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## Resident Communications Survey

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## Executive Overview

Some 400 residents of Clackamas County were surveyed in January 2023, for their opinions regarding a variety of communications questions, as well as policy awareness and perception issues.
(0. In an unaided question, residents were first asked to identify the county issues they consider most important. Financial concerns were at the top of the list, including homelessness (32\%), problems associated with jobs and the economy (21\%) and the lack of affordable housing (10\%). Also high on the list was crime (19\%).

Most Important Issue Facing Clackamas County

(0. After being read a list of potential issues, the same economic issues remained the ones considered most important, however a number of lesser concerns arose. Adding their first and second responses, $12 \%$ mentioned environmental issues, $9 \%$ cited traffic and another $9 \%$ said road maintenance, while $7 \%$ mentioned wildfires.

Top Most Important Issues Clackamas County May Be Facing

(\% Most residents were very much or somewhat aware of opportunities to be involved in county government (67\%), although nearly one-third (32\%) said they have little or no awareness of such opportunities. Those with little or no awareness included $61 \%$ of immigrants, $55 \%$ of Latinos, and $53 \%$ of renters. Many of the younger residents (44\%) and a surprisingly high percentage of seniors ( $38 \%$ ) also said they had little or no awareness of opportunities to be involved.

『. As to reasons for not participating lack of time was cited by a majority ( $55 \%$ ), while one-fourth ( $26 \%$ ) said they are not interested in participating. About one-in-five ( $22 \%$ ) do not believe their participation is welcome or that such participation would any difference. Others cited a variety of conflicts or a lack of options.

Those with children were especially likely to cite lack of time (71\%) and/or a lack of childcare ( $9 \%$ ). Latinos were also more likely to mention those reasons ( $73 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively).

Reasons For Not Participating In County Decisions

(\%. Social media has become the top source of news and information among Clackamas County residents, as $34 \%$ cited those sources. Television was second, mentioned by $27 \%$, followed by print newspapers ( $9 \%$ ), online sources and information provided by the county ( $7 \%$ each), then radio (4\%).
(\% Nearly two-thirds of those 18-39 (62\%) cited social media, as did $53 \%$ of renters, in stark contrast to seniors ( $11 \%$ ). Latinos were especially likely to mention social media ( $45 \%$ ), as were those with children (44\%), and immigrants (40\%).

How Do You Get the News?
"Social Media"

© TV remains an important communications vehicle for seniors (47\%), lesser educated residents $(33 \%)$, and those without children (32\%), while radio is of higher importance for rural residents (9\%).
\% Several social media platforms were mentioned, but Facebook and Twitter had the highest counts. For TV news, many don't have a favorite, but "local" TV news was the source most frequently cited (by 46 people), followed by KGW (39), Fox (8), and CBS (8).
\% Two-thirds of residents indicated that they had visited the county's website, with nearly one-infive (19\%) visiting at least monthly and about half (48\%) visiting less than monthly. Those most likely to visit the website at least monthly included the more affluent ( $\$ 100 \mathrm{k}+$ ) at $38 \%$, the middleclass ( $\$ 50-\$ 100 k$ ) at $28 \%$, young residents (18-39) and those with children (both at $25 \%$ ).
\% Nearly one-third of residents think Clackamas County's information is very trustworthy (30\%), and another $54 \%$ thinks the county is somewhat trustworthy. Only $6 \%$ think information coming from the county may not be trustworthy. Those most likely to say they "don't know," included $28 \%$ of Latinos, $25 \%$ of immigrants, and $25 \%$ of those who took the survey in Spanish.
\% In terms of the Clackamas County communications options residents value most, the use of social media had the highest ratings ( $64 \%$ ). Younger residents value this source much more than seniors ( $81 \%$ versus $38 \%$ ), as do those with kids ( $75 \%$ ), women ( $69 \%$ ), and those with more than a high school education (70\%).
(\% The hashtag \#MyClackCo is valued less (50\%), if only because $26 \%$ of residents are not familiar with the source. Overall, $50 \%$ of residents also find county emails valuable, however $28 \%$ are not aware of them.
"Very Valuable Source of Information"

\% All three of the water quality priorities we presented were considered very important to residents, with clean water in streams rated highest ( $98 \%$ said very or somewhat important), while $97 \%$ agree that managing the aging water infrastructure and managing run-off are important. Those most likely to rate these issues "very" important included renters ( $94 \%$ ), 18-39-year-olds (89\%), those with children ( $86 \%$ ), and Latinos ( $85 \%$ ).

Importance of Water Quality Effort


Riley Research Associates (RRA) was asked to conduct a scientific poll to determine perceptions about the Clackamas County communications and a variety of other issues. Riley Research Associates surveyed a representative sample of resident adults throughout the county.

## O Methodology

RRA conducted a scientific telephone survey among 400 adult residents, proportional to the area surveyed. A sample of 400 produces information considered accurate to within a margin of error of $+/-$ $5 \%$, at a $95 \%$ level of confidence.

The questionnaire was developed jointly with Riley Research and county staff. It included questions about awareness and perceptions, as well as preferences, and demographics. The sample was monitored to ensure that it was proportionally representative of Clackamas County, Oregon. The study sample is representative of residents in terms of age, gender, home ownership, municipal and unincorporated residents, as well as racial make-up.

With approximately $10 \%$ of the county identified as Latino in the most recent U.S. Census, we targeted and acquired 40 interviews with people who identify as Latino. Nearly half of those Latino interviews (16) were conducted in Spanish.

The following is a question-by-question summary of the findings, based on in-depth analysis by demographics and attention called to those questions where significant differences exist. A copy of the questionnaire follows this report. A crosstabulation report is also available.

## Results

## Q1. What is the most important issue you see facing Clackamas County at this time?

Financial concerns are at the top of Clackamas County residents' concerns, including homelessness (32\%), problems associated with jobs and the economy ( $21 \%$ ) and the lack of affordable housing (10\%). Also high on the list was crime (19\%).

Renters were especially concerned about jobs (38\%) and affordable housing (17\%). Younger residents (those under age 40) also had higher concerns about jobs ( $36 \%$ ). Those with a disability and those who participated in Spanish had higher levels of concern about crime ( $31 \%$ each).

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 393 |
| Homelessness / poverty | $32 \%$ |
| Jobs / economy / inflation | 21 |
| Crime | 19 |
| Lack of affordable housing | 10 |
| Road maintenance | 5 |
| Environmental issues | 4 |
| Water infrastructure | 3 |
| Traffic | 2 |
| Wildfires | 1 |
| Land use planning | 1 |
| Mental health | $<1$ |


| Miscellaneous Response Counts |
| :--- |
| Education (2) |
| Taxes (2) |
| Flooding |
| Freedom and liberty |
| Illegal immigration |
| Corrupt government |
| Domestic terrorism |

Q2a. Now l'm going to read you a list of some issues and topics that Clackamas County may be facing (randomized): So, thinking about all the issues I mentioned, as well as any issues you named, what do you believe is the single-most important issue facing Clackamas County?

After hearing the list of potential concerns, the top four issues remained the same, including homelessness, crime, the economy (with inflation also mentioned), as well as lack of affordable housing.

Crime rose to the second-highest issue, and was cited by $27 \%$ of seniors, while $45 \%$ of those in the lower income bracket (under \$50,000/year), mentioned homelessness and poverty.

| First Response | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Homelessness / poverty | $36 \%$ |
| Crime | 20 |
| Jobs / economy / inflation | 14 |
| Lack of affordable housing | 11 |
| Road maintenance | 5 |
| Environmental issues | 4 |
| Water infrastructure | 3 |
| Traffic | 2 |
| Wildfires | 2 |
| Land use planning | 2 |
| Mental health | 1 |


| Miscellaneous Response Counts |
| :--- |
| Education (5) |
| Taxes (3) |
| Flooding |
| Freedom and liberty |
| Illegal immigration |
| Installing the tolls that we don't want. |
| Reckless spending |
| Second Amendment |
| Domestic terrorism |
| Bad Governance |

Q2b. Which issue is second?

The second-most-important issue was one of the same top-four for most residents, however, when the first and second issues were combined, some of the relatively lesser issues began to emerge with added significance. These included environmental issues (12\%), traffic (9\%), road maintenance (9\%), wildfires ( $7 \%$ ), and land use planning (5\%).

Environmental issues appeared to be especially important to those with children in the household ( $16 \%$ ) and younger residents ( $13 \%$ ). Road maintenance was a bigger concern among those with a disability (16\%).

|  | $2^{\text {nd }}$ <br> Response | $1^{\text {st }}+2^{\text {nd }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 398 | 400 |
| Jobs / economy / inflation | $23 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Homelessness / poverty | 17 | 53 |
| Lack of affordable housing | 15 | 26 |
| Crime | 14 | 34 |
| Environmental issues | 8 | 12 |
| Traffic | 7 | 9 |
| Wildfire | 5 | 7 |
| Road maintenance | 4 | 9 |
| Land use planning | 3 | 5 |
| Mental health | 2 | 3 |
| Water infrastructure | 1 | 4 |

Q3. Clackamas County promotes many ways for residents to become involved in the county government decision process, whether in-person on online. How aware were you of any of these opportunities, or others, prior to this phone call? Were you very much aware, somewhat aware, not very aware, or not at all aware of these opportunities?

Most residents were very much or somewhat aware of opportunities to be involved in county government ( $67 \%$ ), although the rest - nearly one-third ( $32 \%$ ) - said they have little or no awareness of such opportunities.

Those with little or no awareness included $61 \%$ of immigrants, $55 \%$ of Latinos, and $53 \%$ of renters. Many younger residents (44\%) and seniors (38\%) also said they had low or no awareness. Those in the lowest income bracket (47\%), those who participated in Spanish (50\%), and those who are not sure whether or not they live in an incorporated area (52\%) also have little or no awareness about government involvement opportunities.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Very much | $16 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 51 |
| Not much | 23 |
| Not at all | 9 |
| Refused | 1 |

## Q4. What are your reasons for not participating in county decisions? (Multiple responses accepted)

A lack of time was cited by a majority (55\%), while one-fourth (26\%) said they are not interested in participating. About one-in-five (22\%) do not believe their participation is welcome or that such participation would make no difference. Others cited a variety of conflicts or a lack of options.

Those with children were especially likely to cite "lack of time" (71\%) and/or a "lack of childcare (9\%). Latinos were also more likely to mention those reasons ( $73 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively). Those making over \$100,000/year also cited "lack of time" (62\%).

Among those who said their participation was "not welcome / would make no difference," included 31\% of those with a disability, and 31\% of those participating in Spanish (although just 15\% of Latinos overall), as well as $27 \%$ of those with a high school education or less, and $27 \%$ of those living in an unincorporated area. The meeting location was a barrier for $23 \%$ of disabled residents, $20 \%$ of those with less education, $18 \%$ of seniors, and $17 \%$ of those in an unincorporated area.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Lack of time | $55 \%$ |
| Not interested | 26 |
| Participation not welcome / Will not make difference | 22 |
| Job conflicts | 13 |
| Fixed meeting times | 11 |
| Meeting location | 10 |
| Health issues | 8 |
| Avoid confrontation | 7 |
| Lack of childcare | 4 |
| Lack of access to online options | 4 |
| Lack of awareness on issue | 3 |
| Lack of transportation | 2 |

## Q5. Besides those mentioned, what other major issues or barriers prevent or discourage your participation in county decisions? (Verbatim responses)

Covid-19 (3)
Everyone in the county government points to someone else and nothing gets done.
I don't drive as I'm disabled.
I am involved in city issues
It's not my primary residence
Mere forgetfulness.
I'm not registered to vote.
The constant interruptions during community meetings.
They are insensitive.

Q6. How do you currently receive news or information about Clackamas County, if at all?
Social media has become the top source of news and information for Clackamas County residents, as $34 \%$ cited those types of sources. Television was mentioned by $27 \%$, followed by print newspapers (9\%), miscellaneous online sources and information provided by the county (7\% each), and radio (4\%).

Nearly two-thirds of those 18-39 (62\%) cited social media, as did 53\% of renters, in stark contrast to seniors (11\%). Latinos were especially likely to mention social media (45\%), as were those with children (44\%), and immigrants (40\%).

TV remains an important communications vehicle for seniors (47\%), lesser educated residents (33\%), and those without children (32\%), while radio is of higher importance for rural residents (9\%). Among those who said they don't know whether or not they live in a city, $29 \%$ said they receive "no news."

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Social media | $34 \%$ |
| TV | 27 |
| Printed newspapers | 9 |
| Online | 7 |
| Info from county | 7 |
| Radio | 4 |
| NA / Don't get news | 12 |

## Q7. What specific source is that? (Which TV or radio station, online source or publication?)

Several of the social media platforms were mentioned, but Facebook and Twitter had the highest counts. For TV news, many don't have a favorite, but "local" news was the source most frequently cited, followed by KGW, Fox, and CBS.

| Q6 Media News Sources | Q7 Specific Source | Count (\#) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TV (27\%) | Local news (no specific station) | 46 |
|  | KGW / NBC | 39 |
|  | FOX | 8 |
|  | CBS | 8 |
|  | CNN | 3 |
|  | ABC | 2 |
|  | OPB | 2 |
| Radio (4\%) | 101.1 FM | 8 |
|  | Local radio | 5 |
|  | OPB | 1 |
| Online (7\%) | Internet search | 16 |
|  | Google search | 7 |
|  | eMail | 5 |
|  | Local newsletter | 9 |
|  | The Oregonian | 5 |
|  | Community newspaper | 2 |
| Information from the County (7\%) | County newsletter | 26 |
|  | Clackamas flyer | 9 |
|  | County website | 6 |
|  | County email | 5 |
|  | Clackamas magazine | 1 |
|  | County commissioner | 1 |
| Social media (34\%) | Facebook | 81 |
|  | Twitter | 37 |
|  | YouTube | 7 |
|  | Instagram | 4 |
|  | All of them | 1 |
|  | Newsbreak | 1 |
|  | Newsweek | 1 |
|  | Meetings | 1 |
| Organizations (1\%) | Oregon State | 1 |

## Q8. How often do you visit the Clackamas County website, if ever?

Two-thirds of residents said they had visited the county's website, with nearly one-in-five (19\%) visiting at least monthly and about half (48\%) visiting less than monthly.

Those most likely to visit the website at least monthly, included the more affluent ( $\$ 100 \mathrm{k}+$ ) at $38 \%$, the middle-class ( $\$ 50-\$ 100 \mathrm{k}$ ) at $28 \%$, young residents (18-39) and those with children (both at $25 \%$ ).

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Weekly or more | $5 \%$ |
| Less than monthly | 48 |
| Monthly | 14 |
| Never | 33 |

Q9. Clackamas County often shares information with residents in the county. Would you consider the information you receive from the county very trustworthy, somewhat trustworthy, not too trustworthy, or not at all trustworthy?

Nearly one-third of residents polled think Clackamas County's information is very trustworthy (30\%), and another $54 \%$ thinks the county is somewhat trustworthy. Only $6 \%$ think information coming from the county may not be trustworthy.

While there was little variation among demographic groups in terms of trust ratings, some groups had significantly higher numbers in terms of lacking an opinion on the matter. Those most likely to say "don't know" included 28\% of Latinos, 29\% among those who don't know whether or not they live in a city, $25 \%$ of immigrants, and $25 \%$ of those who took the survey in Spanish.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Very | $30 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 54 |
| Not much | 2 |
| Not at all | 4 |
| Don't Know / Refused | 11 |

Q10. (If "not too trustworthy" or "not at all trustworthy") Why is that? (Verbatims)

| All the promotional pictures and media on the website say the support the environment but when it comes <br> down to money versus the environment, they always allow the developers to have their way. <br> Do not trust the leadership of the current county commissioner. <br> Don't trust the government. <br> It's the government, it's all fake and politics. <br> Most of the news media are not trustworthy. <br> Our politicians are corrupt. <br> Our politicians are not trustworthy. <br> Politicians are not trustworthy. <br> They are all politicians; we don't want anything. <br> They are corrupt and can't be trusted. <br> They are corrupt liars. <br> They are not honest after the Covid. <br> They are not very reliable. <br> They lie. <br> They lie all the time. <br> They make horrible decisions. <br> They never do what they tell us that they will do. <br> They promise to do one thing and then they do the total opposite. <br> They put a spin on things and lie through omission. <br> They're dishonest politicians who can never speak the whole truth. <br> With the homelessness and garbage situation, they keep on lying, saying that they will take care of it, but they <br> do nothing but just keep on coddling them. |
| :--- |

## Q11. Do you consider the following Clackamas County sources very valuable, somewhat valuable, not too valuable, or not valuable at all?

Social media had the highest ratings, with $27 \%$ considering this communications channel very valuable and another $37 \%$ saying somewhat valuable, for a total positive response of $64 \%$ versus $23 \%$ negative. Younger residents value this source much more than seniors ( $81 \%$ versus $38 \%$ ).

Those with kids value social media more than those without kids ( $75 \%$ versus $58 \%$ ). Women and those with more education also value this source more. But those with a disability value it less than those without a disability (38\% versus 65\%).
a. Social media channels

|  | Total | $+/-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 | 400 |
| Very | $27 \%$ |  |
| Somewhat | 37 | $64 \%$ |
| Not much | 10 | $23 \%$ |
| Not at all | 13 |  |
| Don't Know / Refused | 14 |  |

The county's website is also highly valued and the demographic patterns are similar to those seen for social media.
b. County website

|  | Total | $+/-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 | 400 |
| Very | $22 \%$ | -- |
| Somewhat | 38 | $60 \%$ |
| Not much | 13 | $24 \%$ |
| Not at all | 11 | -- |
| Don't Know / Refused | 17 | -- |

The hashtag \#MyClackCo is valued less, if only because $26 \%$ of residents are not familiar with the source. Some $50 \%$ of residents find this source valuable. Those not familiar with the hashtag included $69 \%$ of those who don't know whether or not they live within city limits, $43 \%$ of immigrants, $41 \%$ of renters, as well as $38 \%$ of Latinos and those with a disability.
c. \#MyClackCo

|  | Total | $+/-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 | -- |
| Very | $18 \%$ | -- |
| Somewhat | 32 | $50 \%$ |
| Not much | 8 | $25 \%$ |
| Not at all | 17 | -- |
| Don't Know / Refused | 26 | -- |

As with the hashtag, a large percentage of residents (28\%) are not aware of emails from the county and the demographic pattern of awareness was similar to that of the county's hashtag. Overall, $50 \%$ of residents find this source valuable.
d. Emails from county

|  | Total | $+/-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 | -- |
| Very | $19 \%$ | -- |
| Somewhat | 31 | $50 \%$ |
| Not much | 10 | $22 \%$ |
| Not at all | 12 | -- |
| Don't Know / Refused | 28 | -- |

Q12. For each of the following options, please rate how important is that effort in maintaining water quality?

All three of the water quality options were considered very important to residents, with clean water in streams rated highest. Some 98\% of residents consider this option important, while $97 \%$ think managing aging infrastructure and managing run-off are important. Those most likely to rate these issues "very important" included renters (94\%), 18-39-year-olds (89\%), those with children (86\%), and Latinos (85\%).
a. Ensuring clean water in rivers and streams for people, pets, fish and wildlife.

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Very | $80 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 18 |
| Not much | 2 |

b. Managing aging water and sewer infrastructure

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Very | $77 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 20 |
| Not much | 1 |
| Don't Know / Refused | 2 |

c. Managing stormwater runoff to reduce flooding and pollution

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Very | $78 \%$ |
| Somewhat | 19 |
| Not much | 2 |
| Don't Know / Refused | 2 |

Demographics

## D1. Languages spoken at home

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| English | $98 \%$ |
| Spanish | 9 |
| Other: Ukrainian, Vietnamese | 1 |

## D2. Age Group

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Under 30 | $7 \%$ |
| $30-39$ | 19 |
| $40-49$ | 26 |
| $50-59$ | 19 |
| $60+$ | 30 |

## D3. Children in household

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Yes | $34 \%$ |
| No | 66 |
| Refused | 1 |

D4. Own / rent home

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Own | $74 \%$ |
| Rent / Lease | 23 |
| Refused | 3 |

## D5. Education

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Less than HS | $1 \%$ |
| HS / GED | 15 |
| Trade school / Some college | 39 |
| Bachelor's | 37 |
| Masters or higher / Multiple degrees | 7 |
| Refused | 1 |

## D6. Race or ethnicity

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| White | $88 \%$ |
| Hispanic / Latino | 10 |
| Native American / Alaskan or Pacific Islander | 1 |
| Asian | 1 |
| Refused | 1 |

## D7. Immigrant / Refugee (self or child)

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Yes | $10 \%$ |
| No | 88 |
| Refused | 2 |

## D8. Identify with a disability

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Yes | $3 \%$ |
| No | 97 |

D9. Household income

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Under 30k | $5 \%$ |
| $30-50 \mathrm{k}$ | 11 |
| $50-75 \mathrm{k}$ | 15 |
| $75-100 \mathrm{~K}$ | 22 |
| Above 100 K | 13 |
| Refused | 34 |

## D10. Gender identity

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Male / Cis Male | $51 \%$ |
| Female / Cis Female | 49 |
| Refused | 1 |

D11. Sexual Orientation

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Straight | $96 \%$ |
| Gay / Lesbian | 1 |
| Bisexual | 1 |
| Queer | $<1$ |
| Refused | 2 |

## D12. Neighborhood

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| Incorporated area | $66 \%$ |
| Unincorporated area | 22 |
| Unsure | 12 |

## D13. Language of interview

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 400 |
| English | $96 \%$ |
| Spanish | 4 |

## D14. Zip code

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | 400 |
| 97004 Beavercreek | $1 \%$ |
| 97009 Boring | 2 |
| 97011 Mt Hood | $<1$ |
| 97013 Canby | 8 |
| 97015 Clackamas | 1 |
| 97017 Colton | 2 |
| 97022 Eagle Creek | 3 |
| 97023 Estacada | 3 |
| 97027 Gladstone | 5 |
| 97034 Lake Oswego | 4 |
| 97035 Lake Oswego | 6 |
| 97038 Molalla | 1 |
| 97042 Mulino | 11 |
| 97045 Oregon City | 7 |
| 97055 Sandy | $<1$ |
| 97067 Mt Hood | 9 |
| 97068 West Linn | 7 |
| 97070 Wilsonville | 7 |
| 97086 Happy Valley | 5 |
| 97089 Damascus | 10 |
| 97222 Milwaukie | 9 |
| 97267 Oak Grove |  |

## Appendix: Questionnaire

## Clackamas County

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## Introduction

Hello, Clackamas County would like to hear your thoughts about county services and communications with residents with a short seven-minute poll.
(If necessary) The goal of the study is to serve you better, by learning more about your communications preferences. (If Spanish language barrier) (In Spanish: If you need to participate in Spanish, I will connect you with a Spanish language interviewer. Would that be okay?) (Note contact info and/or transfer)

## Core Product Guidance

Q1. What are the most important issues you see facing Clackamas County at this time? (Open-ended with likely options provided)

Q2. Now l'm going to read you a list of some issues and topics that Clackamas County may be facing (randomize):

- Crime
- Road maintenance
- Lack of affordable housing
- Natural disasters, wildfires
- Water infrastructure
- Mental health/addiction services
- Homelessness and poverty
- Land use planning
- Jobs, the local economy, inflation
- Traffic
- Climate Change

So, thinking about all the issues I mentioned, as well as any issues you named, what do you believe is the single-most important issue facing Clackamas County? And which one is second?

## Community Engagement

Q3. Clackamas County promotes many ways for residents to become involved in the county government decision process, whether in-person on online. These can include, but are not limited to: providing public comments to the Board of County Commissioners; attending Commission meetings; serving on advisory boards or other volunteer groups; engaging in county surveys; attending project open houses; and participating in Town Halls or other public meetings.

How aware were you of any of these opportunities, or others, prior to this phone call? Were you very much aware, somewhat aware, not very aware, or not at all aware of these opportunities?

| Very much | Somewhat | Not much | Not at all | Refused |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Q4. Now l'm going to read a list of some of the reasons people give for not participating in county decisions. As I read each one, please tell me if that's an issue or barrier that keeps you from participating. The first one is... (Rotate list) (Select all that apply):

| Lack of time | 1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Time of day meetings are scheduled | 2 |
| Location of meetings | 3 |
| Work or job conflicts | 4 |
| Lack of child care | 5 |
| Lack of access to online options | 6 |
| A desire to avoid confrontations | 7 |
| Health issues or concerns | 8 |
| Lack of transportation | 9 |
| Lack of interest | 10 |
| A sense that your participation will not be welcome, or make a <br> difference | 11 |

Q5. Besides those I mentioned, what other major issues or barriers prevent or discourage your participation in county decisions?

## Communication Methods \& Trustworthiness

Q6. How do you currently receive news or information about Clackamas County, if at all?
(Do not read - Note first response - Mark all that apply)

| Sources |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Television news | 1 |
| Radio news | 2 |
| Online news sources | 3 |
| Printed newspapers | 4 |
| Information from the county | 5 |
| Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) | 6 |
| Information from other organizations or groups | 7 |

Q7. (For first response) What specific source is that? (Which TV or radio station, online source or publication?)

Q8. How often do you visit the Clackamas County website, if ever? (Read list - Select one)

| Weekly or more often | 1 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Monthly | 2 |
| Less than monthly | 3 |
| Or Never | 4 |

Q9. Clackamas County often shares information with residents in the county. Would you consider the information you receive from the county very trustworthy, somewhat trustworthy, not too trustworthy, or not at all trustworthy?

| Trustworthy | Somewhat | Not too | Not at all | Don't know / Ref |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Q10. (If "not too trustworthy" or "not at all trustworthy") And why is that?
Q11. Do you consider the following Clackamas County sources very valuable, somewhat valuable, not too valuable, or not valuable at all? What about the county's ... (Read list)

| Value of Sources | Very | Some | Not too | Not at all | DK / Ref |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Social media channels, such as Facebook, <br> Twitter and Nextdoor |  |  |  |  |  |
| The county's primary website |  |  |  |  |  |
| The county's semi-annual magazine <br> \#MyClackCo (Hashtag My Clack Co) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emails sent from Clackamas County |  |  |  |  |  |

Q12. Clackamas County is involved in several water quality efforts. I'm going to read you a list of values and goals the county strives for regarding clean water. For each option, please tell me if that effort is very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or completely unimportant?

| Program Importance | Very | Some | Not too | Not at all | DK / Ref |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ensuring clean water in rivers and streams <br> for people, pets, fish and wildlife. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managing aging water and sewer <br> infrastructure |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managing stormwater runoff to reduce <br> flooding and pollution |  |  |  |  |  |

Demographics (Utilize list information, as available)
D1. Which languages are spoken in your home? (Select all that apply)

| English | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Spanish | 2 |
| Korean | 3 |
| Japanese | 4 |
| Russian | 5 |
| Other: (list) | 6 |

D2. Please tell me when I mention your age group (read list):

| Under 30 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $30-39$ | 2 |
| $40-49$ | 3 |
| $50-59$ | 4 |
| $60+$ | 5 |
| Refused | 6 |

D3. Do any children 18 or younger, live in your household?

| Yes | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| No | 2 |
| Refused | 3 |

D4. Do you own or rent your home?

| Own | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rent | 2 |
| Refused | 3 |

D5. What was the highest level of education you have had the opportunity to attain?

| High school or less | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| High school degree or GED | 2 |
| Some college or Trade school | 3 |
| BA or BS degree | 4 |
| Masters degree / PhD / Multiple degrees | 5 |
| Refused | 6 |

D6. What is your race or ethnicity? (Assist as needed - Accept multiple responses)

| White / Caucasian | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Hispanic / Latino | 2 |
| Asian | 3 |
| Native American, Alaskan or Pacific Islander | 4 |
| Black or African American | 5 |
| Other (list): | 6 |
| (Refused) | 7 |

D7. Are you an immigrant or refugee, or the child of one?

| Yes | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| No | 2 |
| Refused | 3 |

D8. Do you identify as a person with a disability?

| Yes | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| No | 2 |
| Refused | 3 |

D9. May I ask if your household income is over or under \$50 thousand? (If under) Is it over or under \$30 thousand? (If over) Is it over or under \$75 thousand? (If over) Is it over or under \$100 thousand?

| Under $\$ 30,000$ | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 30,000-\$ 50,000$ | 2 |
| $\$ 50,001-\$ 75,000$ | 3 |
| $\$ 75,001-\$ 100,000$ | 4 |
| $\$ 100,001+$ | 5 |

D10. Do you know whether your home is in or outside of any city limits?

| Inside / Incorporated area | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Outside / Unincorporated area | 2 |
| Not sure / Don't know / Refused | 3 |

D11. Which of the following best describes your gender identify: male, female, transgender male, transgender female, non-binary or another identity?

| Male / CIS Male | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Female / CIS Female | 2 |
| Transgender male | 3 |
| Transgender female | 4 |
| Non-binary or Other | 5 |

D12. What one identity best describes your sexual orientation? (Assist as needed)

| Straight (Heterosexual) | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Gay or Lesbian (Homosexual) | 2 |
| Bisexual | 3 |
| Pansexual | 4 |
| Queer | 5 |
| Other (list): | 6 |
| (Refused) | 7 |

Close: Thank you for sharing your time, comments and insights. Have a good evening.
D13. (Indicate 5-digit zip code) $\qquad$
D14. (Indicate language used)

| Conducted in English | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Conducted in Spanish | 2 |

