

Take this short survey to tell us what you think!

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

30 July 2020 - 05 January 2021

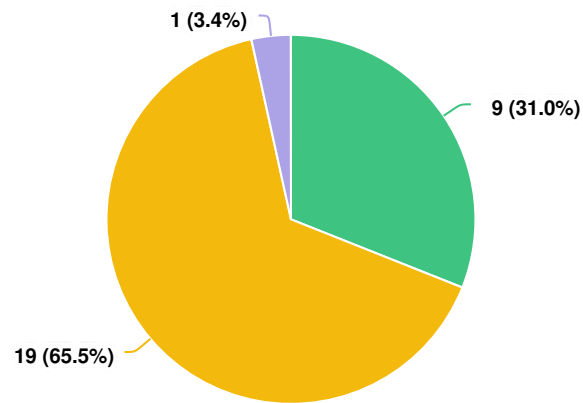
PROJECT NAME:

Multi-family Zoning: Achieving Intended Densities



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Do you live in an RM Zone? (see map)



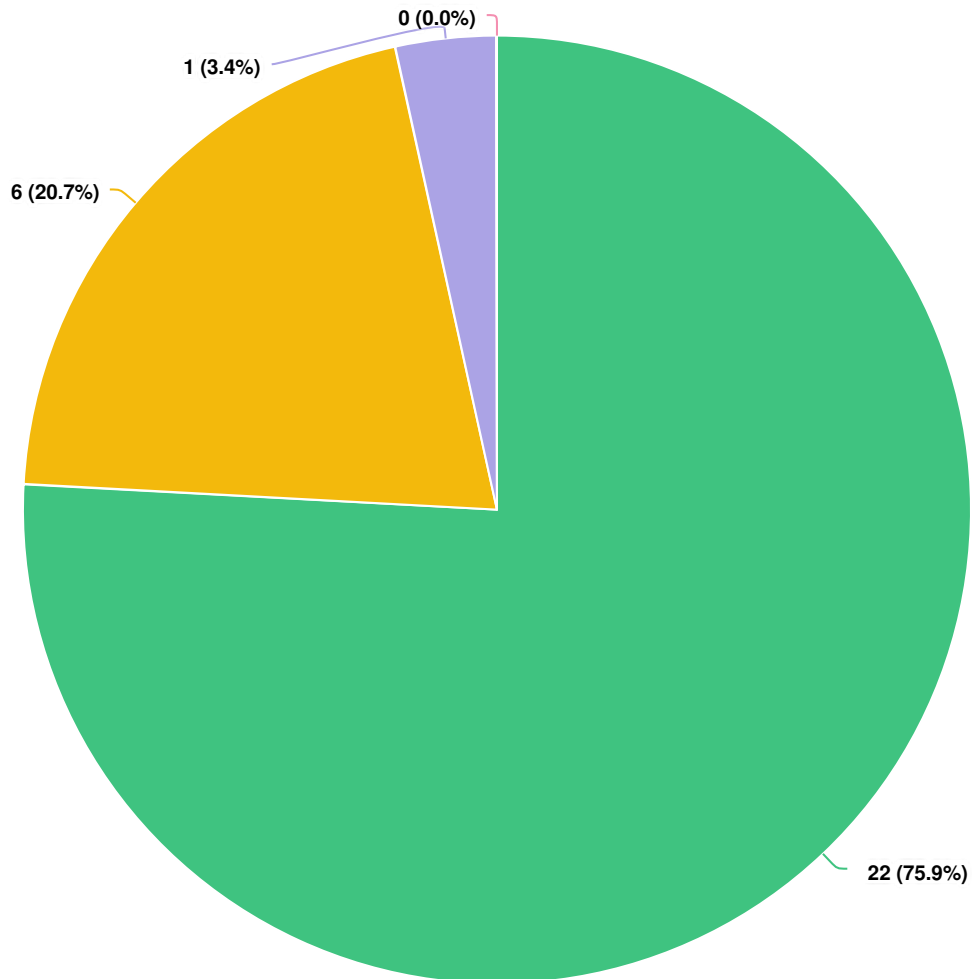
Question options

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Optional question (29 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 | Did you watch one or more of the 3 presentations (Project Overview, Project Components, Density Explained) in the "Learn More" Section?

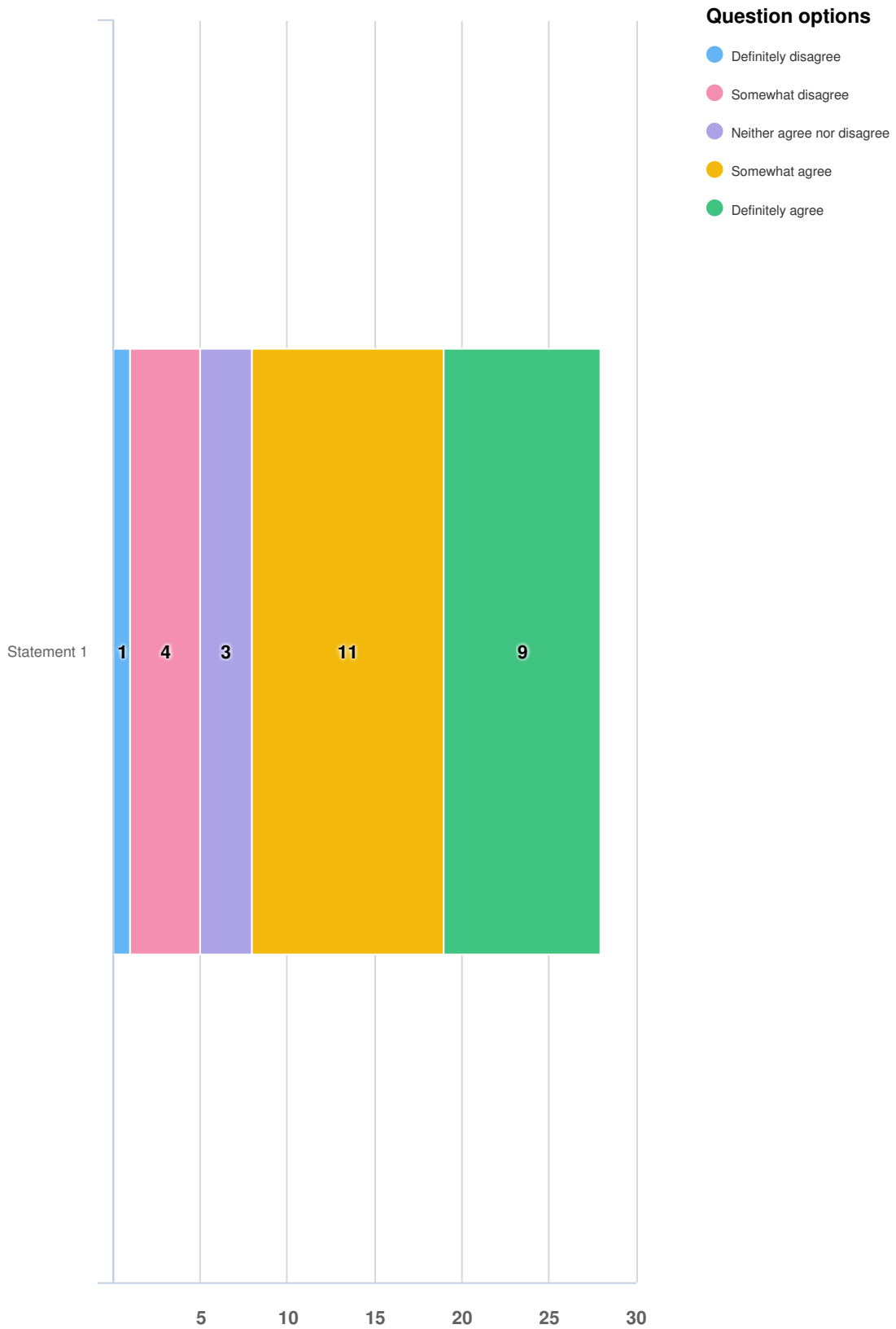


Question options

- Yes
- No
- I didn't have time
- I couldn't find where they were on the page

Optional question (29 response(s), 0 skipped)
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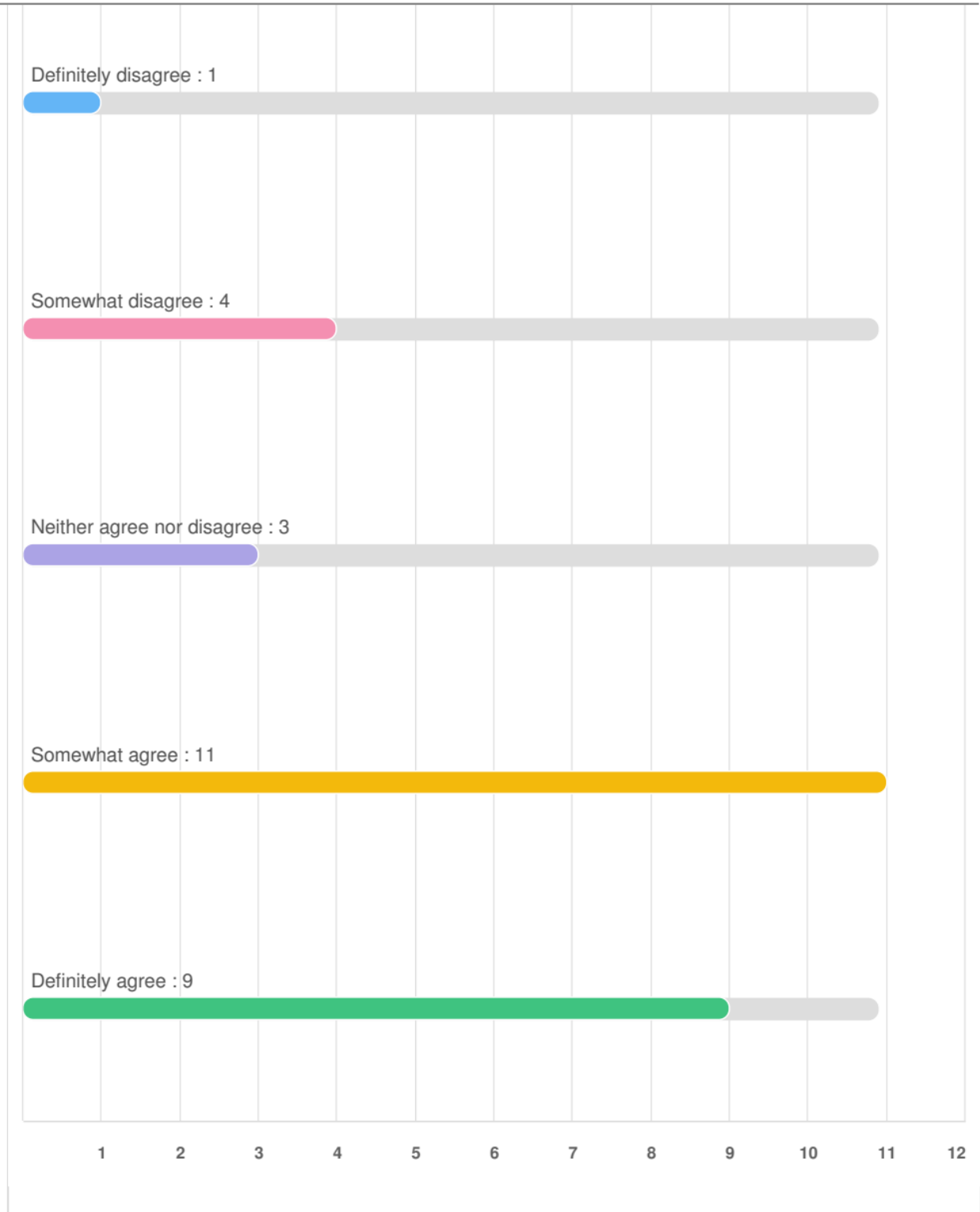
Q3 How would you gauge your support for the Ranged Density component of this project?



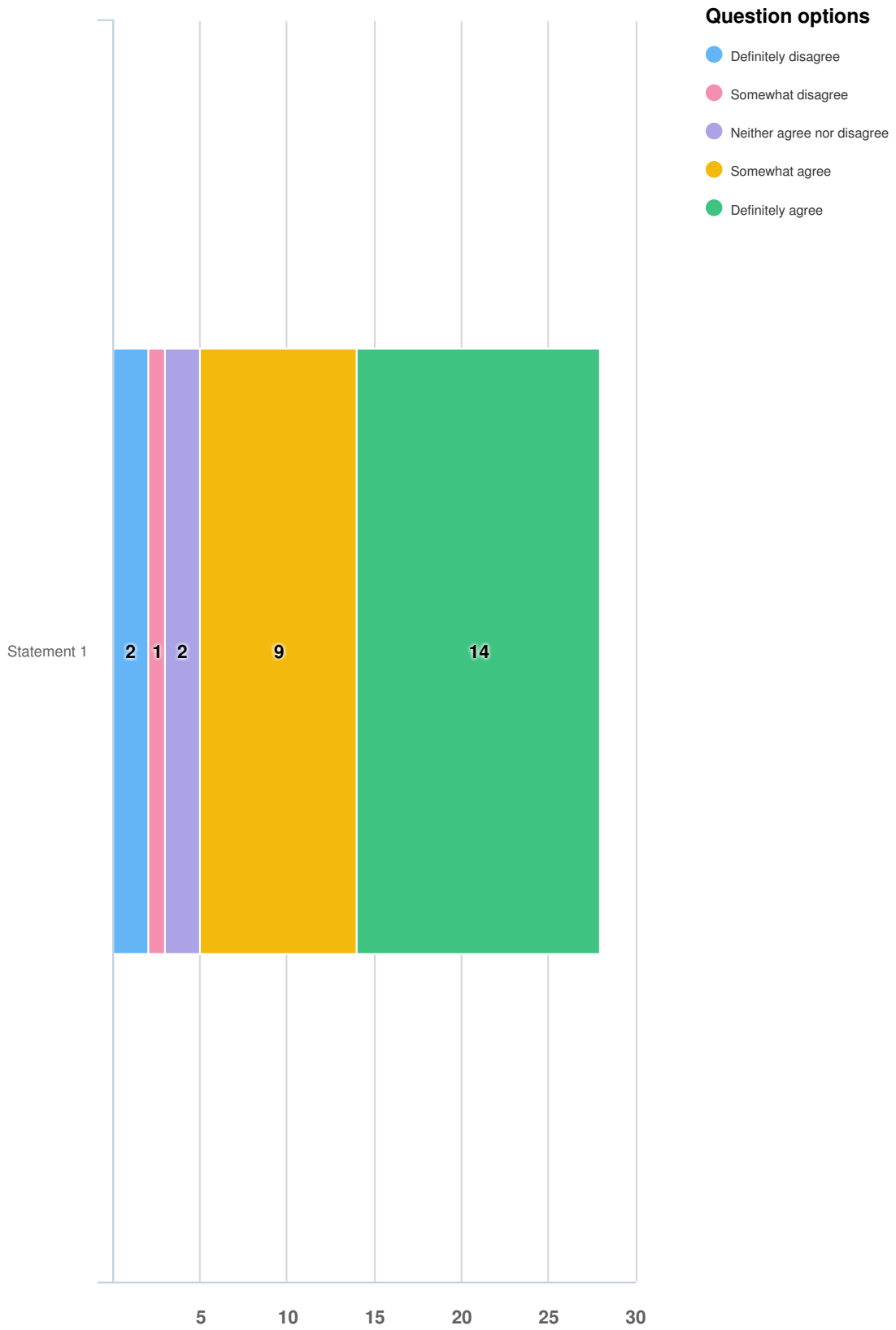
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Question type: Likert Question

Q3 | How would you gauge your support for the Ranged Density component of this project?

Statement 1



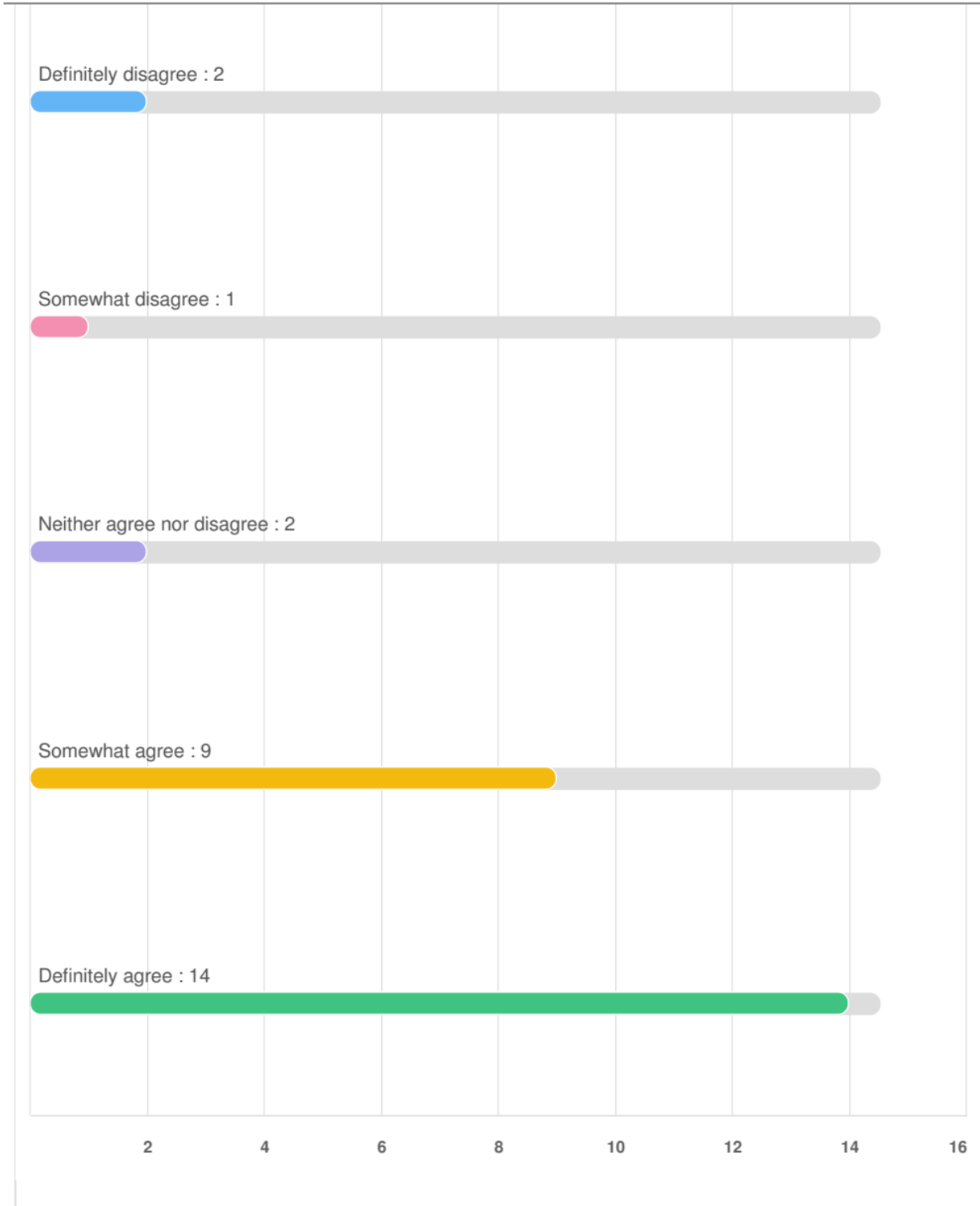
Q4 How would you gauge your support for the Density Bonus component of this project?



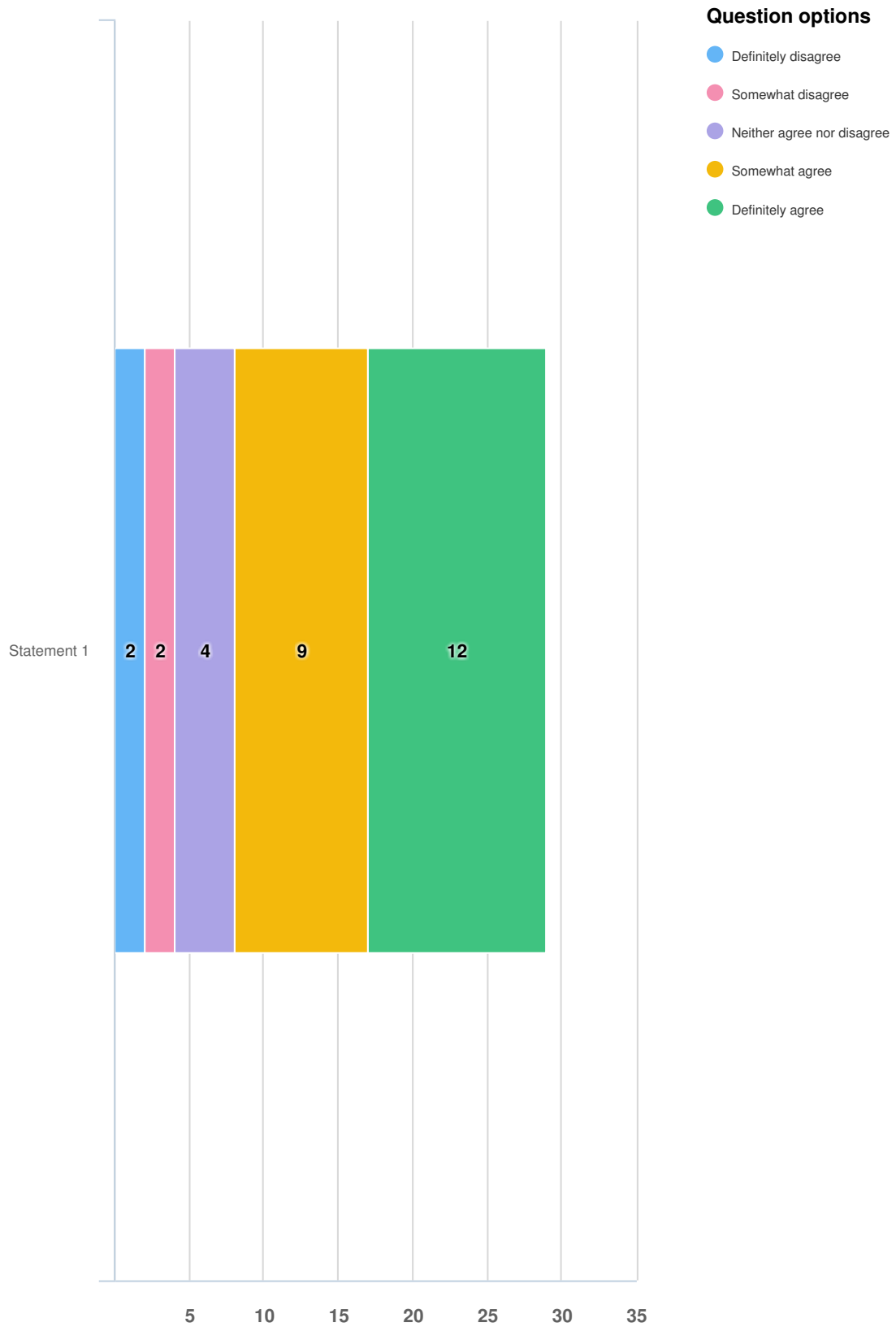
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Q4 | How would you gauge your support for the Density Bonus component of this project?

Statement 1



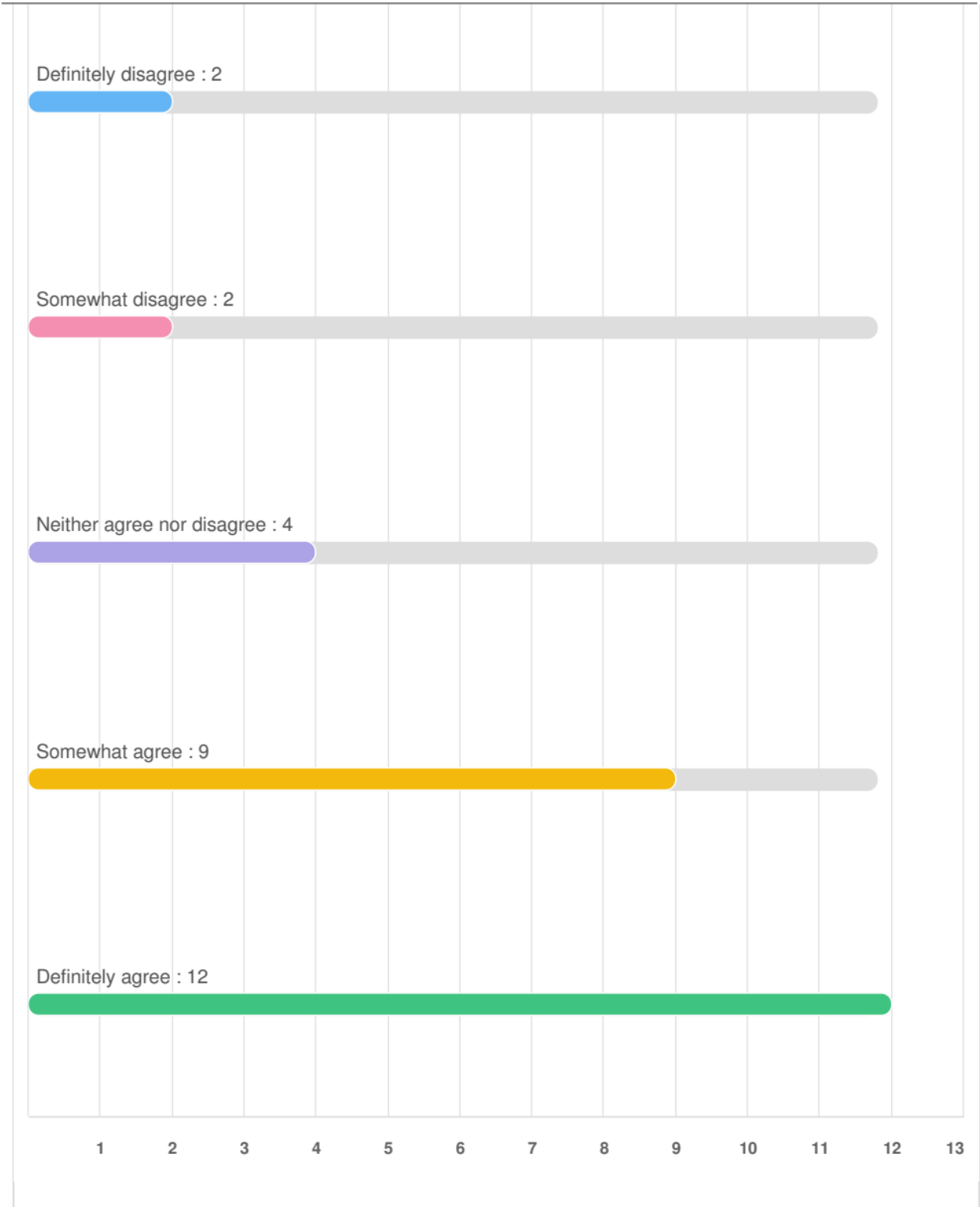
Q5 How would you gauge your support for the Infill Toolkit component of this project?



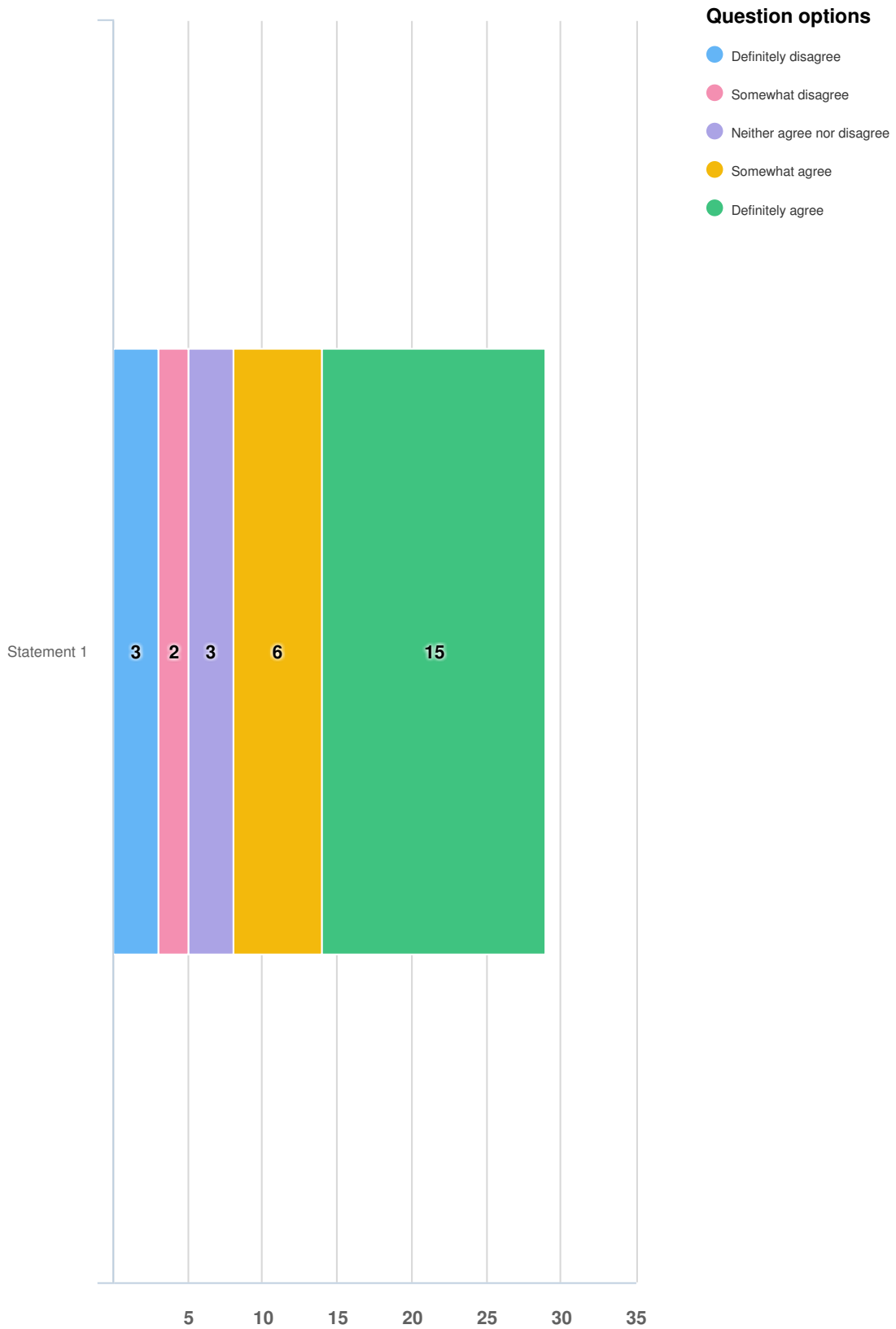
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Question type: Likert Question

Q5 | How would you gauge your support for the Infill Toolkit component of this project?

Statement 1



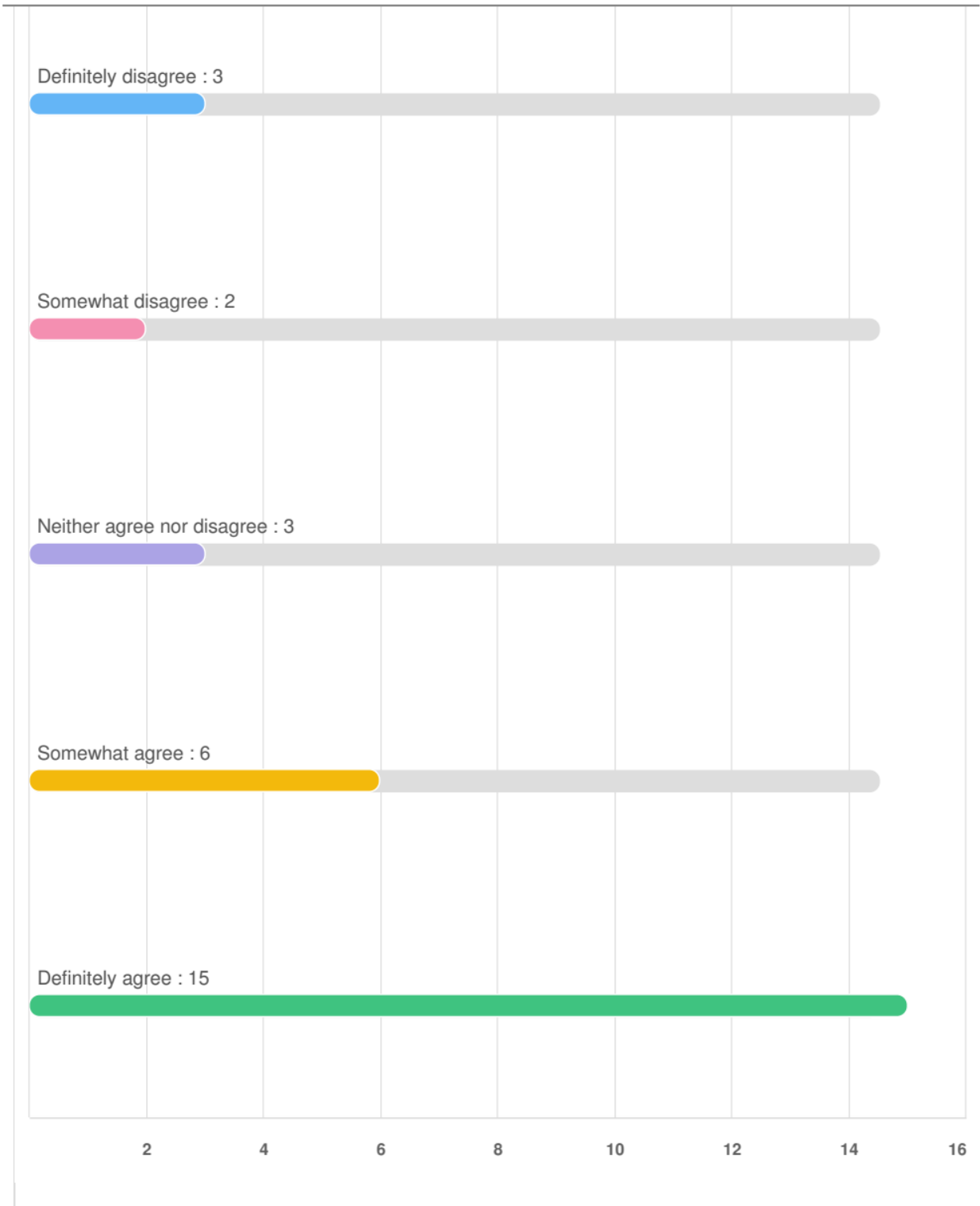
Q6 How would you gauge your support for the Minimum Density component of this project?



Optional question (29 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q6 | How would you gauge your support for the Minimum Density component of this project?

Statement 1



Q7 Please rank the following four project components in order of importance to you, with 1 being most important.

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Minimum Density	2.04
Ranged Density	2.42
Density Bonus	2.43
Infill Toolkit	2.88

Optional question (26 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question

Q8 Please provide any additional comments.

Donni

7/31/2020 03:06 PM

All of the images of housing seemed to feature multistory buildings, and single family units showed entry stairs. Where are the options that allow for accessibility and aging-in-place?

M. Tervo

7/31/2020 04:47 PM

I am concerned about traffic on Sunset Blvd and Barkley Blvd.

aaronbooker

7/31/2020 05:33 PM

I'm a big fan of density. I lived in a detached adu for a number of years in the lettered streets and loved it. I thought it was shameful when I learned that zoning had changed there from RM to single family. Defied logic. I do think that carrots work vastly better than sticks. The market will naturally reward density over time, but these trends can be vastly accelerated if property owners have flexibility and encouragement to increase density.

Hugo

7/31/2020 07:12 PM

Bellingham needs fewer people

Clean Air in Bellingham NOW!

8/01/2020 08:59 AM

Most of the density being created in Bellingham doesn't create wealth for working class people such as rental apartments. The city must create density that also creates wealth for working class people. Right now the city is building a lot of apartment to house a large population of poor people. If I'm a young family looking for my first starter home in Bellingham at \$450k how am I going to afford that? The City must build entry level housing that is high density but affordable because developers in the private sector don't want to

build them due to high insurance costs and low profit margins. The City needs to build high density entry level housing that allows families to build up equity in their homes, so they can then buy a residential home. The City needs more high density housing in the 100 to 350k range. This housing is ideal for young families starting out and older couples looking to downsize from their bigger homes which they can no longer maintain.

cmonster

8/03/2020 02:24 PM

I dont believe that the Ranged Densit component makes sense because it seems to basicallt allow the status quo to remain in place. Letting developer put up the lowest density possible in an RM zone will drive them to do exactly that. If this apt of the plan is adopted, the Density Bonus needs to be designed to offset the current market forces that drive developers and current land/home owners to go as low density as possible.

Lesjobry

8/04/2020 08:43 PM

More single story residential options are needed for aging seniors.

Michael Chiavario

8/08/2020 10:56 AM

Any changes in allowed density must be accompanied with a requirement to build or convert at least 50% of the homes to permanently affordable status. This will work to fulfill the equity and affordability components of the project.

quickg

8/20/2020 03:00 PM

I would like to see the planning department consider eliminating single-family zoning.

Starflower

8/21/2020 03:41 PM

The ever increasing size of WWU is the main reason that we have a housing problem in Bellingham. The University is growing larger and larger and as that happens more and more housing is needed for students. Very little new housing is being added on campus. The area all around campus and all along the WTA main routes is getting developed for campus housing, and that area gets larger and further away every year. Huge swathes of single family housing in this same area is also getting bought up at a huge rate which decreases housing for young families. Most of these houses are owned by only a few investors and they are only rented to University students. [Note and count the HAMMER signs that appear every summer.] I like the Infill Toolkit, especially the cottages (although all the ones I see are two-story which rules out most seniors and the disabled.)

JonNeville

8/27/2020 12:58 PM

I'm happy to see our city creatively working on our housing crisis. I see much of the affordability issues as being rooted in supply issues. Housing prices level off when there is more supply. I think that we should continue to intentionally come at things from this angle.

JotC

9/21/2020 02:45 PM

I liked the density bonus idea, but would like to see corresponding ideas around incentivizing neighborhood businesses, such as pubs, restaurants, and grocery stores. Certain RM zones in Bellingham have no business to walk to whatsoever and therefore developers will not be able to make use of this density bonus.

stowetalbot

9/28/2020 09:16 PM

It's time to start (gently) enforcing density minimums.

SG

11/26/2020 09:57 AM

Please consider wider radius from WTA go lines for density bonus, such as a 1/2 mile. And rezone all RMs within 1/4 mile of GO lines to be high density, in order to maximize the efficiency of increasing density near transit. I appreciate your efforts to increase density. All of these measures are important.

Optional question (14 response(s), 15 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question