

Draft recommendations to our future City leaders

Community Presentation



Portland Transition

**Voter approved.
Community centered.
City delivered.**



Government Transition Advisory Committee (GTAC)

GTAC's role:

- Ensure effective and efficient implementation of voter-approved charter changes
- Engage the public
- Advise the City

Your role this evening:

- Shape our new government through your feedback on recommendations to future city leaders



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Goals for Recommendations to Future City Leaders

Portlanders want their City to be:

- **Coordinated:** Work in unison.
- **Accountable:** Communicate goals and values clearly every step of the way.
- **Accessible:** Inform Portlanders and connect them to government services.
- **Responsive:** Quickly address emerging issues that harm Portlanders.
- **Equitable:** Prioritize solutions and services for people who experience the most disproportionate impacts of social, economic, and public health challenges.

Four key categories of recommendations

1. Accessing City Councilors and City Services
2. Participating in City Council Decision-making
3. Participating in the City's Budget Process
4. Setting up Council Committees in the New Government Structure

Presentation outline

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What we heard:
What's your experience with City Council?

Lack of responsiveness and accessibility

Need for clearer communication, and centralized information about council

Lack of transparent process

Cedar MAP

Maple MAP

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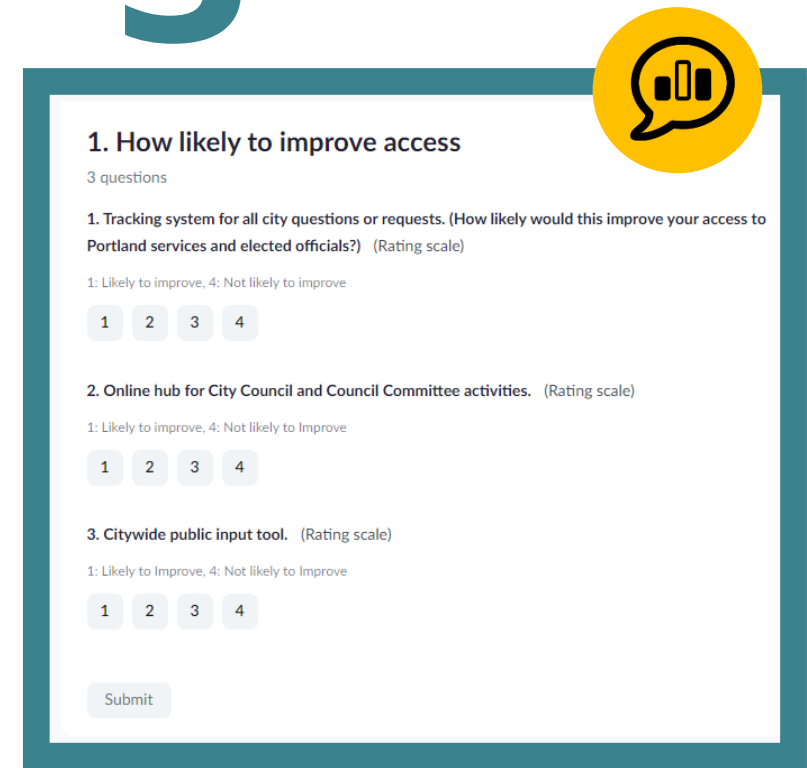
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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

Accessing City Council and City Services

1. Tracking system for all city questions or requests.
2. Online hub for City Council activities.
3. Citywide public input tool.

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1. How likely to improve access

3 questions

1. Tracking system for all city questions or requests. (How likely would this improve your access to Portland services and elected officials?) (Rating scale)

1: Likely to improve, 4: Not likely to improve

1 2 3 4

2. Online hub for City Council and Council Committee activities. (Rating scale)

1: Likely to improve, 4: Not likely to improve


1 2 3 4

3. Citywide public input tool. (Rating scale)

1: Likely to improve, 4: Not likely to improve

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What we heard: What are your hopes for your future city councilor?

**Prioritize
district
engagement**

**Improve city-wide
collaboration**

**East Portland
residents' desire for
in-district offices**

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Accessing City Councilors

1. Councilors should:
 - Hold regular office hours and town halls in districts
 - Attend community events in districts
 - Provide regular, predictable district-specific communication
2. The City should conduct a robust community engagement process to determine what programming, including district offices, Portlanders want in their districts

What we heard: How do you want to give public input to City Council?

Input earlier in the process

Increased accountability for considering public input

More accessible ways to provide public input

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Participating in City Council Decision-Making

1. Use council committee* meetings as the primary venue for public input and subject matter expert involvement
2. Council solicits input outside of council meetings
3. Allow public comment on items not on council's agenda during full council meetings
4. Ensure diverse perspectives and lived experiences are represented, and communities historically left out of City Hall decision-making have a meaningful voice.

*Council committees are small groups of councilors assigned to closely examine policy matters relating to specific topics or themes

What we heard: What would improve community engagement in the budget process?

**More and earlier
engagement**

**Clear guidance on
community's roles and
involvement**

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Improve Community Engagement in the City's New Budget Process

1. Earlier and more diverse engagements
2. Increased relationships with communities historically left out of decision-making
3. Accurate and accessible information
4. Centralize budget process engagement in City Administrator's Office
5. Open and honest communications and feedback
6. In-district budget townhalls
7. Explore alternative community budget advisory boards or committees

Communication Tools to Help Portlanders Understand the City's Budget Process

- Budget 101 presentation or video
- Interactive, game-like activities
- Readers' guide to the budget
- One-page overview document
- Information available in languages other than English
- Public blog with postings from all City entities working on the budget

What we heard: **What's important to consider when creating council committees* ?**

*small group of councilors assigned to examine specific topics

Equitably represent districts, subject-matter expertise and marginalized communities.

Clear criteria, measurable outcomes and timelines

Popular committee topics: livability, public safety, sustainability, governance

Maple MAP

What we heard: **What's important to consider when creating council committees?**

- Prevent duplication of topics
- Equally distribute authority over city resources across committees
- Responsive committee topics and procedures
- Prioritize transparent and accountable processes over a set number of committees.

City Council Committees

1. Each council committee has 4-6 members with representation from every district
2. Each councilor holds an equal number of committee assignments and at least one committee leadership role as chair or vice chair
3. Standing council committees - which are permanent committees - could include:
 - Committee of the Whole (consists of all council members)
 - Government Performance & Finance
 - Public Health & Public Safety
 - Transportation & Infrastructure
 - Community Development
 - Sustainability & Climate
 - Housing & Homelessness
 - Community Engagement, Equity, Communications

Breakout room discussions

1. Accessing City Councilors and City Services

- Any new suggestions for improving access to services and elected officials?
- Any other ways you'd like your City Councilor to engage with your district?

2. Participating in City Council Decision-making

- Any new suggestions for improving your ability to participate in City Council decisions?

3. Participating in the City's Budget Process

- What else might increase community participation and understanding of City budgeting?

4. Setting up Council Committees in the New Government Structure

- Any new suggestions or comments on Council Committees in the new government structure?



Polling Results

POLL #1: How likely would the recommendation improve access to Portland services and elected officials?

POLL #1: Accessing City Council and City Service

Poll ended | 1 question | 16 of 27 (59%) participated

1. Rank which recommendations would best improve how Portlanders access City Council and City services. (Rank Order)

16/16 (100%) answered

A. Tracking system for all city questions or requests. 16/16 100%



B. Online hub for City Council activities. 16/16 100%



C. Citywide public input tool. 16/16 100%



○ Best ○ 2nd Best ○ 3rd Best

POLL #1: How likely would the recommendation improve access to Portland services and elected officials?

POLL #2: Accessing City Councilors

Poll | 1 question | 15 of 26 (57%) participated

1. Rank these by how important they are for your City Councilor to represent your district effectively. (Rank Order)

15/15 (100%) answered

A. Councilors hold regular office hours and town halls in di... 15/15 100%



B. Councilors attend community events in districts 15/15 100%



C. Councilors provide regular, predictable district-specific c... 15/15 100%



D. The City engages the community to find out what progra... 15/15 100%



Most Important 2nd Most Important 3rd Most Important

4th Most Important

POLL #3: Rank these in order of their potential to improve public participation in City Council decision-making.

POLL #3: Participating in City Council Decisions

Poll | 1 question | 14 of 27 (51%) participated

1. POLL #3: Rank these in order of their potential to improve public participation in City Council decision-making.
(Rank Order)

14/14 (100%) answered

A. Use council committee meetings as the primary venue for public input and subject matter expert... 14/14 100%



B. Council solicits input outside of council meetings 14/14 100%



C. Allow public comment on items not on council's agenda during full council meetings 14/14 100%



D. Ensure diverse perspectives and lived experiences are represented, and communities historically... 14/14 100%



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POLL #4: Select the top three tools that would best help you understand the city's budget process.

POLL #4: Improving Engagement in Budget Process

Poll ended | 1 question | 15 of 27 (55%) participated

1. Select the top three actions that best increase community participation in the budget process. (Multiple Choice)

15/15 (100%) answered

Earlier and more diverse engagements (6/15) 40%

Increased relationships with communities historically left out of decision- making (7/15) 47%

Centralize budget process engagement in City Administrator's Office (8/15) 53%

Open and honest communications and feedback (7/15) 47%

In-district budget townhalls (10/15) 67%

Explore alternative community budget advisory boards or committees (7/15) 47%

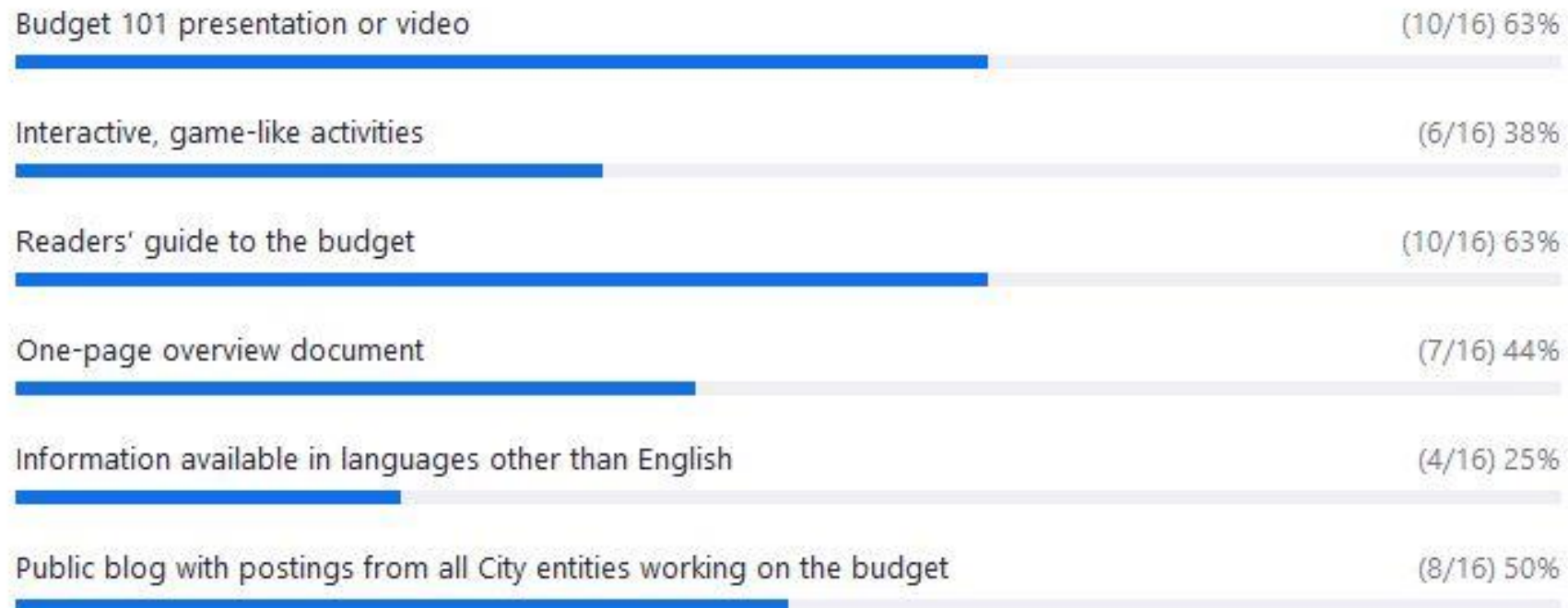
POLL #5: Select the top three tools that would best help you understand the city's budget process.

POLL #5: Communication Tools for Budget Process

Poll | 1 question | 16 of 27 (59%) participated

1. Select the top three tools that would best help you understand the city's budget process. (Multiple Choice)

16/16 (100%) answered



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Thank you for coming! Have a good evening!