

Summary of Results of Community Survey on the George Washington Bust

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CITY OF WATSONVILLE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Survey

- **Survey Purpose:** To gather broad community input regarding the location of the George Washington Bust and to address community concerns that:
 - Opinions expressed through petitions and other correspondence are from Non-Residents
 - Concerns that duplicate responses from individuals may be counted
 - Concerns that there was not enough time for community to learn about the discussion and weigh in on it
- **Survey Goals:**
 - To account for city residency
 - To better control for duplicate responses
 - To gather broader community input
 - Cast a wide net, delivered from a neutral source
 - Serve as education tool on the topic

Survey Details

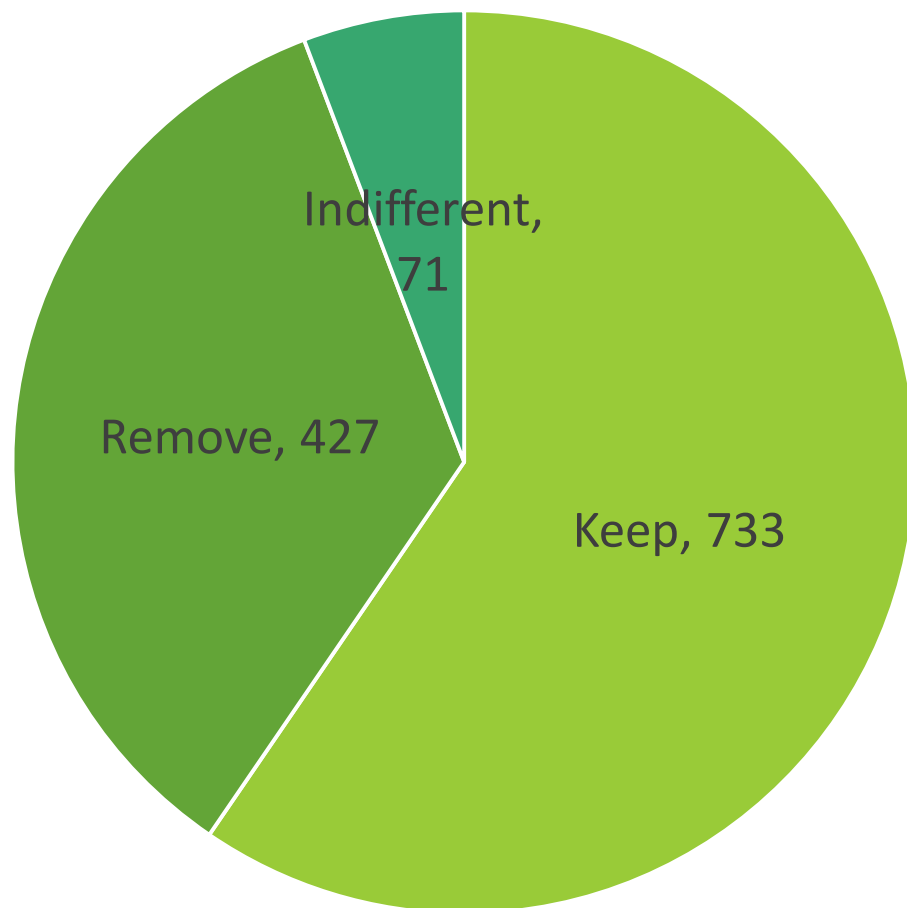
- **Collection Dates:** September 1 – 30, 2020
- **Survey Tool:** Survey Monkey
- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **Number of Responses:** 1,231 (498 City residents)

Survey Questions

- Respondents asked about their option on the placement of the bust
- Respondents asked how strongly they felt in their opinion of the bust remaining or being removed from the City Plaza
- Respondents asked about reasons for their feelings
- Respondents asked about actions they would support
- Respondents asked for name and address (email and phone changed to optional)

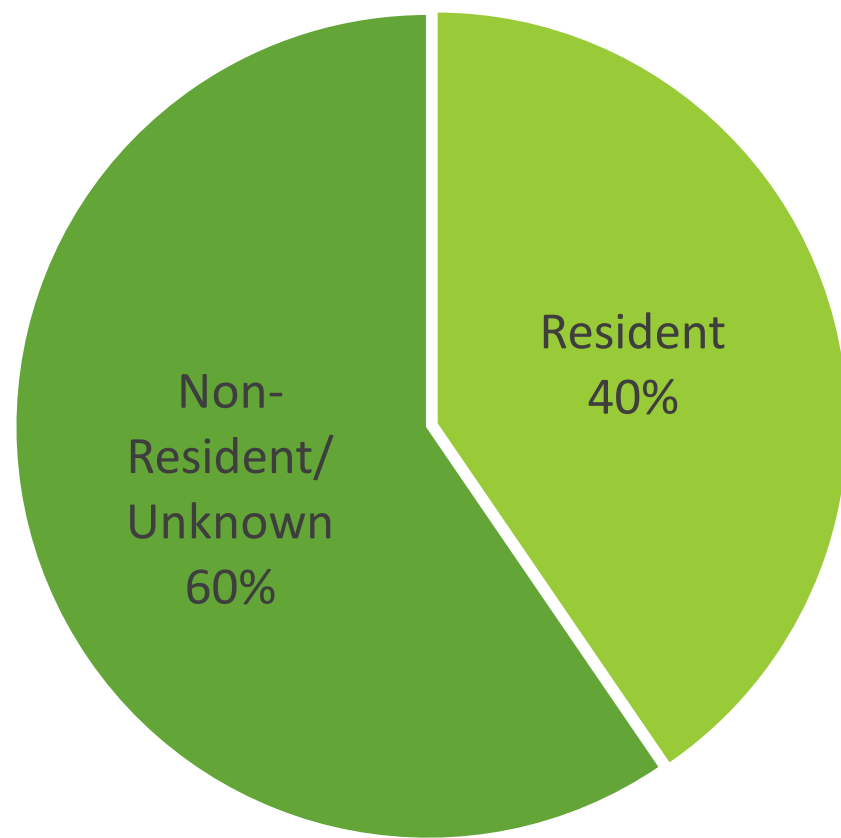
Summary and City Residency

Survey Summary (Question 1)



	Total	%
I think the bust should remain in the City Plaza.	733	60%
I think the bust should be removed from the City Plaza.	427	35%
I am indifferent.	71	6%
TOTALS	1231	100%

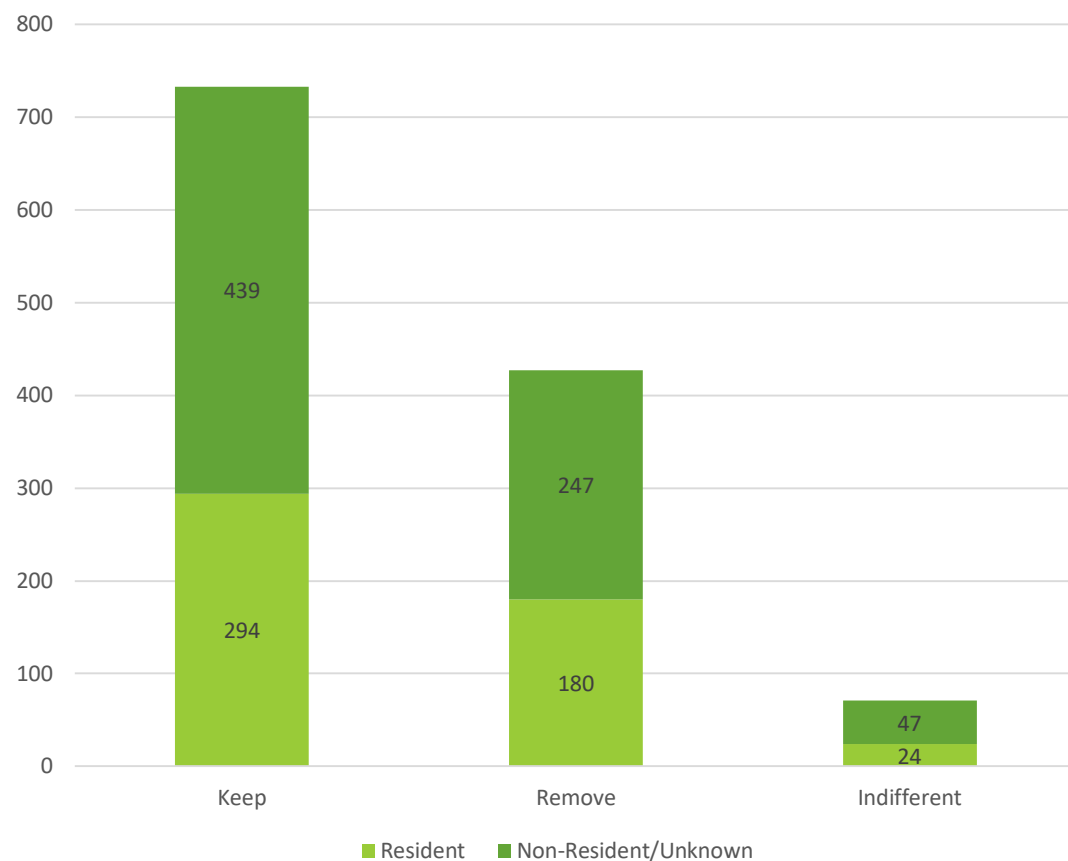
Residency of Respondents



	#	%
Residents	498	40%
Non-Residents	733	60%
TOTALS	1,231	100%

- **Residents** - Provided a verified address, within Watsonville City limits
- **Non-Resident/Unknown**
 - Provided an address outside of Watsonville
 - Provided an unverified address
 - Did not enter an address

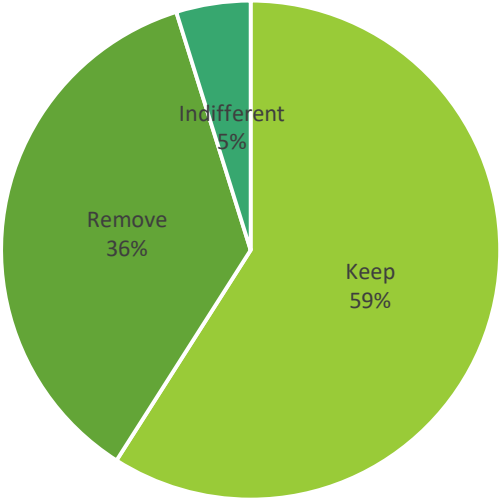
Survey Summary with Residency



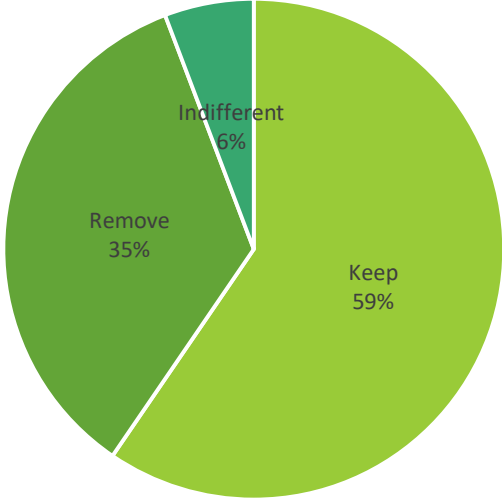
	KEEP		REMOVE		INDIFFERENT		TOTAL
Resident	294	59%	180	36%	24	5%	498
Non-Resident/Unknown	439	60%	247	34%	47	6%	732
Total	733	60%	427	35%	71	6%	1231

Survey Summary (Residents vs. All Respondents)

City Residents Only



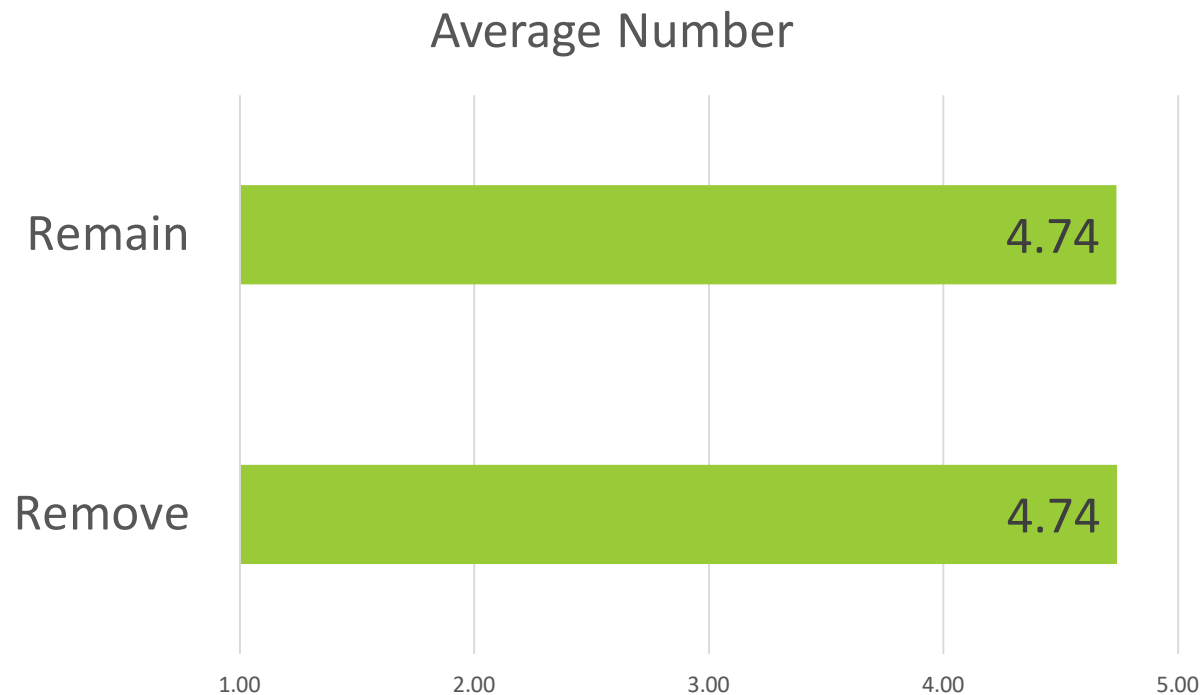
All Respondents



	Residents	%	All	%
Keep	294	59%	733	59%
Remove	180	36%	427	35%
Indifferent	24	5%	71	6%
TOTALS	498	100%	1231	100%

Follow Up Questions – How strongly do you feel?

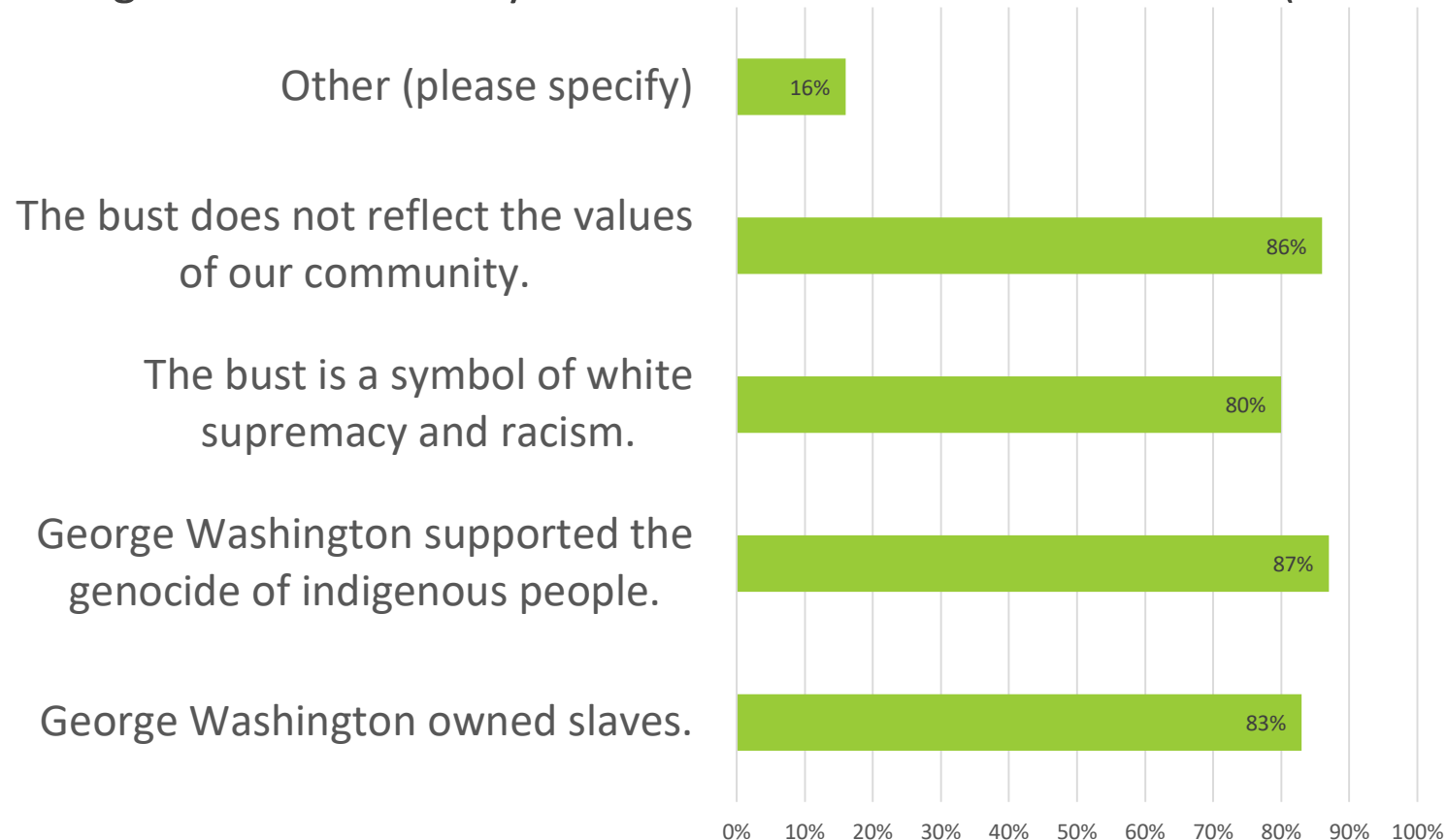
On a scale of 1-5, how strongly do you feel that the bust should be removed from/remain in the City Plaza (1 being the least strong and 5 being the strongest)?



Reasons for Removal or that it Remain

Reasons for Removal

Which of the following are reasons that you feel the bust should be removed (check all that apply)?



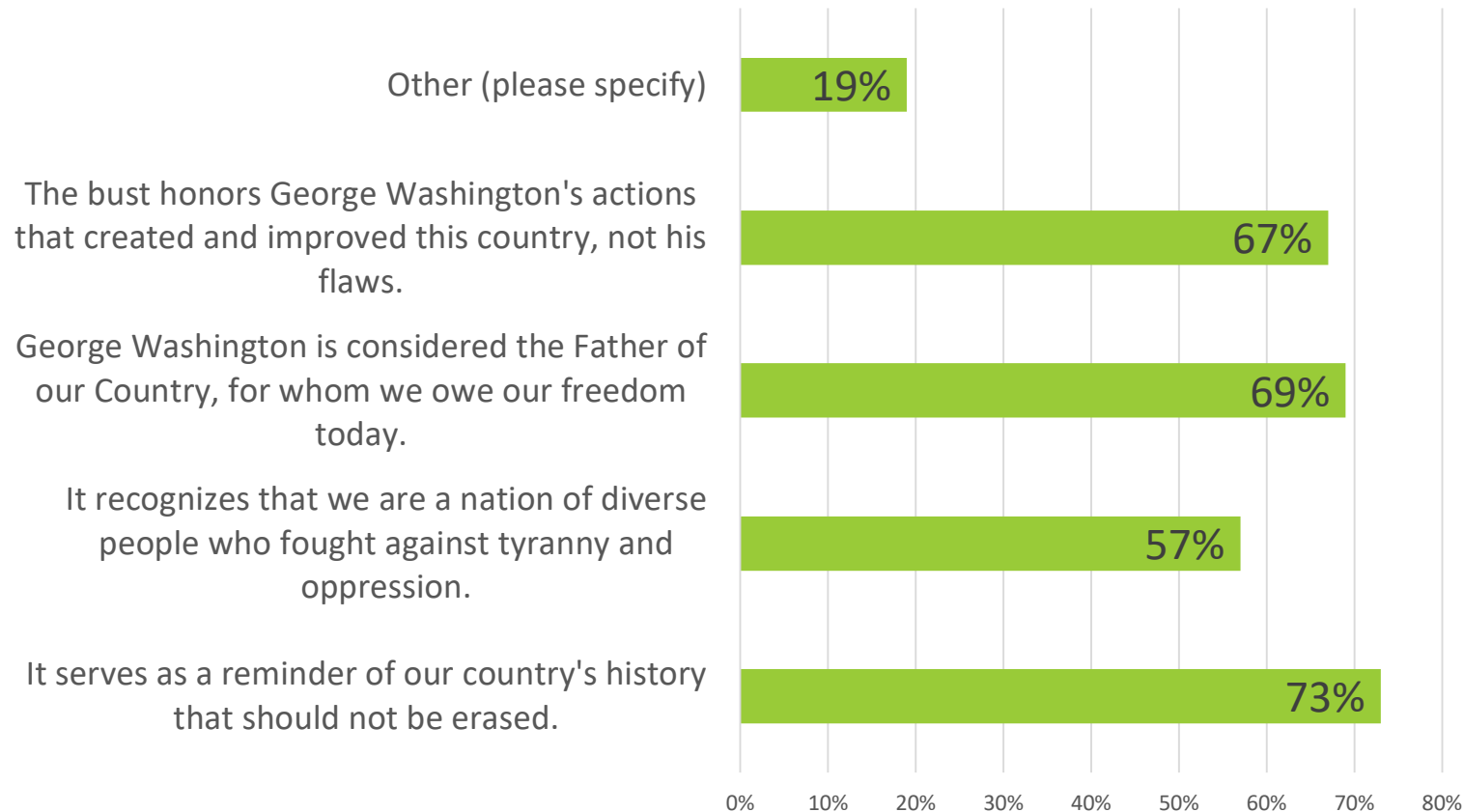
Reasons for Removal

Other:

- Bust ignores other parts of history/tells an incomplete story
- George Washington is irrelevant to local history
- Need a symbol that better represents our community
- George Washington represents oppression, racism, slavery
- It is ugly

Reasons to Remain

Which of the following are reasons that you feel the bust should remain (check all that apply)?



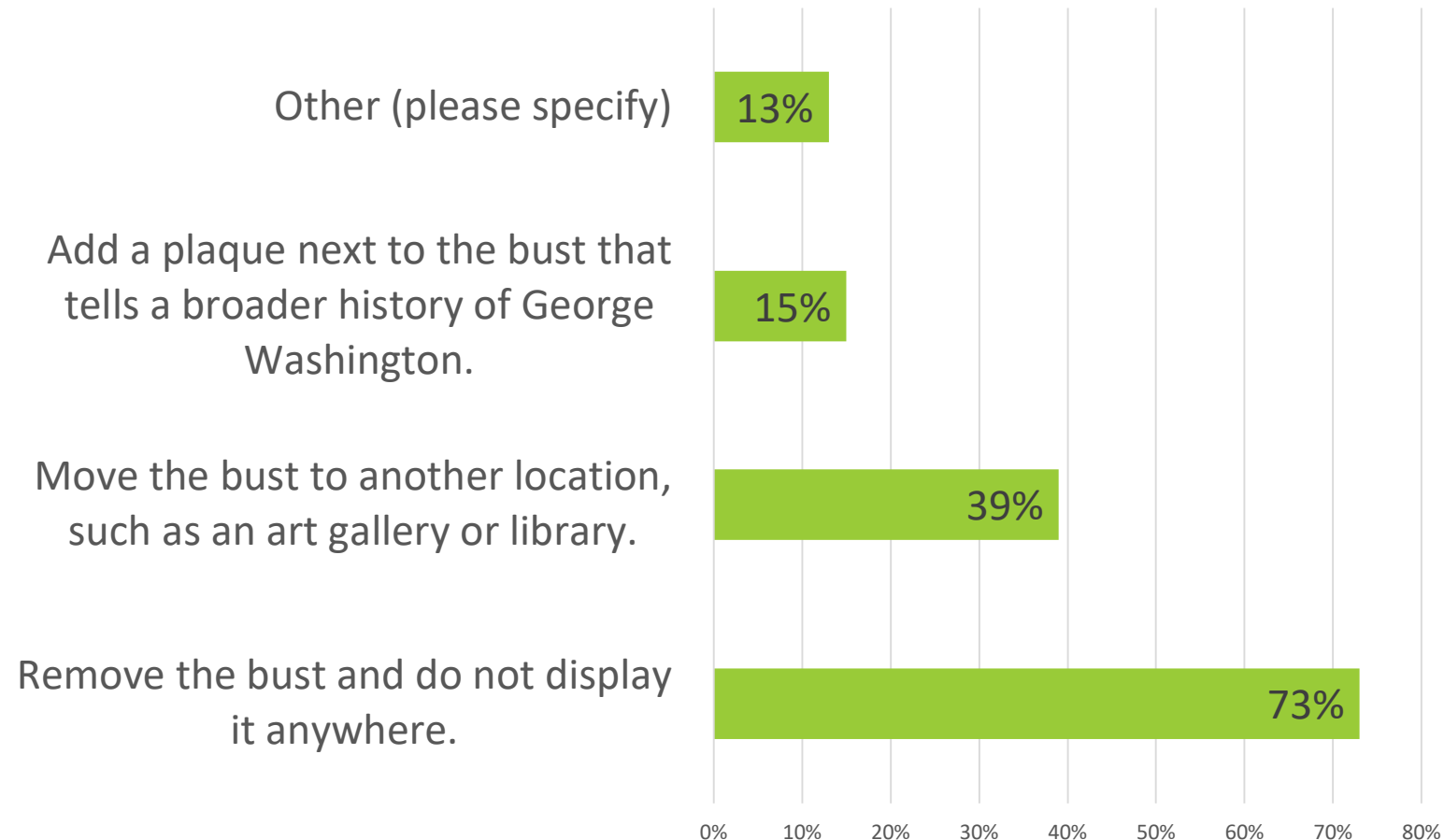
Reasons to Remain

Other:

- All people are flawed
- Can't apply today's values to the past
- It was a donation that the City Council accepted
- George Washington freed his slaves
- We would not have the freedoms we have today if not for George Washington
- We should learn from history, not erase it
- Slavery was practiced throughout history, including in European, African and Aztec cultures

Possible Actions

Possible Actions - Respondents in Favor of Removal

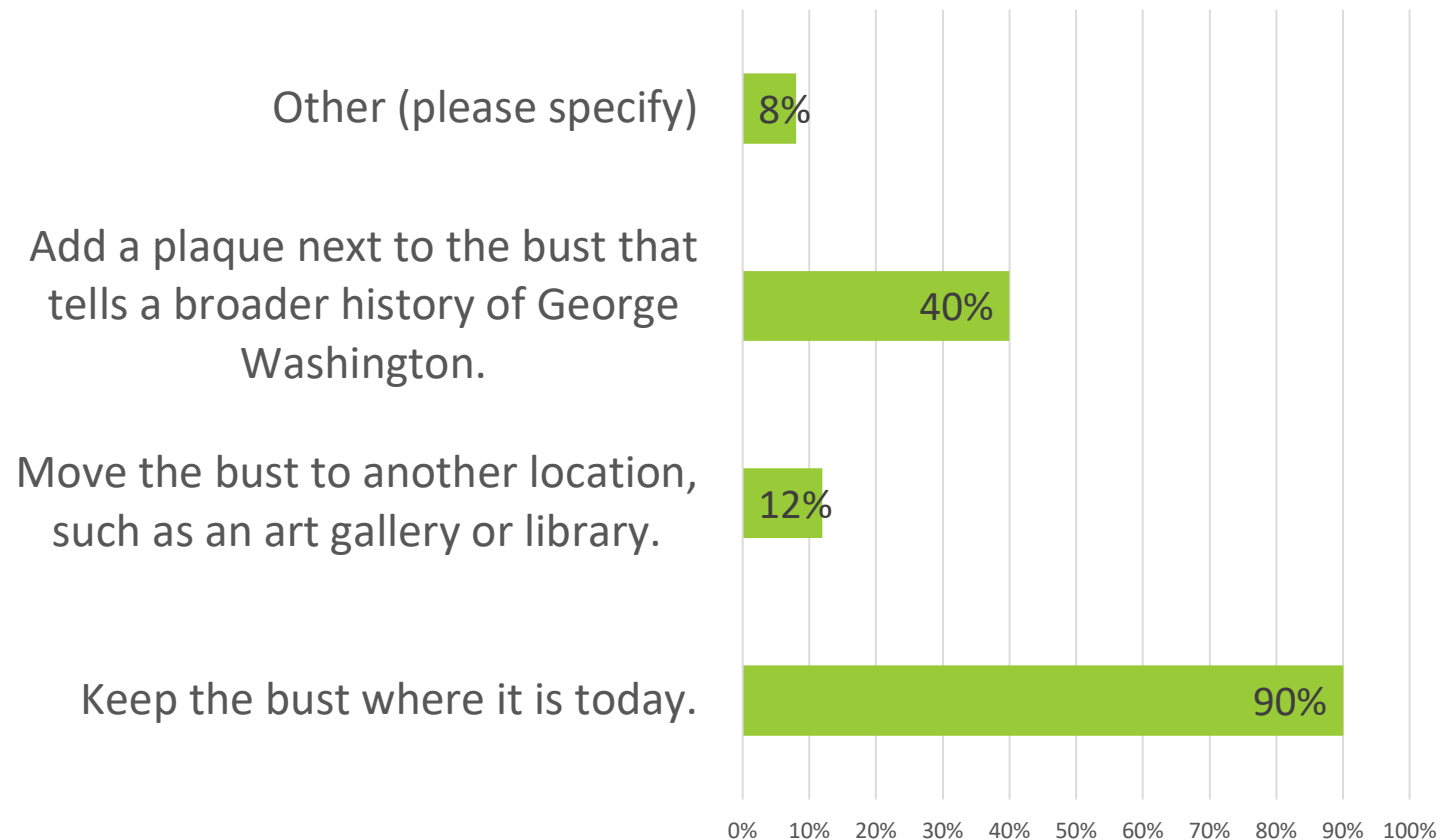


Possible Actions - Respondents in Favor of Removal

Other:

- Replace it with a statue of another historical figure
- Return it to the Alaga Family
- Relocate it **and** add a plaque that tells a broader history
- Add other statues of historical figures to the City Plaza

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Other:

- Add statues/art that honor other leaders, heritages
- If it is removed, give the money back to Alaga Family
- If it is removed, do not replace it

Possible Actions - Respondents who are Indifferent

