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**Nancy Corona-Guzman** <ncorona-guzman@att.net>  
To: "Edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 12:36 PM

We're writing to voice our strong opposition to the proposed 19-1656 B - Proposed Meeting Room Policy which is on the agenda to be voted on by the Board of Supervisors meeting today, December 17th.

We've lived in El Dorado County for more than six years. We've supported public libraries and it has been our pleasure to donate books to El Dorado Hills Library. It's also been our pleasure to become engaged with several local non-profit volunteer organizations in this county who advocate for senior citizens, public safety and voter education. Like most group members, we must work during the day, thus our group meetings are scheduled after normal business hours. There are lots of great things about living in El Dorado County – however, one of the worst is the extreme lack of affordable public community meeting spaces.

One of the reasons we are strong supporter of publicly funded libraries is their common essential mission to provide free, equal and equitable access to information in all forms. It's been our experience that our public libraries strive to design and implement services so as not to infringe upon access to delivery of information and resources for ALL users. Having lived in Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties, we realize in order to meet that mission most of the time, sometimes an equitable, affordable fee-based public meeting room policy is required to assure equal access to public library meeting spaces outside of business hours. It's also been our experience that public library meeting room policies/applications are open to public use and do not disadvantage or exclude speakers or groups from using facilities solely based on organization/speaker views. Why add speaker restrictions?

The lack of an alternative fee-based after hours library meeting option along with new "political activity" restrictions make me question the goals for the proposed policy changes.

Too be clear, I expect our Board of Supervisors to abeyance 19-1656 B - Proposed Meeting Room Policy until author provides more details about the need to remove after-hours access in lieu of fee-based option AND clearly document the purpose of denying public library meeting space access based on organizaiton/speaker diverse point-of-view (are elected officials and clergy also banned?)

Your constituents,

Nancy and Gil Guzman

6514 Goya Way, El Dorado Hills CA 95762

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To: Don Mette <dmmette@icloud.com>  
Cc: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 7:01 PM

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**Lori Parlin**

El Dorado County District IV Supervisor

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Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 8:55 AM

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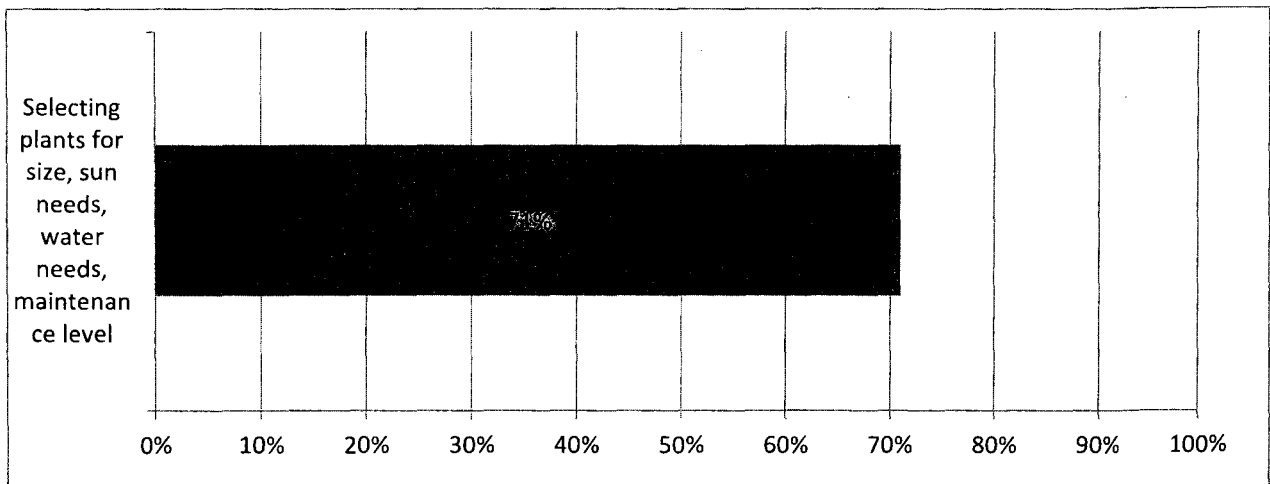
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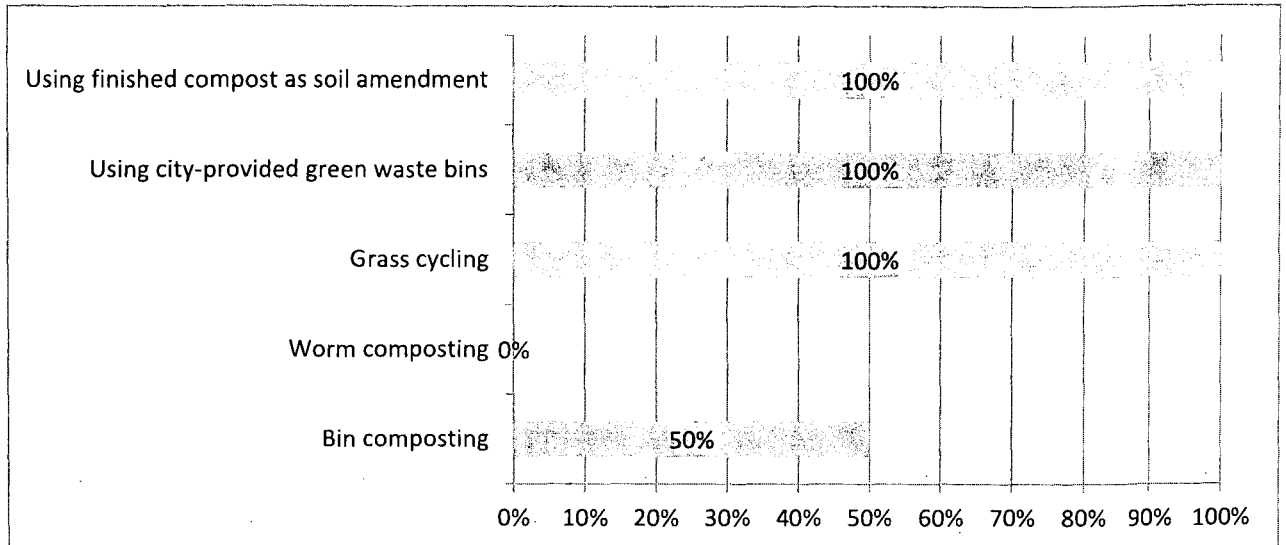
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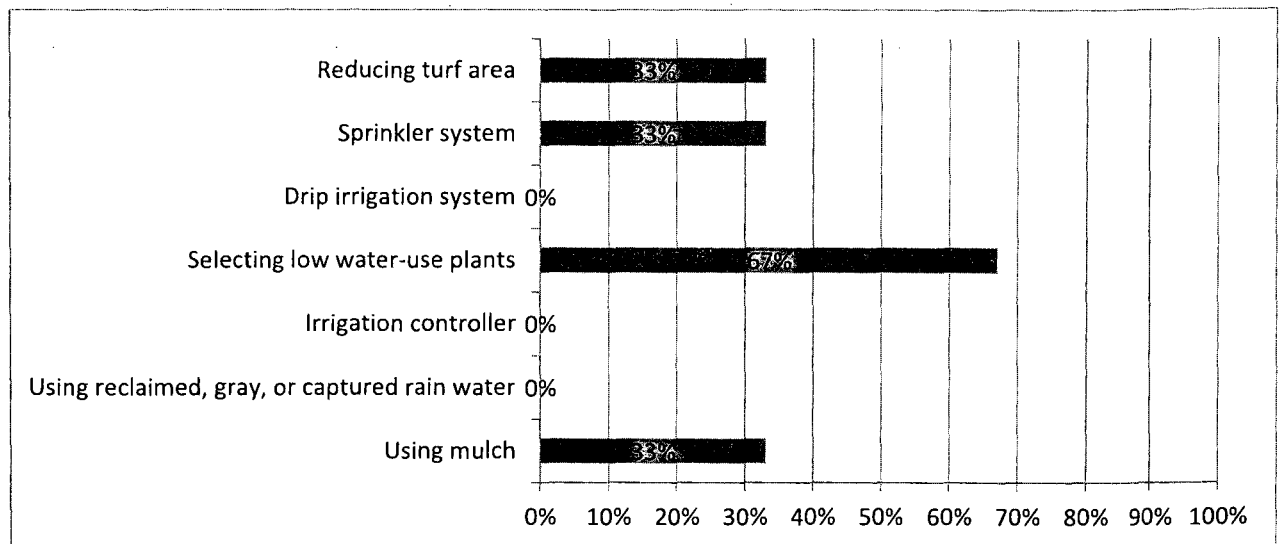




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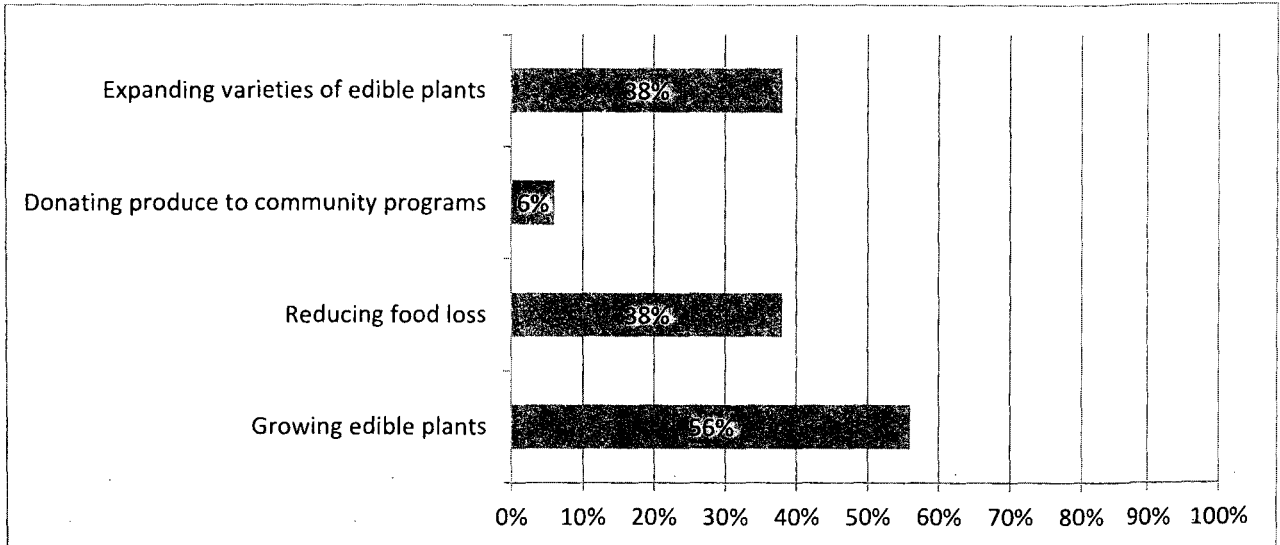


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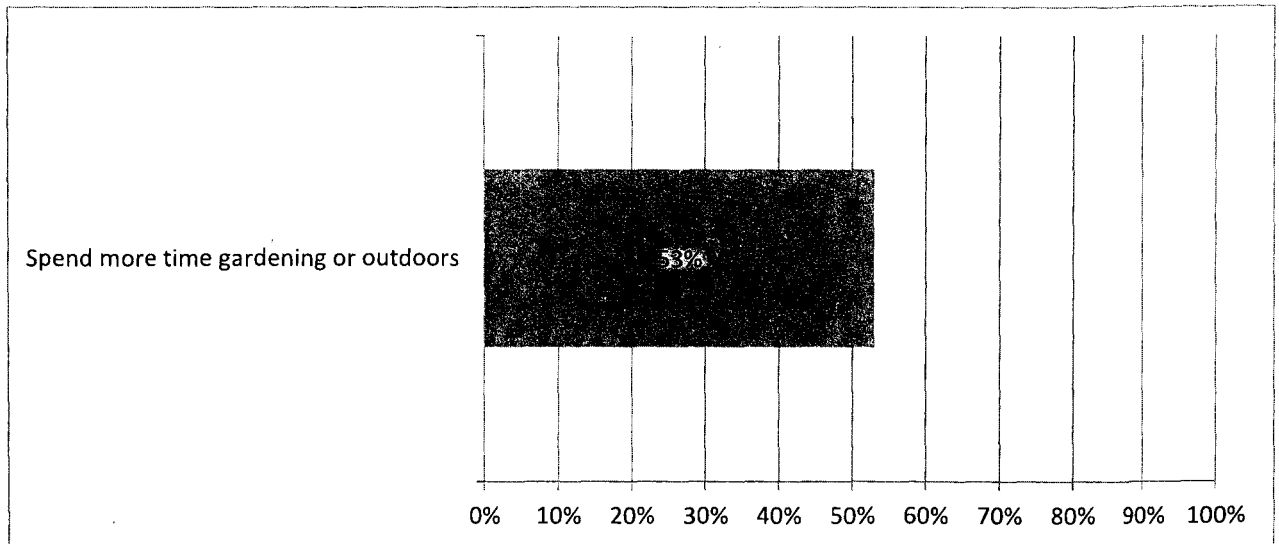
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## Comments re discontinuation of County Resolution 83-95

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**Ola Jane Gow** <olajane@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 9:12 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: Ola Jane Gow <olajane@gmail.com>, Alice Cantelow <alicecantelow@gmail.com>

Dear Supervisors,

As the treasurer of the local California Native Plant Society (CNPS), I strongly object to the draft policy A-10 regarding the use of meeting rooms in El Dorado County buildings and the discontinuation of County Resolution 83-95. The El Dorado Chapter of the CNPS adheres to the state organization's mission: To conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.

Following this mission, our organization provides the residents of this county access to native plants through our twice-yearly native plant sales, information about planting and including native plants in fire-resistant landscapes and establishing and planting low water-needs gardens. And just as importantly, we encourage the preservation and enjoyment of our county's rich natural floral resources through docent-led nature hikes, informative programming, as well as conservation work days.

Sponsoring these activities takes the majority of our yearly resources. In the first 3 quarters of this fiscal year, we have spent close to \$24,000 to accomplish the above stated activities and have less than \$1,000 from our only revenue producing activity, the twice-yearly plant sale, to further accomplish projects outlined in our budget. We are not an organization with deep pockets, yet we have big ambitions and dreams to spread the word about the importance and enjoyment of native plants. Our local organization is 100% volunteer.

We have bigger plans – such as completing the Nature Nook at the library and funding native plant gardens at local schools – than spending our limited resources on renting space in order to continue our mission to conserve native plants and increase appreciation of our country's natural floral resources.

Thank you for your taking into consideration this request.

Ola Jane Gow

Treasurer

El Dorado Chapter, CNPS



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**Gina Abrams** <gina.abrams4@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 9:13 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To EDC Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that a policy proposal, which will prohibit County buildings from being utilized for purposes outside County business, is before the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. As an El Dorado County resident, I am writing to express my opposition to this proposal.

Taxpayer funded libraries and buildings provide much needed meeting space required for many uses and activities beyond County business. These include political activities, which have been specifically restricted by the proposal. I urge you to vote against this Meeting Room Draft and instead allow the public access to County facilities for lawful uses beyond County business.

Thank you,  
Gina Abrams  
El Dorado Hills

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## 19-1656 B - Proposed Meeting Room policy - Needs further work!

1 message

Frank Porter <fspsm520@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 5:19 PM

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Dear EDC Board members

As a 35 year resident of El Dorado Hills, a retired educator, a taxpayer and someone who's a strong supporter of public libraries, I'm disappointed that the whoever wrote this proposed policy has failed to come up with a policy that allows for access by the public outside of regular business hours and severely restricts access to these facilities. Taxpayers, donors, and volunteers fund and contribute to library construction, maintenance, and operation. While I understand that the Library's operational budget limits the number of hours that they're open each week, I'm deeply disappointed that whoever wrote this proposed policy couldn't figure out during the 6 (or more) months that it took to write this draft, that it needed to come up with a reasonable method of allowing for usage by civic groups outside of regular business hours.

Specific changes need to be made to the following sections:

Section 3: "Use of County meeting rooms for non-governmental activities or purposes outside County regular business hours is not allowed."

Response: The County taxpayers, me included, have volunteered money, supported increased assessments to have library facilities available for public use. While I'd love to see the libraries open and staffed for more hours every week, it's still possible to develop policy and procedures that allow reasonable access for non-governmental, non-profit activities. The limited access to these public facilities is an enormous waste of publicly funded facilities. Figure out a reasonable fee structure for access to be allowed. Countless other counties and cities have figured out reasonable policy and procedures to make this happen. It shouldn't take 6 months to research and figure this out.

Section 3 B: Prohibited uses include: "Political activities, rallies or campaigns advocating or opposing specific ballot issues or candidates"

Response: How is "political activities" defined?

Does that mean that a Candidate Forum jointly sponsored by the EDC Democrats and the EDC Republicans and/or the League of Women voters is banned from utilizing a EDC Library?

Does this mean that a meeting by Indivisible, Sierra Club, Foothill Democrats. etc. is ineligible to use an EDC public library for an evening meeting?

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Does that mean that Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, Democratic Party Clubs, Republican DCC, Green Party, etc. are prohibited from using these facilities?

I urge the EDC Board of Supervisors to reject this draft policy, give the staff clear direction to address the shortcomings of this draft policy and return in early January, 2020 with a new draft.

Sincerely,

Frank Porter



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## Proposed meeting room changes

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Dawn Wolfson <dewolfson@aol.com>

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Dear Board Members,

As a constituent of Shiva Frentzen, a 14 year resident of El Dorado County and a taxpayer, I want to state that I disagree with the proposed policy regarding meeting rooms. Surely there is a reasonable way to accommodate groups that want to use the meeting rooms outside of business hours. Sacramento Public Library manages to do it at no cost to the groups who are using the rooms. I also think you need a clearer definition of political activities. Are you specifically wanting to prohibit use for groups advocating specific campaigns (ballot issues or candidates) or are you intending to prohibit ANY political activity? And why?

Please reject this draft policy. It needs more work.

Thanks,

Dawn Wolfson



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**jfinch3036@aol.com** <jfinch3036@aol.com>

Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 1:35 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Attached please find my letter in Opposition to 19-1656 B "Meeting Room - Draft." This proposal was just brought to my attention late last evening and I understand you will be voting on it today, December 17th, 2019.

Please read and consider the attached letter prior to any vote.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Jenette L. Finch



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VIA EMAIL

Board of Supervisors  
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Email: [edc.cob@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us)

Re: "Meeting Room - Draft"

Dear Supervisors Hidahl, Frentzen, Veerkamp, Parlin & Novasel:

I want to voice my opposition to the proposed "Meeting Room - Draft," which was brought to my attention late last evening and I understand will be voted on by the Board of Supervisors today, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

As a 26-year tax-paying member of this community, I expect that the Board of Supervisors will provide access where groups can meet. In fact, I have addressed the lack of meeting space in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County with my supervisor, John Hidahl, over the past year. I spent many months calling around and following every lead to find available meeting space in El Dorado Hills after Raley's closed their community room in 2018, and there is little to no reasonably priced space available for the community's use.

The EDH CSD's meeting room prices are astronomical, especially for small non-dues collecting clubs. To further limit the few meeting spaces available does not serve the community at all and I'm disappointed if any of you believe that it does. Perhaps if the APAC and other County-affiliated groups using the CSD for their meetings were required to pay the normal rental fees rather than having their fees waived as I understand the current arrangement, it would be felt more broadly by the Board and you would come to understand the lack of meeting space is a very real problem in our County.

As political candidates yourselves each time you run for the Board of Supervisors, I am surprised you would attempt to exclude political activities from your policy. Every candidate likes to address various groups in an attempt to earn their votes, but where do you think these groups will meet if you close down access to the few meeting spaces currently available?

I agree with concerned citizen Frank Porter's remarks provided to you yesterday afternoon wherein he says:

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We understand there are costs involved to the County to keep the library or other meeting spaces open past business hours. While it would be a great community service to provide meeting space for free as other counties are able to do, at a minimum, you should be able to come up with a fair fee structure where groups could reimburse the County for extra fees incurred, such as for the library security guard, during the after hours meeting time.

**You should be expanding the access of meeting rooms, not further limiting them.**

I urge each of you to vote against this “Meeting Room - Draft” and, instead, go back and review the policies and expand access for civic groups. **You should want to encourage civic engagement not discourage it by closing off meeting space access to groups.**

Thank you for your attention.

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Jenette L. Finch

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## Meeting Room-Draft

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Mary Elliott-Klemm <ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net>

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 10:31 PM

Members of the EDC Board,

I have lived in this County for 43 years. I worked for many years as a teacher in the county and at the same time I raised two sons.

I have been involved in Area Plan development, as well as worked with the county and city of Placerville to create the El Dorado Trail.

At present I am on the Board of the Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council.

I always felt that citizens working with government could create a better community for us all.

I also have felt that the role of the government is to serve their community.

The Meeting Room proposal is, quite frankly, a slap at that community. There is no logical reason that County meeting rooms should not be used for non-governmental activities or purposes.

My taxes and those of other residents helped to pay for those rooms and thus an effort should be made to have them also serve that tax-paying community.

It especially makes no sense that political meetings cannot be held in the meeting rooms. Political engagement by citizens is what makes our government function. It is how you get your job.

As a taxpayer for many years, and as a member of our community, I would urge you to reject this draft policy.

Please make every effort to serve the citizens of the community. Having meeting rooms available is a small way to say thank you to active citizens.

Sincerely,

Mary Elliott-Klemm  
Somerset, California, 95684





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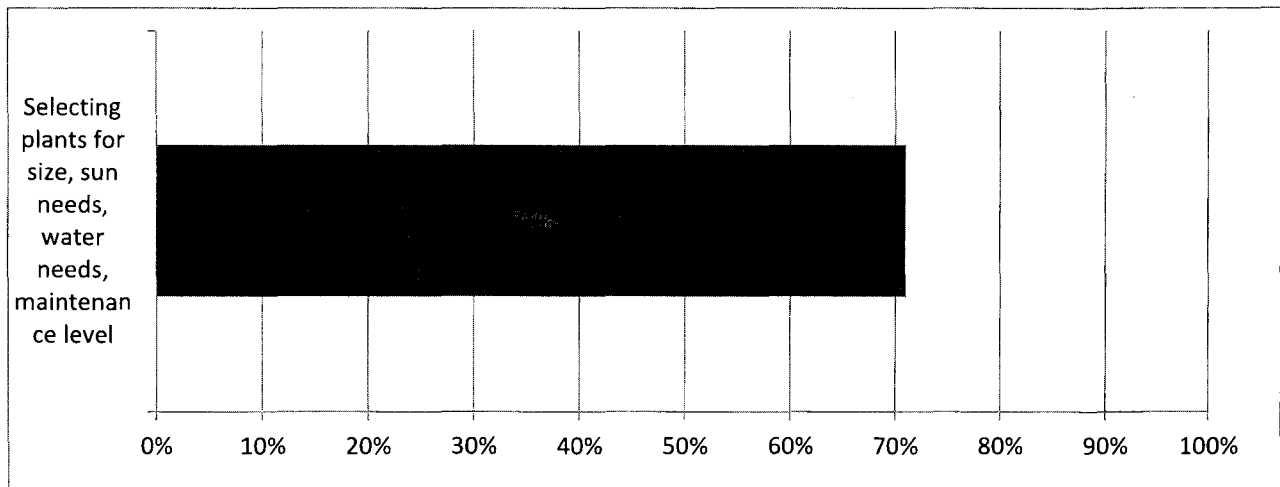
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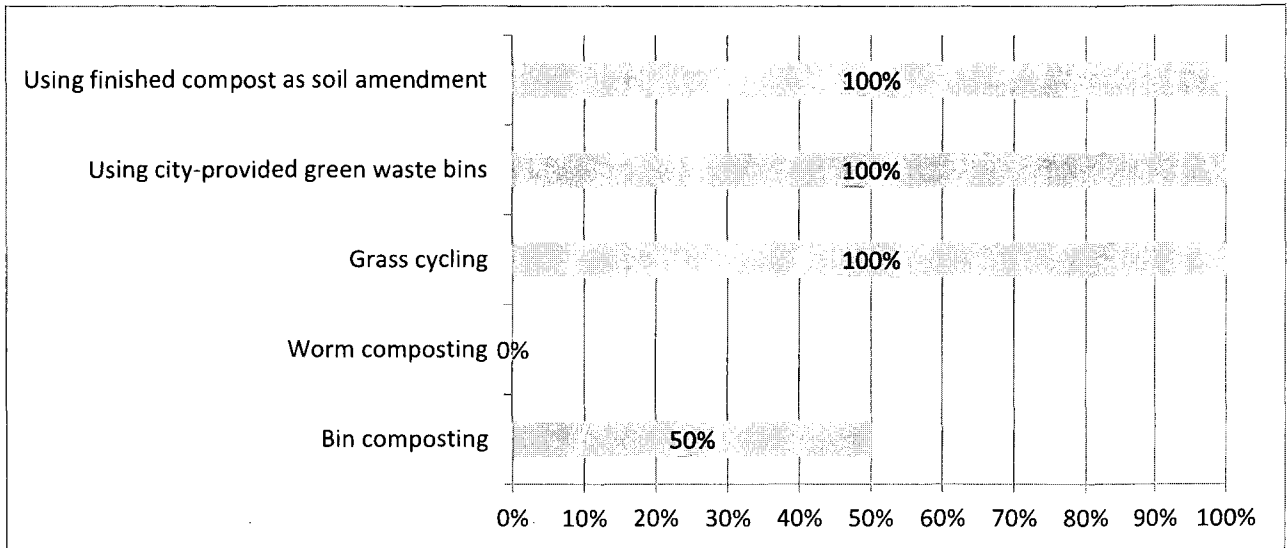
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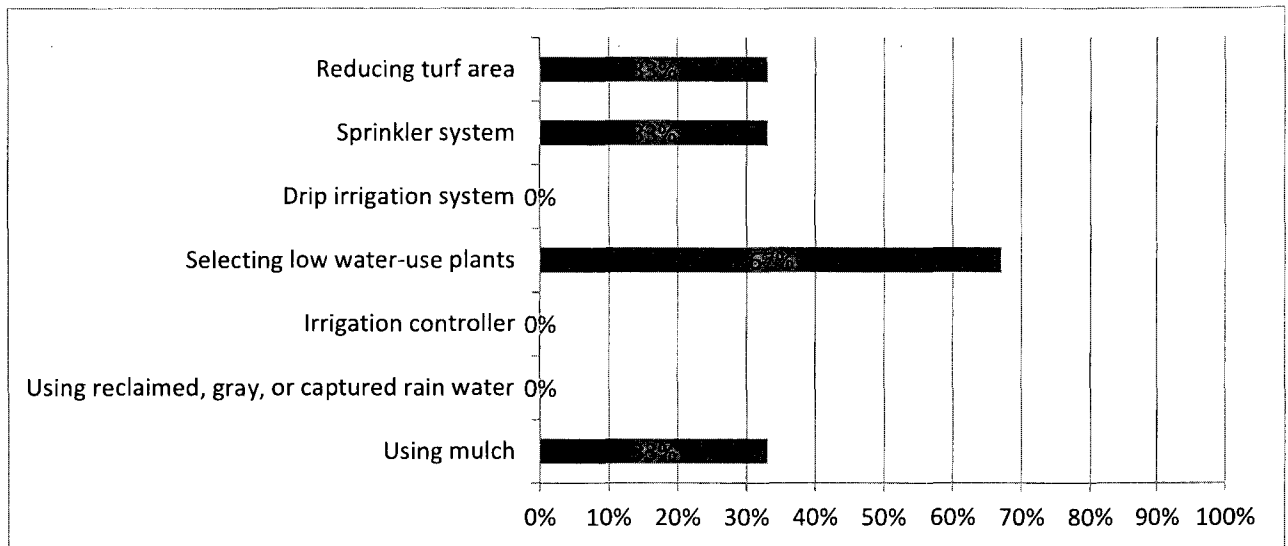




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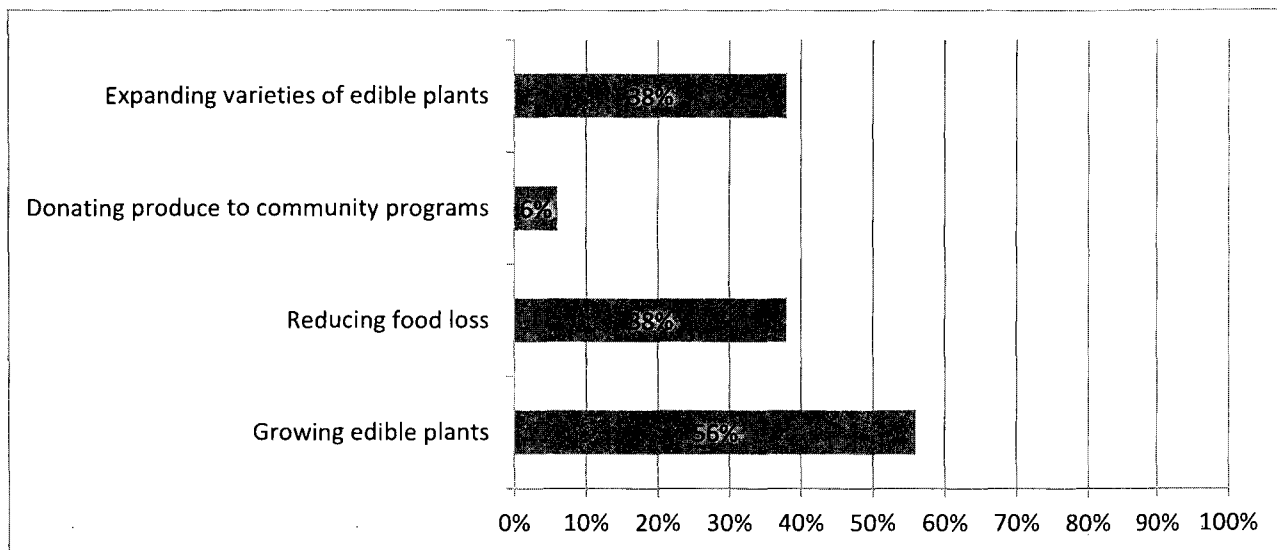


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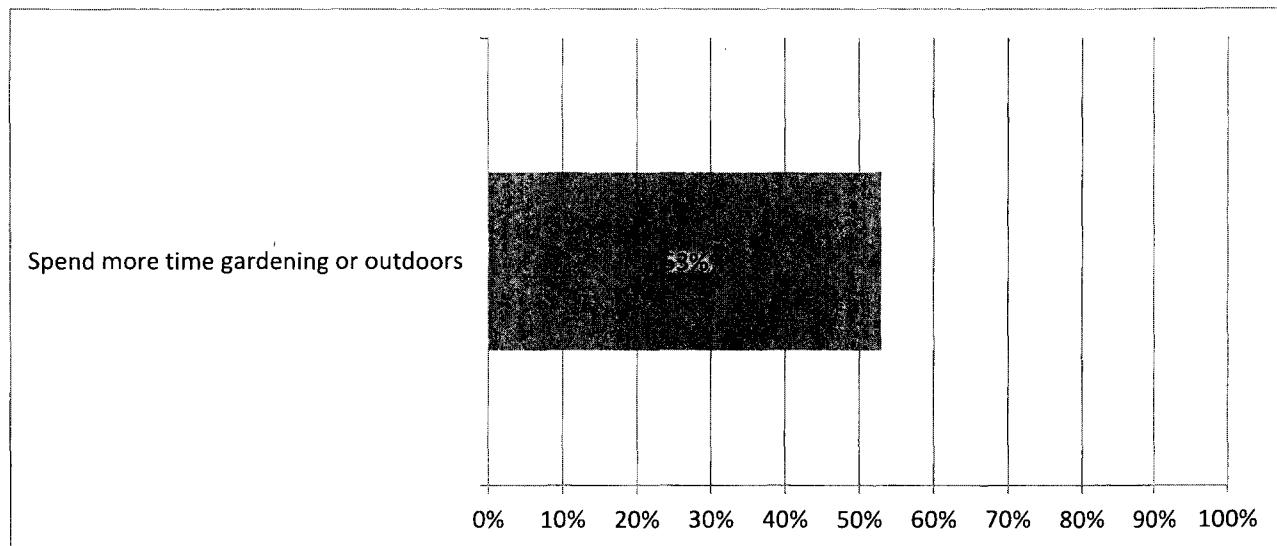




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