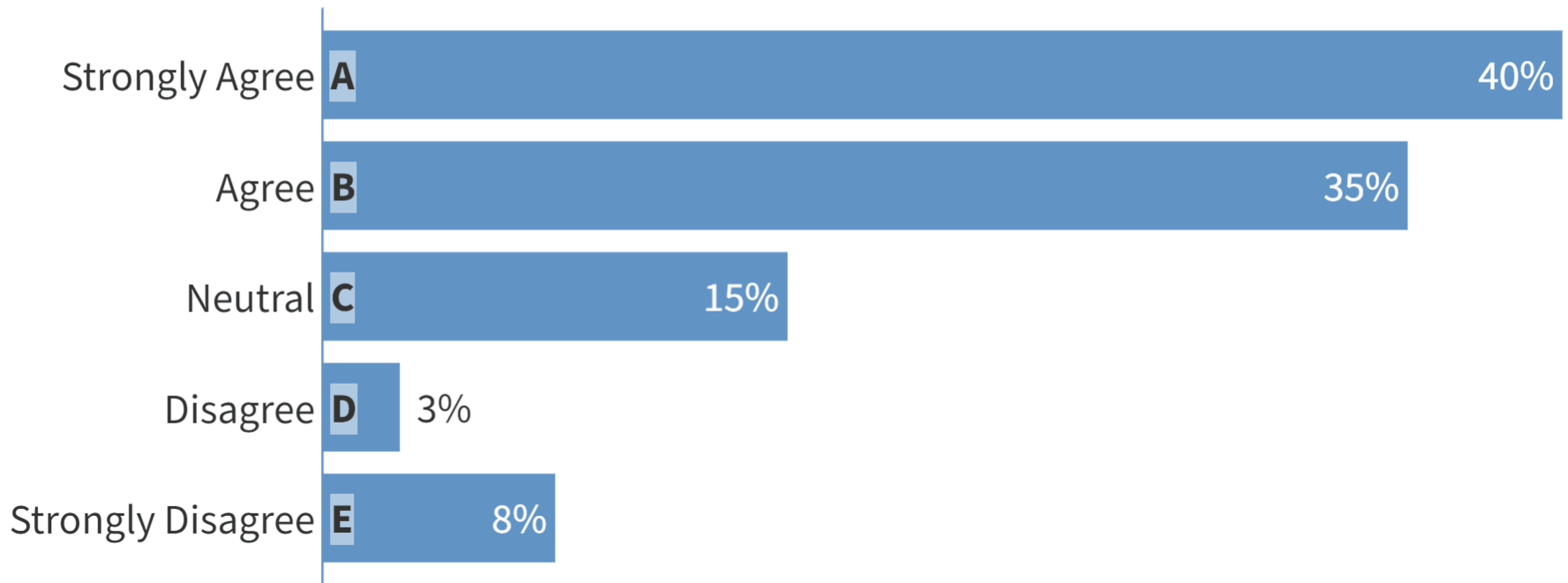
**What uses or amenities you would like to see in Historic Rockville buildings?**



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# COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

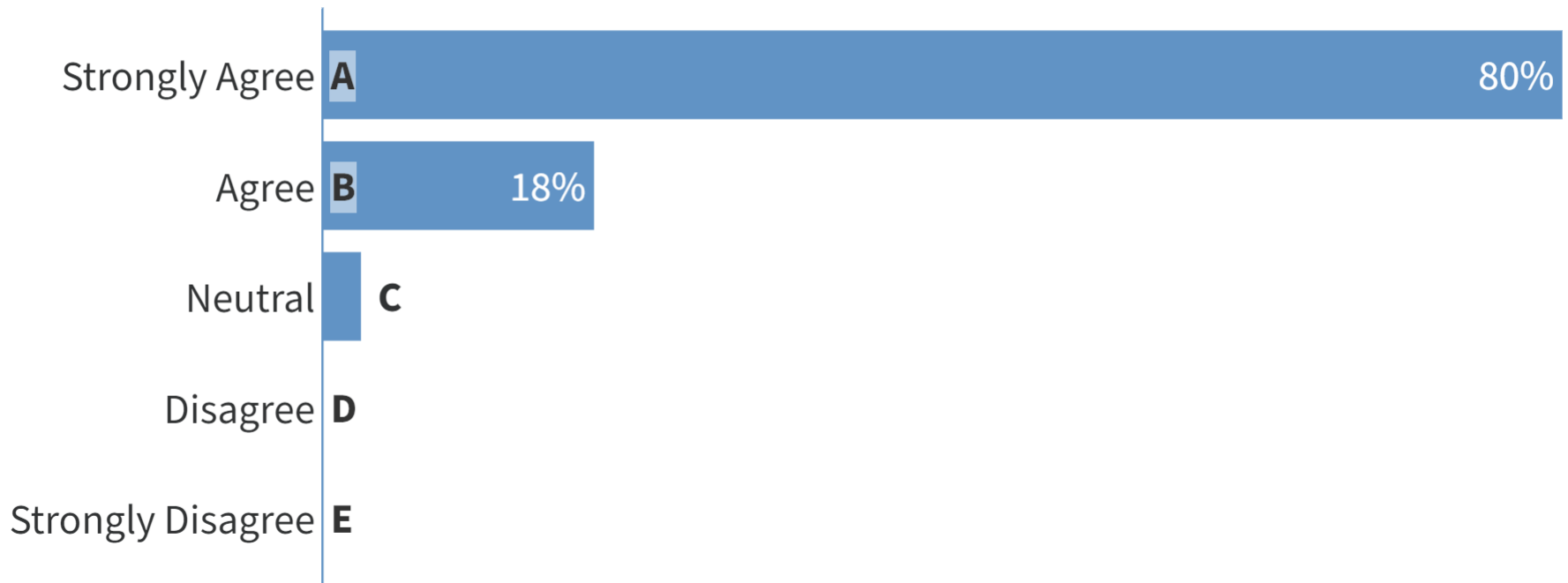
**Vernon should expand sewer and water infrastructure to existing commercial and industrial zones**



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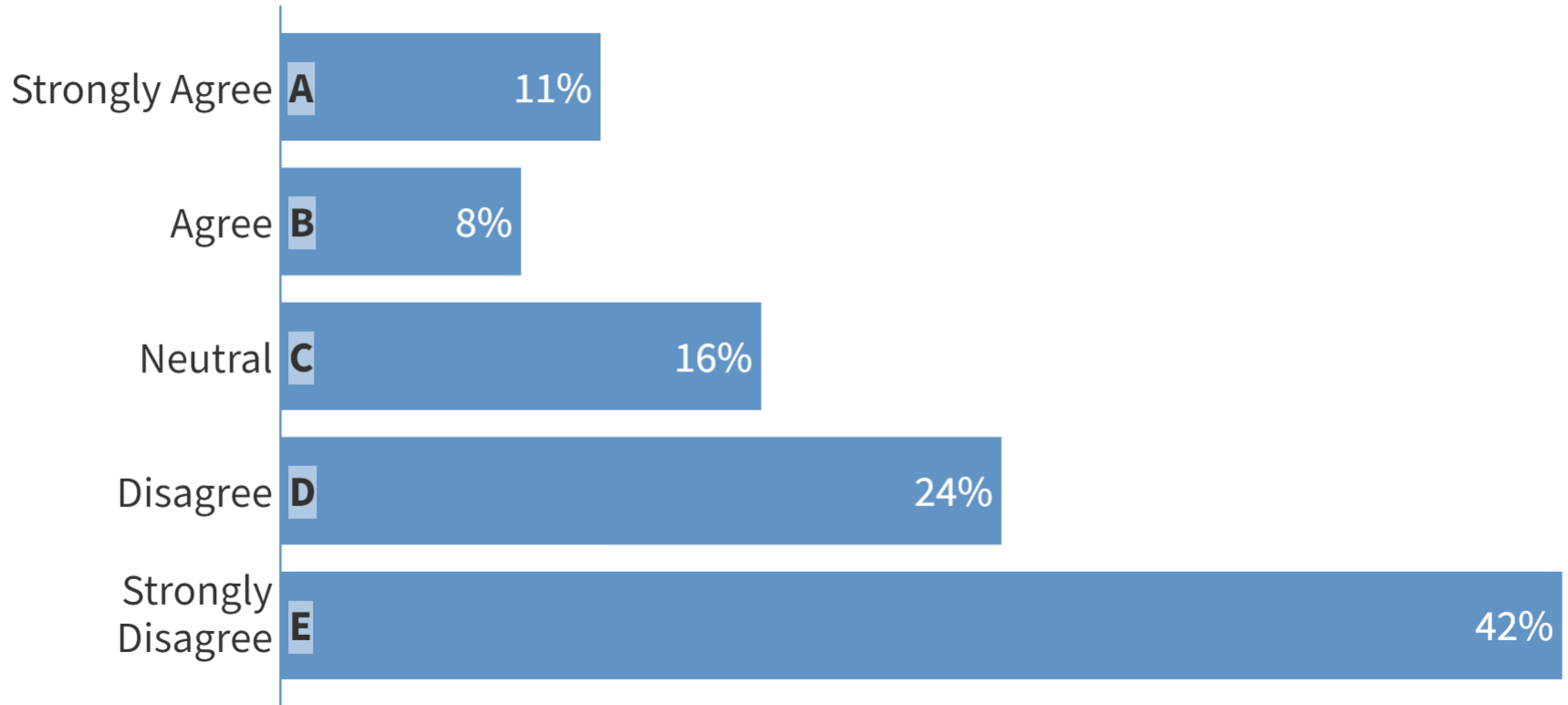
**Vernon should pursue redevelopment of underutilized properties in existing commercial and industrial zones**



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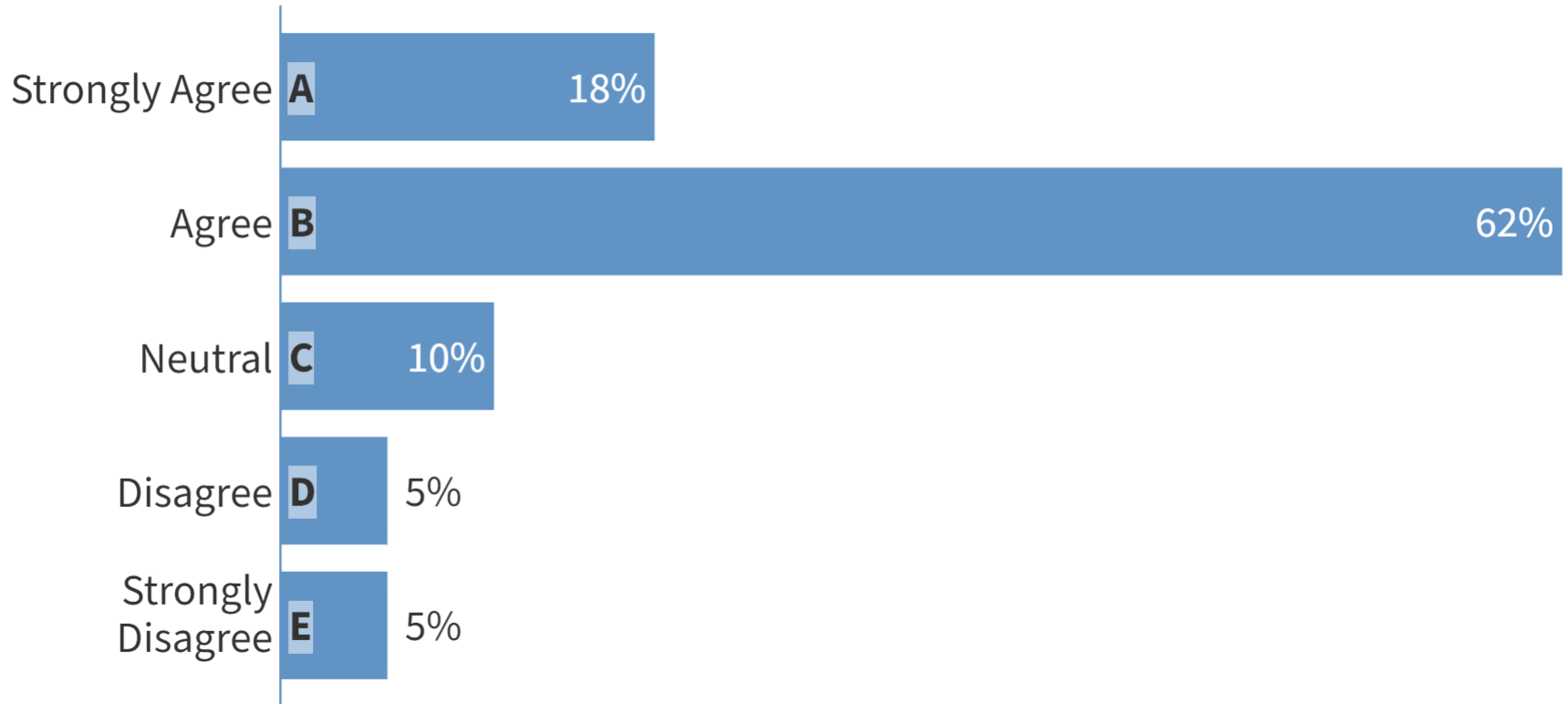
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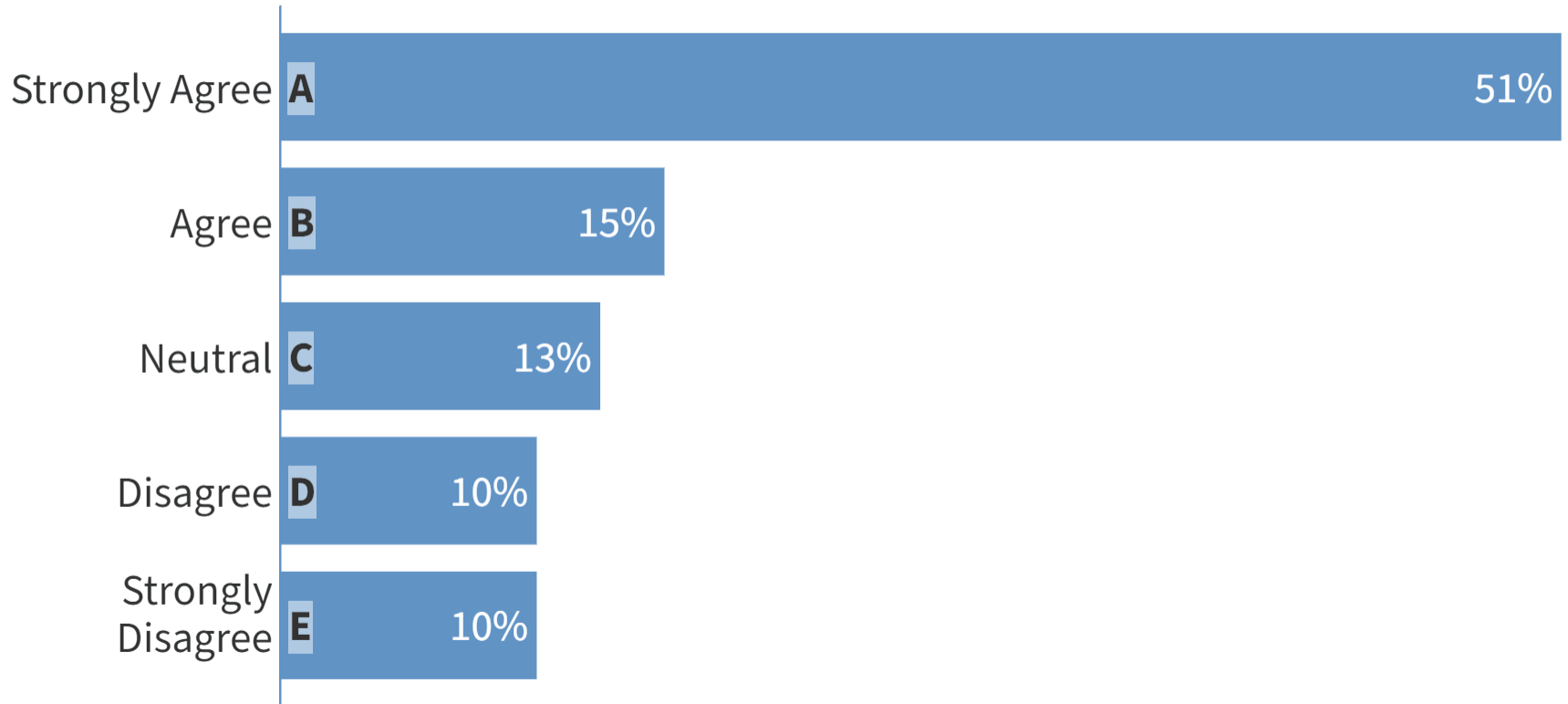
**Vernon should allow more light industrial uses within commercial zones**



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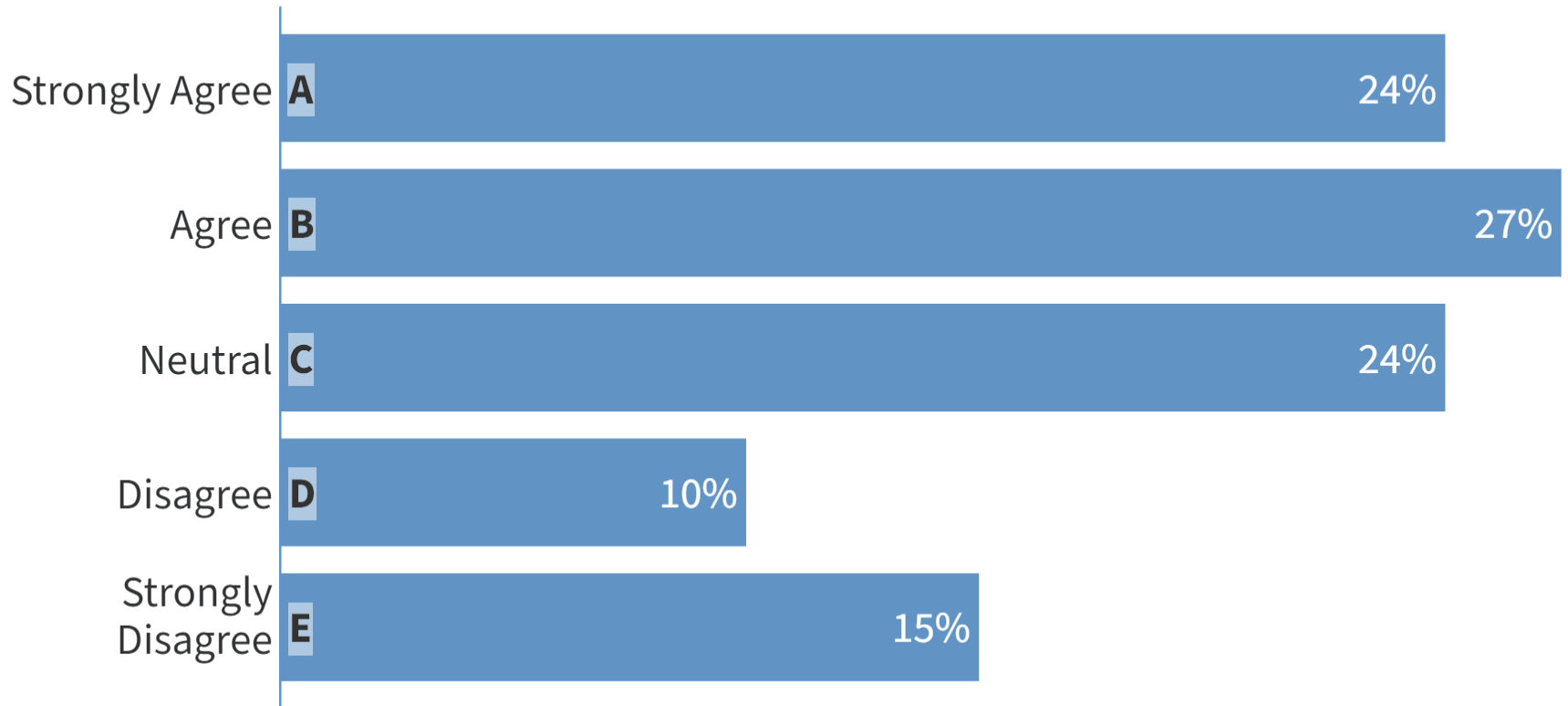
**Vernon should pursue economic development near Exit 67**



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**Vernon should pursue economic development near Exit 66**

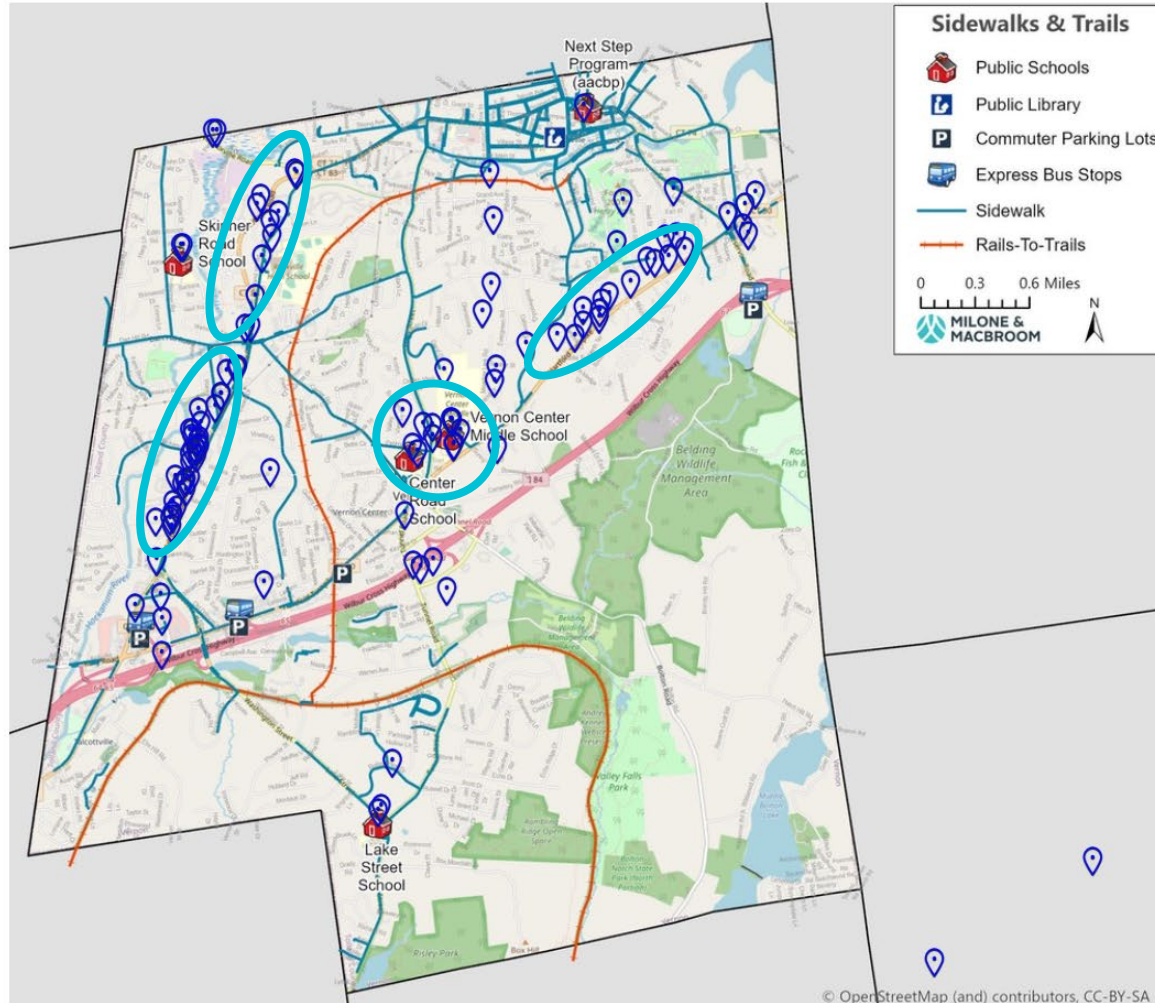


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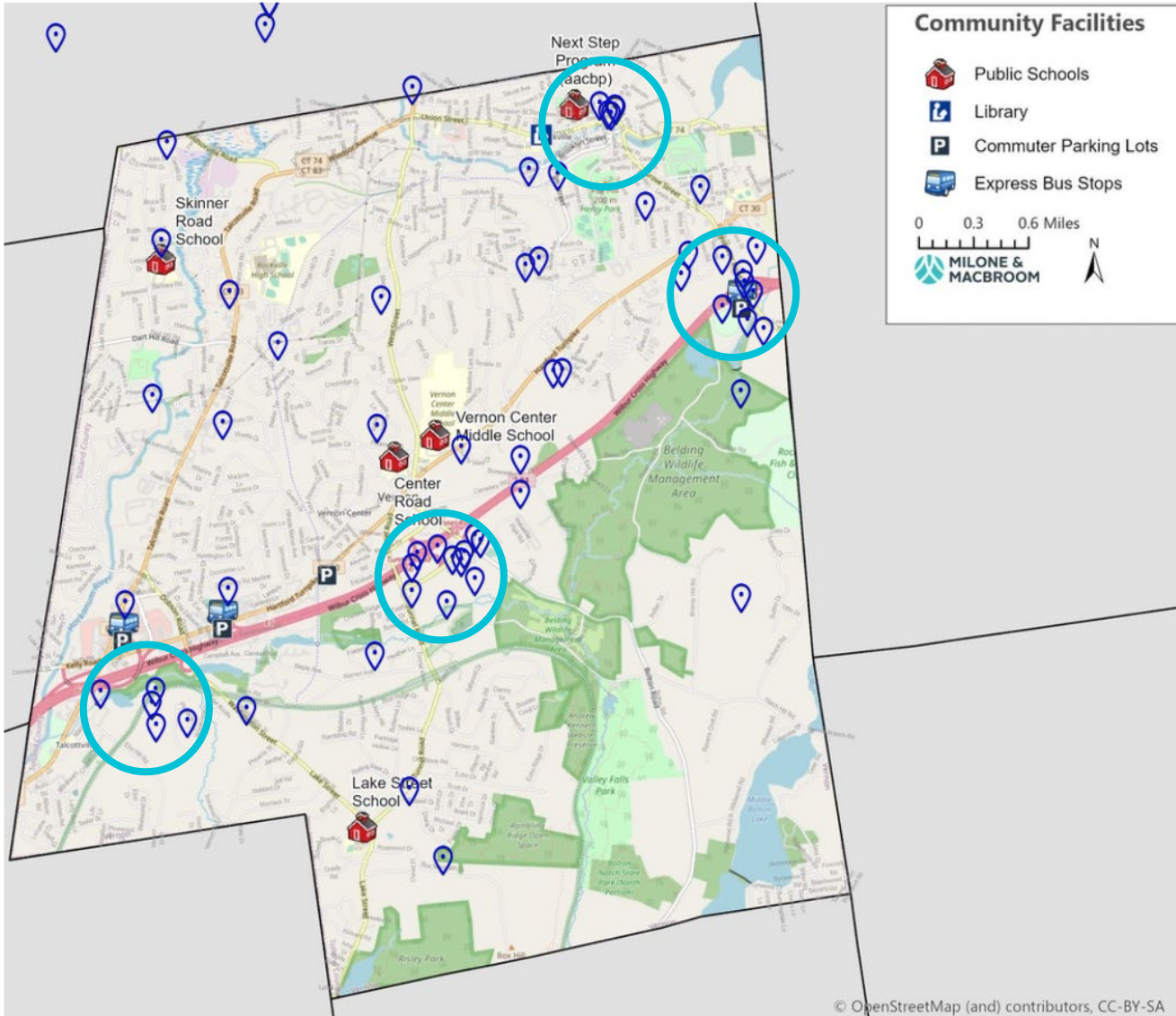
# PEDESTRIAN PRIORITIES

Where should Vernon prioritize continuing its existing sidewalk network? (Top 5)



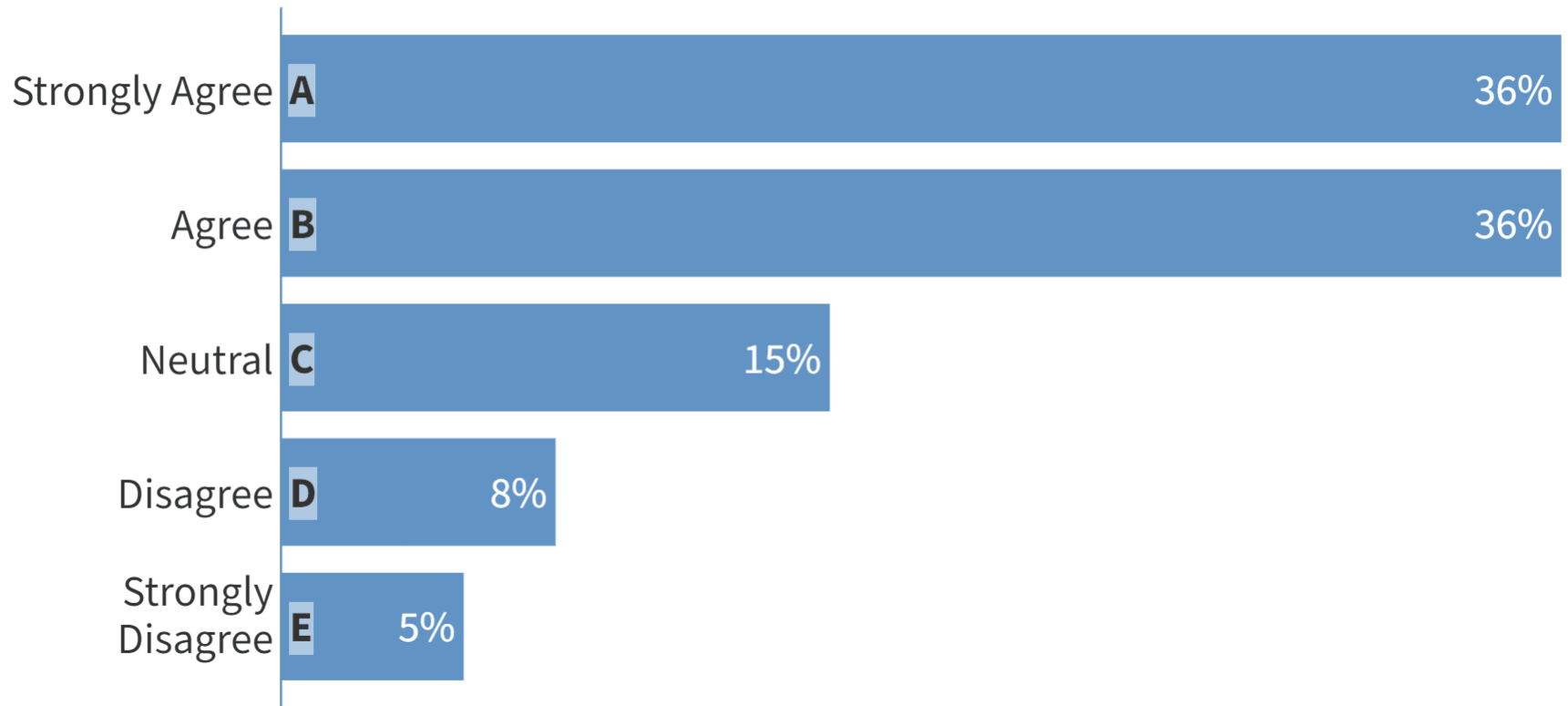
# HOUSING

## Where should Vernon direct multifamily units? (Top 3)



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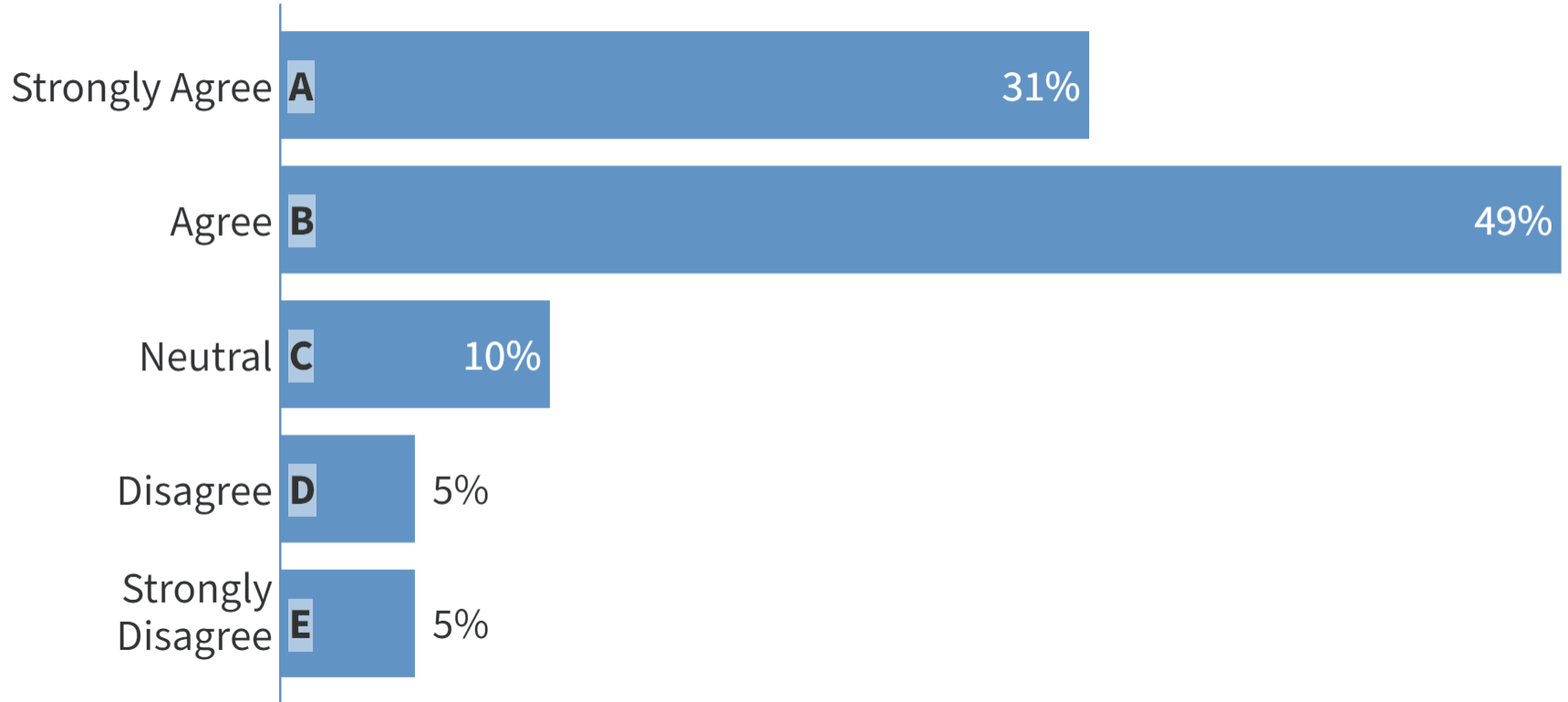
## Vernon should allow "In-Law"/ In-fill Apartments



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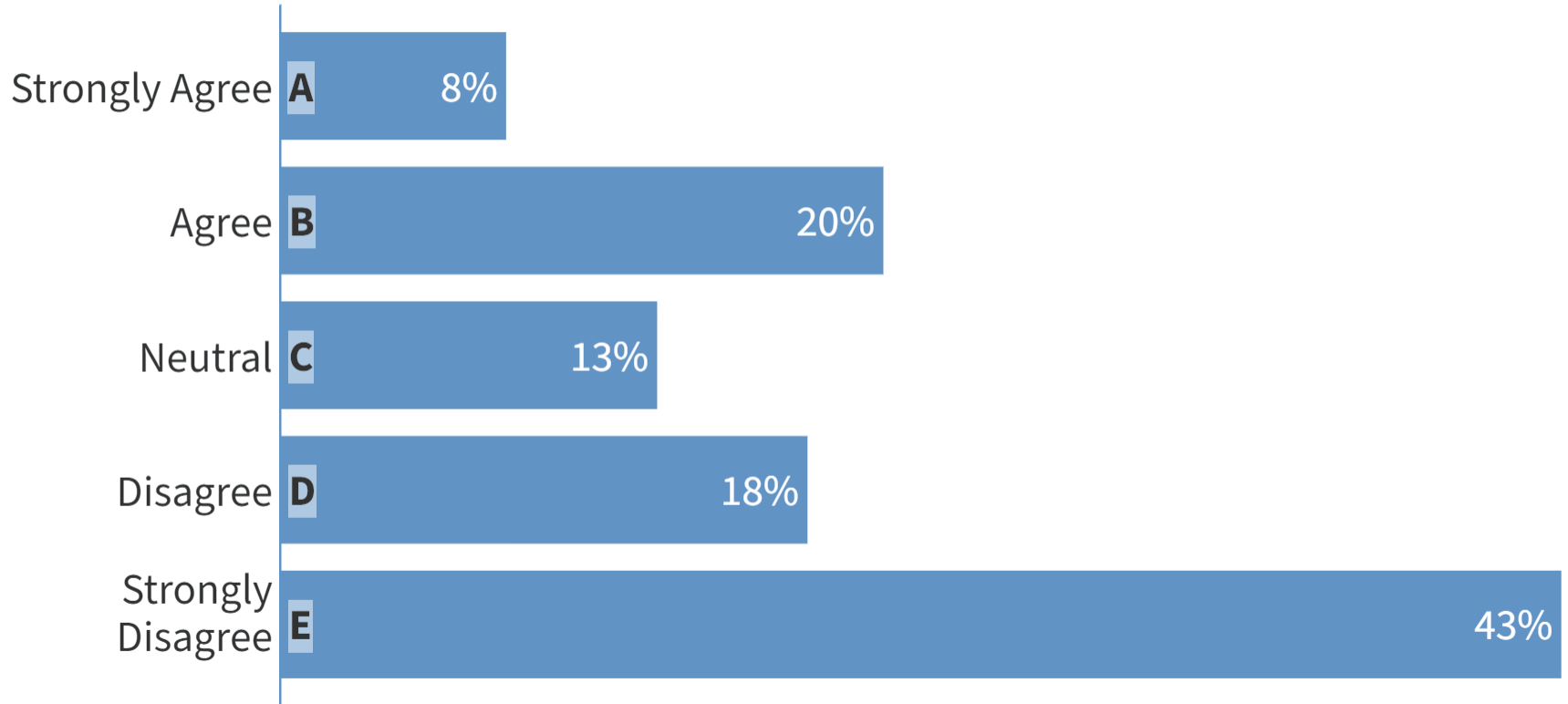
## Vernon should allow Residential units in Commercial Zones



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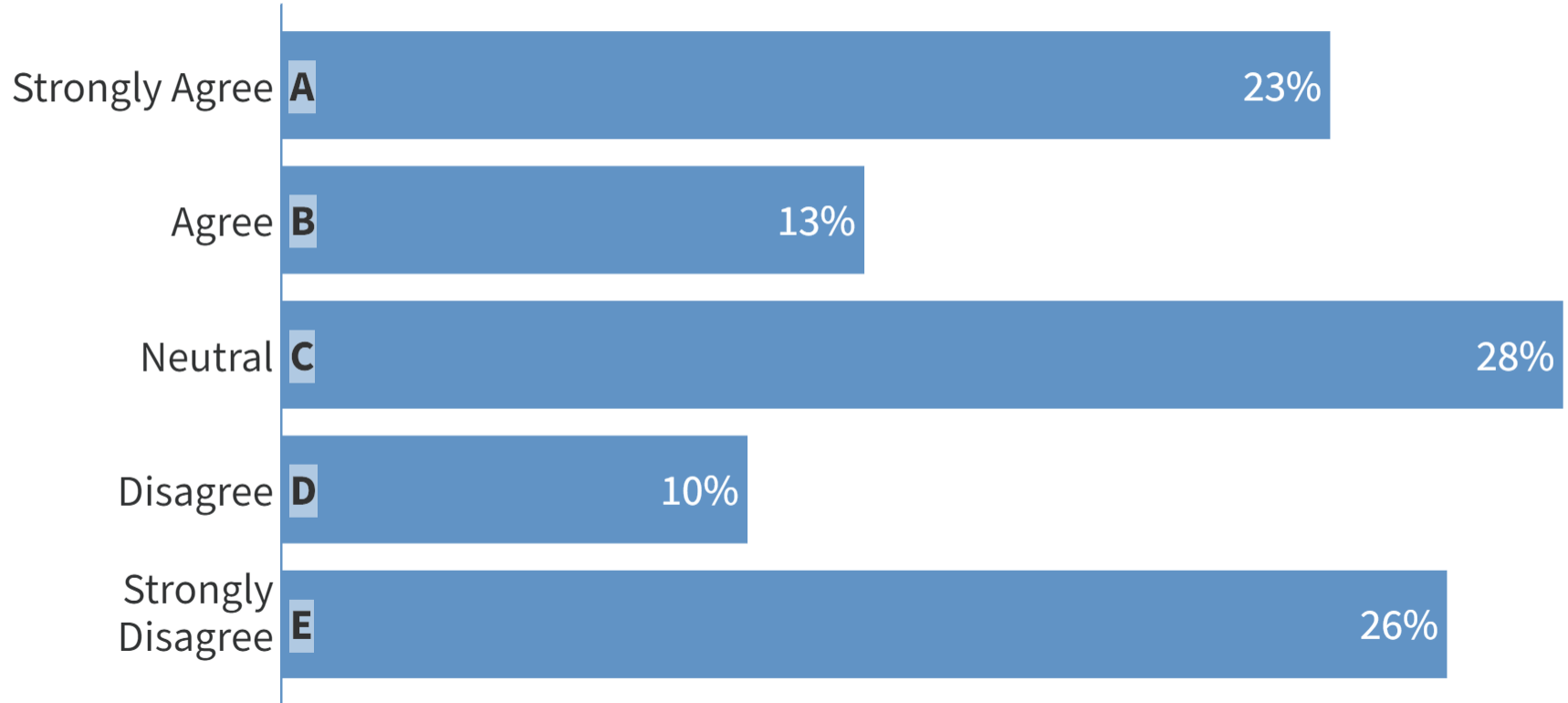
**Vernon should allow more 3-4 units in certain Single-Family Zones**



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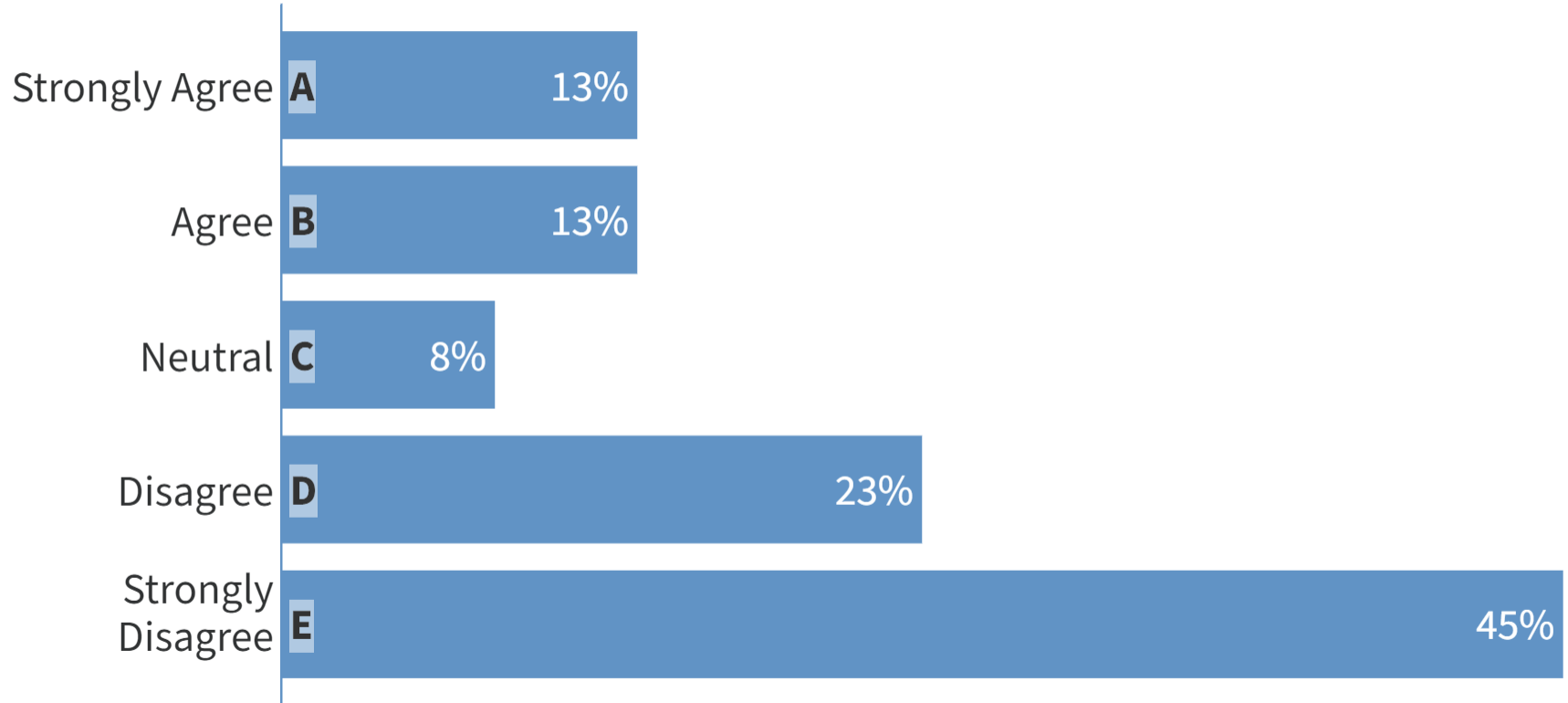
## Vernon should designate multifamily zones



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# HOUSING

**Vernon should reduce minimum lot sizes in certain single-family zones.**



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# POSTCARDS FROM THE FUTURE

1. Vibrant & Thriving
2. Regional Destination
3. Live, Work, Play

## What does Vernon look like in 2032?





# OTHER TOPICS

- Questions or comments?
  - Please reach out to George McGregor, Town Planner at [GMcGregor@vernon-ct.gov](mailto:GMcGregor@vernon-ct.gov)
- Other topics will be covered in the spring workshop and in the Plan

## Open Discussion:

- Economic Development built from anchor institutions and businesses
- Emphasize unique mill and historic industrial character of the Town
- Balance residential styles
- Invest in internet infrastructure
- Education investments
- Preserving Tankerhoosen Open Space & other natural resources
- Increase Gateway Access & Wayfinding Signage
- Envisioning Rockville as an arts & culture district

