

To: Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw Committee  
From: Alexandra Lowder  
Date: January 18, 2022  
Re: Marijuana Survey Results

I analyzed the data records generated by the retail marijuana use survey, which was conducted as an online survey from December 27, 2021 through January 14, 2022. This survey was distributed by means of email to the town alert subscriber list with links on the town website homepage. It was also mentioned in several news publications and social media. The survey included the following questions:

- Whether a respondent lived, worked, or wished to open a marijuana-based business in Tewksbury
- Age
- Whether a respondent supported retail marijuana use in Tewksbury
- Which zoning districts respondents would like to see retail marijuana use, if at all
- Preferred proximity to schools, daycare centers, parks, religious institutions, etc
- Proximity to residential districts
- Primary reason for not supporting retail marijuana use facilities in Tewksbury, if applicable

### **Overall Response**

During the given data period, we received 1,426 survey responses. The following is a breakdown of the responses to each question:

- 1) *Do you live, work, or wish to open a marijuana-based business in Tewksbury*
  - *1,411 respondents live in Tewksbury*
  - *63 own a business in Tewksbury*
  - *26 wish to open a marijuana-based business in Tewksbury*

*Of note: 29 of the respondents both live and own a business in Tewksbury. Additionally, 8 respondents live and wish to open a marijuana-based business in Tewksbury.*

- 2) *Age group*
  - *18-24: 52*
  - *25-34: 154*
  - *35-44: 384*
  - *45-54: 381*
  - *55-64: 249*
  - *65+: 206*

3) *Do you support retail marijuana facilities in Tewksbury?*

- *Yes: 902*
- *Yes, but with restrictions: 191*
- *No: 333*

4) *What zoning districts would you prefer to see retail marijuana facilities? Check all that apply.*

- *Commercial: 1,085*
- *Industrial: 710*
- *Office Research: 59*
- *Other: varied*

*Of note: the "other" option included answers such as "nowhere," "anywhere there are empty storefronts" or zoning districts that do not exist in Tewksbury. Additionally, because respondents were permitted to select more than one option, there are more responses than total respondents.*

5) *What proximity should retail marijuana facilities be to schools, daycare centers, parks, religious institutions, etc.?*

- *1,000 FT: 725*
- *500 FT: 109*
- *200 FT: 44*
- *No preference: 548*

6) *What proximity should retail marijuana facilities be to residential districts?*

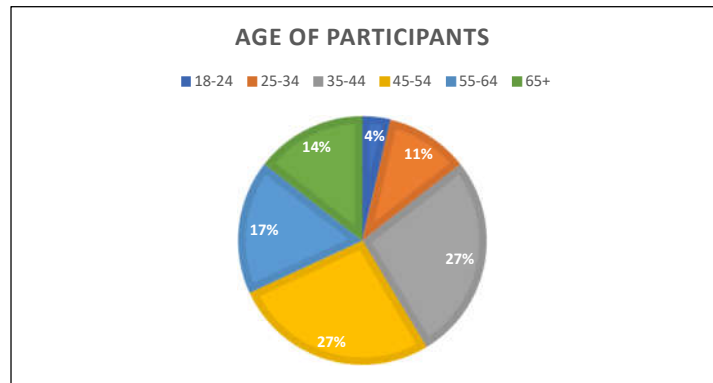
- *1,000 FT: 595*
- *500 FT: 135*
- *200 FT: 60*
- *No preference: 636*

7) *If you do not support retail marijuana facilities in Tewksbury, what is the primary reason?*

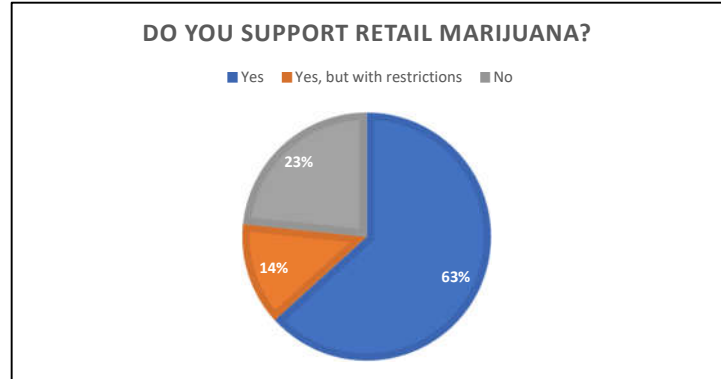
- *Increase in crime: 114*
- *Increase in traffic: 77*
- *Increase in burden on healthcare system: 43*
- *Other: 30*

*Of note: the responses for "other" widely varied from anecdotal evidence about why retail marijuana facilities should not be allowed in Tewksbury to unsubstantiated claims regarding the types of individuals that may frequent such facilities.*

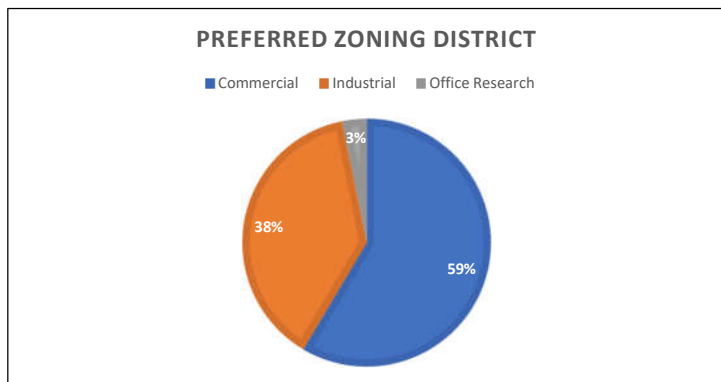
Age Group	Number of Responses
18-24	52
25-34	154
35-44	384
45-54	381
55-64	249
65+	206
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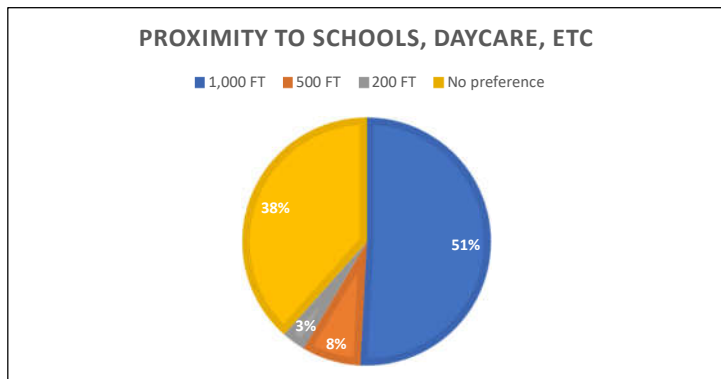
Preference	Number of Responses
Yes	902
Yes, but with restrictions	191
No	333
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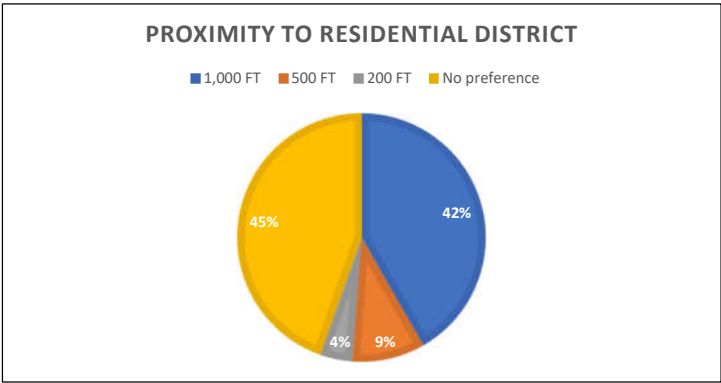
Zoning District	Number of Responses
Commercial	1085
Industrial	710
Office Research	59
Other	Varied



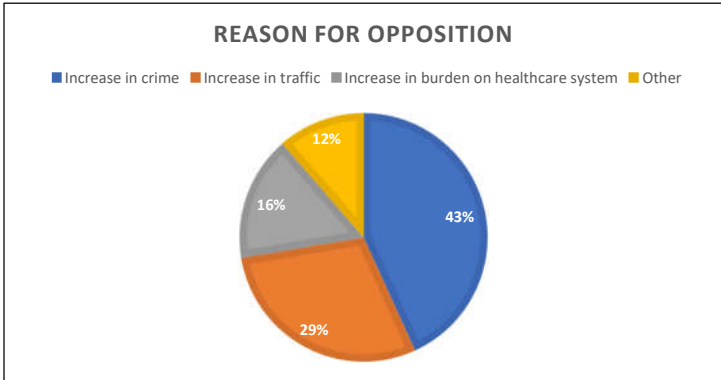
Proximity to Schools, etc	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	725
500 FT	109
200 FT	44
No preference	548



Proximity to Residential District	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	595
500 FT	135
200 FT	60
No preference	636

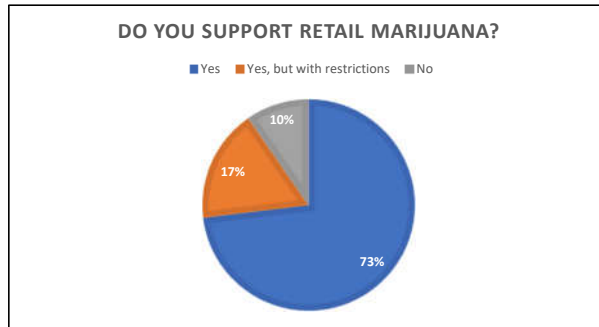


Reason for Opposition	Number of Responses
Increase in crime	114
Increase in traffic	77
Increase in burden on healthcare system	43
Other	30

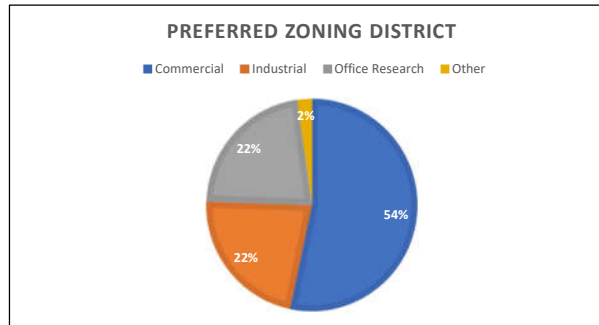


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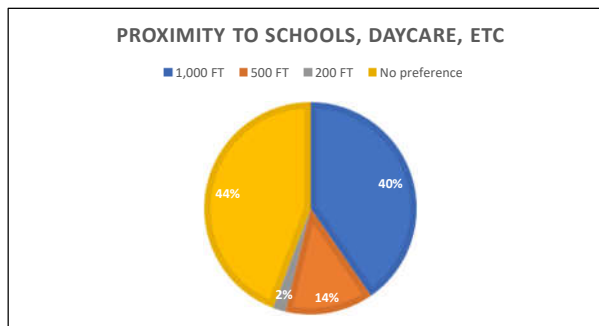
Preference	Number of Responses
Yes	38
Yes, but with restrictions	9
No	5
	52



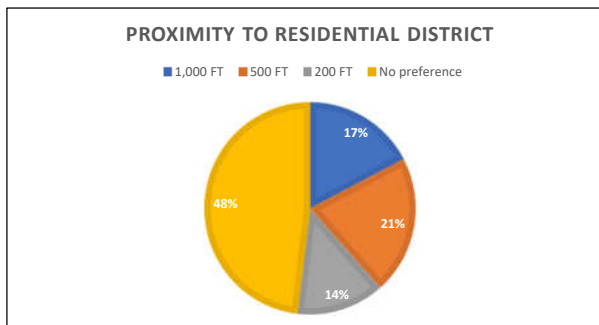
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Commercial	48
Industrial	20
Office Research	20
Other	2



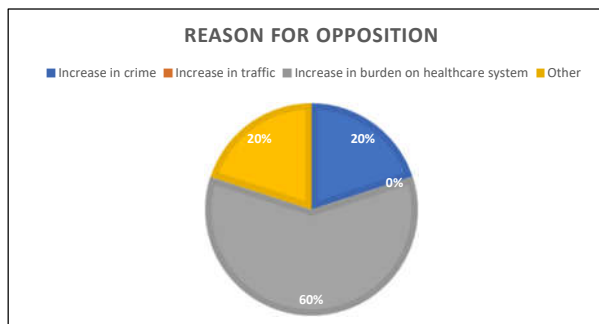
Proximity to Schools, etc	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	21
500 FT	7
200 FT	1
No preference	23



Proximity to Residential District	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	9
500 FT	11
200 FT	7
No preference	25

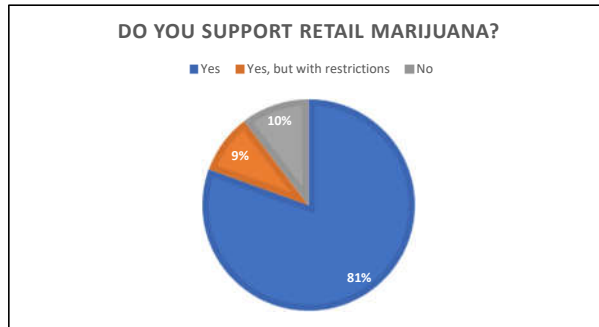


Reason for Opposition	Number of Responses
Increase in crime	1
Increase in traffic	0
Increase in burden on healthcare system	3
Other	1

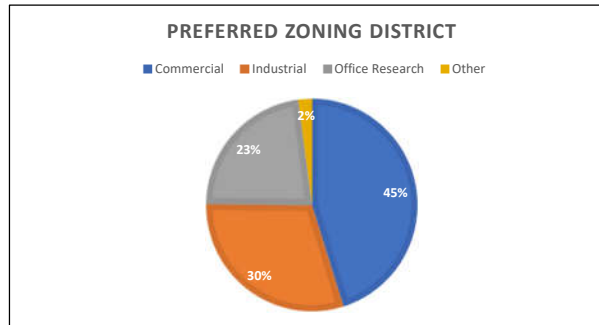


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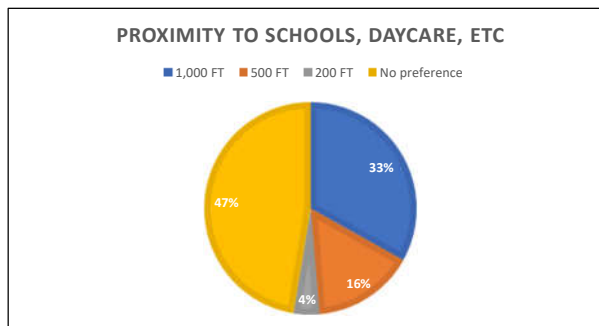
Preference	Number of Responses
Yes	124
Yes, but with restrictions	14
No	16
	154



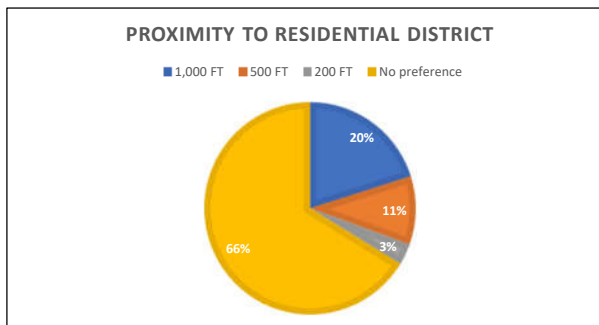
Zoning District	Number of Responses
Commercial	131
Industrial	87
Office Research	66
Other	6



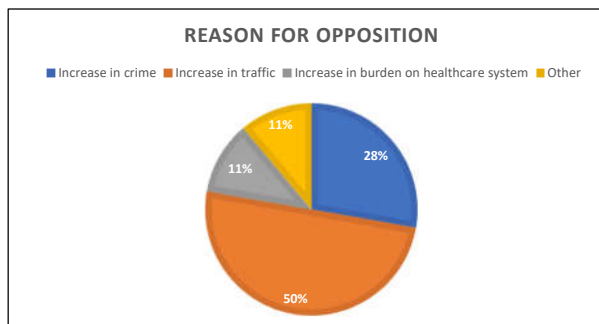
Proximity to Schools, etc	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	51
500 FT	24
200 FT	6
No preference	73



Proximity to Residential District	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	31
500 FT	16
200 FT	5
No preference	102

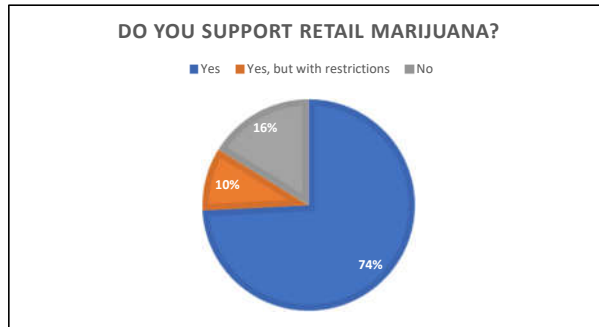


Reason for Opposition	Number of Responses
Increase in crime	5
Increase in traffic	9
Increase in burden on healthcare system	2
Other	2

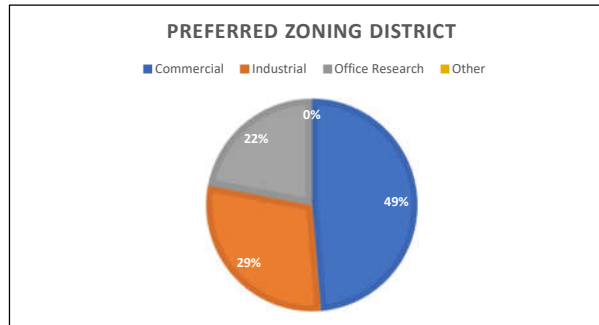


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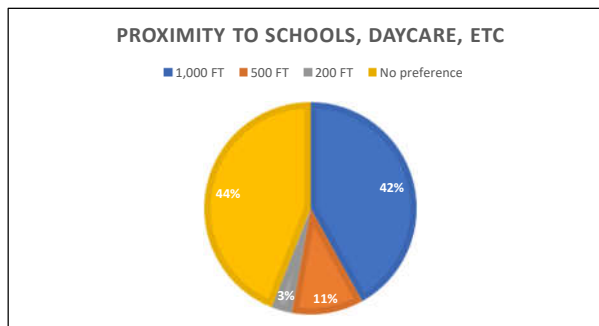
Preference	Number of Responses
Yes	285
Yes, but with restrictions	37
No	62
	384



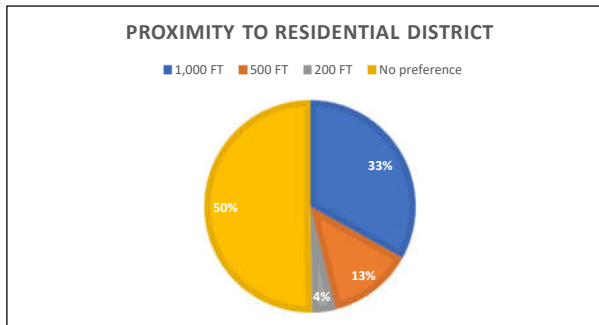
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Commercial	327
Industrial	197
Office Research	148
Other	0



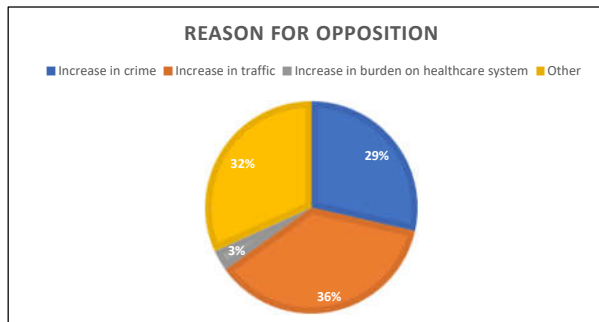
Proximity to Schools, etc	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	161
500 FT	42
200 FT	12
No preference	169



Proximity to Residential District	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	127
500 FT	50
200 FT	14
No preference	193

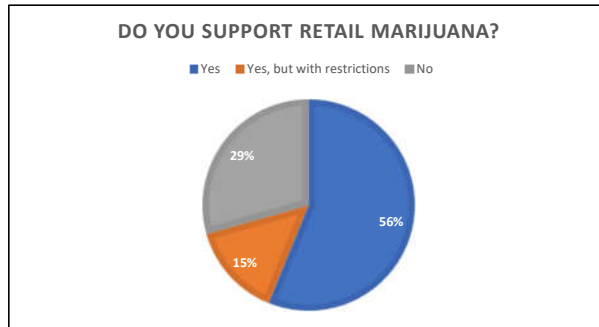


Reason for Opposition	Number of Responses
Increase in crime	18
Increase in traffic	23
Increase in burden on healthcare system	2
Other	20

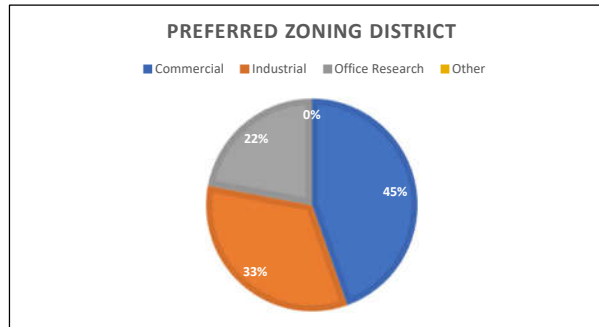


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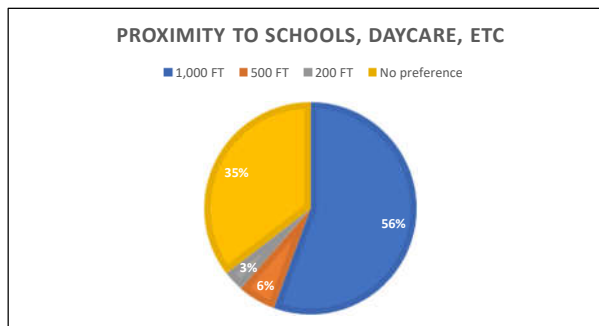
Preference	Number of Responses
Yes	214
Yes, but with restrictions	55
No	112
	381



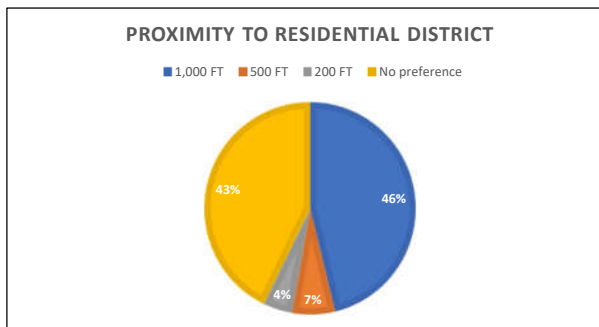
Zoning District	Number of Responses
Commercial	271
Industrial	203
Office Research	134
Other	0



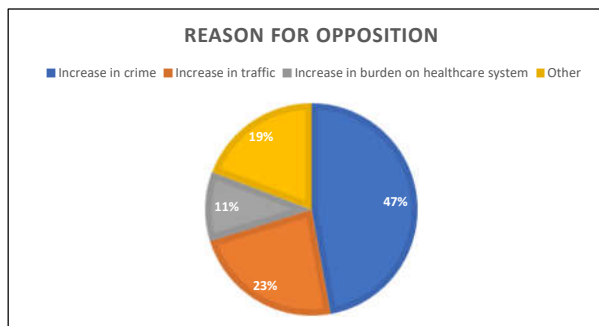
Proximity to Schools, etc	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	212
500 FT	22
200 FT	12
No preference	135



Proximity to Residential District	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	176
500 FT	25
200 FT	17
No preference	163



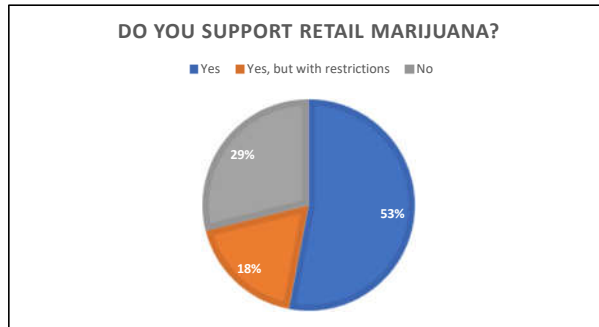
Reason for Opposition	Number of Responses
Increase in crime	49
Increase in traffic	24
Increase in burden on healthcare system	11
Other	20



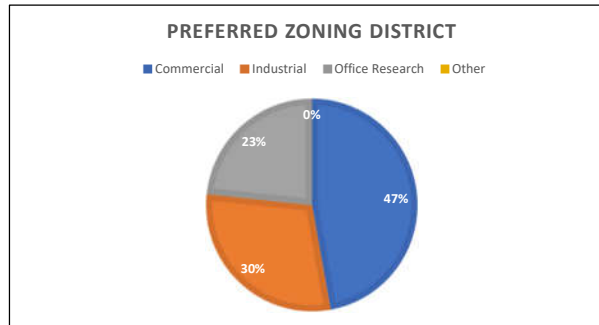


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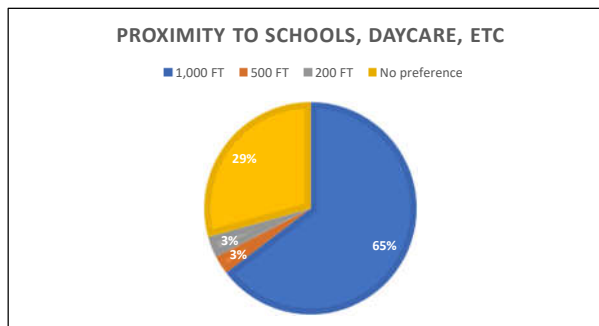
Preference	Number of Responses
Yes	132
Yes, but with restrictions	45
No	72
	249



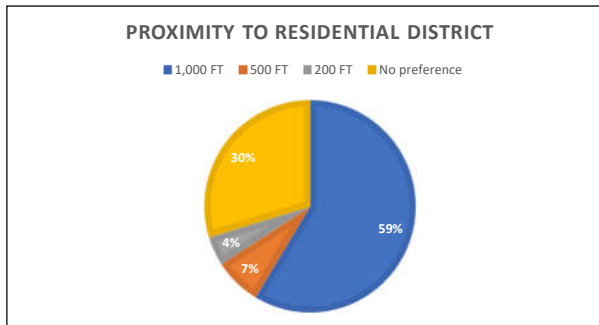
Zoning District	Number of Responses
Commercial	176
Industrial	110
Office Research	87
Other	0



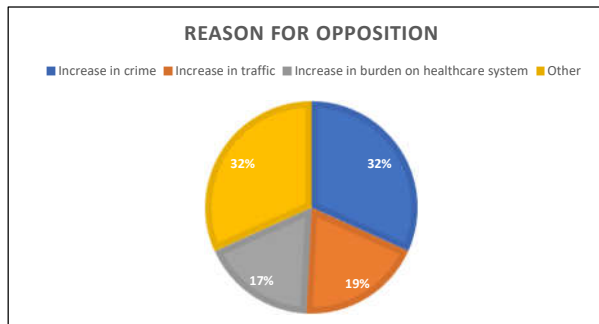
Proximity to Schools, etc	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	161
500 FT	7
200 FT	8
No preference	73



Proximity to Residential District	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	146
500 FT	18
200 FT	11
No preference	74

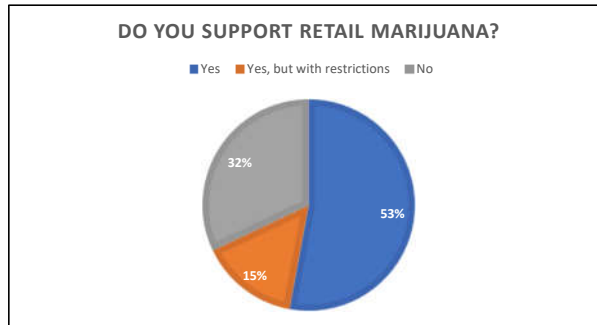


Reason for Opposition	Number of Responses
Increase in crime	20
Increase in traffic	12
Increase in burden on healthcare system	11
Other	20

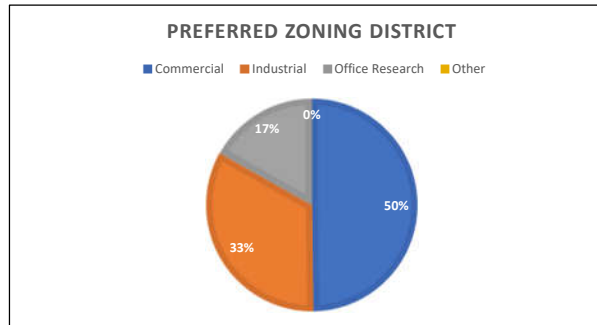


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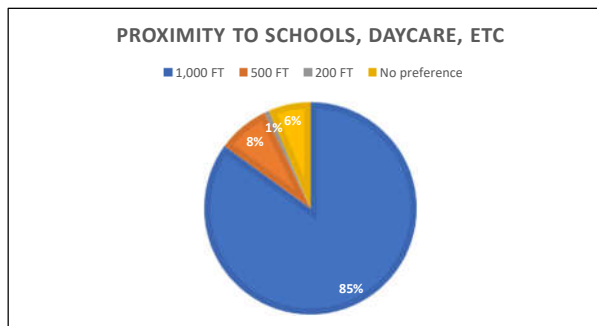
Preference	Number of Responses
Yes	109
Yes, but with restrictions	31
No	66
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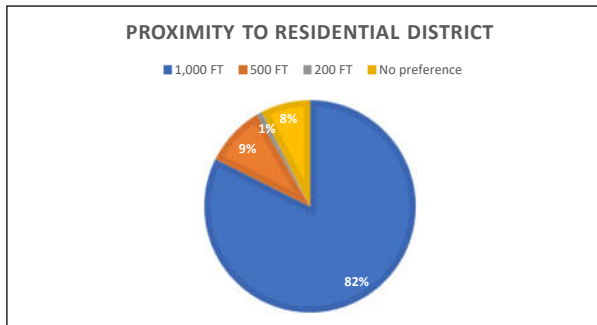
Zoning District	Number of Responses
Commercial	139
Industrial	93
Office Research	47
Other	0



Proximity to Schools, etc	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	119
500 FT	11
200 FT	1
No preference	9



Proximity to Residential District	Number of Responses
1,000 FT	98
500 FT	11
200 FT	1
No preference	9



Reason for Opposition	Number of Responses
Increase in crime	18
Increase in traffic	7
Increase in burden on healthcare system	11
Other	11

