

Community Meeting

March 11, 2025

6:15 - Doors open

6:30 - Welcome & Introductions

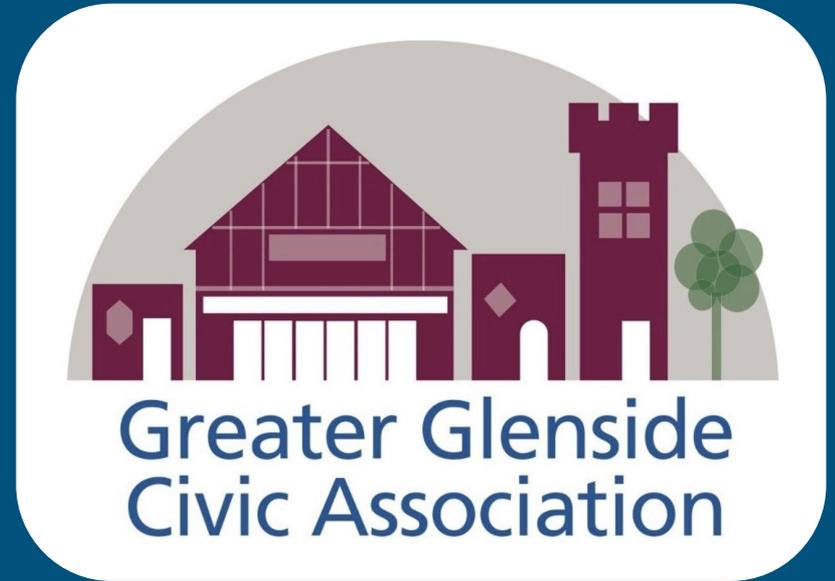
6:40 - Commissioners Bole & Vahey

7:10 - Community Survey Results

7:25 - Moving from Community Response
to Community Action

7:30 - Optional Continued Conversation

8:00 - Adjourn



Welcome

Krystn Kuckelman

Greater Glenside Civic Association

What we know now

Commissioners Bill Bole and Matt Vahey

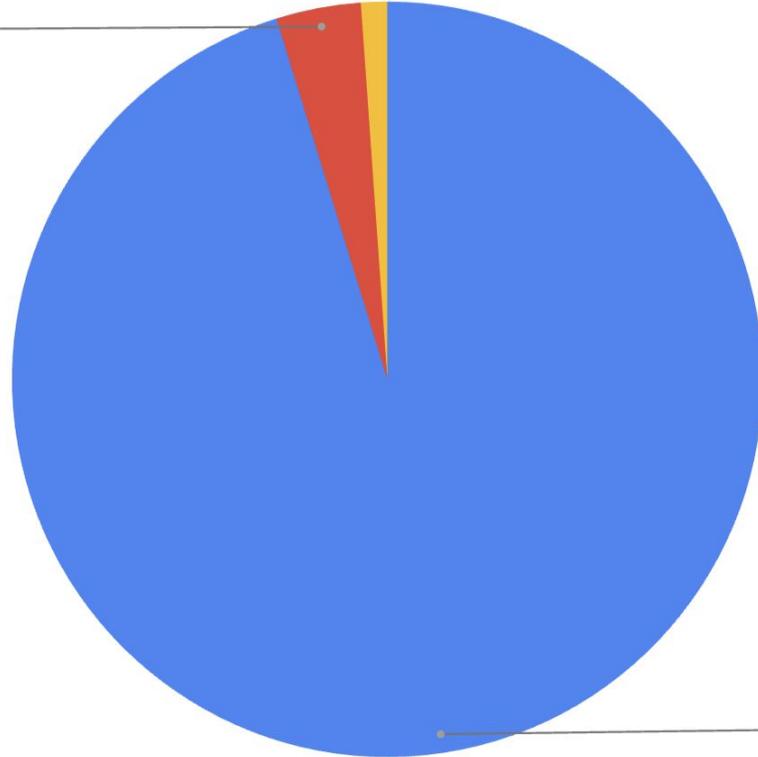
Survey Data Review: What our community is saying

Alison LaLond Wyant
Greater Glenside Civic Association

797 people participated from February 26 to March 7

Are you responding as a local resident or business owner?

Both
3.6%



Resident
95.2%

You're welcome to check out
the data for yourself.



Where are respondents from?

If responding as a resident, in what community do you live?

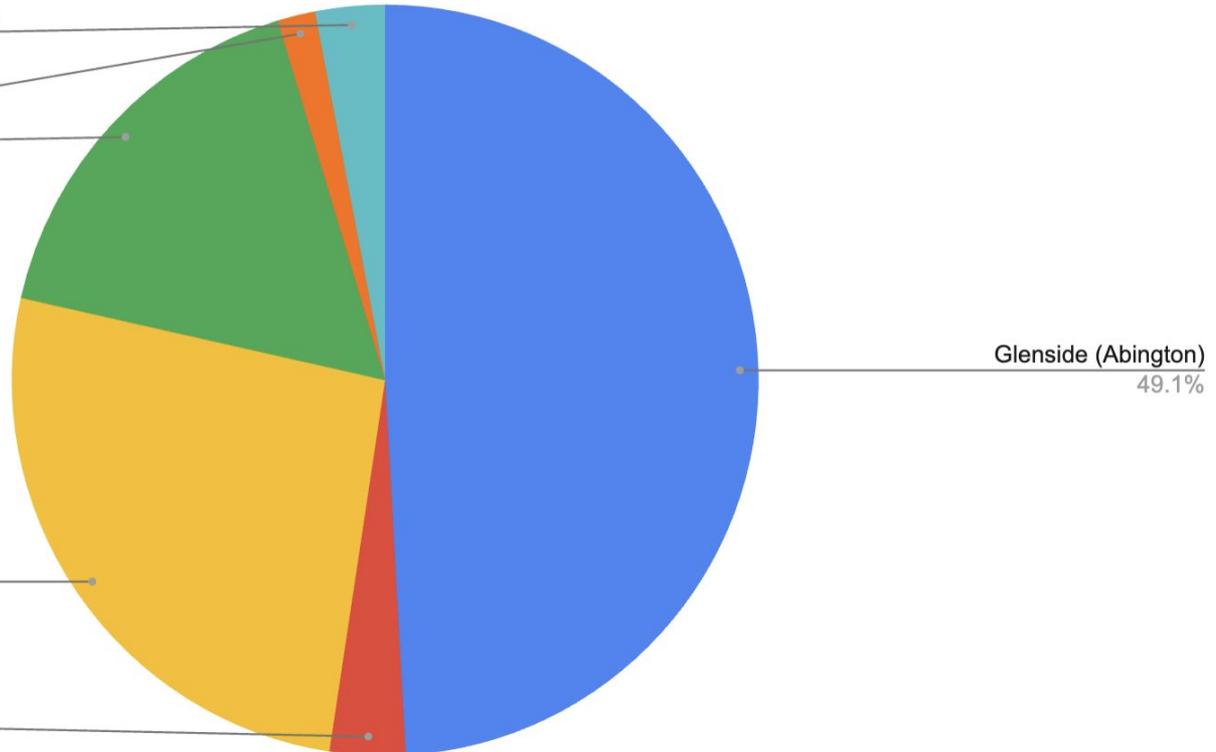
Cheltenham Township (but not Glenside)
3.0%

N/A or Other
1.6%

Abington Township (but not Glenside)
16.8%

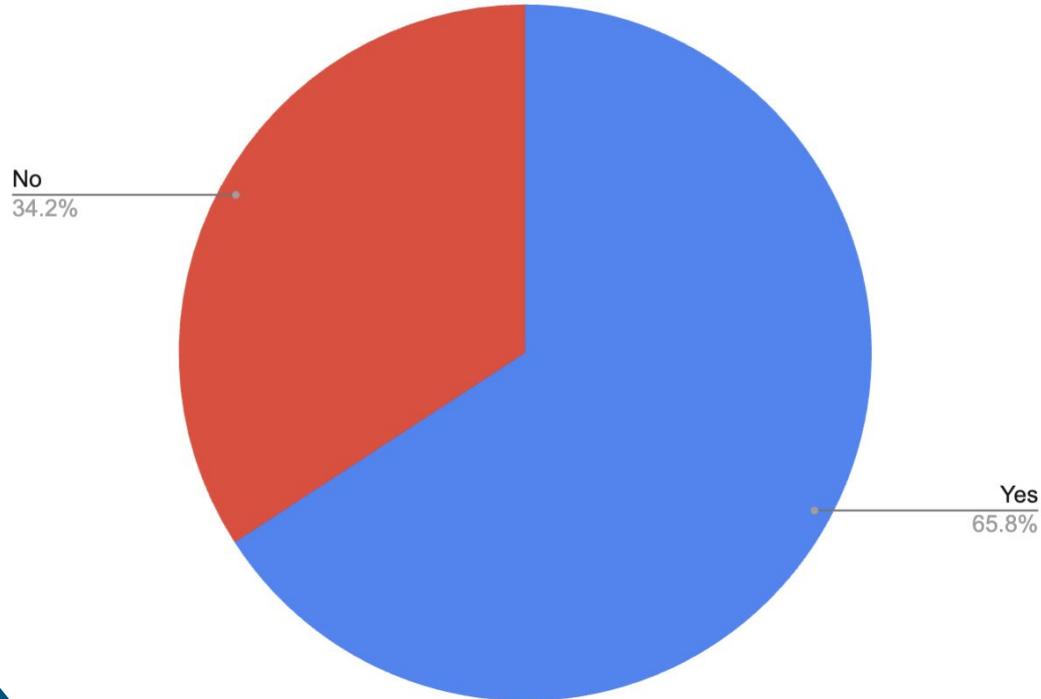
Jenkintown Borough
26.1%

Glenside (Cheltenham)
3.3%



Where are respondents from?

Do you live or operate a business within the one mile area that was subject to the Shelter In Place order?

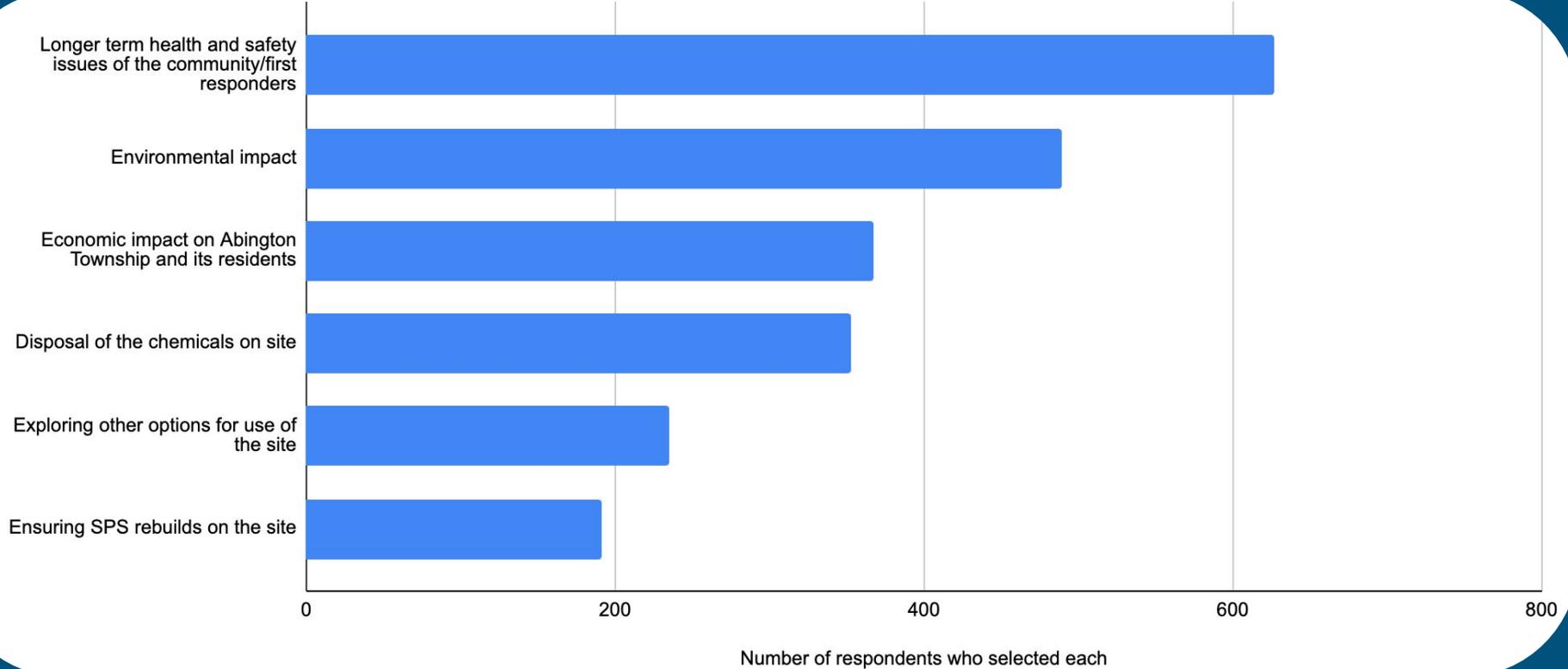


6-Month Concerns



797 total survey participants

5-Year Concerns



797 total survey participants

Participants' Questions

Air, Water, and Soil Quality

- Environmental Testing
 - How long will testing continue?
 - Will soil samples be tested for heavy metals, arsenic, cyanide, etc.?
- Exposure and Effects
 - What were people exposed to during the fire?
 - What are the long-term health effects?
- Communication of Results
 - How will air, water, and soil test results be shared with residents?

Participants' Questions

Health Implications

- Health Risks
 - What risks exist for first responders and community members?
- Medical Screenings 
 - Are there recommended medical screenings for residents?
- Long-term Studies
 - Will there be studies on long-term health impacts from exposure?

Participants' Questions

Demolition and Cleanup

- Timeline
 - What is the timeline for site demolition?
- Environmental Safety
 - How will demolition minimize environmental impact?
- Resident Protection
 - What safety precautions will be in place?
- Site Security
 - Who will secure the site and restrict access?

Participants' Questions

Future Use of the Site

- Rebuilding or Redevelopment
 - Will SPS rebuild, or will another entity take over?
- Community Input
 - How will community input shape redevelopment plans?
- Development Protections
 - Are there safeguards against unwanted development?
- Environmental Safeguards
 - How will future development avoid negative environmental impacts?

Participants' Questions

Tax and Economic Effects

- Local Taxes
 - How will the loss of SPS affect property and wage taxes?
- Financial Assistance 
 - Will businesses and workers receive financial aid?
- Tax Increases
 - Will residents face tax increases due to the fire?

Participants' Questions

Job and Business Stability

- Employment Impact
 - What happens to employees who lost jobs?
- Business Support
 - How will local businesses be supported?
- Attracting New Business
 - Are there incentive programs to bring new businesses to the area?

Participants' Questions

Responsibility for Costs

- SPS Financial Responsibility
 - Will SPS cover cleanup and monitoring costs?
- Government Support
 - Are state or federal funds available for recovery?
- Insurance Coverage
 - Will insurance cover property damage and economic losses for residents?

Participants' Questions

Monitoring and Transparency

- Oversight
 - Who will oversee ongoing environmental monitoring?
 - Will there be independent oversight?
- Information and Access
 - Which agencies will provide updates?
 - How can residents access real-time air quality reports?

Breakout Group Choices

<p>Air, Water, & Soil: What We Know & What We Need to Find Out</p>	<p>Environmental Impact and Recovery</p>	<p>Commissioner Matt Vahey & Ward 12 constituents</p>	<p>Survey Data: Questions, Feedback, and Ideas about Usage for Advocacy</p>
<p>Chemical Storage & Disposal: Risks & Accountability</p>	<p>Public Communication & Outreach</p>	<p>Commissioner Bill Bole & Ward 13 constituents</p>	<p>Other? Perhaps sharing personal experiences from the fire.</p>

What's Next?

- Follow along
- Share what you learn
- Encourage your neighbors to do the same



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Our Mission

To foster a vibrant community of involved neighbors, promote neighborhood improvement efforts, support economic development, & champion community-building activities.





Our Vision

An engaged community benefiting from vibrant neighborhoods, thriving businesses, accessible green space and public amenities, and the confidence that together we can be a force for good in Glenside.

