Town of Erie

Community Center Expansion Survey

Report of Results

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Executive Summary

Summary of Survey Methods

The Town of Erie – Community Center Expansion Survey offered residents the opportunity to provide input on the future of the Town's Community Center. The purpose of this research was to understand community needs, priorities, and aspirations in order to inform long-term planning and visioning efforts.

Surveys were mailed to all 4,500 residents in March 2026. A total of 846 surveys were completed, yielding a response rate of 19%. In addition to the scientific survey of randomly selected households, a community-wide, open-participation survey was also conducted. The key findings and body of this report focus on the responses to the scientific survey; the results to the open-participation survey have been provided separately in *Appendix G: Open Participation Survey Results.*

Survey results were weighted so that respondent demographics were represented in proportions reflective of the entire adult population of the Town. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points around any given percentage point reported for all survey respondents.

Key Findings

Residents are broadly satisfied with the Town's parks and recreation system.

- Survey respondents were asked to rate the quality of five facilities and services provided by the Park and Recreation Department of Erie. Ratings were consistently strong across all service areas. Parks received the highest positive evaluation at 85%, followed by trails (78%), the Erie Community Center (77%), and recreation programs (75%). The availability of information about parks and recreation offerings was also viewed favorably, with 75% of the residents rating it positively. These results indicate broad satisfaction with the Town's parks and recreation system and reflect particularly high approval of park facilities.

Most residents support renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center.

- Respondents were then asked whether they supported or opposed renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program constraints. About three-fourths of respondents indicated they strongly or somewhat supported the expansion, while 1 in 10 neither supported nor opposed it. Only a small minority reported opposing the project.
- Among respondents who support the Erie Community Center expansion, the most frequently cited reasons relate to population growth and the need for enhanced services. Just over one-quarter indicated that Erie's growing population creates a need for expanded facilities, while another fourth referenced the desire for new or improved services as their primary motivation.
- Among respondents who oppose the Erie Community Center expansion, concerns about financial impacts were the most frequently cited reasons. A fourth of the respondents opposing the project identified the overall cost as their primary concern, while 22% expressed worry that the expansion would lead to higher taxes.

- Respondents were also asked how important it was that the Erie Community Center Expansion focus on each of six different areas. About two-thirds of respondents rated expanded fitness space as essential or very important. Roughly half considered increased indoor playground and youth space, additional gymnasium space, and the modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems to be essential or very important. About a third of respondents said that improving staff and administrative space was at least very important. Finally, about 1 in 5 respondents rated the addition of new multipurpose meeting rooms as important.

Most residents would prefer a sales tax increase over a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion.

- About 7 in 10 respondents said they would very or somewhat likely vote in favor of a sale tax increase of 0.50% to fund the Erie Community Center expansion, while about 5 in 10 respondents said they would very or somewhat likely vote in favor of a property tax increase of 1.653 mills to fund the Erie Community Center expansion.
- Support for the two funding mechanisms also differed in the composition of their supporter bases. For the sales tax increase, a majority of supporters fell into the "very likely" category (43%), with an additional 26% saying they were "somewhat likely" to vote yes. In contrast, support for the property tax increase was more evenly split between levels of likelihood: 24% said they were "very likely" to support it, while 22% said they were "somewhat likely." These patterns indicate that the sales tax option not only has a larger overall base of support but also a higher proportion of respondents who express strong likelihood of voting in favor.
- In a subsequent question, respondents were asked which funding option they would prefer if the Town decided to move forward with the Erie Community Center expansion. About half of respondents opted for the sales tax increases, while close to 2 in 10 opted for the property tax increase. Also 2 in 10, said this is not the time to expand the Erie Community Center, while 1 in 10 was undecided on how to proceed.
- Among respondents who preferred a sales tax increase, the most common reason was concern about existing property tax levels. About 4 in 10 respondents indicated that property taxes are already high, making a sales tax the more acceptable option. Another 24% preferred a sales tax because it distributes costs across a wider share of residents, visitors, and consumers.
- Among respondents who preferred a property tax increase, the most common reason was concern about the fairness of a sales tax. About a third of the respondents preferring the property tax described sales taxes as regressive or unfair, making a property-based approach more acceptable to them. Another 15% felt that residents—rather than visitors or non-residents—should be responsible for funding the project.

Survey Background

The Town of Erie contracted with Polco to conduct a community-wide survey. The primary goal of the survey was to assess the attitudes and opinions of residents regarding the future of the Erie Community Center.

Aimed at gauging community needs, priorities, and aspirations to inform long-term planning and visioning efforts, this type of survey helps council members, staff, and the public set priorities for budget decisions. It also lays the groundwork for tracking community opinions on key issues, helping to ensure the highest possible service quality over time.

Survey Administration

A total of 4,500 Erie's households were randomly selected to participate in the 2026 Erie Community Center Expansion Survey. The 4,500 households selected to participate in the survey were contacted two times. First, an invitation postcard informing the household members that they had been selected to participate in the Town of Erie Community Center Expansion Survey was sent on March 3, 2026. The postcard included a URL and a QR code to take the survey online. Approximately one week after mailing the postcard, these households were mailed a paper survey containing a cover letter enlisting participation. The cover letter also included a URL and QR code where respondents could go to complete the survey online, if desired. The packet also contained a postage-paid return envelope in which the survey recipients could return the completed questionnaire to Polco. Completed surveys were collected over four weeks, with the survey closing on March 31, 2026. There were 846 respondents to the mailed questionnaire (with 102 undeliverable addresses), yielding a response rate of 19%. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points around any given percentage for all respondents.

Survey results were weighted so that respondent gender, age, housing unit type (attached or detached), housing tenure (rent or own), race, ethnicity and district were represented in the proportions reflective of the entire Town. More information about the survey methodology can be found in *Appendix F: Survey Methodology*.

How the Results Are Reported

For the most part, the full set of frequencies, or the "percent positive," are presented in the body and narrative of the report. The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., "excellent" and "good;" "very safe" and "somewhat safe;" "strongly support" and "somewhat support").

On many of the questions in the survey, respondents could give an answer of "don't know." The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies* and is discussed in the body of this report if it is 30% or greater. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the body of the report, unless otherwise indicated. In other words, the majority of the tables and graphs in the body of the report display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

For some questions, respondents were permitted to select multiple responses. When the total exceeds 100% in a table for a multiple response question, it is because some respondents are counted in multiple categories. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the customary practice rounding values to the nearest whole number.

Precision of Estimates

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a "level of confidence" and accompanying "confidence interval" (or margin of error). The margin of error for this survey is generally no greater than plus or minus three percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample (N=846).

Comparison of Results By Subgroups

Selected survey results were compared by respondent length of residency, housing unit type (attached or detached), housing unit tenure (rent or own), age, gender, income and district of residence. These crosstabulations are summarized and presented in tabular form in *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*.

Survey Results

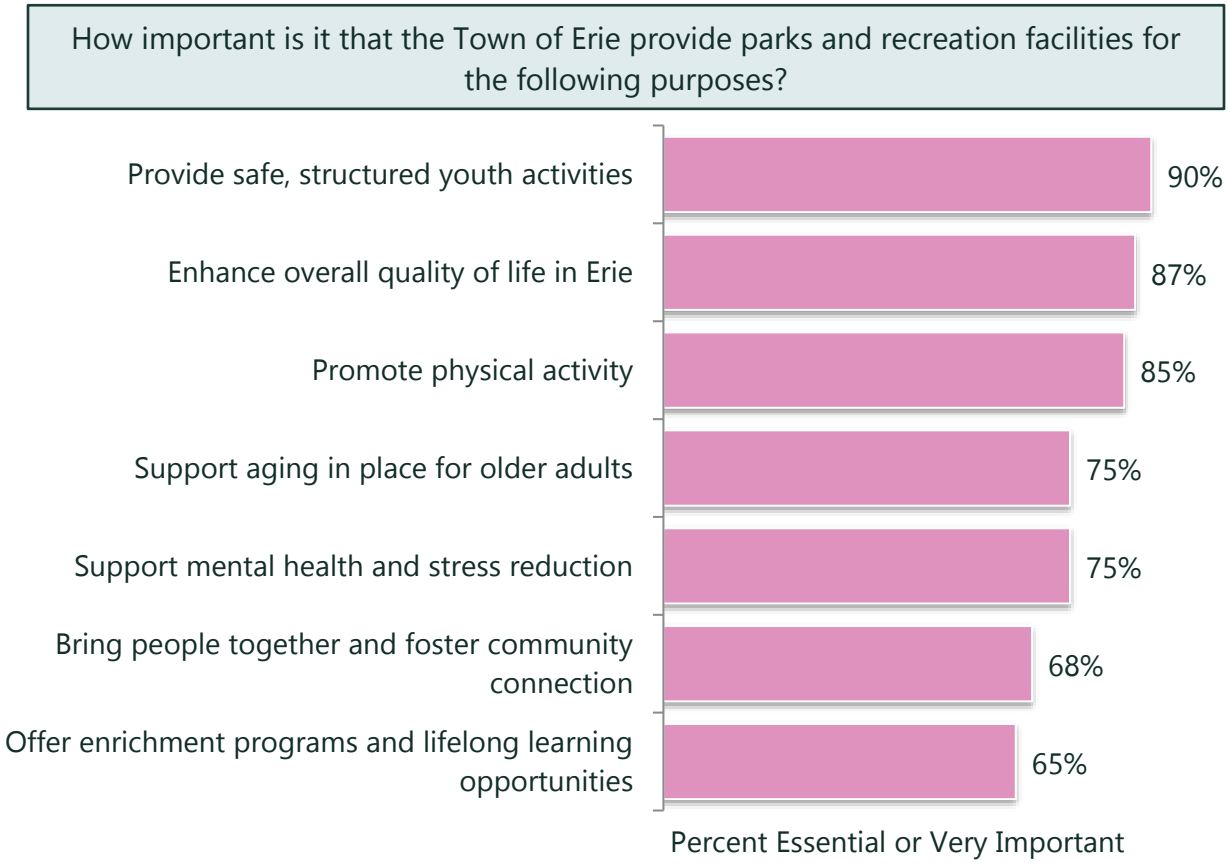
Parks and Recreation Importance, Quality, and Use

Survey respondents placed high importance on a range of parks and recreation goals. Providing safe, structured youth activities emerged as the top priority, with 9 in 10 respondents rating it as essential or very important—nearly equal to the importance placed on enhancing overall quality of life and promoting physical activity.

Other goals also received strong support. Approximately three-quarters of respondents identified supporting aging in place for older adults as essential or very important, and a similar share emphasized the importance of promoting mental health and reducing stress. Additionally, two-thirds of respondents highlighted the value of bringing people together and offering enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities.

Renters and residents who have lived in Erie for five years or less were more likely to rate fostering community connection as essential or very important compared with homeowners and longer-term residents (for additional comparisons by respondent demographics, see *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*).

Figure 1: Importance Assigned to Parks and Recreation Goals, 2026

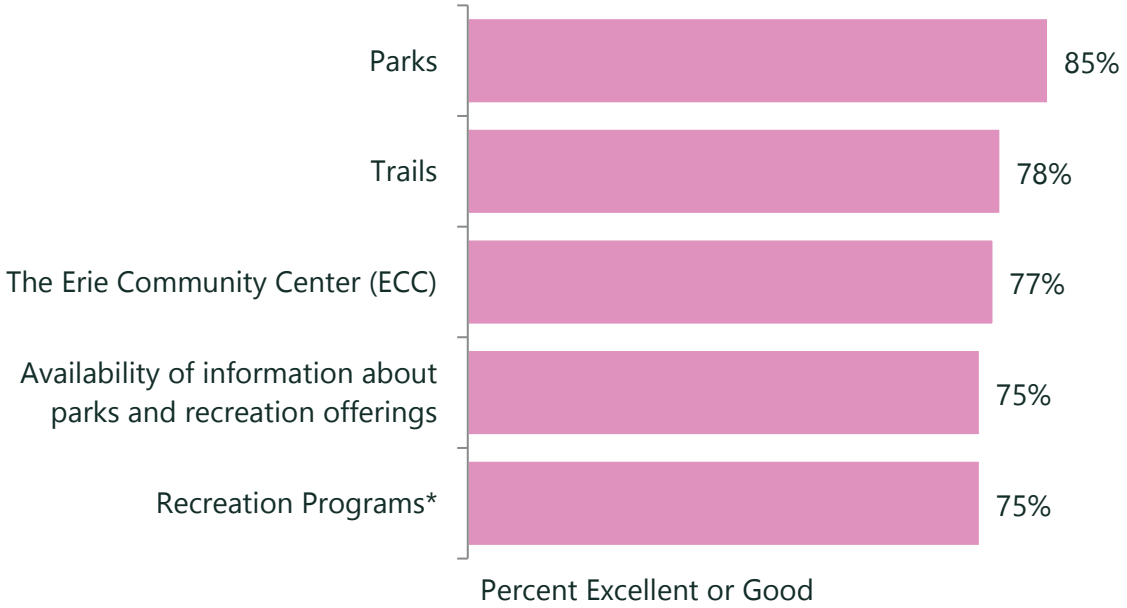


Survey respondents were asked to rate the quality of five facilities and services provided by the Park and Recreation Department of Erie. Ratings were consistently strong across all service areas. Parks received the highest positive evaluation at 85%, followed by trails (78%), the Erie Community Center (77%), and recreation programs (75%). The availability of information about parks and recreation offerings was also viewed favorably, with 75% of the residents rating it positively. These results indicate broad satisfaction with the Town's parks and recreation system and reflect particularly high approval of park facilities.

Residents aged 55 and older as well as those living in households making less than $200,000 per year were more likely than younger residents and those in higher-income households to give positive ratings to the Erie Community Center (for additional comparisons by respondent demographics, see *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*).

Figure 2: Quality of Parks and Recreation Services, 2026

Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie.



** 29% of respondents replied don't know when asked about the quality of the recreation programs offered by the Town of Erie.*

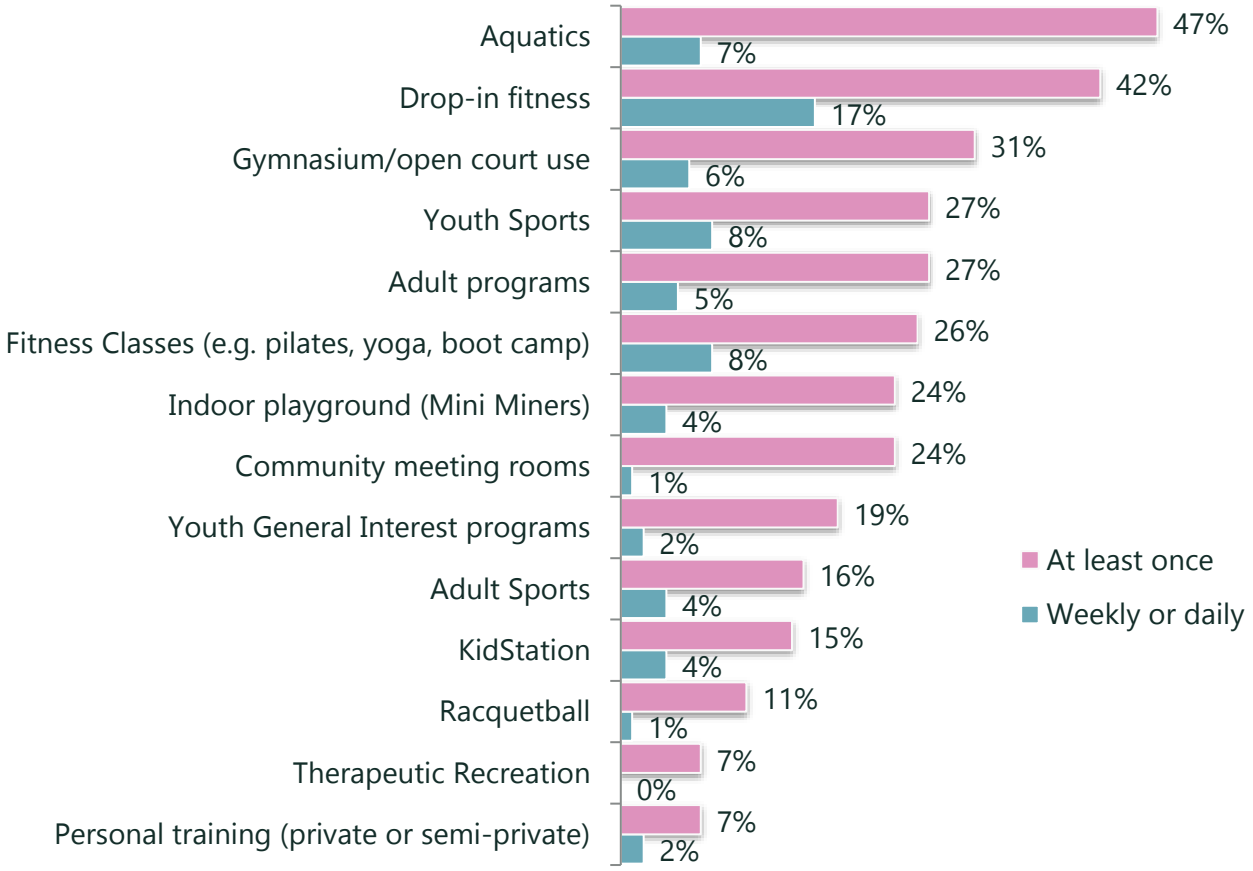
Residents were also asked how frequently they used various Erie Community Center services and amenities over the past 12 months. Aquatics had the highest overall level of engagement, with nearly half of respondents reporting using it at least once in the last year. Drop-in fitness was the next most commonly used amenity (about 4 in 10), followed by gymnasium/open court use (used by roughly 3 in 10 respondents). Youth sports, adult programs, fitness classes, the indoor playground (Mini Miners), and community meeting rooms showed moderate participation, with about one-quarter of residents reporting use.

Lower overall usage levels were reported for youth general interest programs (19%), adult sports (16%), KidStation (15%), racquetball (11%), and both therapeutic recreation and personal training (7% each). These results indicate that aquatics and fitness-related amenities are the most frequently utilized components of the Erie Community Center.

When analyzing the intensive use, those services or facilities used on daily or weekly basis, the drop - in fitness topped the list (17% of respondents reported using it daily or weekly), followed by fitness classes (8%), youth sports (8%), aquatics (7%) and gymnasium/open court use (6%). For the full set of responses, see *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies*.

Figure 3: Erie Community Center Use in the Past 12 Months

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center?



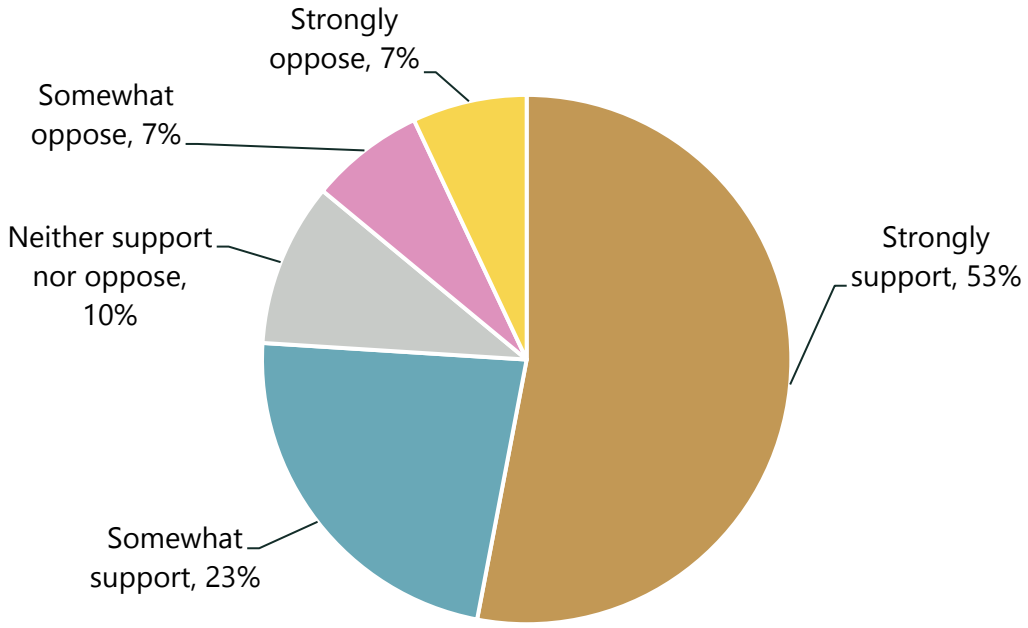
Erie Community Center Expansion Project

The survey introduced the need to expand and renovate the Erie Community Center by citing a recent study that identified space limitations and areas operating at or beyond capacity (see the complete survey instrument in *Appendix G: Survey Materials*). Respondents were then asked whether they supported or opposed renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program constraints. About three-fourths of respondents indicated they strongly (53%) or somewhat (23%) supported the expansion, while 1 in 10 neither supported nor opposed it. Only a small minority reported strongly (7%) or somewhat (7%) opposing the project.

Support for renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center was higher among residents aged 54 or younger and among those living in households earning more than $200,000 per year. In addition, residents of District 1 were more likely to support the project than those living in District 3 (see *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*).

Figure 4: Level of support for renovating the Erie Community Center, 2026

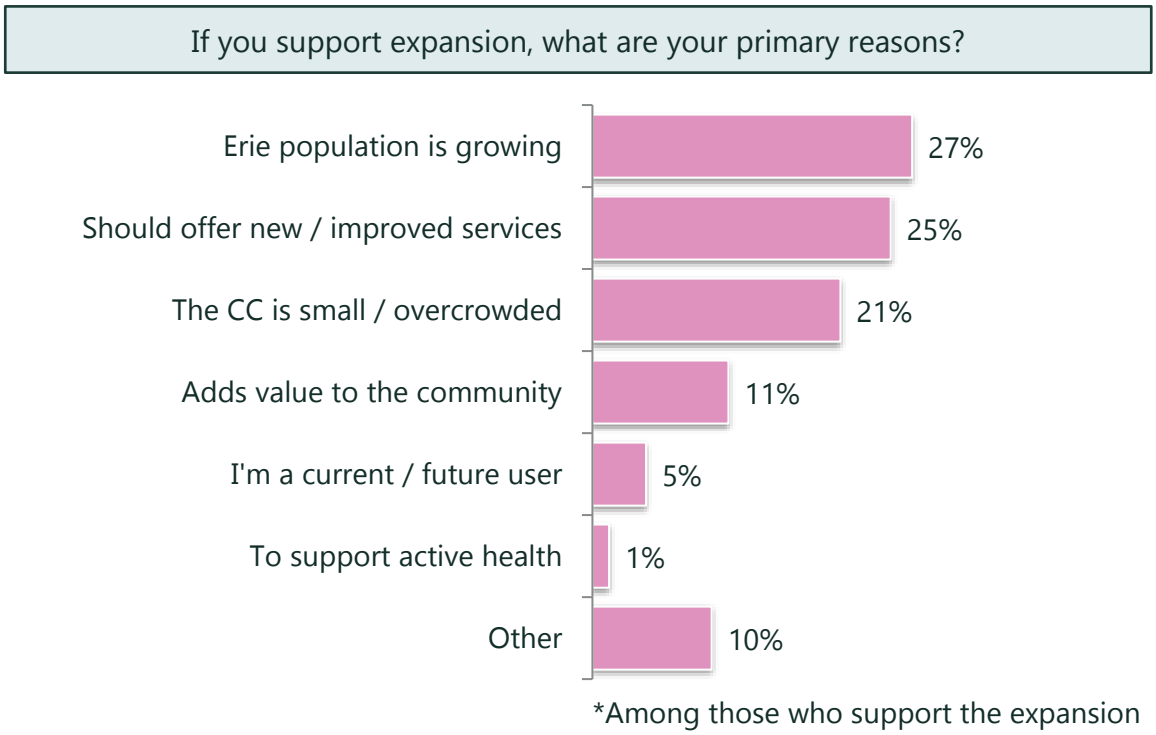
Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?



In an open-ended question, respondents were asked the reasons for supporting or opposing the Erie Community Center expansion. Among respondents who support the Erie Community Center expansion, the most frequently cited reasons relate to population growth and the need for enhanced services. Just over one-quarter (27%) indicated that Erie's growing population creates a need for expanded facilities, while another 25% referenced the desire for new or improved services as their primary motivation.

A smaller but still notable share (21%) reported that the current Erie Community Center is too small or overcrowded. Additional reasons included the belief that the project would add value to the community (11%) and personal use—either current or anticipated future use—of the facility (5%). All verbatims responses can be seen in *Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-Ended Questions*.

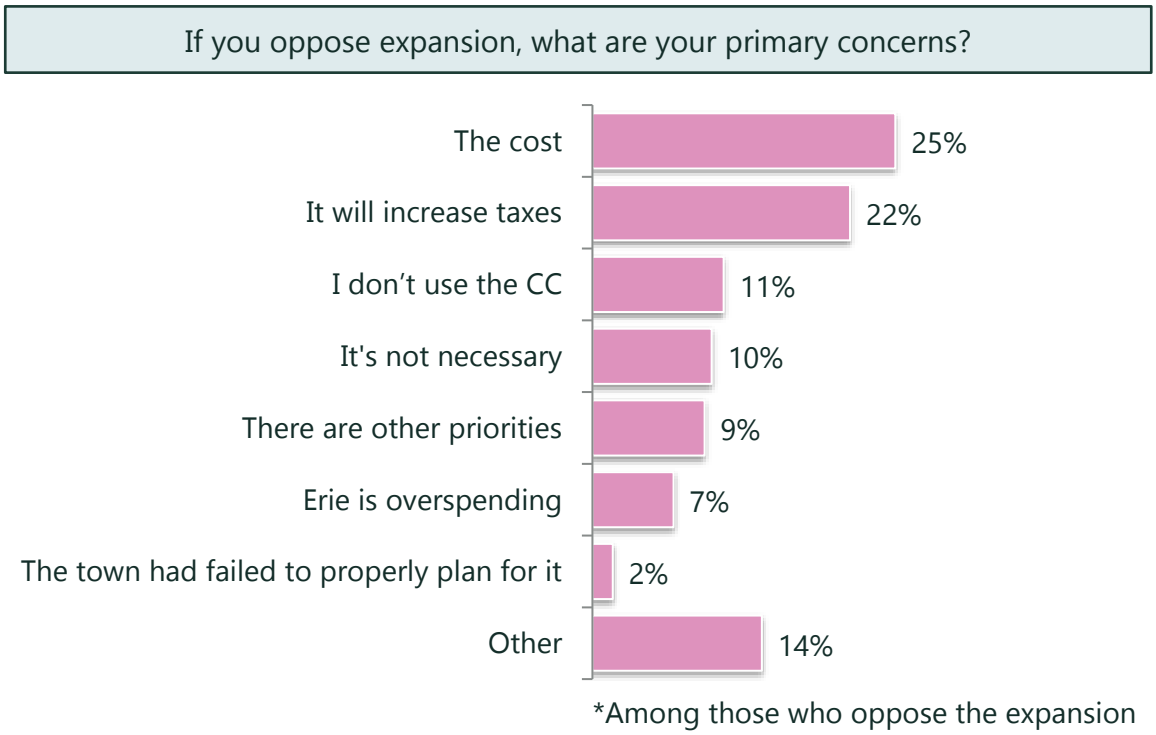
Figure 5: Reasons for supporting the Erie Community Center Expansion, 2026 (Coded responses)



Among respondents who oppose the Erie Community Center expansion, concerns about financial impacts were the most frequently cited reasons. A fourth of the respondents identified the overall cost of the project as their primary concern, while 22% expressed worry that the expansion would lead to higher taxes.

Other reasons for opposition were less common but still notable. About 1 in 10 respondents said they do not use the Erie Community Center, while also 1 in 10 felt the expansion is unnecessary. A similar proportion believed that the town has other, more pressing priorities, and 1 in 20 indicated that Erie is already overspending. A small share referenced concerns related to planning or management issues. Fourteen percent provided other reasons not captured in the main categories. All verbatims responses can be seen in *Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-Ended Questions*.

Figure 6: Reasons for opposing the Erie Community Center Expansion, 2026 (Coded responses)

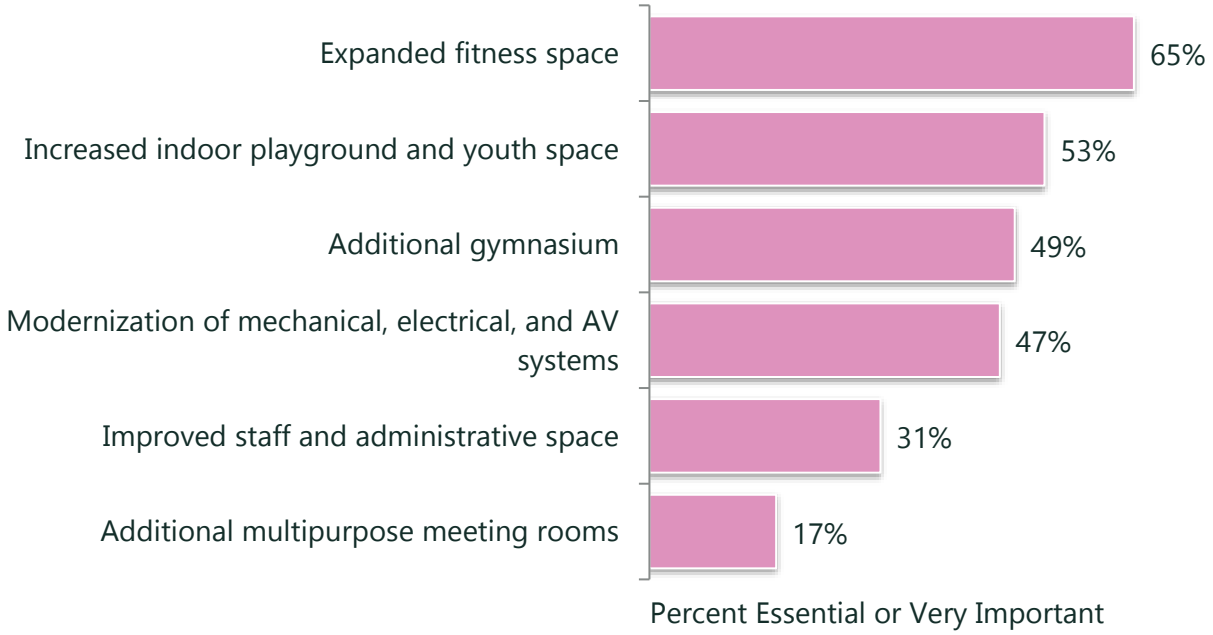


Respondents were also asked how important it was that the Erie Community Center expansion focus on each of six different areas. About two-thirds of respondents rated expanded fitness space as essential or very important. Roughly half considered increased indoor playground and youth space, additional gymnasium space, and the modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems to be essential or very important. About a third of respondents said that improving staff and administrative space was at least very important. Finally, about 1 in 5 respondents rated the addition of new multipurpose meeting rooms as important.

Residents aged 35–54 were more likely than those in other age groups to rate the additional gymnasium space as important. Meanwhile, women and residents aged 18–34 were more likely than their counterparts to place higher importance on increasing indoor playground and youth space (see *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*).

Figure 7: Areas of importance for the Erie Community Center Expansion, 2026

In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center expansion focuses on each of these areas?



Erie Community Center Expansion Funding

The survey also explained there is currently no dedicated funding source for the Erie Community Center expansion and that the Town was evaluating potential ballot measures that could include either a sales tax increase or a property tax increase (see the complete wording below).

Sales tax increase language	Property tax increase language
If funded through a sales tax increase, the estimated rate increase would be approximately 0.50%. For example, on a $6 cup of coffee the sales tax would increase by approximately $0.03.	If funded through a property tax increase, the estimated increase would be approximately 1.653 mills. This brings the total mill levy for the Town to approximately 14.89. For example, for a home valued at $800,000, the annual property tax would increase by approximately $90 per year.

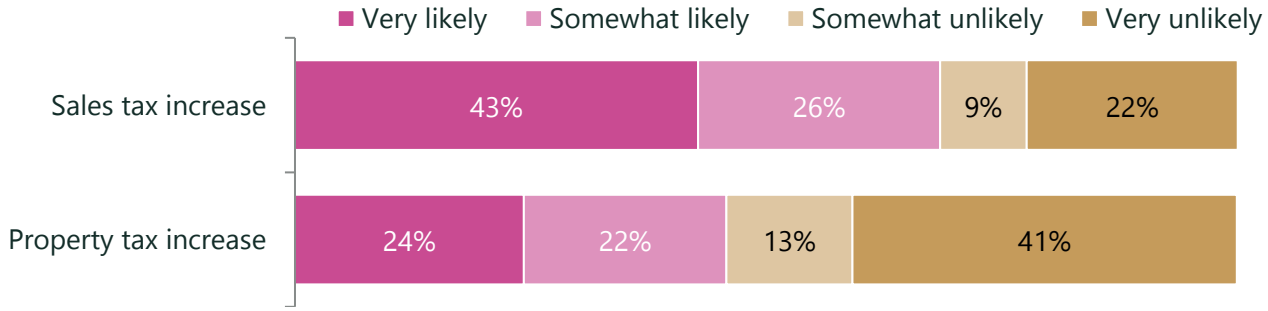
Respondents were then asked the likeliness of voting yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax and/or property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion. About 7 in 10 respondents said they would very or somewhat likely vote in favor of a sale tax increase of 0.50%, while about 5 in 10 respondents said they would very or somewhat likely vote in favor of a property tax increase of 1.653 mills.

Support for the two funding mechanisms also differed in the composition of their supporter bases. For the sales tax increase, a majority of supporters fell into the "very likely" category (43%), with an additional 26% saying they were "somewhat likely" to vote yes. In contrast, support for the property tax increase was more evenly split between levels of likelihood: 24% said they were "very likely" to support it, while 22% said they were "somewhat likely." These patterns indicate that the sales tax option not only has a larger overall base of support but also a higher proportion of respondents who express strong likelihood of voting in favor.

Those living in households making at least $200,000 per year were more likely to say they would vote yes in both ballots than those in less wealthy households. Meanwhile, renters were more likely than homeowners to support a property tax increase (see *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*).

Figure 8: Likeliness of voting Yes for a property and sale tax increase, 2026

How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax / property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?

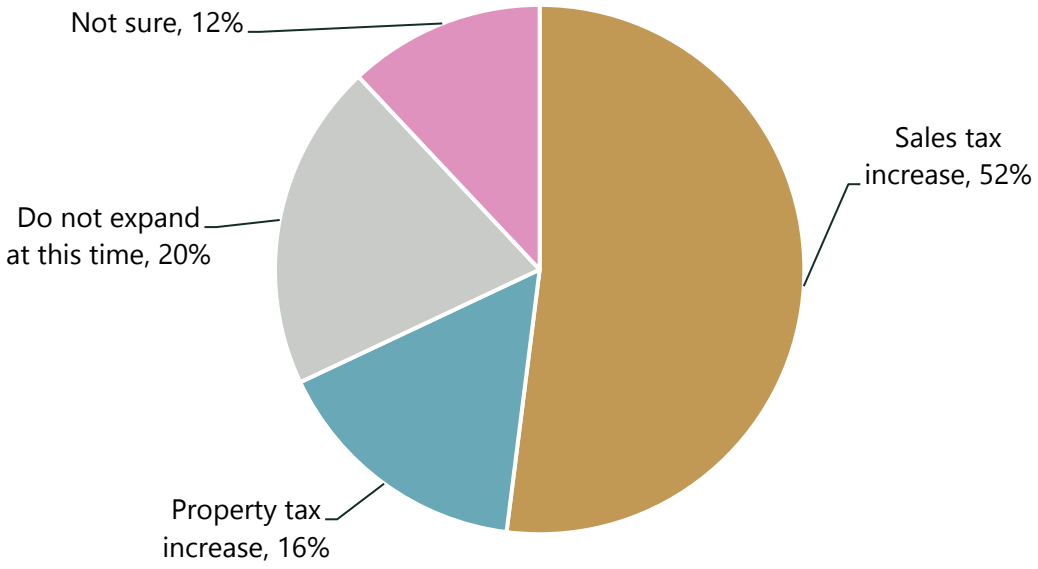


In a subsequent question, respondents were asked which funding option they would prefer if the Town decided to move forward with the Erie Community Center expansion. About half of respondents opted for the sales tax increases, while close to 2 in 10 opted for the property tax increase. Also 2 in 10, said this is not the time to expand the Erie Community Center, while 1 in 10 was undecided on how to proceed.

Renters and those living in attached housing units were more likely than homeowners and residents of detached housing units to support a property tax increase. Conversely, homeowners and residents of detached houses were more likely than their counterparts to prefer a sales tax increase. In addition, older residents (55+) and those living in households earning less than $200,000 per year were more likely than others to believe that this is not the right time to expand the Erie Community Center (see *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*).

Figure 9: Preference between a sale tax increase or a property tax increase, 2026

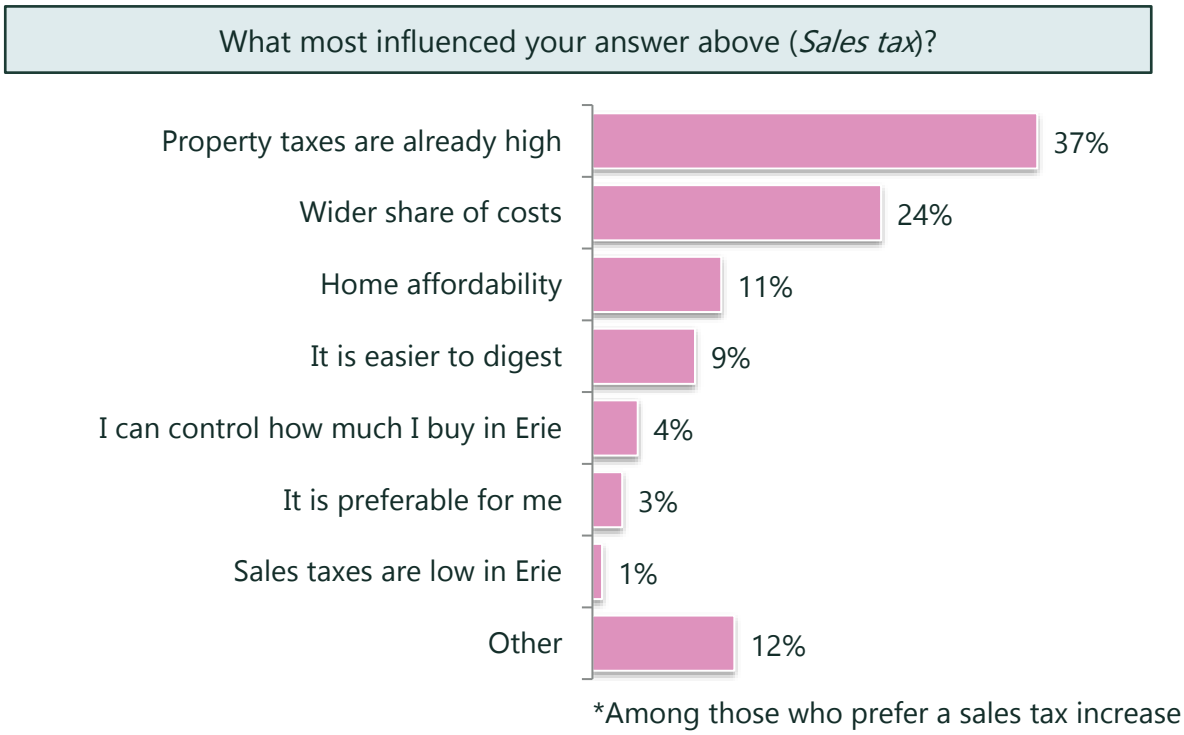
If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?



In a subsequent open-ended question, respondents were asked why they preferred the sales or property tax. Among respondents who preferred a sales tax increase, the most common reason was concern about existing property tax levels. About 4 in 10 respondents indicated that property taxes are already high, making a sales tax the more acceptable option. Another 24% preferred a sales tax because it distributes costs across a wider share of residents, visitors, and consumers.

Other motivations were cited less frequently. Eleven percent referenced home affordability as a key factor, and 9% said a sales tax is easier to absorb or "digest" than a property tax increase. Smaller shares noted that they can control how much they spend in Erie (4%) or that a sales tax is simply more favorable for them personally (3%). All verbatims responses can be seen in *Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-Ended Questions*.

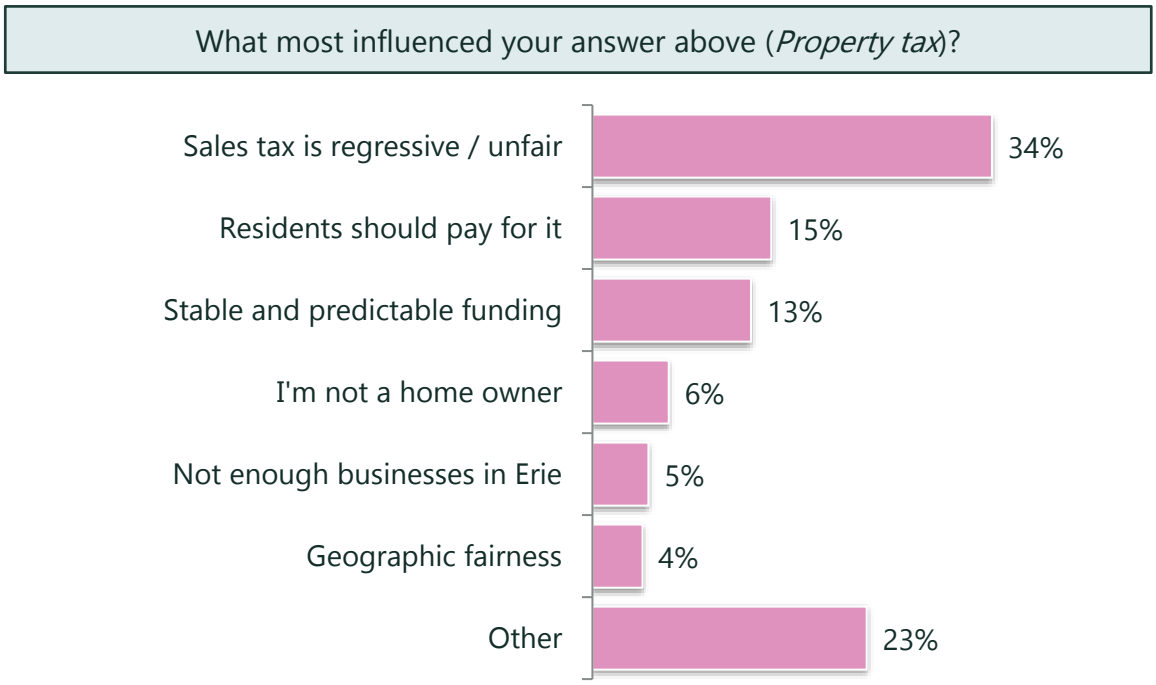
Figure 10: Reasons for preferring the Sales Tax Increase, 2026 (Coded responses)



Among respondents who preferred a property tax increase, the most common reason was concern about the fairness of a sales tax. About a third of the respondents preferring the property tax described sales taxes as regressive or unfair, making a property-based approach more acceptable to them. Another 15% felt that residents—rather than visitors or non-residents—should be responsible for funding the project.

About 1 in 10 cited the stability and predictability of property tax revenue as their primary motivation. Smaller shares referenced personal circumstances or local economic conditions, including not being a homeowner and the perception that Erie does not have enough businesses to support a sales-tax-based approach. All verbatims responses can be seen in *Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-Ended Questions*.

Figure 11: Reasons for preferring the Property Tax Increase, 2026 (Coded responses)

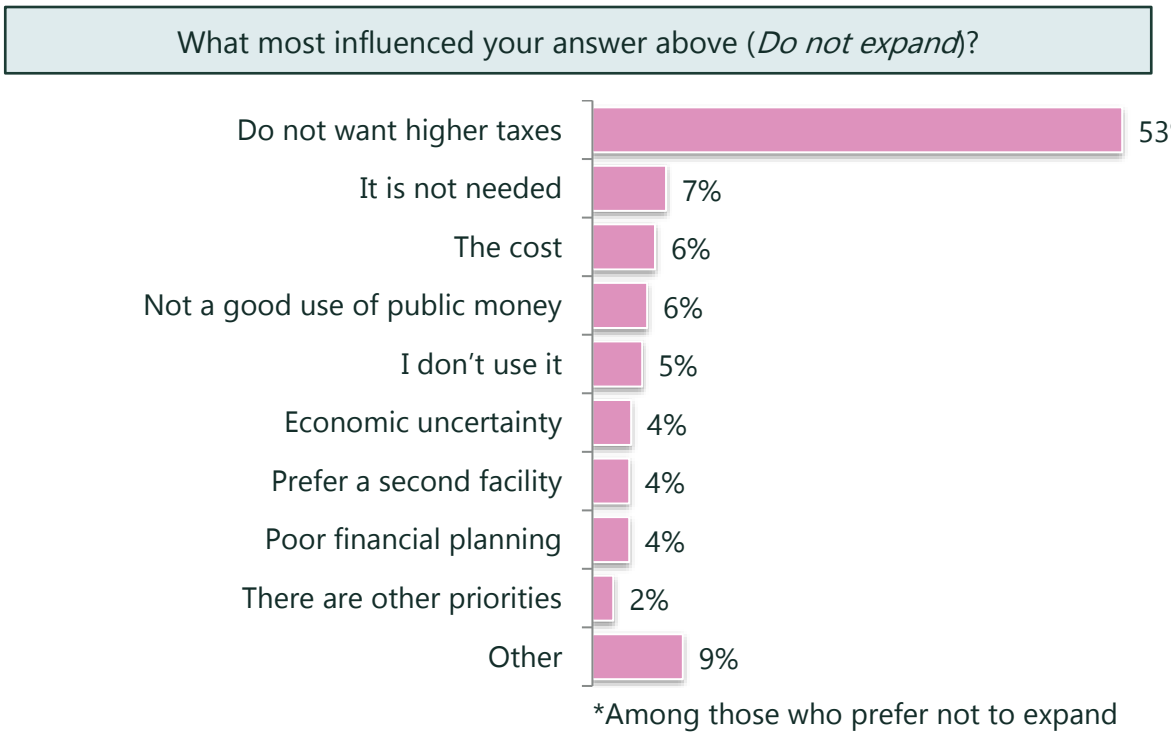


*Among those who prefer a property tax increase

Among respondents who preferred not to expand the Erie Community Center, concerns about tax impacts were the dominant factor. A majority (53%) reported that they do not want higher taxes, making this by far the most common reason for opposing the project.

Other reasons were cited at much lower levels. Seven percent felt the expansion is not needed, and 6% pointed either to the overall cost or to the belief that the project is not a good use of public funds. Five percent said they do not use the Erie Community Center. All verbatims responses can be seen in Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-Ended Questions.

Figure 12: Reasons for preferring to Not Expand the ECC, 2026 (Coded responses)



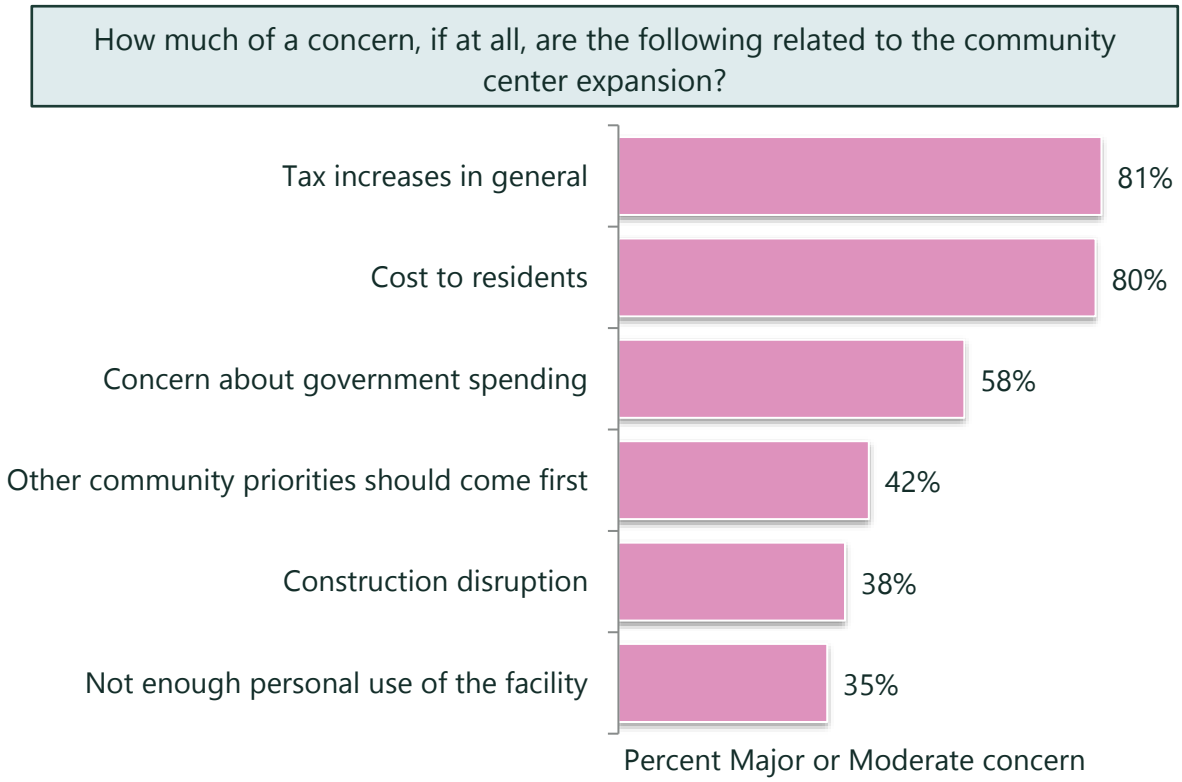
Erie Community Center Expansion Concerns

Regardless of support for the Erie Community Center expansion, residents were asked about their concerns with the project. Concerns about tax impacts and cost to residents were the most prominent: 4 in 5 respondents reported major or moderate concern about each of both. Relatedly, 6 in 10 respondents expressed concerns about the level of government spending the project would involve.

Other community priorities taking precedence was also a notable issue, with 4 in 10 residents indicating major or moderate concern. Construction-related impacts and personal relevance were less prominent but still meaningful. About 4 in 10 respondents reported concern about construction disruption, while about 1 in 3 said they were concerned that they would not personally use the facility enough to justify the expansion.

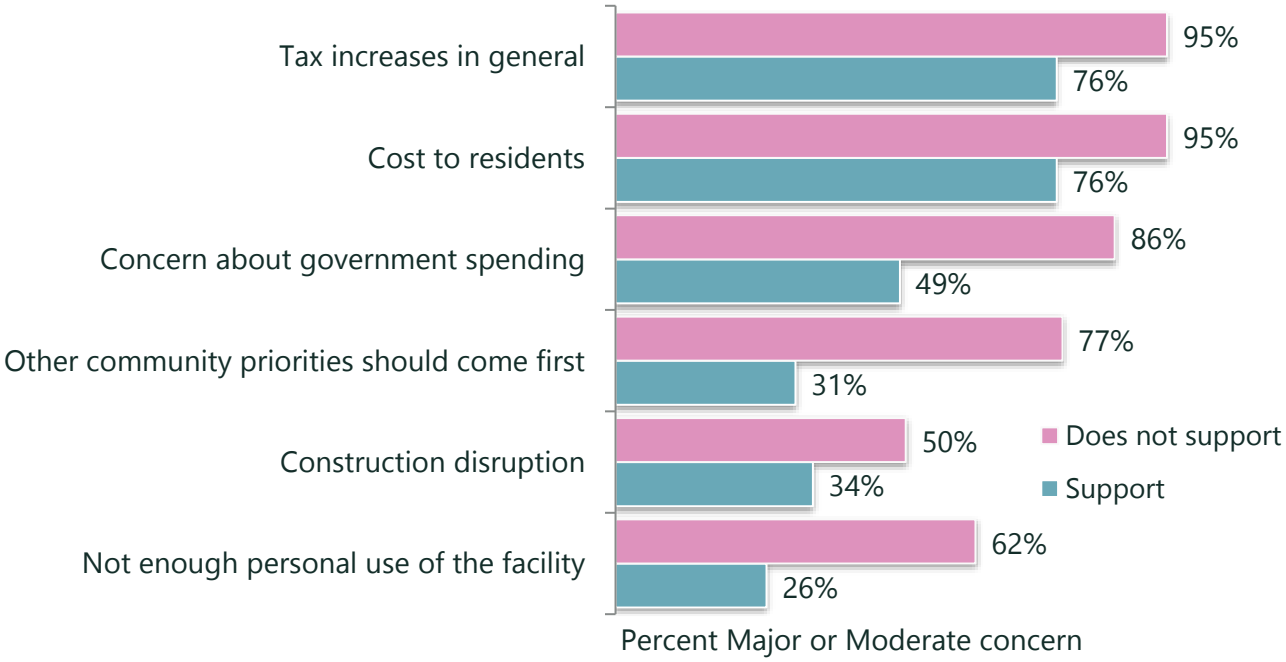
Older residents, homeowners and those residing in detached housing units or households making less than $200,000 a year tended to be more concerned about tax increases and government spending that younger residents, renters and those living in attached housing units or households making more than $200,000 a year (see *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*).

Figure 13: Concerns about the Erie Community Center Expansion, 2026



Residents who did not support the Erie Community Center expansion expressed higher levels of concern than supporters across all six issues measured in the survey. The largest gaps were in the belief that other community priorities should come first (+46%), concerns about government spending (+37%), and perceptions that they would not use the facility enough personally (+36%). Additional demographic crosstabs are included in *Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*.

Figure 14: Concerns about the Erie Community Center Expansion by Support to the Project, 2026



Appendix A: Respondent Characteristics

The following tables summarize the demographic characteristics of the Town of Erie - Community Center Expansion address-based survey.

Table 1: Question D1

About how long have you lived in Erie?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	16%	N=136
2-5 years	26%	N=218
6-10 years	23%	N=195
11-20 years	19%	N=161
More than 20 years	16%	N=135
Total	100%	N=844

Table 2: Question D2

Please check the appropriate box indicating the type of housing unit in which you live.	Percent	Number
Detached single-unit home	86%	N=723
Condominium or townhouse	9%	N=72
Duplex	2%	N=16
Apartment	4%	N=32
Total	100%	N=843

Table 3: Question D3

Do you own or rent your residence?	Percent	Number
Own	90%	N=748
Rent	10%	N=87
Total	100%	N=835

Table 4: Question D4

How many people (including yourself) live in your household?	Percent	Number
One	9%	N=73
Two	35%	N=294
Three	19%	N=159
Four	23%	N=189
Five or more	14%	N=115
Total	100%	N=832

Table 5: Question D5

How many of these household members are 17 or younger?	Percent	Number
None	50%	N=405
One	18%	N=142
Two	24%	N=196
Three	6%	N=46
Four	3%	N=22
Five or more	0%	N=2
Total	100%	N=814

Table 6: Question D6

How many of these household members are 65 or older?	Percent	Number
None	74%	N=609
One	11%	N=87
Two	14%	N=116
Three	0%	N=3
Four	0%	N=0
Five or more	0%	N=3
Total	100%	N=819

Table 7: Question D7

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than $15,000	0%	N=2
$15,000 to $24,999	0%	N=3
$25,000 to $34,999	1%	N=5
$35,000 to $49,999	2%	N=14
$50,000 to $74,999	6%	N=45
$75,000 to $99,999	10%	N=74
$100,000 to $124,999	11%	N=84
$125,000 to $149,999	10%	N=78
$150,000 to $199,999	16%	N=123
$200,000 or more	45%	N=348
Total	100%	N=776

Table 8: Question D8

Are you Hispanic/Spanish/Latino?	Percent	Number
Yes	7%	N=53
No	93%	N=748
Total	100%	N=802

Table 9: Question D9

What is your race? (Please check all that apply.)	Percent	Number
White	81%	N=655
Black or African American	2%	N=19
Asian or Pacific Islander	10%	N=85
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	1%	N=10
Other	3%	N=25
Prefer not to say	11%	N=86

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one answer.

Table 10: Question D10

What is your age?	Percent	Number
18-24	1%	N=8
25-34	19%	N=155
35-44	24%	N=193
45-54	25%	N=203
55-64	11%	N=94
65-74	14%	N=112
75+	7%	N=54
Total	100%	N=818

Table 11: Question D11

What is your gender?	Percent	Number
Female	48%	N=391
Male	46%	N=378
Prefer not to say	6%	N=51
Prefer to self-describe	0%	N=3
Total	100%	N=824

Table 12: Question D12

What is the highest level of education you have completed?	Percent	Number
Some high school, no diploma	1%	N=4
High school diploma or equivalent	1%	N=11
Some college but no degree	7%	N=61
Associate's degree	3%	N=21
Bachelor's degree	43%	N=354
Graduate degree or higher	45%	N=371
Total	100%	N=823

Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey.

Table 13: Question 1 - Including Don't Know Responses

Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie.	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Parks	35%	N=290	47%	N=397	12%	N=100	2%	N=17	4%	N=35	100%	N=840
Trails	31%	N=257	42%	N=350	18%	N=153	2%	N=19	7%	N=57	100%	N=835
The Erie Community Center (ECC)	24%	N=197	44%	N=370	17%	N=139	3%	N=29	12%	N=101	100%	N=836
Recreation Programs	16%	N=133	37%	N=310	14%	N=119	3%	N=28	29%	N=241	100%	N=833
Availability of information about parks and recreation offerings	22%	N=184	45%	N=371	16%	N=137	6%	N=47	11%	N=95	100%	N=834

Table 14: Question 1 - Excluding Don't Know Responses

Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie.	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Parks	36%	N=290	49%	N=397	12%	N=100	2%	N=17	100%	N=805
Trails	33%	N=257	45%	N=350	20%	N=153	2%	N=19	100%	N=778
The Erie Community Center (ECC)	27%	N=197	50%	N=370	19%	N=139	4%	N=29	100%	N=735
Recreation Programs	23%	N=133	53%	N=310	20%	N=119	5%	N=28	100%	N=591
Availability of information about parks and recreation offerings	25%	N=184	50%	N=371	19%	N=137	6%	N=47	100%	N=739

Table 15: Question 2

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center?	Daily		Weekly		Monthly		A few times per year		Never		Total	
Adult programs	1%	N=5	4%	N=30	5%	N=38	18%	N=149	73%	N=599	100%	N=821
Adult Sports	0%	N=2	4%	N=30	2%	N=13	10%	N=83	84%	N=688	100%	N=815
Aquatics	1%	N=5	6%	N=49	10%	N=83	30%	N=242	53%	N=421	100%	N=800
Community meeting rooms	0%	N=1	1%	N=9	2%	N=16	21%	N=169	76%	N=620	100%	N=814
Drop-in fitness	4%	N=29	13%	N=107	7%	N=59	18%	N=142	58%	N=467	100%	N=804
Fitness Classes (e.g. pilates, yoga, boot camp)	1%	N=8	7%	N=54	3%	N=25	16%	N=124	74%	N=587	100%	N=798
Gymnasium/open court use	2%	N=18	4%	N=30	7%	N=56	17%	N=140	69%	N=558	100%	N=802
Indoor playground (Mini Miners)	0%	N=3	4%	N=31	6%	N=48	14%	N=109	76%	N=615	100%	N=805
KidStation	0%	N=0	4%	N=33	3%	N=21	8%	N=62	85%	N=685	100%	N=801
Personal training (private or semi-private)	0%	N=3	2%	N=13	1%	N=8	4%	N=31	93%	N=751	100%	N=805
Racquetball	0%	N=0	1%	N=9	2%	N=13	8%	N=68	89%	N=714	100%	N=804
Therapeutic Recreation	0%	N=3	0%	N=3	1%	N=8	5%	N=44	93%	N=745	100%	N=803
Youth General Interest programs	0%	N=2	2%	N=16	3%	N=25	13%	N=108	81%	N=659	100%	N=809
Youth Sports	1%	N=6	7%	N=61	6%	N=49	13%	N=109	73%	N=599	100%	N=823

Table 16: Question 3 - Including Don't Know Responses

How important is it that the Town of Erie provide parks and recreation facilities for the following purposes?	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Don't know		Total	
Promote physical activity	41%	N=346	43%	N=358	13%	N=107	2%	N=18	1%	N=6	100%	N=835
Support mental health and stress reduction	33%	N=279	41%	N=340	19%	N=157	6%	N=47	1%	N=11	100%	N=835
Provide safe, structured youth activities	50%	N=418	38%	N=319	7%	N=59	3%	N=22	2%	N=16	100%	N=835
Offer enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities	25%	N=208	39%	N=327	28%	N=235	6%	N=51	2%	N=14	100%	N=835
Bring people together and foster community connection	28%	N=237	39%	N=328	26%	N=221	5%	N=40	1%	N=10	100%	N=837
Support aging in place for older adults	32%	N=271	41%	N=340	20%	N=170	5%	N=38	2%	N=17	100%	N=837
Enhance overall quality of life in Erie	50%	N=418	37%	N=309	10%	N=87	3%	N=21	1%	N=4	100%	N=839

Table 17: Question 3 - Excluding Don't Know Responses

How important is it that the Town of Erie provide parks and recreation facilities for the following purposes?	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Promote physical activity	42%	N=346	43%	N=358	13%	N=107	2%	N=18	100%	N=829
Support mental health and stress reduction	34%	N=279	41%	N=340	19%	N=157	6%	N=47	100%	N=824
Provide safe, structured youth activities	51%	N=418	39%	N=319	7%	N=59	3%	N=22	100%	N=819
Offer enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities	25%	N=208	40%	N=327	29%	N=235	6%	N=51	100%	N=821
Bring people together and foster community connection	29%	N=237	40%	N=328	27%	N=221	5%	N=40	100%	N=827
Support aging in place for older adults	33%	N=271	42%	N=340	21%	N=170	5%	N=38	100%	N=820
Enhance overall quality of life in Erie	50%	N=418	37%	N=309	10%	N=87	3%	N=21	100%	N=835

Table 18: Question 4 - Including Don't Know Responses

Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?	Percent	Number
Strongly support	51%	N=429
Somewhat support	23%	N=188
Neither support nor oppose	10%	N=83
Somewhat oppose	7%	N=56
Strongly oppose	7%	N=57
Not sure	3%	N=21
Total	100%	N=834

Table 19: Question 4 - Excluding Don't Know Responses

Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?	Percent	Number
Strongly support	53%	N=429
Somewhat support	23%	N=188
Neither support nor oppose	10%	N=83
Somewhat oppose	7%	N=56
Strongly oppose	7%	N=57
Total	100%	N=813

Table 20: Question 4A – (Coded)

If you support expansion, what are your primary reasons?	Percent	Number
Erie population is growing	27%	N=144
Adds value to the community	11%	N=61
The ECC is small / overcrowded	21%	N=112
Should offer new / improved services	25%	N=134
I'm a current / future user	5%	N=24
To support active health	1%	N=8
Other	10%	N=54
Total	100%	N=536

Table 21: Question 4B – (Coded)

If you oppose expansion, what are your primary concerns?	Percent	Number
The cost	25%	N=27
It will increase taxes	22%	N=23
There are other priorities	9%	N=10
It's not necessary	10%	N=11
I don't use the ECC	11%	N=12
The town had failed to properly plan for it	2%	N=2
Erie is overspending	7%	N=7
Other	14%	N=15
Total	100%	N=107

Table 22: Question 5 - Including Don't Know Responses

In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center Expansion focuses on each of these areas?	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Don't know		Total	
Expanded fitness space	33%	N=268	27%	N=220	21%	N=172	11%	N=89	9%	N=74	100%	N=822
Additional multipurpose meeting rooms	5%	N=39	10%	N=80	32%	N=264	36%	N=297	17%	N=141	100%	N=821
Additional gymnasium	16%	N=129	27%	N=221	30%	N=245	14%	N=119	13%	N=106	100%	N=820
Increased indoor playground and youth space	18%	N=146	29%	N=236	28%	N=230	13%	N=104	13%	N=105	100%	N=821
Improved staff and administrative space	7%	N=57	17%	N=141	32%	N=259	21%	N=171	24%	N=193	100%	N=821
Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems	14%	N=115	24%	N=201	29%	N=242	14%	N=116	19%	N=153	100%	N=827

Table 23: Question 5 - Excluding Don't Know Responses

In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center Expansion focuses on each of these areas?	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Expanded fitness space	36%	N=268	29%	N=220	23%	N=172	12%	N=89	100%	N=749
Additional multipurpose meeting rooms	6%	N=39	12%	N=80	39%	N=264	44%	N=297	100%	N=680
Additional gymnasium	18%	N=129	31%	N=221	34%	N=245	17%	N=119	100%	N=714
Increased indoor playground and youth space	20%	N=146	33%	N=236	32%	N=230	14%	N=104	100%	N=716
Improved staff and administrative space	9%	N=57	22%	N=141	41%	N=259	27%	N=171	100%	N=628
Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems	17%	N=115	30%	N=201	36%	N=242	17%	N=116	100%	N=674

Table 24: Question 6 - Including Don't Know Responses

How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	Percent	Number
Very likely	42%	N=349
Somewhat likely	25%	N=209
Somewhat unlikely	9%	N=75
Very unlikely	22%	N=183
Unsure	3%	N=21
Total	100%	N=837

Table 25: Question 6 - Excluding Don't Know Responses

How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	Percent	Number
Very likely	43%	N=349
Somewhat likely	26%	N=209
Somewhat unlikely	9%	N=75
Very unlikely	22%	N=183
Total	100%	N=816

Table 26: Question 7 - Including Don't Know Responses

How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	Percent	Number
Very likely	24%	N=199
Somewhat likely	21%	N=175
Somewhat unlikely	13%	N=109
Very unlikely	40%	N=333
Unsure	2%	N=20
Total	100%	N=835

Table 27: Question 7 - Excluding Don't Know Responses

How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	Percent	Number
Very likely	24%	N=199
Somewhat likely	21%	N=175
Somewhat unlikely	13%	N=109
Very unlikely	41%	N=333
Total	100%	N=816

Table 28: Question 8 - Including Don't Know Responses

If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?	Percent	Number
Sales tax increase	52%	N=440
Property tax increase	16%	N=133
Do not expand at this time	20%	N=169
Not sure	12%	N=97
Total	100%	N=839

Table 29: Question 8 - Excluding Don't Know Responses

If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?	Percent	Number
Sales tax increase	59%	N=440
Property tax increase	18%	N=133
Do not expand at this time	23%	N=169
Total	100%	N=742

Table 30: Question 9A – (Coded)

What most influenced your answer above? (Sales tax)	Percent	Number
Property taxes are already high	37%	N=125
Wider share of costs	24%	N=81
Sales taxes are low in Erie	1%	N=3
Can control my expending in sales tax	4%	N=13
Home affordability	11%	N=36
It is preferable for me	2%	N=8
It is easier to digest	9%	N=29
Other	12%	N=40
Total	100%	N=335

Table 31: Question 9B – (Coded)

What most influenced your answer above? (Property tax)	Percent	Number
Stable and predictable funding	13%	N=14
Sales tax is regressive / unfair	33%	N=36
I'm not a home owner	6%	N=7
Residents should pay for it	15%	N=16
Not enough businesses in Erie	5%	N=5
Geographic fairness	4%	N=5
Other	23%	N=25
Total	100%	N=108

Table 32: Question 9C – (Coded)

What most influenced your answer above? (Do not expand)	Percent	Number
The cost	6%	N=9
Do not want higher taxes	53%	N=80
It is not needed	7%	N=11
I don't use it	5%	N=7
Not a good use of public money	6%	N=8
There are other priorities	2%	N=3
Economic uncertainty	4%	N=6
Poor financial planning	4%	N=6
Prefer a second facility	4%	N=6
Other	9%	N=14
Total	100%	N=150

Table 33: Question 10

How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion?	Major concern		Moderate concern		Minor concern		Not a concern		Total	
Cost to residents	45%	N=369	36%	N=297	15%	N=120	5%	N=42	100%	N=828
Tax increases in general	49%	N=407	32%	N=261	15%	N=124	4%	N=34	100%	N=827
Construction disruption	12%	N=99	26%	N=213	40%	N=333	22%	N=180	100%	N=825
Other community priorities should come first	19%	N=156	23%	N=186	35%	N=282	23%	N=189	100%	N=813
Concern about government spending	30%	N=250	28%	N=229	23%	N=190	19%	N=153	100%	N=821
Not enough personal use of the facility	17%	N=140	18%	N=146	27%	N=222	37%	N=302	100%	N=810
Other	15%	N=57	4%	N=15	6%	N=24	74%	N=280	100%	N=377

Appendix C: Verbatim Responses to Open-Ended Questions

Following are verbatim responses to the open-ended questions of the open-participation survey. Because these responses were written by survey participants, they are presented here in verbatim form, including any typographical, grammar or other mistakes. The responses are presented in alphabetical order.

Question 4a: If you support expansion, what are your primary reasons?

Erie population is growing

- As a community hub, expanding the facility in response to our growing population is a priority, especially for those who do not have the monetary resources for a private gym or when the weather reduces ability to recreate outdoors.
- As Erie grows the services need to grow as well.
- AS ERIE KEEPS GROWING, THE TOWN NEEDS TO ACCOMMODATE NEW RESIDENTS
- As population grows, so does the needs of the rec center. More people more space/facilities.
- As population of Erie grows this is going to be necessary
- Because the town is growing and although my household has alternative facilities in our neighborhood, not everyone does.
- CITY GROWING ALTERING MORE KIDS SPORTS, BRING WEIGHT ROOM DOWN STAIRS
- COMMUNITY HAS GROWN SINCE CONSTRUCTION
- Continued availability of facilities for ever expanding population in Erie
- ERIE CO GROWING RAPIDLY AND MORE PEOPLE WILL BE WANTLY, TO USE THE FACILITIES.
- Erie continues to grow residentially and the community will outgrow the current community center capacity.
- Erie growth . All we do is build more houses so of course need more facilities
- Erie has grown SO much since 2008. We need a space that meets the needs of the increased number of people who live here. The community center as it is now is overcrowded.
- ERIE HAS GROWN TO 40,000 PEOPLE-WE NEED A 2ND REC CENTER
- Erie is a growing town. Seems like good ROI.
- Erie is a rapidly growing community. Expanding community resources is important to meet future needs. If I was of child rearing age, we would use these facilities much more.
- Erie is expanding very rapidly, so it's a good idea to invest in public health and wellness services at the start-end of this growth
- Erie is getting larger and needs to be able to support more people. It is great for kids and people to have a place to engage and exercise, especially as we spend more time on our screens.
- Erie is growing
- Erie is growing
- Erie is growing
- Erie is growing and the community Center must grow to accommodate all ages of the citizens of our community

- Erie is growing and the rec center is dated and over busy, with limited free weights, and range of activities.
- ERIE IS GROWING NEED TO KEEP UP & GROWTH
- ERIE IS GROWING RAPIDLY, EXPANSION WILL ALLOW USE WITHOUT CROWDING
- Erie is growing.
- ERIE IS GROWING. THE REC CENTER SEEMS SMALL FOR THE CURRENT & FUTURE GROWTH
- Erie population has grown and our rec center either needs to expand to keep up or an additional facility should be built.
- Erie us growing.
- Erie's population is expanding very rapidly, we need a Rec Center that can accommodate the growing population.
- Erie's population is growing and it's important to expand the facility to support the needs.
- Expanding population growth that was not anticipated in current infrastructure.
- Expanding population means greater usage of rec center
- Facilities need to grow to support the growing population of the town.
- Get ahead of town growth.
- Given Erie's growth, it's important to provide a non-crowded center for all to use.
- Great facility but town population is getting too big
- Growing community
- Growing community and need to maintain access to fitness facility
- Growing community and needs to keep up with pace and new families
- Growing community needs expanded growing social programs and public spaces. It's an appropriate use of tax dollars.
- GROWING COMMUNITY NEEDS FACILITIES TO MATCH
- GROWING COMMUNITY NEEDS MORE SPACE
- growing Erie population
- growing population, adding new services/classes
- Growing size of the community, unfortunately, we keep building apartments and it's ruining our schools and community.
- Growth (both current and expected) means that there will be additional strain on the current facilities. It makes sense to expand to meet the growing population.
- Growth in population
- Growth in the town
- Growth, to prevent overcrowding
- I believe everyone in Erie should have access to the community center, and as Erie expands its population, the community center will need to expand to meet the needs of everyone.
- I feel that the expansion is necessary given the growth Erie has experienced in the years since it was built. My one concern is that the community needs more athletic field space, specifically football and soccer fields. We need lighted fields that can be accessed year round.
- I SUPPORT IF WARE OUTGROWING CURRENT FACILITIES MOST IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY THROUGH DUE TO INCREASED POPULATION SO IT CAN BE ACCESS BY ALL IS CONCERN.

- If we want to build a community with the proper resources at the community center, we should expand as the population expands.
- Important for a community to have a space for fitness and activities. So many more homes are being build.
- INCREASE SPACE FOR GROWING POPULATION
- Increased population
- Increased population around erie
- It is do important to have a rec center that can accommodate Erie's growing community! It provides a safe space for teens and offers so many activities that build community. It is also a central spot within our community.
- It is essential to keep up the recreational facilities in the town with the rapidly growing population. Moreover, there is a need for adding some missing amenities such as Sauna and steam room.
- It makes sense for community resources to expand to our increasing population.
- It's necessary due to the growth of the town
- KEEP UP WITH INCREASING POPULATION.
- Meet population growth, affordable fitness & recreation for ALL, model for DEI
- MORE ACCESS FOR GROWING POPULATION
- More residents are coming in the near future so we need to be able to accommodate the growth
- NEED DUE TO MORE POPULATION
- Need to support the increasing population.
- Needed for the growth
- OUR COMMUNITY IS RAPIDLY GROWTH WE NEED TO BERG UP.
- Our town is growing at a significant rate and is out growing one rec center. Kids sports fill in minutes not giving everyone an opportunity to join. I hope this would help with that.
- Population growing
- Population growth and over-crowding. Modern amenities
- POPULATION INCREASING
- Population is exploding. The summer daycare sells out in 2 minutes. I assume other areas are just as popular even if I don't use them.
- Provide more options for a growing, more diverse community
- Rec center was built when Erie population was a fraction of what it is now, and is always crowded when we go
- Recreational facilities that match growth and population
- SUPPORT A GROWING COMMUNITY
- Support all the new residents moving to Erie
- The center is well used and many facets are unavailable because the town has grown so much.
- The city is growing rapidly, so community services need to as well
- The community center needs to grow with the town
- The community has expanded quite a bit and the facilities likewise need expansion.
- The community is expanding so our offerings should expand as well

- The community is growing and so is its needs
- The community's population is growing, so expanding services is necessary.
- The Erie population exceeds what the rec can offer
- The facility needs to keep pace with the growing population and facility needs
- The growth of Erie's population has outgrown what the facilities can offer.
- THE GROWTH OF THE TOWN MEANS MORE PEOPLE KING THE ECE
- THE POPULATION IN GROWING
- The rapidly growing Town
- The size of the rec center is getting out paced by the population growth in Erie. Most municipalities have more than one rec center.
- The space is not large enough to support the current size of the Erie community. As the community continues to grow this issue will get exponentially worse.
- The study makes it clear the expansion is needed
- The town has grown and the rec center needs to grow with it to support the growth.
- The town has grown enough that we need to expand. The town needs to offer a town a community wide pool, as not many communities have them.
- The town has grown significantly and the spaces available are always full. We need increased capacity and amenities.
- The town has outgrown the space.
- The town is getting so big and we need more space for all the residents. Plus with all the families here its hard to know if we get a spot at the kids station
- The town is growing and the Rec center needs to grow with it.
- The town is growing and with that, the existing recreation center will not be able to accommodate more residents.
- The town is growing exponentially, the rec center needs to keep up with that growth.
- The Town is growing rapidly and while we need more space like this, there are other concerns surrounding roads and water costs which are more important.
- The town is growing significantly and the ECC facilities have been underserving the community due to capacity constraints easily since COVID. Increasing staff would also help significantly by making larger events like youth sports run more smoothly.
- THE TOWN IS GROWING SO MUCH. PEOPLE NEED PLACES FOR RECREATION.
- The town is growing too fast. So that evderyone can use it.
- The town is growing. The facilities should grow too. The weight room is way too small.
- The town of Erie continues to grow in population, and the ECC was not built to handle this many people. It needs to be expanded and upgraded to meet the needs of the growing community.
- The town of Erie is expanding rapidly with all the high density building going on. Most of the new neighborhoods don't have recreation facilities, thus the town needs to expand it's facility to accommodate population growth. I will start an insurance plan later in the year that has a fitness center benefit and I saw that Erie community center is in the network. I might get a membership with the community center when my insurance plan starts.
- The town of Erie is growing rapidly and if capacity is high it will only get worse

- The town population has exceeded the commercial resources we have in place, the ECC being one of them. Rec league youth sports have become competitive to enter into and that feels largely problematic considering how many families live in the area.
- The town population has grown considerably and the rec center is no longer large enough to support the community
- THE TOWN TO GROWING
- THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE IN ERIE FOR THIS FACILITY
- This is a growing community, which will inherently put pressure upon the current space and program limitations. Planning ahead provides attention and funding opportunities to avoid "emergency" situations that lead to unforeseen costs and energy put into a fixing mode.
- To accommodate the significant town population growth
- To better serve the needs of growing population
- To keep up with the growing number of residents
- TO LATER TO GROWING POPULATION.
- TO MATCH GROWTH IN POPULATION
- To support growing population
- TO SUPPORT THE GROWING POPULATION IN THE ERIE COMMUNITY
- To support the growth
- To support the growth of our town. More facilities, classes, and space
- Too many people live in Erie for the size of the Rec Center. Pool is too small.
- Town growth
- town is growing, need more space
- Town population growth.
- Town population is increasing. Center space limitations are only going to get worse.
- USE IS GROWING
- WE ARE A YOUNG GROWING COMMUNITY AND MUST PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH.
- We are growing while I don't use it much it is a great community amenity.
- We feel as the community grows it is important to expand to the growing community
- We have an increased number of families and people moving to Erie
- We have more people and need more space and equipment
- We're over 40,000Residents now
- WITH THE GROWTH OF ERIE, THE COMMUNITY CENTER ALSO NEEDS TO EXPAND.

Adds value to the community

- A community center and hub that benefits the community.
- A SAFE; INTERACTIVE SPACE, FOR GATHERING & CONNECTING W/COMMUNITY
- Adds value to the community. Need more senior programs.
- Better for the community
- Center of community engagement that brings people together and offers activities for youth that keeps them interacting with others.
- Community centers are vital to support low cost access to programs across many demographics. We don't currently use the community center facility in our family, but recognize that it provides a huge service to the community.

- Community enhancement
- Community health
- ECC is a great asset for the community.
- Enhance overall quality of life in Erie
- Enhancing quality of life for seniors
- Even though I am not able to use the facility, important that my community has this service. Fosters a strong sense of community for young families and retired people.
- Exercise and community are huge for mental health.
- Good for a strong, vibrant community
- GOOD FOR COMMUNITY
- Good for the community
- Good for the community
- Good resource for the community
- Having a community center is important for the town and across all age groups.
- Having a place for the community to get together is key to a strong community - it should be inexpensive to free for all people to get involved - which is how it's set up now.
- heart of community, connecting people, keeping people active
- I believe it is important to provide a space for youth to spend time to meet friends, stay active and keep out of trouble.
- I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT FOR CITIZENS TO FEEL CONNECTED AT OFFER UPLOADS FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
- I like having it available, and it improves quality of life for people in the town. If it's being used heavily, then it makes sense to expand it.
- I support a thriving community
- I think it's an important part of a strong, vibrant community
- Improving quality of life for Erie residents
- IT CAN ONLY IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY
- IT IS A GREAT SAFE SPACE FOR KINDS AND TEENS
- It is important to have a safe, clean, collaborative and fun space/center for people of all ages: youth/kids, middle schoolers, teens, adults as everyone ages. It's essential to keep Erie a community.
- It is our community and we should enrich it and keep our property and lives valuable
- IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO A COMMUNITY
- It provides a greatly needed, well maintained essential outlet for community engagement, exercise and youth sports.
- It supports the better good for Erie.
- It's an important part of our community.
- It's beneficial to the community
- IT'S ON IMPORTANT SERVICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY
- It's the best thing that the town government can do for the community in order to build a better sense OF community
- ITS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SPACE WHERE WE CAN ONE DAY BRING OUR FAMILY

- More and better resources make Erie a better place to live and play. Everything from community connection, mental health to improvement to property values.
- PROMOTE A HEALTHY CONNECTED ENGAGED COMMUNITY ITS ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT ERIE!
- PROVIDE A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES
- provide better community support
- SENIOR AGING IN PLACE IN ERIE WITH GRANDCHILDREN ALSO RESIDING IN ERIE WITH THEIR PARENTS.
- Supporting community needs should be paramount.
- Taking care of Community is extremely important and expanding the center will expand community opportunities
- The community center and it's surrounding area is a key part of the city. Having such a facility in the city center is valuable to all citizens.
- The community center does a good job providing a variety of activities to residents of all ages and various interests. It is important to continue to do so.
- The community center is one of the primary hubs of our community, bringing together all sorts of folks, and promoting mental and physical health. It benefits us all to invest in it.
- THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS THE HEART OF ERIE
- The community center provides essential support and programming for the Town.
- THE ECC AMENITIES HELP MAKE ERIE A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. THE PARKS TRAILS ARE WHAT WE USE.
- The ECC is my favorite thing about Erie. It lacks in food and shopping choices, but the community center is excellent.
- THE MORE SPACE PEOPLE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES. THE LESS CRIMES LIKELY COMMITTED BY RESIDENTS.
- The multiple benefits that it provides the Erie community
- The programs and opportunities it offers are great, so as many people as possible should be able to use them.
- The Rec Center is the Heart of the Erie
- These types of facilities are very important to many people
- This is a wonderful community resource and something I brag about to out-of-town friends/family. Due to the increased population of Erie, it only makes sense to expand the ECC to catch up.
- This space is critical to the community and due to the restrains on space and capacity of program offered we are not able to use it as much as we would like. Having a place for your kids to learn to swim or get exposed to different programs should not be the limited resource that it is where only the few and extremely lucky are able to participate. The growth in our town has been exponential and we need a community space with programs that can support the entire community instead. We currently do most of our programing in Fredrick simply due to the fact that they have availability.
- When I am in the Community Center, it is ablaze with activity! this is where community happens & friends are made. We need more space for this! I heard there was something in

the works for a 'performance center"' and I thought, why? A community center is where the action is~ more room, more space equals more community.

The ECC is small / overcrowded

- After work the gym is packed, unable to find treadmills, bikes, squat racks, etc. The basketball court is full. Swimming lanes are only open two evenings and are always full.
- All parks and recreation areas, along with kids sports are grossly overcrowded. We use Lafayette and Louisville facilities. Erie is over populated and has missed the opportunity to expand its parks and recreation.
- Always busy
- ATTENDED SEVERAL FITNESS CLASSES THAT WERE OVER CROWDED
- Basketball courts are always way to crowded, we can't even play (especially with younger kids ~5-10 years old). Need to have open courts to play even when rec basketball is going on during the winter. Kids rec programs are over capacity and kids sometimes can't even join and have the opportunity to play because teams fill up within minutes, worse than trying to get concert tickets! Need more machines and free weights in the weight area.
- BECAUSE IT IS ALWAYS BUSY IT WOULD GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS OF ERIE.
- Because it's to small
- Can't get into the programs I would like at the current center. We had a membership but cancelled because while the facilities were good, it was too small and felt crowded. Especially the pool. Would really love another indoor pool.
- Capacity of existing facilities
- CAPACITY SHOULD KEEP UP / DEMAND IS MAINTAIN QUALITY IS ACCESS
- CENTER IS HEAVILY USED, IT IS THE PLACE TO BE!
- Classes are often full or you have to sign up the moment enrollment opens. There is a high demand, and sometimes I'm unable to participate in the activities because I didn't sign up before it was full
- Crowded gym, crowded weight training and workout areas
- Current track and fitness machines are becoming over-populated
- CURRENTLY TO CROWDED TO USE NEED MORE NATIONS
- Erie rec too small for volume of families in erie now
- FITNESS AND WEIGHT AREAS ARE TOO CROWDED.
- Fitness classes are too full. Recreation areas are small.
- Hard to find classes for the kids that aren't at capacity
- Have a teenager who is using the facilities more. I gave up using the fitness areas because its too crowded.
- I currently don't use it as much as I would like because it's always very busy
- I do not participate in using the facility due to crowding
- I love the community center, as a town we've simply outgrown it. Too crowded.
- I nave been here since the beginning, the ECC is getting crowded, and it will get more so as the build out continues. It is a wonder that people don't get injured in crashes due to overcrowding the walking track.
- I play indoor pickleball and it is crowded and the times available are not always correct fo rme
- I tried the gym there years ago but it was so small I never returned.

- I use the space daily and it has become increasingly crowded.
- I want utilize facilities but currently they're too Limited
- It can be crowded and busy.
- It gets crowded often and negatively impacts my family's ability to use the facilities.
- It is always very crowded
- It is far too busy to enjoy now
- It is often crowded at the weights/track- it would be great to have more space. Also, another gym would be nice for kids volleyball or other things.
- IT IS UNDERSIZED FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE USED IT EXTENSIVELY YEARS AGO.
- IT WAS TOO SMALL WHEN IT WAS BUILT-BETTER PLANNING WOULD HAVE MET NEEDS GOING FORWARD.
- IT'S ALWAYS BUSY LIMITING MORE USAGE
- It's crowded at the rec center
- It's getting crowded
- It's over crowded at this point but clearly very important
- It's small, doesn't offer any lure, and boring
- It's too small
- It's too small for our town size
- It's too small for the amount of people who frequent the facility.
- It's too small.
- IT'S USUALLY VERY BUSY WHEN WE VISIT & CLASSES FILL VERY FAST.
- IT'S VERY CROWDED
- its outdated and too small
- Limited spots for youth programs, including swimming, recreational, and summer camps
- Love having rec center here but went to a different facility due to it being over crowded in workout area
- Machines are tight, classes are tight, space is tight. Kids have so much, adults don't. And, when the kids are in the gym, they take up so much! And it's so loud!
- Maybe having it less crowded would be beneficial.
- NEVER ENOUGH OPENINGS FOR CHILDRENS PROGRAMS
- NEWLY EVERY TIME I GO NOW, PARKING IS CONSTRAINED. INSIDE IS CROWDED. SIMPLY TIME TO EXPAND. LOCKER ROOMS ALSO.
- Not enough room for the current size and number of people who use it
- Not enough space for the youth programs
- Operating beyond current capacity. Facility is overrun with children at all times and the gymnasium is particular hard to find empty, especially for adults that want to play sports (basketball, volleyball, indoor pickleball) without children.
- Over crowding
- OVER CROWDING
- OVER USE IS HAND ON A BUILDING
- Overcrowded. Also, the pool is too cold for my children. It's a known thing amongst parents that Erie rec is "the cold pool"

- Plan on using the center more often. Sometimes it feels very crowded. And the city has added many homes. This is compensate the population increase
- REDUCE OVER CROWDING
- SMALL ROOMS FOR FITNESS CLASSES, CLASSES FILL QUICKLY, LARGER POOL, OUTDOOR POOL
- So I can actually get a treadmill and work out there. Currently it's so busy I no longer go and found a gym elsewhere. Also this should be for Erie residents only and no one that lives outside Erie should be allowed to use the facilities
- SO IT'S HOT CROWDED
- So many people the swimming pool feels like a bath tub.
- Some indoor fitness classes are being filled very quickly and some classes are very crowded.
- Space constraints moreServices
- SPACE LIMITATIONS FOR MEETINGS & ACTIVE ADULTS
- Stopped using it because it was so overcrowded. I would actually use it again if it expanded
- The center is too small!
- The classes and wait lists are full, you have to be a professional coder with the help of a bot to get your kids into rec sports. It should be so difficult, the rec center offerings need to grow to match the town.
- The Community Center is over capacity. There is a need for more drop in fitness space, more fitness studio space, more room rental space and space for programs and sports
- The current center feels cramped and overcrowded when we have been there. That is the main reason we do not use the community center.
- The current community center is too small and doesn't offer enough space for everyone to use it. Especially open gyms.
- The current facility is great, but there are times when it is so crowded it is almost unusable. Would love to see increased capacity.
- The current layout/size is too small, there are lots of times we go and immediately leave because there isn't any room to do anything, or courts and such are taken up by league games.
- The current rec center is too crowded in the weight room and doesn't have enough space for treadmills and cardio machines.
- The ECC is currently very small and feels crowded for most activities.
- The facility and offerings are too small for out community and it will negatively effect our community and property values longterm if we do not address.
- The facility isn't sized to today. It's sized to the past.
- The fitness space is difficult to get all of the exercises one would like to do within an hour, because of the heavy use of equipment, even at the "slower" times of the day.
- The fitness space is pretty cramped
- The group fitness spaces and meeting rooms/party room needs expanded. The pool HVAC struggled last summer, and staff needs a little bit more space.
- The gym is often overly packed
- The gym is too small and crowded

- The programs offered are often unable to be utilized by residents due to them being full causing residents to miss vital opportunities to engage in our community as well as maintain fitness goals.
- The rec center has become overcrowded and unable to accommodate the ongoing growth of Erie. It also lacks amenities offered by other nearby fitness-oriented locations and costs more for fewer benefits.
- The weight lifting area needs to be 5 or 6 times the size it is to properly accommodate the demand and to make it more profitable to the city
- There are never any lanes open at the pool, and the teenagers take up so much space in the weight lifting area
- There have been difficulties registering kids for youth sports and activities because the demand is high but there isn't enough space.
- There's not enough room and the way that the complex is structured there's a lot of wasted space there's also no sauna or other amenities which make other gyms a better option. They also recently raised prices which makes other gyms a better bargain for the money.
- To have more room for exercise machines/weights
- TO MAKE MORE USABLE. WE QUIT GOING DUE TO BEING TO OVER CROWDED.
- Too crowded areas with the equipment used, to crowded pool.
- TOO CROWDED NEED TO GROW W/ERIE
- TOO CROWDED, NOT ENOUGH WRIGHT EQUIPMENT AND ROOM.
- Too crowded. Limited programming for adults that doesn't fill up right away.
- Too many people got the size of our community center
- Too small for big town
- Too small group fitness rooms
- TOWN IS GROWING FIRE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM BUT OTHER C/ NOT GETTING ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT ETC.
- Unable to get my child signed up for recreational activities due to lack of staff and space. Each time I attempt Erie I get placed on a wait list
- We don't visit or participate in youth sports because it is so over run with families. We go the YMCA or Lafayette Rec instead.
- we dont go much right now because it's too cramped and crowded
- We have a hard time finding open lanes during free swim hours.
- We love the rec center and know others do too. If we can make it a little less crowded and offer even more, we are all for it
- We used to be very active when our kids were younger. They are adults now and I've heard the community center can be very crowded so I just don't go for any adult programs. More space would be beneficial.
- Weight machines are often very busy and you have to wait to get onto a machine or at very busy times any machine.
- Weight room area and cardio is WAY too small. Spin class has to use tiny rooms for the core portion which isn't sustainable.
- Weights and resistance machine area is frequently crowded and waiting time for each machine is significant. Larger area with more machines would be helpful

- When working out I have to wait sometimes for equipment.

Should offer new / improved services

- A BETTER BIGGER BUILDING WILL BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY
- A new, second facility would be preferable as it would make overall facilities more accessible to more Erie residents.
- ACCOMMODATING GROWTH (NEW BUILDS) ALLOWING FOR EXPANDED YOUTH OFFERING.
- Addition of sauna and steam room
- Additional space
- additional space for additional participants. Keep up with population increase.
- Additional space for youth programs and dedicated fitness space
- AVAILABILITY OF FREE WIGHT'S, EXERCISE MACHINES
- Basketball gymnasium
- Better facility. I would like an outdoor pool, sauna and better wifi at rec center
- Better pool
- Bigger fitness area and more equipment
- BIGGER LAP POOL
- Bring back water aerobics for handicapped individuals and elderly with knowledgeable professional
- Build capacity for adult physical activity and community
- exercise area needs more equipment
- Expanded fitness in additional gym/pool
- Expanded fitness space
- expansion of availability to classes, recreational activities, and expand caliber and capacity of rec center
- Extended aquatics hours and space, more class offerings, make it more worth the cost of a membership
- Facility needs additional space for fitness with increasing community use. Also feel wellness and other offerings are essential to support the varied age groups in Erie.
- FACILITY TO SMALL NEED BIGGER SWIMMING POOL. MORE LANES IN POOL
- FITNESS SPACE AND SWIMMING POOL NEED TO BE EXPANDED
- Fitness spaces!
- FITNESS, MEETING ROOMS
- Get better programs and more diverse
- GETS A LOT OF USE NEEDS A LAP POOL
- Greater program potential to meet the expanding population and needs of the community.
- Having room for a swim team would be great
- HOPING MORE DROP IN FITNESS CLASSES COULD BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK
- I have used the center and it does feel dated and needs renovation
- I HOPE THEY IMPROVE THE BATHROOMS (STEAM ROOM)
- I support expanding, only if it includes a larger pool area.
- I support expansion and would like to see additional amenities for recovery like a steam and sauna room.

- I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION BUT WORLD LIKE TO INDUSTRIAL IF SEPARATE 2ND FACILITY IS AN OPTION.
- I think a community center for the people of Erie is great. If there was a slightly larger pool that had more lap swim abilities I would use it more. Understand the need for kids areas, but seems as iff it is challenging to get times for lap swimming. A more robust facility would possibly get used by more residents.
- I think there needs to an outdoor Olympic pool with a bubble over during the winter. This would allow much more programs and opportunity.
- I would support expansion if the pool area was expanded and improved. In my view, this is the biggest limitation of the facility and the reason my family doesn't use the ECC more. A larger 6-8 lane lap pool is needed.
- I'm hoping we can have a competitive pool where we could attract or have a club level swim team. Sport court inline rinks would be a. Great addition to the programs you have to offer with a rec league inline hockey league
- If it's needed. Prefer an indoor pool with more lanes be added than some of the items listed.
- Improve fitness area
- Improve the facility
- Increased amenities and offerings.
- Increased exercises spaces and equipment
- Increased needs
- It might help make the program more friendly for more people
- It will enhance the ability of the ECC to provide additional programs and facilities for the residents of Erie.
- IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET INTO YOUTH PROGRAMS FITNESS CLASSES FILL UP TOO FAST.
- KIDS PROGRAMS
- Lack of gym space and opportunities to use it
- Larger facility with more room for access to classes, activities, programs and equipment.
- Larger pool for adult use.
- Larger space needed and update to facility and equipment
- Larger with outdoor pool
- Limitation of space & rooms
- make the community and especially fitness classes available to more people
- MORE BASKETBALL COURTS AND BETTER INDOOR POOL
- More Drop in options, more programming
- More equipment and more availability in classes
- more fitness area
- MORE FITNESS CLASS & YOUTH SPORT OPPORTUNITIES
- MORE GYM SPACE, MORE MACHINES, LARGER KID STATION (EXTEND THE MAX AGE!)
- More kids activities and open hours for general use
- More offerings and nice facilities are important for the Town.
- More open court use (indoor and outdoor), more courts and fields for youth sports, more open pool use, etc.
- More opportunities for fitness and activities

- More opportunities for local exercise and activities
- MORE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND FITNESS CLASSES ETC.
- More programs
- MORE PROGRAMS, EXERCISE CLASSES, SENIOR ACTIVITIES TO MINOR LOUISVILLE REC CENTER
- MORE ROOM FOR FUN!
- More room for the growing town of erie
- More room needed
- MORE ROOM, MODERNIZE EQUIPMENT
- MORE SERVICES, MORE OPPORTUNITIES
- MORE SPACE
- More space and activities for community events and residents. Would seem less crowded and more opportunities.
- MORE SPACE AND MODERNIZE ALL SYSTEMS
- more space for more activities
- More space for treadmills and weight room! Usually the machines my trainer wants to have me use are busy.
- MORE SPACE IN EXERCISE ROOMS SO YOU AREN'T PUT ON A WAITLIST
- More space/capacity for youth sports. Would like to see expanded offerings beyond 13 years of age. If they don't make the school teams, older kids have limited options for organized sports. Not everybody makes the school team.
- more things for senior adults
- MORE WATER SLIDES!!! FITNESS AREA NEEDS TO BE 3X BIGGER
- MORE WEIGHT TRAINING SPACE, MORE POOL SPACE, CYCLE ROOM NOT JUST FOR CLASSES; WHAT ABOUT NEW (ADDITIONAL) REC CENTER?
- More youth space is needed.
- Need a bigger fitness space and weight room
- NEED A LAP LANE POOL W. DIVING BLOCKS. START A USA SWIM CLUB.
- Need for additional local affordable fitness opportunites, class offerings, youth summer camps, larger pool or additional pool.
- Need for increased weight room space, increased aquatics space.
- Need for missing services, reaching those in need of services and to build community.
- NEED FOR MORE SWIMMING LANES
- Need larger fitness space
- Need more gym space
- NEED MORE POOL LANES!!!
- NEED MORE PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS. NOT ENOUGH OF YOUTH SPORTS COMPARED TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
- Need more room for exercise classes and expansion of pool.
- NEED MORE SPACE FOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT
- NEED MORE SPACE WITHIN YOUTH SPORTS, EXPANDED AREA FOR SENIOR CLASSES PARKING
- Need more spaceFor weight room

- NEED MORE SWIMMING LANES
- NEEDED-BUT SHOULD NOT GO OVER BUDGET OF 30 MILLION
- needs to ne bigger
- NO PARKS OR OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE, ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION WILL ALLOW GROWING ERIE POPULATION INCREASED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.
- NO SPACE, NO POOL SPACE, NO WORKOUT MACHINES
- Outdoor pool would be an amazing add and a reason for us to get a membership.
- Programs and resources for our future children
- Provide more services to the Erie community
- RAPIDLY GAMING AREA NEED MORE RESOURCES
- Simple need for more space and amenities, larger pool, and larger indoor playground.
- So many families in town in need of family and youth-oriented programs
- Swimming pool and indoor playground are too small
- The current fitness machines are sad and there is not enough of the machines. This really needs expansion and big time modernization. If you want to support the aging residents, this is a must since weight lifting is essential for their overall health, along with classes for them.
- To make it easier to use the fitness equipment
- Update the space and offer more activities for all ages and families
- WATER AREAS-POOLS & LOCKER ROOMS CROWDED NOT ENOUGH SPACE FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS
- WE NEED A PUBLIC OUTDOOR POOL
- We need an outdoor pool.
- We need more space for exercise. Multiple areas for weights.
- We need more space for physical activities, conference rooms need to be reallocated for activities
- We need to increase capacity for fitness equipment and programming usage.
- We would use the pool daily if it was suitable
- Would be great to enhance an existing facility but that's a big cost.
- WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE LANES FOR SWIMMING A LAP POOL
- Yes but we need more senior programs
- You don't mention this as a need but compared to other nearby town's Community Centers supporting programs for adults is very, very limited and is sorely needed. Really just one small room. Limited programs. I wish there were more which would give seniors more ways to feel included in the community. You don't even mention it as a need which is too bad - doing so would increase my support for the expansion.
- Youth activities, but our main area of support would be for youth football fields. The kids are practicing in the dark, unlike other neighboring towns.
- Youth and expanded fitness spaces.
- Youth sports capacity, gym availability.

I'm a current / future user

- Agree on need for expanding fitness spaces as that is where my family spends most of their time when visiting the ECC.

- As a frequebnt use of the Community Center it is important to my physical and mental health. Also, I feel it is importatant to the quality of life in the Community.
- As I get closer to retirement I would be using the community center more and would benefit from the improvements
- As my family grows in age i look forward to using more amenities of the ECC. Currently we're limited by kids schedule. But as my kids get older I'd like to participate more.
- BEING AND REMAINING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE IS NECESSARY FOR LIFELONG HEALTH & WELLNESS.
- CONTINUED USE OF PROGRAMS & FACILITIES BY OUR FAMILY
- Future use in retirement
- I have been a member of the Rec Center for almost 14 years, I go 5 days a week and use the gym area, weights and track. I feel that they need more mats and stretching spaces set up in the corners on the track, remove some of those larger pieces to the first floor. Also, I suggest for the upstairs restrooms, along the wall behind the free weights, please change the locks so a person can see if it is vacant or in use. People leave the doors open to show not in use. I really do not like looking at a toilet, especially after a man has used it and left the seat up. New locks will solve that problem. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE in this expansion, we want and NEED, yes I said need an outdoor swimming pool. Not every neighborhood has a community pool and we, living in such a hot climate during the spring, summer and fall months need an outdoor pool. I also think adding this to the tax is a smart idea. We have a number of businesses that other residents from other towns shop here. For example King Soopers, plenty of non Erie residents would help fund this project! Please, please and please... Do NOT add this to our property taxes. That is not a smart plan, because all you are doing is asking the residents of Erie pay higher when sales tax would work and spread the funds to non residents. If they are buying a cup of coffee, $.03 is nothing to them!
- I only use RB courts. I use Lafayette Rec Ctr for all other activities (weight training, Pool, Outdoor hotub, steamroom) due to Erie Rec ctr lacking these amenities!!
- I use the facility often as do my neighbors.
- I use the gym and it could use improvements
- I use the services provided and so do my grandchildren. However - areas of ECC seem underutilized during week days. I'd advocate for a sports center instead of expanding ECC.
- IF WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO USE THE FACILITY
- My family and I use the Comunity Center extensively. While it doesn't feel overly crowded, it does feel very busy at times and I'm sure this will only increase as more homes are built in Erie. For the community center to remain a useful quality of life additon to Erie, it must grow as the town grows.
- My family and I would use it more if there were more amenities available.
- My kids are getting old enough to start using the space
- Though my wife and I, as retirees very busy with a new house, have only had opportunity to use the Erie Community Center one/twice per year, we plan to use it more in the future and consider a robust community center as an essential element for a vibrant community. We love Erie!
- To begin using the facilities full time

- Use the facility most days and love it but needs an update. More gym space for the kids, more equipment and space in the fitness center, and an outdoor pool would be amazing.
- We intend to start using the facilities and would like access to facilities and programs
- We use the facility daily and believe it is important to make sure it continues to have the capacity for the growing population so it doesn't feel over crowded.
- We use the rec center weekly and the youth sports program.
- We use the rec center weekly if not daily and would love more space to work out, play, and meet with friends, especially in the winter!
- Young family here in Erie- looking forward to utilizing the ECC for many years to come.

To support active health

- 1. FITNESS OR ALL 2. SAFETY 3. NEED MORE ROOM
- For physical and mental health of residents and to promote community connection.
- Helping those who want to help themselves find programs to help them maintain a healthy body, makes for a better quality of life.
- I believe in wellness
- Older adults need a place to keep active.
- PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
- Physical fitness is essential to the well being of people of all ages - overcrowding or lack of adequate facilities creates unnecessary stress rather than relieves it.
- Promoting an active lifestyle in the community
- THE TOWN IS BETTER WHEN PEOPLE EXERCISE.
- To make Erie a vital community and the ECC is the hub-- needs more enhancements to provide more offerings for more classes and activities,
- TO SUPPORT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR YOUNG ADULTS, FAMILIES AGING ADULTS.
- Wellness is essential for our community and this seems to help.

Other

- Adding capacity would be value added, but $30M sounds like too much of an investment into the current facility given it is still being financed from 2008.
- All identified needs listed above
- All of the above
- BETTER COMMUNITY BUILDING
- BUILDING UPON A GREAT FOUNDATION
- Currently we use the Broomfield Rec Facilities because the offerings and spaces are so much nicer than Erie's.
- Erie should be the place you have no reason to go to other cities
- Even though I don't use it, I know it's important to be able to handle the usage it does have.
- Expanding what is currently there makes use of the centralized location the building currently sits at and continues to hold true to one connecting point for the community rather than spacing out programs across different facilities. Granted...parking would need to be prioritized.
- Expansion to keep moving forward.
- EXPIRED YOUTH SPORTS

- FITNESS CLUB AVAILABILITY TURNOVER OF AVAILABLE FITNESS EQUIPMENT
- Free or almost free activities are needed. Many households cannot afford a rec center membership. Having extra rooms to hold community events opens the buildings use up for an entirely new group of people.
- I do think we need more space and this could work but would ultimately prefer a second rec center to solve these problems and create a more fitness style aquatics area (can we please get a city wide swim team?)
- I SUPPORT, BUT MAYBE NOT AT 30 MILLION. I'M AFRAID EXPANDING WILL LEAD TO ALLOWING FOR MORE NEW HOMES. WE SHOULD ACCOMMODATE CURRENT RESIDENCY, NOT FOR TONS OF GROWTH
- I travel to Lafayette for gym... would much rather walk to my local Center.
- I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A REC CENTER LIKE LOUISVILLE
- I would rather a second center being built, the town has already outgrown the existing facility.
- Increase ease of access to activity spaces.
- Increases property values and ability to attract young families.
- It can only help
- It is needed
- It's an important amenity that helps outweigh the drawbacks of living in Erie, such as unchecked growth, fracking, and airport noise.
- Keep things updated
- Keeping Erie as the best place to live requires continued investment as the town grows.
- Make me want to come more often
- More equipment space so the walking/running track is not crowded with equipment, hopefully the ability to use the weight machines without as long of a wait time, more room for other events and activities
- Most rec centers in the denver metro have steam room and sauna, we really need that.
- postponing upgrades is not good for the facility or for the town
- PROVIDES OPTIONS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN ERIE VS GOING TO OTHER LOCATIONS
- Providing adequate space for everyone to enjoy
- Put more money into this
- QUESTION 3
- Rec center gets a lot of use!
- RESTAURANTS, MEDICAL (MENTAL HEALTH), VALUE-ADD AMENITIES
- So that more people have to ability to use the space
- Somewhat support means depends on how it is financed.
- support increased capacity needs
- THE BETTER IT IS, THE MORE PEOPLE WILL USE IT.
- THE COST!!
- The results of the study.
- The use of more space. Concern for Erie not to pay for it twice like the bride.
- THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES AND KIDS THAT NEED TH SPACE COST
- THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL GYM NEARBY, YOUTH, KIDS AREAS, 100 SEE GYM AT LOVER CAPACITY

- TRAVELING TO OTHER CENTERS THEY ARE LARGER AND OFFER MORE
- Very important
- we used the rec center quite a bit when my kids were younger. It is essential to have reasonably priced activities for people in our community to participate in. I love what you do at the rec center and would love to see more opportunities! I'm not sure what is planned, but would love to see more art lessons or spaces, music spaces for people, theater or whatever :) I'm sure you all have great ideas
- WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE COMMUNITY OPINIONS ARE STRONGLY INVOLVED.
- Yall need it.

Question 4b: If you oppose expansion, what are your primary concerns?

The cost

- 30 MILLION DOLLARS THAT ERIE DOESN'T HAVE
- 30 million is an awful lot for those particular investments. There does not seem to be very much return on that giant investment
- 30 MILLION IS WAY WAY TOO MUCH $
- 30 million seems way too much. - focus on more senior center programs. Erie is a small town still and projected growth is steady but does not warrant a 30 million renovation right now.
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- COST - PRIVATE OPTIONS
- Cost / benefit
- Cost and not necessary
- Cost doesn't outweigh the benefits
- cost impacts non-users. property taxes are already too high. roads are terrible. home builders hiding costs in long term debt of metro districts. homeowners especially without children are being overtaxed for projects and programs that don't benefit them. Charge the users like area gyms, sports facilities, and group programs or associations or toll roads. Don't tax unwilling residents.
- COST IS TOO HIGH.
- Cost of expansion and the rec center seems fine
- COST TO COMMUNITY
- COST TO RESIDENTS-YOU ARE NOT GOOD STEWARDS OUR MONEY
- Cost to residents.
- Cost to taxpayers, encouragement of further increase in population and population density, and negative impacts of construction for extended periods of time. It is understandable, however, that an expansion will be needed at some point due to the increase in population that has already occurred and cannot be reversed. For the sake of growing families and especially their children, specific expansion goals could be reasonably funded and exectued over time.

- Cost, budget, ROI, management, administration, security, water consumption. Expansion for targeted expansion, and maintenance at a budgeted cost, is more sustainable.
- COST, POPULATION
- Cost. We have too many incomplete projects right now.
- costs, diversity of programming, money that will be taken from developing community parks like the blighted plot of land in the Compass neighborhood where a park was promised and has never happened
- I don't think the demand exists to support a 30M expansion. It's too much money
- IT SOUNDS EXPENSIVE ALREADY GET A POOL IT WORKOUT CENTER FROM MY HOA
- Money
- MONEY
- The cost of the expansion, could it be done in phases to stretch the cost out.
  Why not build 8 lane roads to, it costs money.

It will increase taxes

- Added taxes. City needs to fix and widen many streets in Erie.
- Additional tax increase which have been astronomical in Boulder county over the past several years
- Any tax increase, and there are private options for anyone that wants to pay for these things.
- DON'T TAKE MORE MONEY FROM CITIZENS,
- Don't want a tax increase
- expense, i.e. taxes
- finances - tax growth already too high
- HIGHER TAXES AND WASTEFUL SPENDING ON LUXURIES.
- Homeowner Taxes are already out of control, we pay so much for the largest county in colorado and I dont feel like our money is used in our community. So yeah upgrade if your going to make it happen with money you allready have. Otherwise stay out of my wallet. new police station and all your council people approve are more ****** housing projects, rental houses with not park space? really? the people responsible for that should be shot. I will not be voting any old members of anything back in next vote.
- How the town wants to pay for it.Raising taxes? No way!
- I'm concerned I'll have to pay more taxes to support the costs of expansion. ECC users should pay as they go.
- INCREASE COST TO TAX PAYERS
- Increase in taxes
- INCREASED TAXES
- like many times before, my taxes will increase - for no benefit
- Looks like you haven't managed your current budget and planned for future expansion accordingly. You already charge fees for all your programs and we already pay high property and sales taxes. No more taxes! Mange the current budget and plan for future expansion based on what services are being used.
- PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT INCREASES TRAFFIC INCREASES
- Tax increase
- Taxes

- Taxes are already way too high
- TAXES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY
- TAXES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY.) THE CURRENT BUILDING APPEARS TO SERVICE THE TOWNS NEEDS.
- Taxes.
- THAT IT WILL MAKE PROPERTY TAXES EVEN HIGHER THAN IT ALREADY IS
- THE CENTER BILLS COMMUNITY NEEDS AS IS EXPANSION MEANS INCREASING OUR TAXES.
- THE TAXES TO ERIE ARE ALREADY HIGH
- WE CAN NOT AFFORD MORE TAXES. PERIOD.

There are other priorities

- Erie should try completing something first. Like ridiculous road projects. Stop wasting our tax dollars .
- FOCUS SHOULD BE ON MORE IMPORTANT ISSUED I.E., ROADS
- Funds should be used for more urgent and critical infrastructure
- MONEY COULD BE BETTER SPENT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
- Older community members who may not take advantage of the services offered will still be charged on their taxes for a portion of the $30MM cost. With the current excessive amount of rooftops in the pipeline to be built, the town needs to address other areas of concern - roads, water, traffic, school overcrowding, safety, preserving open space, the list is long
- THE INFRASTRUCTURES ARE MORE CONCERNING!!!
- The money can be better prioritized for more essential issues such as safety, traffic flow, and infrastructure. Create more spaces for Erie to have congregating commercial space.
- The town has many unresolved issues right now. The growth has outpaced the current infrastructure. The traffic is terrible. Speeding is excessive. Teens on motorized bikes are basically terrorizing the town. There is talk of building a water park, but we cannot even turn our sprinklers on in March. There is very little open space left and the Page property is likely to be developed as well. We could not even attend community events downtown last year due to the amount of traffic and limted parking. We have been here 8 years and the changes have not been positive ones. And, we still do not have a grocery store.
- The town has other needs regarding parks and recreation. Particularly for youth. THERE ARE BETTER USES OF OUR TAX.

It's not necessary

- ALREADY EXCELLENCY FACILITIES WITH LOTS OF SPACE
- Expansion is not needed at the current facility. An additional facility needs to be built
- I like the current rec center and don't 100% believe that an expansion is necessary. The rec center is busy, but busy is good and more might feel excessive or wasteful.
- I'VE NEVER FELT IT WAS TOO CROWDED. PERHAPS ANOTHER INDOOR COURTS FACILITY FOR KIDS SPORTS, BUT NO DIRECT EXPERIENCE.
- IT FEEL THAT ECC ACCOMMODATES ALL VERY WELL.
- Not necessary
- Not needed
- Not needed

- SINCE THE INCREASE OF FEES TO USE THE CENTER-LESS PEOPLE
- There are lots of private gyms nearby that are cheaper
- WORKS FINE.

I don’t use the CC

- Do not take part in any programs at the community center, charge people who use it for the renovation
- DONT USE IT DEFINITELY DON'T TO PAY FOR IT.
- I DO NOT WANT ANY ADDITIONS/TAXING FOR SOMETHING I DON'T USE!
- I DON'T CURRENTLY USE THE ECC AND THIS EXPANSION WOULD INCREASE TAXES MOST LIKELY TO PAY FOR IT.
- I don't use the facilities much.
- I don't want to pay for a facility that I don't use with property taxes or store taxes.
- I my opinion, what Erie needs is a better pool with a dive well, dedicated lap swimming lanes and not more gyms, fitness, and meeting rooms. I'm not in favor of a tax increase that doesn't support my family's needs.
- Money/taxes for facilities I don't use
- Residents who seldom use the facility will be having additional taxes.
- This the first I have heard about the Erie Community center. I have no use for it and feel like it is probably a facility that only benefits a small portion of the community while everyone has to pay for it. Increase the fees to pay for any expansion projects.
- We never use it. Taxes are already too high. Consider user fees to fund it. If you actually have 225,000 visits per year, apply a fee to get closer to covering cost.

The town had failed to properly plan for it

- Because the town had failed to properly plan for and fund any expansion of the community center. The town will want to raise taxes in some way to pay for something that should be budget for a the housing increased.
- Because the town should have included expansion plans consistent with the population growth. The town does not seem to be fiscally proactive. To expand something driven by population growth should have been funded as a function of develop not after the fact.
- The facility should have been funded as development increase as part of the development approval.
- The town did not fund potential expansion proportional to approved growth. Each development approval should have put money in a fund for rec projects and expqnsion.

Erie is overspending

- I THINK ERIE IS OVER SPENDING WITH POLICE EXPANSION AND THE NOW THIS.
- Mayor Moore has made it more than clear he wants the expansion and has wasted tax payer money on repeatedly asking the same questions over and over in these frivolous surveys attempting to get the answer he wants. Our tax money is not his playground.
- No more money to local government
- Please quit spending so much money. These taxes and utilities are so high that we no longer feel we can live in the city.
- Please STOP spending my money!

- THOSE ARE ALREADY A LOT OF FISCAL ABUSES IN ERIE.
- You're raising debt.

Other

- 30 M IS A LOT OF COMPETITION W/PRIVATE GYMS WALD EXPANDED HRS FACILITATE NEED MEET YOUTH NEEDS?
- It is not funded that I can tell.
- Making sure the tax money is being used wisely. Are each of these expansion areas utilized enough to support the expansion?
- Need more businesses in Erie, not housing and not more homes
- Parking, no trust in Erie planning committee, poor road infrastructure.
- PRIVATE ENTERPRISES NOT TAX DOLLARS CONSULTANTS TOWN
- The area around the rec center is lovely and well kept. Why not build a completely new center near the expanding housing?
- The community center needs to be free, it is already too expensive and I imagine these expansions will only increase the price of accessing these opportunities.
- The first few sections of this survey combine parks and trails with the Community Center. I support parks and trails, but not an expansion of the Center. Why would local government leadership want to fund and manage an even larger operation for functions that can be addressed and run by private enterprise? What government-run operation has ever been managed more efficiently and economically than a private operation? Let any of the Center's space or program limitations be addressed by non-government organizations, which are financed not by sales taxes, not by property taxes, but by user fees. There are several other projects (i.e.: infrastructure) to which our collective tax dollars need to be directed.
- The pace of expansion and ongoing development in the town of erie and the need to raise taxes to fund the project.
- The pool is terrible, if you don't plan on upgrading the pool then I am opposed. I use the Broomfield Community Center because of the pools. The ECC is terrible; it's like a camel which is a horse designed by a committee
- The town has sold its soul to developers without any requirement that they contribute to these types of things we need in Erie. STOP giving away Erie to developers without them needing to contribute to additional rec centers and/or renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center.
- Use existing property taxes for any or all expenditures.
- Waste of money to expand. As Erie is growing you should either look to build a new facility in a different part of town or allow the open market to cater to needs. There are gyms around Lafayette and Erie that currently serve residents.
- WHO WILL PAY!
- With the projected population of Erie growing even more, I do not think it is wise to expand the existing ECC. Instead, I believe a second facility is necessary. If the existing facility is expanded, by the time construction is complete, the population will already have outgrown it. I would be in strong support of any ballot measure or tax increase to support a second facility, but I strongly oppose any such increase to expand the existing facility.

- Would like to base decisions based on totally actual use numbers vs population and how our use compares to other municipalities. I personally do not use it and doesn't seem to be overly crowded other than peak times.
- YOU AREN'T DOING THESE.

Question 9: What most influenced your answer above? (Please describe briefly)

A. Preferred sales tax increase.

Property taxes are already high

- PROPERTY TAXES RAISES HOUSE PRINTS. EVERYONE'S HOUSE MORTGAGE PAYMENT IS AT A POINT THAT HOUSE CAN AFFORD MORE.
- Avoids property tax increas
- PROPERTY TAXES NEVER WENT FROM LIKE WE WERE TOLD-THEY ARE CRAZY ALREADY AND THEY ADDED MORE IN ERIE HIGHLANDS.
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY QUITE HIGH.
- Property tax increases are not very palatable at the moment
- Property taxes are already to high
- Property taxes already too high.
- Not interested in Raising of property tax
- Do not desire to pay more property tax.
- Property taxes already increasing at a high level.
- AS A SENIOR PROPERTY OWNER, PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH
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- Others need the center. I absolutely positively do NOT want a property tax increase. Property taxes in CO are ridiculously high already.
- Our property taxes are already extremely high, especially for assessed home values that are significantly higher than the actual current sale values
- Living in a metro district already means high property taxes.
- I already pay too much in property tax due to the town shifting the infrastructure burden of new housing developments to me through a metro district. The tax burden should be spread across everyone in and around Erie who spends money here.
- Property taxes are already sky high here
- My property taxes are already beyond insane. With property value double what it was when I bought, this is the screw that keeps on screwing. I'd rather something I can control by not spending.
- PROPERTY TAXES ALREADY TOO HIGH
- PROPERTY TAXES ALREADY VERY HIGH (METRO DISTRICT)
- PROPERTY TAXES MAKE HOME OWNERSHIP MORE DIFFICULT
- AS A SENIOR ON A LIMITED BUDGET, PROPERTY TAXES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY. FUNDING THE EXPANSION THROUGH SALES TAXES IS DOUBLE.
- I shouldn't have to pay taxes on property I already own.
- We are retired and on a fixed income. Our property taxes are already too high.
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH.

- I live in Erie Commons and we already have a ridiculously high property tax. It also seems like a better option to not just tax property owners but anyone who enjoys the restaurants, businesses and amenities in Erie.
- I don't want my property tax to increase
- Property tax is already expensive.
- Property taxes have become increasingly burdensome to seniors, young, and lower income households.
- Property taxes are already high
- We don't need any more property taxes. They are already very high and increasing them seems to be the answer for everything.
- Homeowners aren't feeling the brunt of the increase only with the sales tax. Property taxes are already high and families are feeling the strain.
- ALREADY SPENDING A LOT IN TAXES
- PROPERTY TAXES ERIE ARE ALREADY OUTRAGEOUS. IT'S FRUSTRATING THAT "METRO DISTRICTS" DON'T FUND THIS TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION.
- PROP TAX ALREADY HIGH
- Property taxes are already high
- Property taxes are too high already. You have to live somewhere but residents can control where they spend money and pay sales tax.
- I hate to see property taxes increase at all
- Property Taxes in Colorado are exploding already. Sales Tax increase allows visitors for softball tournaments and other reasons to contribute to the expansion.
- Property taxes are too expensive already.
- Too many property taxes
- Property taxes are already too high and I don't want to add one more thing. House values are inflated and the assessor never seems to want to lower valuations. They know the higher they value properties, the more they can collect. Once you increase property taxes they never seem to go back down.
- Live in metro district and property taxes are extremely high already
- MY PROPERTY TAXES ARE SO HIGH ALREADY
- I WOULD RATHER THAT OUR PROPERTY TAXES NOT INCREASE.
- Property taxes are too expensive in this area already.
- Property tax is already high and sales tax spreads the burden to all community members
- property taxes already high
- Property tax is already high and Erie continues to build rentals via townhomes and apartments where those residents aren't paying property tax. So homeowners are subsidizing funding for a substantial part of the town population.
- Property taxes in Erie are already very high
- Not interested in property tax increase
- Property Tax is more expensive than sales tax.
- PROPERTY TAX TOO HIGH NOW SALES TAX WILL IMPACT ALL RESIDENTS
- Already had increase on property tax
- property tax way too high currently, needs to be spread around

- Property taxes are already insane. Not going to vote for any property tax increase.
- Property taxes are high
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY HIGH ENOUGH
- PROPERTY TAXES IN ERIE ARE RIDICULOUSLY HIGH. IT ALSO PENALIZES PROPERTY OWNERS.
- Property taxes are already high enough but adding a small amount to sales tax that everyone has to pay doesn't hurt.
- I don't want my property tax to increase
- OUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE THE HIGHEST AROUND (WE MOVED FROM BROOMFIELD PAY A LOT MORE IN ERIE)
- PROPERTY TAXES TOO HIGH ALREADY
- Already paying high property tax, want to encourage more buisnesses
- Property taxes are already too high, sales tax is gradual and barely noticeable increase spread out over many purchases.
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE JUST TOO HIGH NOW! SALES TAX INCREASE WOULD BE BETTER.
- Property taxes are already high
- Property taxes are high enough already
- PROPERTY TAX TO HIGH ALREADY
- We are home owners on a fixed pension, near the age of 65 and already can barely afford our property taxes.
- Property tax is too high already
- Property taxes are already too high (have jumped exponentially).
- Property tax is already way to high! If it is raised again we would more than likely look into moving outside city limits.
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY INCREASING FAST ENOUGH
- Property tax increase fatigue
- With recent increases in property taxes, they are already too high. It is more equitable and efficient to spread the love among visitors and residence by utilizing a sales tax, which will potentially grow as inflation, naturally raises the price of goods. With Erie's potential expansion of the retail sector due to its building boom, this will add to the funding.
- Our property taxes have already jumped substantially in the last couple of years. It's already hard for people to buy a home in Colorado, I believe this would make it even harder.
- MY PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY EXPENSIVE ENOUGH.
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE PRETTY HIGH ALREADY. SALES TAX IS DYNAMIC. I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY OPPOSE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE TO FUND EXPANSION - BUT I WOULD LIKE IT.
- Our property taxes are already too high but we do need an expansion
- Property taxes are already high enough
- OUR PROPERTY TAX IS ALREADY WAY TO HIGH
- Property taxes are already high thanks to allowing developers to create metro districts. Consumers can influence sales tax costs by consuming less.
- Property taxes are high enough.
- Our property taxes are already too high compared to other areas of Colorado.

- We already have high taxes here because of the municipal tax, bond and high water rates. Further increasing property taxes could hurt our property values long term.
- We are Erie residents who live in Boulder County, property taxes are already way to high.
- Property taxed are already high especially for those homes in metro district which are most of the new developments.
- Property tax is way too high in Boulder County
- Direct the most on my I creased taxes. Prefer it not be tied to my home value as property taxes are already very high.
- The property taxes in Erie are already way too high.
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH
- Property taxes are extraordinarily high here and getting prohibitive
- Our property taxes are already outrageous
- Property taxes are already too high.
- We pay way too much in property taxes already and see very little for improvements.
- our property taxes are already so high
- My boulder county property taxes are already extremely high and was just told they'd increase a few days ago. Its too much
- Property taxes are already high in Erie.
- PROPERTY TAXES ALREADY HIGH
- Property tax is higher than I would like particularly the metro district portion which is 33% of the total.
- Property taxes are already way too high!
- PROPERTY TAXES TO HIGH ALREADY
- PROPERTY TAX TOO HIGH
- Already high property taxes can deter potential buyers.
- MY PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY HIGH!
- Property taxes are already too high
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY HIGH. I WOULD RATHER SEE AN INCREASE IN SALES TAX.
- Very tired of additional property taxes. I already pay over $300 per year for our library. I like the library and use it on a regular basis, but I cannot justify the cost. It would be the same case with the Rec Center
- MY HOME TAXIS ALREADY VERY HIGH.
- Prefer not to increase property tax
- Property taxes are becoming unaffordable in Erie for many residents.
- THERE ARE ALREADY A LOT OF PROPERTY TAXES. IT'S A TURNOFF TO LIVE IN ERIE.
- Too high property taxes already
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH!
- TAXES ON RESIDENCES ARE ALREADY ASTRONOMICAL AND NOT TO TALLY FAIR BASED ON VALUATION
- DO NOT NEED TO PAY MORE PROPERTY TAXES
- PROPERTY TAX ALREADY WAY TOO HIGH
- Property tax too high already
- property taxes to high

- We don't want our property taxes to increase
- Property tax is already too high here with metro district.
- OUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH
- My taxes are high I'm a senior even to join the rec center is expensive...I still work so I don't get FREE access
- Property tax is already outrageous!!
- OUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY VERY EXPENSIVE AND CONTINUE USING.
- I DO NOT WANT TO INCREASE MY ALREADY HIGH PROPERTY TAX
- PROPERTY TAX ALREADY INCREDIBLY HIGH & CONTINUES TO INCREASE.
- I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE MY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. IT'S ALREADY HIGH.
- My property taxes are already a lot.
- Property taxes have risen faster than sales tax, bordering on untenable.
- Property taxes are already very high
- property taxes are high enough. open a dispensary to help fund this
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE A BIGGER STICKER STOCK. THAT SMALLER SALES TAX SALES TAX IS EASIER TO STOMACH BUT IF IN EXPECTING IT THEN THATS FINE
- do not expand, but if it moves forward despite opposition, do not add to already overwhelming property taxes.
- I DO NOT WANT MY PROPERTY TAX TO INCREASE
- I DO PUT WONT ANY HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES. IT IS ALREADY TOO HIGH
- Property taxes already
- Our property taxes are already way too high. Our taxes increased by 16.7% from last year alone. Please don't add to that burden! I'm sure I sound like a grouchy old person, but I do use a different facility for working out and do not wish to pay for a second facility through my taxes.
- OUR TAXES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY. THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE HERE. WHO/WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH?

Wider share of costs

- OUTSIDE VISITORS HELPING PAY
- The cost sharing with visitors and shoppers.
- Shared burden
- shares the burden with those who also use the amenities who live outside of the town
- Broadens the base
- Cost to homeowners vs cost to residents, visitors, and shoppers
- Not just homeowners who use the community center. Maybe a tiered approach, bonds, grants, corporate partnerships. Not an expansion but another rec center.
- It affects the people who actively participate in Erie more vs just live in Erie
- Thinking of all who would use it. Many don't live here- sports.
- Visitors contribute as well
- All would share in The cost.
- Taxes others outside the town

- Since the community center is available to all residents and not just property owners, I believe it makes more sense for everyone to contribute to the funds collected.
- We all pay not just homeowners
- Sales tax is applicable to everyone and not just property owners. The increase is less than the property tax.
- SALES TAX INCLUDES ALL PURCHASES IN ERIE, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS
- WIDER SHARE OF COST
- COST SHARING
- Want the cost to be shared by everyone who purchases goods and services in Erie
- IT WOULD COVER VISITORS AS WELL AS RESIDENTS
- I want to see the cost shared by all in the community and visitors.
- It doesn't put the burden solely on homeowners, as people that do not reside in Erie also use the rec center.
- Costs being shared by residents, visitors and shoppers.
- OTHER PEOPLE THAT DONT LIVE IN ERIE WOULD CONTRIBUTE
- It doesn't put the burden on homeowners as much
- SO THAT ALL PEOPLE (RESIDENTS, VISITORS, HOME/PROPERTY OWNERS 7 RENTERS) ALL CARY A PART OF THE COST
- Costs shared by residents, visitors, and shoppers
- Seems more fair that everyone pays
- Spreads out the shared cost amongst everyone
- shared cost
- I'd rather we all paid through what we purchase vs property taxes.
- This way anyone visiting Erie will contribute. Versus property tax is only for those who live in erie
- shared costs across the year vs one time bigger hit
- Spreads the cost over more people, Erie is expanding commercial opportunities. Businesses are already paying a very unequitable amount of property taxes to lighten the burden of residential properties.
- THAT VISITORS WOULD HELP TO PAY
- more of a fair share payment by everyone
- It's more equitable and spread across all spend in the town, not just homeowners
- I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE FROM SURROUNDING AREAS USE THE REC CENTER & CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SOMETIME CROWDING. SO I CHOSE SALES TAX, NOT PROPERTY.
- SHARED COSTS, REVENUE GROWTH WITH THE ECONOMY.
- It is shared amongst residents and others and I can somewhat dictate how much it affects me
- This tolls visitors too
- It shouldn't be only property owners footing the bill. Also, with the PUDs, property taxes are already very high.
- Decreases burden on residents.
- COSTS SHARED BY RESIDENTS VISITORS & SHOPPERS.
- The cost is shared by people that shop here, not just live here. Also the revenue would grow as the community grows.

- COSTS SHARED BY RESIDENTS, VISITORS, SHOPPERS, GROWTH DOCS NOT INCREASE HOUSING COSTS
- Shared across larger group of people
- Feel the sales tax shares the burden more, versus property tax.
- That way everyone contributes, not just homeowners.
- Sales tax revenue comes from visitor buy and paying the sales taxes. There many residents in surrounding towns who buy products within the city limits of Erie.
- Feels fair for anyone shopping in town to contribute
- SALES TAX SPREADS THE COST OVER MANY SMALLER TRANSACTIONS OUR A PROPERTY TAX
- shared cost as many of the people that play adult sports come from other communities
- Because sales tax comes from all people the buy goods and services and not only people that own property in the town.
- Allows folks outside of Erie to help thru spending at local retail shops
- It helps that it's not just property owners, but anyone who spends money in town
- THE SALES TAX WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NON-RESIDENTS AS WELL.
- SHARED COSTS TO EVERYONE NOT DIRECTLY INCREASING HOUSEHOLD COSTS. TAXES ARE WAY TOO HIGH NOW!!!
- that way who ever buys in Erie pays for the improvements
- SALES TAX IS MORE FAIR
- Have others not in Erie to help support this.
- Put a term limit on the sales tax increase so it is not forever more. Sales tax is also shared by everyone not just property owners.
- Expense should be shared by all. Not just people who own homes.
- SALES TAX IS A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO TAX ALL AND NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS.
- Costs shared by many groups
- Shared with visitors, not just residents
- SALES TAX IS A BROADER BASED TAX. WHAT ABOUT SELLING MUNICIPAL BONDS.
- Costs shared by residents, visitors, and shoppers
- As you shared the example. A cup of coffee for $6.00 tax would be $.03. That is very little to put on sales tax, and the businesses that have other Non-Erie residents that shop in our town, King Soopers, Erie would not be funding this alone. This is the only smart plan!
- Everyone in the community uses the center, everyone should pay for it rather than just homeowners.
- MORE PEOPLE TO SHARE IN THE COST AND MY PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY GOING UP TO FAST.
- shared costs with residents and visitors; no impact to housing costs
- Everyone pays a small amount rather than putting the larger burden on homeowners.... property taxes are already too high!!!
- So all residents/visitors/commuters not just property owners are potential sources of revenue.
- Costs Shared by visitors to our town
- CONTAINING TO ADD TO PROPERTY TAXES WILL TAX PEOPLE OUT OF ERIE. PROPOSED NEW COMMERCIAL TOWN CENTER WILL BRING IN TAX DOLLARS

- COST SHARED BY MANY DOES NOT AFFECT THOSE STRUGGLING YOUNG FAMILIES WHO WANT TO BUY.
- The ability to capture funding from renters and people outside the community.
- Better distribution and shared costs across more people. I will definitely vote against a property tax increase for this use case
- cost sharing
- SALES TAX-EVERYONE BUYS FOOD/CLOTHING NOT EVERYONE OWNS A HOUSE/LAND GOODS WOULD PASS COST ONTO RENT.
- Those who spend in town should bear the cost
- The sales tax catches visitor money. Property tax would affect people on fixed income, penalize residents that do use the facilities.

Sales taxes are low in Erie

- Erie is lower than surrounding areas
- Erie has low sales tax compare to other cities.
- Our sales tax is already low and our property taxes continue to increase from bot increased levy's and property values.

I can control my expending in sales tax

- RETIRED FIXED INCOME-I CAN CONTROL SALES TAX, I'M LOCKED ON R.E. TAX
- sales taxes can be controlled by the payer. Property Tax can be difficult for those on fixed income to absorb
- SALES TAX IS DISCRETIONARY SPENDING. PROPERTY TAX WOULD BE A FIXED NEW COST.
- I don't buy much in Erie.
- Spending related tax
- I spend less here
- I do not shop that much in Erie
- Because I can buy my items outside of Erie
- Cost of living is too expensive here. We don't need anymore property tax added. Happy to support it through sales tax we make on purchases.
- YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION OF SHOPPING OUTSIDE OF ERIE, BUT OF DOUBT THE SALES TWO WOULD BE LESS BY MUCH. IT COULD BE MORE
- Because I can choose how much I spend
- I can control sales taxes someone but have no control over rising property taxes which is important on a fixed income!
- I can control sales not property
- I have control of what I purchase, I dont have control over the taxed value of my home.

Home affordability

- I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN ERIE. BUT ITS REALLY A TOSS UP. I CAN CONVINCE MYSELF THAT EITHER IS BETTER.
- Affordable housing

- Housing costs are already high. Erie is expanding commercially as well, so i expect sales tax revenue would increase
- Housing in Boulder County and the US is already out of range for a great many people. I don't think that we should add to that cost.
- COST OF HOUSING!
- DOES NOT DIRECTLY INCREASE HOUSING COSTS
- I'm not a fan of increasing housing costs in this area and like that a sales tax is shared more broadly
- Housing costs in Erie are already quite high, especially considering special property taxes in new build neighborhoods. Increasing these costs feels hard to swallow.
- does not directly increase housing costs.
- Helping seniors keep their homes. Everybody participates in sales tax.
- The cost of home ownership in Erie is too high now. We don't need to add to the property tax.
- This area already is difficult to own a home in, especially in Boulder County and with the new subdivisions requiring special districts (obviously because of new infrastructure) you can only place so much burden on housing.
- Home prices in Erie are already inflated compared to other areas
- Home affordability
- To avoid housing cost increases
- Not wanting increase in housing costs
- Too many seniors are struggling with their property tax bills. $90 per year is a lot for them.
- Looking to buy a home. Would like to buy in Erie but with an increase in property tax it would be another barrier to affording a house
- I don't want housing costs to raise.
- Increased housing costs
- HOUSING AFFORD ABILITY IS NOT GOING ANYWHERE
- Housing cost concerns.
- Housing costs already high in Erie.
- Housing in Erie is already very expensive. I would prefer to raise the money through other means.
- Paid just by property owners and effect on housing affordability.
- The costs of taxes and insurance have skyrocketed in recent years but as a retiree my available funds cannot keep pace with the increases.
- real estate taxes hurt the affordability of homes in Erie
- COST OF HOUSING SALES TAX SPREADS OUT CORT. DON'T WE ALREADY PAY FOR TOWN FACILITIES WITH PROPERTY TAX? THOUSANDS OF NEW HOMES HAVE BEEN BUILT GROWING THE TOWN OFFER EXPANSIVELY WHERE HAS THAT I GONE AND WHY CANT IT BE USED INSTEAD FO NEW TAXES? NEITHER OF THE PROPOSALS HAD A SUNSET PROVISION. I WILL NOT VOTE FOR INDEFINITE FUNDING.

It is preferable for me

- I just prefer sales tax vs property tax increases.

- Personal Cost
- PERSONAL PREFERENCE.
- Make more sense to me.
- What would be cheaper option for me
- The cost to me
- Until we get significant property tax reform in couty/state, I don't like to see new things added to the property tax.

It is easier to digest

- Less impactful
- Revenue grows with the economy
- Sales tax would be an easier win
- Sales tax is less noticeable, based on consumption. Also, some tax revenue will come from visitors to Erie, so less overall burden on Erie residents.
- For some reason it seems easier to digest. The downfall is sales tax is less predictable. Other municipalities around the area are seeing a decrease in sales tax and are making major cuts to spending. Something I am is being kept in mind.
- Seems a lower impact to the spectrum of resident incomes.
- FOR THOSE ON A FIXED INCOME, A DALES TAX'S IS NOT AS BAD AS A PROPERTY TAX
- IT SEEMS FAIR AND A RELATIVELY EASY WAY TO GET THE FUNDING.
- All taxes are unfair but sales tax makes more sense as it's a use tax. Property tax punishes those who have paid their home off. Property taxes unfairly tax higher valued homeowners for the same services everyone receives. Why should a million dollar house pay more for public services than someone with a $100,000 house or renter paying no property taxes. Property tax needs to be revoked.The town of Erie needs to re-evaluate budgets and spending and provide the funds needed for the community center with funds already being collected. No new taxes.
- There are many residents on fixed incomes who are not able to support increasing property taxes. Folks going out to eat and shopping around town can support an increase in sales tax.
- I think more people would pass a sales tax increase, b/c I hear a lot of complaining on Nextdoor about property taxes going up for education (which is essential, in my opinion). I also believe that a similar move to raise property taxes in Frederick was denied and wonder if it would have passed if tied to sales tax, instead of property?
- REVENUE GROWS WITH THE ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY
- Smaller amounts less noticeable
- Seems easier to justify
- It's the most painless and fair for all
- I feel like more residents would be on board with increasing sales tax instead of property tax
- Sales tax feels like it would be less burden just on homeowners, but either could work.
- Higher earning potential
- Consumption tax seems much better.
- IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY TO PASS THAT WAY BECAUSE PEOPLE HERE ARE VERY CONCERNED ALREADY ABOUT HIGH PROPERTY TAX.

- PSYCHOLOGICALLY MORE ACCEPTABLE
- LESS PUBLIC OUTRAGE, MIST LIKELY
- Potential for more revenue
- It seems the most reasonable.
- Use a consumption tax thru sales not thru property taxes
- I like how sales tax fluctuates with economy. Lots of things up in the air right now.
- SALES TAXES ARE LESS BAD FOR EVERYONE (ESPECIALLY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS)THAN PROPERTY TAXES. DESPITE POPULAR OPINION SALES TAX IS MORE PROGRESSIVE.
- The least impact on community
- GROWS WISH ECONOMY - THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO SPEND CONTRIBUTE - DOES NOT DRIVE UP COSTS TO LIVE HERE FURTHER OR IMPACT HOUSE VALUE FOR RESALE.

Other

- INCREASED POPULATION
- USE PARTIAL
- More measurable over time
- FURTHER INCOME WILL BE DROPPING OR MORE TOWARD NATURE AND W/ EXPENSES INCREASING ALL THE TIME, COULD PERIOD OUT OF MY HOME
- I would definitely not vote for a property tax increase.
- tbd
- Depends on how much of a tax increase.
- It would make sense to me because purchases made in Erie would be going back to the town.
- I DON'T USE THE AMENITIES VERY OFTEN
- ERIE NEEDS A LOCAL GROCERY STORE MORE!
- It's unclear on how the taxes would be calculated as it may have effects on Metro District Costs
- Money
- Incremental tax vs all at once
- As an overall town plan we need to work on bringing people to Erie. Right now there is too much focus on homes and property. This would put the focus on generating revenue in Erie.
- It would encourage people to shop locally and help rec services, a win-win.
- DOLLARS INVOLVED
- LOCAL PURCHASES WOULD SUPPORT EXPANSION
- Tax not added to property owners, paid by users
- All of the reasons described in the Potential Advantages of a Sales Tax above.
- THE SALES TAX WOULD PUT MORE RESPONSIBILITY ON TOWN TO BRING MORE THINNING BUSINESSES TO THE TOWN.
- Taxed Enough Already!
- WE ARE GROWING HIS GROWTH NEEDS INFRASTRUCTURE
- More folks buying local,eating out in town
- Stop. Raising. Property taxes. Tax real estate agents not families. .

- The city should focus on bringing in non residents due to parks, shops, development, and activities. Putting the cost on homeowners when our tax rate is already proportionally high is a means with no end
- LET THE USERS PAY FOR IT
- Senior property owner on fixed income
- SALES TAX THERE IS SO LITTLE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY TO HELP. IM OPPOSED TO PROP TAX B/C THE MAYOR THINKS ITS A GOOD IDEA.
- FIXED AND DECLINING INCOME, SPECIAL DISTRICT TAX INCREASES (FIRE, SCHOOLS)
- I personally love the rec center and have children and grandchildren in Erie.
- I believe that the town needs to improve commerce; restaurants, shops, stores, etc that bring others to our community to spend their money here. We are lacking this commerce in Erie and improvements in these areas could bring a lot of money into the town not to say satisfy greatly needed commerce in town for residents.
- I AM ON A FIXED INCOME (RETIRED)
- FINANCIAL IMPACT
- I would actually say that maybe it would be beneficial to take advantage of both sales tax increase and property tax increase.
- Would prefer you find the dollars in existing budget
- I feel like this will incentivize Erie to build more houses instead of promoting businesses that will benefit the community. I'd personally like to see more family supporting businesses in the area. Also I feel like I'm already paying an arm and a leg in property taxes that include our Metro District mill levies.
- IF ABLE TO PURCHASE-ADD TAX-LEAVE PROPERTY TAX-ELDERLY-PRICE INCREASE UNSTABLE INCOME
- Tax should always be sales
- Would like to see consideration of the sales tax increase be removed once the project is funded rather than in perpetuity. Renters, owners and visitors all contribute based on their spending.
- My family's use of facility.
- sales
- I do not support increasing property tax in general. I think people need stability in their homes, especially those who are retired or struggling to pay their mortgage. I understand that this increase would be tiny, but if every project is funded through property taxes it all adds up. I would vote no, if this project were increasing property taxes despite my enthusiastic support and willingness to pay taxes in general.
- I OWN 2 EXPENSIVE PROPERTIES, BUT RARELY BEING ANY THING IN ERIE MY TOTAL DROP TAXES ARE 16 K ALREADY.

B. Preferred property tax increase.

Stable and predictable funding

- BETTER SOURCE OF MONEY

- ECONOMIC INSTABILITY EQUITABLE IMPACT ACROSS HOUSEHOLDS-OUR CURRENT GOVERNMENT OBEY FACTOR IN LOW INCOMES.
- More stable and more fair
- More stable option and does not hit low-income folks disproportionately.
- Property tax revenue stream is more stable.
- Property tax seems like the most reliable funding source.
- Sales tax is too unpredictable/fluctuates too much
- STABLE & PREDICTABLE FUNDING
- Stable and consistent funding at a minimum annual cost for home owners
- Stable and predictable funding
- Stable and predictable funding
- stable and predictable funding with better borrowing costs
- Stable and predictable funding, Paid primarily by property owners (whose property benefits from community improvements)
- Stable determined costs.
- Stable funding geographic fairness
- The expansion should rely on the community, which is the main users of the facility.
- The stability of income...If this is done, do it right to provide benefit for all age groups, youth through senior.

Sales tax is regressive / unfair

- A sales tax increase is a regressive tax, which a property tax increase has greater tax for those with larger properties.
- A sales tax increase would place an inequitable share of the tax burden on lower income brackets.
- DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT LOWER INCOME HOUSE HOLDS EVEN IF THEY DON'T RESIDE IN ERIE.
- does not affect low income households as much, property values fluctuate less than the price of goods
- DON'T GO WITH REGRESSIVE TAXES
- Fair distribution of cost
- Fairness
- Fairness.
- I do not want the funding to disproportionately affect lower income households
- I don't like the disproportionate impact a sales tax has on the poor
- Imposing higher sales taxes results in lower-income families paying a higher percentage of their income than others for necessary purchases, such as groceries.
- Increasing sales taxes rather than property taxes disproportionately affects low-income residents
- It is a fair option across the board
- May disproportionately affect lower-income households
- Most fair
- Most reliable expectation

- No burden on small businesses and predictable income
- Places the bigger "burden" on the families that could afford it in Erie, but makes more sense from a equity standpoint
- Property tax is a progessive tax and is a deductible expense. Sales tax just gets eaten in the daily cost of life.
- Property tax makes more sense as it doesn't cause issue for lower income families who rent (to some extent, owners may well raise rental rates)
- Property tax places more burden on the property owners (and to be clear, we would be impacted significantly by this) and a sales tax disproportionately taxes the poor
- Sales tax has an outside impact on poorer citizens. Homeowners in Erie have higher incomes and net worth and can take the increase.
- SALES TAX IS A DISADVANTAGE TO LOW-INCOME
- Sales tax is inherently regressive. This survey did not mention any mitigations (eg reduced ECC rates for lower income folks, property tax sliding scale).
- Sales tax is regressive
- SALES TAX IS REGRESSIVE TAX
- Sales taxes are more regressive than property taxes. In general people who own property are in a better position to afford a tax increase.
- Sales taxes are too high already, and are a progressive tax.
- Seems most fair
- Seems most fair for this family oriented community.
- The property tax seems more fair to lower income people.
- THE TAX BURDEN FALLS TO THOSE WITH MORE MEANS, I.E HOMEOWNERS. INSTEAD OF EVERYONE.

I'm not a home owner

- I do not own a home
- I DO NOT OWN PROPERTY AT THIS TIME
- not currently a homeowner (renters),

Residents should pay for it

- ALL RESIDENCES PAY PROP TAX. MANY OF US SHOP ELSEWHERE (LIKE COSTS OR TRADER JUST).
- All resident can contribute
- Erie Community Center mostly serves the local residents of Erie Town, thus it is more fair the cost of the expansion shall be paid by local residents instead of residents, visitors and shoppers.
- Erie property owners are likely 90+% of the users of the ECC, and the small increase is very reasonable to fund a significant improvement in city facilities. A sales tax increase likely affects significantly more of the town's demographic that does not and likely never will use the ECC, so just in terms of fairness, property owners funding the expansion seems the best since it's an investment that lifts all boats for the town.

- Expansion of ECC would benefit the residents of Erie - so, homeowners should pay. There has been tremendous population growth in Erie in the past 10 years. What population are are assuming when calculating additional real estate tax.
- Fairness to the whole town's population
- I am a home owner and willing to pay my share
- Increases value of community and the home itself. Property owners benefit.
- Invest where I live.
- It is reasonable for property owners to foot the bill for a facility intended to support property owners and or their tenants
- IT'S AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY
- Property owners are the ones who benefit most.
- Residents should bear the cost of the new center not visitors
- Residents should pay for a town amenity
- Those that live in Erie benefit the most so we can pay for it. A sales tax might be a burden on small businesses.
- Those who live here, pay for it.
- USAGE WOULD BE PRIMARILY RESIDENTS; PROP TAX TARGETS OWNERS WHILE SALES TAX IMPACTS VISITORS/TOURISTS,

Not enough businesses in Erie

- DON'T HURT BUSINESSES IN ERIE WITH A SALES TAX INCREASE.
- I feel like Erie can sometimes have more limited shopping. Property taxes seem a more consistent and foreseeable funding method.
- Looking at the businesses in the Town vs. the scope of the expansion an increase in the Property Tax looks a more viable option.
- Lots of housing that can be taxed. Don't want to hurt small businesses and people visiting Erie (i.e., don't live here.)
- NOT ENOUGH FROM BUSINESSES-VERY FEW ARE LOCATED IN ERIE. LOTS OF HOMES IN ERIE TO FUND THE EXPANSION
- would not want to see this impact overall of retail in Erie.

Geographic fairness

- geographic fairness
- Geographic fairness
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- Geographic fairness and fairer to lower income households.

Other

- About $100 yearly is not a big increase in property taxes.
- All we do is build more houses so that is best way to fund the project
- Easiest and Most here around here can afford that
- I dislike sales taxes
- I like using the town amenities with my family and community

- I think you feel it less here.
- I would prefer a predictable cost to my family. Sales tax is already considerably high.
- I would rather pay more once a year than every time I shop.
- if we are building more houses in the area then it makes sense to have those houses give back to the community via property tax increases
- It's only on the cost of the house where the community center is located. It's not on everything purchased within the town limits.
- Just bundle it with our bill
- Less of a daily impact on costs.
- PAST USAGE
- Property tax is a known value. Sales tax affects visitors
- PROPERTY TAX IS DEDUCTIBLE. ERIC TAX IS NOT. (FES ESTATE INCOME TAX)
- Property taxes are easier to stomach because you're not confronted with them. Every time you buy something. I think people are more willing to have a property tax that they don't see all the time.
- Resident specific taxes are property vs. sales tax increase would affect non-residents too.
- Sales tax is high, less likely to pass as proposed as one.
- Seems to be the most appropriate way to pay for it.
- Seems to provide the most funding for the project
- Shared costs
- This money is saved in an escrow so it's easier to save for it
- To provide a more directly linked, balanced approach to funding the project.

C. Preferred to not expand at this time.

The cost

- $ MONEY - FUND THROUGH THE PEOPLE THAT USE IT
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost increase
- Cost of expansion. Property taxes have tripled in the past few years.
- COSTS
- MONEY IS TOO TIGHT THESE DAYS!
- Money, everything is too expensive right now. Should have thought about growth when you built it.
- Money. Not a constant capacity issue. Build more mountains.

Do not want higher taxes

- 1) RETIREE LIVING ON FIXED INCOME 2) PROPERTY (CONDO) OWNERSHIP
- additional taxes and a pressing need for other essential infrastructure as the town continues to grow rapidly, too rapidly and is outpacing current road, water and other infrastructure needs.
- AGAIN, PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY HIGH

- Anytime we make a large purchase the taxes are crippling. If we were considering moving to erie the taxes would be a non starter.
- Astronomical rise in taxes for erie. Lower the property taxes, bring in more businesses and then maybe you can fund it without adding everything on the backs of residents that pay too much for taxes already
- COST FOR A SENIOR ON A FIXED INCOME.
- COST OF LIVING IS ALREADY HIGH. ALREADY HAVE A POOL AND WORKOUT CENTER FROM MY HOA. IF A TAX HIKE PASSES I DOUBT IT GOES AWAY ONCE
- COSTS ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY. FIND ANOTHER WAY TO RAISE FUNDS IF YOU MUST PROCEED.
- Current state of cost of living, inflation is rising even though our current government will not admit it.
- Current times, political landscape and cost of living is all unknown today
- Do not wish any additional taxes!
- ERIE IS ALREADY ONE OF THE HIGHEST TAXED MUNICIPALITIES IN COLORADO, COUNCIL SHOULD BE LOOKING TO REDUCE TAXES!!!
- Erie Taxes are TOO HIGH now. Water and property taxes are too high.
- GET CREATIVE, DON'T RAISE TAXES, REALLOCATE SPENDING
- HIGH HOUSING COST
- HIGHER PROPERTY TAX. FACILITY USERS SHOULD PAY MORE FOR THEIR USE.
- I am not interested in paying more taxes.
- I am retired, on a budget, can't afford Any tax increases
- I AM TIRED OF TAX INCREASES BEING THE ANSWER FOR EVERY PROBLEM IN GOVERNMENT
- I do not want tax increases for any reason associated to poor population growth planning and development. Increasing taxes due to bad development management should never occur.
- I don't vote yes for any new taxes. We already pay way too much in taxes to live here. Life is too expensive we don't need another new tax.
- I paid over $5,000 in property taxes this year. Don't increase property taxes.
- I'm not a fan of increasing taxes. Typically communities need to save in other areas or with increased building of homes, have other contractors help pay for increased costs in the communities.
- If it needs done I don't want my property taxes increased as they are already outrageous, but I would prefer the Town find other means to pay. Maybe all these massive developments should pay for improvements to our roads, schools and recreational since they want to shove houses so close together or do multi family units. If you want residents to pay, then give us breathing room to live comfortably on acreage and farms rather than the massive developments that just condense the town. SLC can't even sell homes in Westerly. It's a joke how much they want to expand it.
- If you don't have the money from property & sales tax increase given the vast population growth, then you shouldn't be considering more expansions/debt.
- INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES
- Increase to taxes
- Increased taxation.

- INCREASED TAXES
- MY TAXES ARE ALREADY HIGH. THIS TOWN SPENDS WAY TO MUCH MONEY ON PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT NECESSITIES.
- Need to find better ways to fund this. Taxes are high enough. Figure it out.
- NO MORE PROPERTY TAX HIKES
- No more taxes. Ugh
- NO NEW TAXES
- NO TAX INCREASES
- not a good time to be suggesting increasing taxes for anything, especially this expansion. People are buried in property tax, and sales tax just makes it tougher for everyone already struggling.
- Our metro district already charges us excessive mils! If the town wants to increase taxes (sales or property), I'd much rather the money collected be spent to improve roads, traffic, water concerns, school overcrowding/new schools, etc.
- Our neighborhood is already insanely overtaxed and dealing with paying off Oakwoods messes. Adding another hundred+ a year is frustrating to consider. Taxes on our homes continue to rise without real reason.
- Our property tax is high enough. Erie can't spend that correctly as it is. There is tons of waste that all residents see.
- Our property taxes are already out of control. The city has the money from builders and developers through building permits etc and current property taxes.
- Our property taxes are high enough. I do not believe the community center needs expanding at this point. We have many other issues that need to be addressed first. I think the community would be better served by protecting what little open space we have left.
- Our sales tax is already high enough. I moved from Broomfield County and on a lower value home my taxes are 40% higher. I didn't expect that in Weld County.
- Our taxes are already very high compared to other communities
- Our taxes are to high as they are
- people with limited incomes do not have the will to pay MORE taxes until those with considerable income actually pay MORE
- Property tax is already significantly higher, DO NOT want to expand an increase sales or property taxes.
- Property taxes and sales tax is already way too high in CO. This expansion is not needed. More population growth needs to occur - the community center looks great and it's not very busy. Colorado is an outdoor state with amazing weather! It's beautiful- the outdoor parks , biking, skiing hiking and walking is always possible. Enjoy the outdoors more!
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY OUTRAGEOUS
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH. SALES TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH. IF ERIE WANTS THIS, THEN REDUCE OTHER TOWN EXPENSES.
- Residents are already paying so much in property tax, we do not need an increase to fund $30 million dollars in a recreational center that we do not need at this time.
- RIGHT ON EDGE NOW FOR COSTS TO HIGH
- sales and property taxes already on the high side

- TAX INCREASE OF ANY KIND IS HARD ON FIXED INCOME RESIDENTS.
- TAX INCREASE OF ANY KIND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. TRY BUDGET CUTS BE CUTTING WASTE, FRAUD & ABUSE
- tax increases
- tax increases already too high and unsustainable
- Taxed enough as is.
- Taxed enough.
- Taxes
- Taxes - seems like a lot of increases lately. School, fire
- Taxes already high in Erie. The number of houses, apartments etc require better roads more stop lights etc.
- TAXES ALREADY TOO HIGH-FOCUS ON THE ROADS THAT HAVE LONG BEEN IGNORED DUE TO INCREASED POPULATION
- Taxes and cost of living is already too high. Increase user fees instead.
- Taxes are $$$
- Taxes are already high
- Taxes are already to high and tax revenue is not a sustainable way to provide long term maintenance
- Taxes are already too high
- TAXES ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH. INCREASE USER FEES NOT ON TAX PAPERS.
- Taxes are killing us right now
- TAXES IN ERIE ARE ALREADY OUTRAGEOUSLY HIGH RAISING EITHER PROPERTY TAXES OR SALES TAX SHOULD NOT HAPPEN AT ALL. WE DON'T NEED A BIKE CENTER.
- Taxes, do not want to increase at all
- taxes, waste
- taxes. Period.
- The bill for property taxes I just received was $5200. I am being taxed to death with absolutely nothing to show for it. The Boulder County side of Erie gets absolutely NOTHING for our contribution. No police protection because they can't be bothered to enforce rules. The Erie Parkway is so dangerous to drive along because people are speeding along at 70-75 mph. The building is out of control. We have been ignored for years when we have asked for a grocery store to be added to the land at countyline road and the Erie Pkway. All that the town cares about are the deveopers. Go ask them for funding for the expansion of the Erie Community Center.
- The cost of housing in Erie has already increased significantly, forcing people to rent or leave the town they were born in. Further increases should be avoided at all costs.
- The state and this town already tax people at a rate that is outrageous. I could take the tax increase money and just spend it at another gym.
- The town has seen a massive growth, increased taxes, increased cost of living, increased water rates, increased electrical rates. No more increases. Families are struggling as it is. If you want to tax anyone, tax the new developments that has caused the extra stress on our facilities.
- WE ALREADY ARE TAXED TO THE HILT WITH METRO TAXES AND NOW AN HOA FEE EVEN THROUGH WE WERE NOT SUPPORTED TO HAVE ONE.

- We already pay enough tax. If you want it figure out a way to donut from the money you already have.Budget
- We already pay more in property taxes than most neighboring areas.
- We are being overtaxed and Im not confident our funds are being managed with a fiduciary responsibility
- WE ARE RETRIED & ON A FIXED INCOME. TO FUND EXPANSIONS VIA TAXATION OF ANY KIND IS RIDICULOUS.
- We are taxed enough as I run a small business. Can't we find room in the existing budget just like all of us have to do in our homes?
- We do not need to increase taxes. Cost of living is already insane
- You can't just raise taxes to pay for everything.
- You have an insane tax base already, learn how to budget! All the people that have moved into Erie should provide enough tax base to add multiple recreation centers. Cut town of Erie staff or staff's wages to cover what the citizens deserve.
- YOU PAY FOR IT, leave me alone, the assesor is already making my property tax go up almost 10% every year with its crazy valuations cause some house sold down the street, and the jump they pushed through to get everones house values up almost doubled it. IF your looking for something to do annex us from weld, we are the richest part of it and they take all our taxes and use them how they want.
- YOUR MAKING ERIE UNAFFORDABLE. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX OF IDEAS BESIDES RAISING TAXES.

It is not needed

- Current services are adequate
- I AM NOT CONNECTED IT IS ESSENTIAL EXPAND NIGHT NOW AND PRIORITISE OVER OTHER TOWN NEEDS. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED SO MANY NEIGHBOURHOODS TO BE BUILD, WHICH OUTPACED WHAT OUR TOWN CAN HANDLE.
- I DISAGREE THAT WE NEED IT NOW. I ALSO FEEL THAT ERIE IS GROWING TOO FAST WITH NEW HOMES AND HAVE A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING ALL THE ADD I PROPERTY TAX INCOME WARN STAN INCREASE TAXES
- IT WORKS FINE, WE HAVE OTHER HOA AREAS IF PEOPLE WANT TO PAY.
- Not needed
- Not needed.
- The current facility is very nice, far from falling apart. Those that use the facility should bear the cost of maintenance and expansion. There should be fees charged to use the facility
- THE CURRENT PLACE IS GREAT
- THE NEED FOR BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE (STREETS SEWER, LIGHTING, POWER, WATER, OPEN SPACE) STOP BUILDINGS!
- There are many private amenities in the growing area. I'd rather not fund more public options. Not none, but don't want to expand.
- WE DON'T SEE A STRONG NEED FOR EXPANSION AT THIS TIME..

I don’t use it

- Do not use the community center, why should I pay for it
- I can't afford to use the community center as it is and I don't want to have to pay for its expansion.
- I don't really use the facility
- I have no use for the ECC without a better lap pool.
- I'M ON A FIXED INCOME AND DON'T USE THE FACILITIES ENOUGH TO MERIT AN ADDITIONAL COST.
- People who use it should fund it
- We do not use the community center because the membership is too expensive for us. If the community center were more affordable or free for all residents, we might be in favor of expansion and using tax funds to subsidize the cost.
- Why should I pay for users to enjoy for "free"???.

Not a good use of public money

- I am most influenced by my belief that user fees are the fairest way to fund projects and programs, and private enterprise is more efficient than government-run operation.
- I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NOT A GOOD USE OF MY TAX DOLLARS.
- I don't think any expansion is worth public funds.
- If you start raising taxes instead of exhibiting fiscal responsibility it never ends. I lived in California I know how this works out
- PAYING MORE MONEY FROM OUR THREAD BARE, HARD-WORKED POCKETS FOR A TOWN THAT IS OUT OF CONTROL ON SPENDING.
- Please STOP spending my money!
- THE INCREASED COST WHEN OUR FAMILY DOES NOT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTER
- Town likes to waste money without really taking resident input into account.

There are other priorities

- Finish the town center and promised parks first.
- I RATHER SEE BUSINESS ZONING AND IMPROVE THAT AREA. RIGHT NOW WE LEAVE ERIE TO SHOP/DINE/AND SERVICES MISSING THAT TAX REDUCE.
- There are more pressing issues, like town center. Get some of those fixed first.

Economic uncertainty

- Current economic conditions, including cost burdens to cost of living as well as rising costs of construction.
- The economy
- THE ECONOMY. THE WAR-MONEY IS TIGHT. WE NEED SENIOR LIVING BEFORE EXPANDING FOR.
- Too much economic uncertainty
- UNCERTAIN TIMES AND VERY HIGH FUEL PRICES HAVE PRODUCTS INCREASING IN PRICE ALREADY. PEOPLE WILL NEED ALL THE MONEY THEY HAVE.
- Unsure economic situation at this time

- With the economy being uncertain an additional tax could hurt some households that are already struggling with their finances.

Poor financial planning

- As I preiously stated, it looks like you haven't managed your current budget and planned for future expansion accordingly. You already charge fees for all you programs and we already pay high property and sales taxes. No more taxes! Mange the current budget and plan for future expansion based on what services are being used.
- Development fees should have been collected as new developments were approved.This is simply poor financial planning by the town.
- Parking, poor planning, lack of trust
- Poor financial planning relative to excessive population growth.
- Poor fiscal and growth planning by the town.
- POOR PLANNING BY THE TOWN OF EIRE BY NOT HAVING ANY DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE OR HAVING SET ASIDE MONEY ALL THESE YEARS. PLEASE USE CURRENT TOWN OF ERIE IN COME FOR THE PROJECT.
- The administration is terrible. They have turned the town into a terrible strip mall. No care for the environment. This administration can not manage anything to any extent. They are awful. Need better management.
- You do not have a been budget or funds set aside.

Prefer a second facility

- CONVINCE OTHER OPTIONS. RATHER THAN EXPANSION OF ONE CENTRAL
- No expansion at the current facility. An additional facility needs to be the priority.
- The increase in population, and the need for a second facility rather than an expansion of the existing one.
- Why not build a new center instead of expanding existing?
- Would prefer the construction of a new center on a different site..

Other

- Charge more for programming - people who use the gym should pay more for it. If they are unwilling to - then it should not be expanded. Taxation is not the answer. Administrative efficiency is. I've lived in Erie 2 years - and not used the community center once - that said, I have a newborn, and would be open to seeing what activities there are as he gets older.
- Don't trust the city can manage money
- ERIE'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT ARE HORRIBLE I HAVE NO TRUST THEY COWEN WILL THIS OFF
- Financing options. Why not save some money.
- I want to see the data showing that this expansion is actually something the majority of Erie residents want/ need.
- Mayor Moores personal agenda does not reflect the majority needs of the town, nor does he appear to represent the majority of the town. He is very self serving and spends our money recklessly.

- Please see my written answer to the previous question
- Politics
- See above answer with other issues.
- Take funding from programs that currently show no ROI (Flock cameras come to mind)
- THE TOWN WASTER ON FANCY OFFICER FOR TOWN OFFICIALS ON HIGH COST CONSULTANTS ON GIVE AWAY, ITS. THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO INCREASE (OR HAVE EXTORTED)
- Too much growth in Erie . The greed and development has all but completely destroyed our once small town! Disgusting!!
- We should use existing budget/cut waste
- Would prefer looking into sponsorships. Partnerships. Private donations. Selling a brick on the building. Selling naming rights for a year. Sales tax on a specific asset. Or sales in the community center. Sales tax impacts everyone who buys in the town. Property tax penalized everyone that lives in town. If you can't come up with z budget and financing that makes sense for the community. Maybe not ready to expand?.

Not sure.

- 100'S AS 1000'S NEW BUILDS-THEY SHOULD PAY!
- All of our taxes are too high
- Can't you just increase the membership and fees without taxing the whole town? A non-resident day pass at the Louisville rec center is $14
- Concern for affordable housing & lower income households
- Cost of living is outpacing salary increases for a number of years. More tax increases are not a solution.
- Cut spending in other areas to fund
- Depends on how much is allocated.
- Depends on if the pool is expanded. Its really quite lacking since the only "pool" area is for laps.
- Depends on the plan for expansion
- Does it have to be all sales tax or all property tax?
- Don't know enough information to make informed decision
- ERIE IS EXPANDING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SUCH A RAPID RATE, INCREASING PROPERTY TAX BASE ALREADY! COMPARED TO 5-7 YEARS AGO. THE CITY SHOULD MANAGE THIS INCREASE TO ADDRESS NEEDS.
- Families are already facing high inflation plus cost of living increases; not sure which would most preferable.
- Find a way to fund the expansion without taxing the public
- For the sales tax, that it might affect lower income families more.
- Haven't used the community center very often. Still consider it essential to the quality of life in Erie. Would need to see the details of the proposal and tax before deciding.
- I am not familiar enough with the need to address it.
- I believe having a strong preference of one over the other requires more research and understanding that I am not going to put into this survey.

- I don't have enough information to make an informed decision
- I don't want to pay any additional money in taxes
- I think our property taxes are already extremely high, but, I don't like sales taxes either.
- I would do both but only at 50% of plan. Allowing everyone to help fund the expansion. Nothing is for free, but renters and home owners should share the cost for the expansion.
- I would rather have a tax of income like the money for lunches - only effecting those making over 400,000$
- I'm indifferent. Whether I support it will depend on what the expansion involves.
- I'm not currently a homeowner
- I'm not sure if the sales tax is enough as we don't really have enough strong businesses here. If we were able to put in better commercial spaces that were more community focused I think that would make sense. As it is the taxes on property probably make the most sense but were I am we have some of the highest around so it's a little painful to keep pushing that up.
- It seems either option would be alright
- It's always hard to approve tax increases when our property taxes are already high plus we don't have kids nor would we personally use much of the expanded services.
- NEED FOR MORE DATA
- No new taxes. Slash the overinflated police budget to pay for this.
- Not a home owner
- Not enough information as to the costs, how it will be managed, who is responsible for choosing contractors, whether those people can be trusted not to give the contracts to their friends and associates, whether the contractors themselves are likely to finish on time and on budget, the exact details of the proposal are not clear.
- not sure
- Open to both suggestions
- Our annual family member costs have increased a lot, its already too high for what we get. Use the money you have better, dont waste money like 4 or 5 desk staff doing nothing most of the time. Yes, really. I'm at the center 3 to 4 days a week, its always multiple people doing nothing and the bathrooms/showers never get cleaned or maintained. Spa is close way too often, etc.
- Our taxes are already outrageous
- Sales tax would be better but we need more businesses for that.
- Seems like it couldBe done in combination with each other
- Taxes are high enough already, that would put more burden on families
- THE CURRENT POOL SUCKS! IT'S TOO SMALL RESIDENTS WHO USE THE FACILITY ARE SELFISH AND ILL MANNERED
- THE DEVELOPMENT OF ERIE GEOGRAPHIC AREA HAS CHANGED OVER LAST 20 YEARS MOVING AWAY FROM CURRENT AREA
- The town budget and current, higher than average tax rate should be more than adequate to fund community center expansion. It would be wholly irresponsible of the mayors office to operate with a budget that does not save for improvement and expansion of town facilities.
- There are enough funds to build this I am sure. Ridiculous. ******* expand it. People pay so much money already it's ridiculous.

- This is not the economy I want to do this in.
- Those who own houses are usually better off than those who don't. Keeping costs down for those who have less disposable income is desirable. Although landlords are likely to pass on the extra costs to their tenants. Thus it probably does not matter the method of funding, all who reside in Erie will likely share in the cost equally.
- WE ALREADY HAVE HIGH PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO METRO DISTRICT AND ARE ON A FIXED INCOME.
- We don't use the Erie Community Center hardly at all. Is there another way to fund the expansion? Like raising rates.
- We live in a metro district. We already pay twice the property taxes vs some other neighborhoods. Totally unfair to increase that any more. We talk about moving out of Erie because our taxes are ridiculously high already.
- We pay enough taxes already - the town should have budgeted for this already.
- With all of the homes that have been built in Erie, why hasn't that covered the amount needed from current taxes.

Question 10: How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion? – Other responses

- (RUDENESS IS A CONCERN!) TRACK USERS SOME MANNERS - PEOPLE SIT ON MACHINES AND TRACK ON CELL PHONES
- Ability to access and use Erie Community Center during the construction phase
- Accessibility and activities for disabled
- ALL OF THEM
- As mentioned above, I believe our money is better spent on a second facility rather than expanding the current one.
- As the Town continues to grow we must be very careful and intentional about the resources we use, not just monetary, and the impact that we are having on an already delicate eco-system. The Town and leadership need to ask questions like how much additional energy does an expansion require and/or how much water is being consumed?
- As the Town invests in Town Center, they should first follow through on the Performing Arts Center which will ease some of the crowding at the ECC.
- BUILD THE PARKS THAT WERE PROMISED 8+ YEARS AGO COMPASS
- Compass Neighborhood Park has been promised for years and not developed. This was a selling point for many compass residents to choose to move to Erie as opposed to surrounding neighborhoods in Lafayette.
- Concentration of traffic
- CONCERN THAT THE TOWN WILL CHOOSE TO EXPAND & INVEST IN THINGS THAT ONLY BENEFIT THE LOUDEST OR WON'T HAVE PROPER CONSIDERATION TO MAKE THE BEST CHOICE FROM SO MANY OPTIONS.
- COST OVER RUNS
- DEVOTE CURRENT FACILITY TO LOCAL RESIDENTS ONLY.
- Disruption of library parking if capacity is increased but parking is not, as well as library parking disruption during construction.

- Disruption or reduced capacity to Camp Erie would make this a strong NO. Added capacity to Camp Erie with no disruption or reduced capacity to camp would be a strong yes.
- Doing a poor job in the renovation and use doesn't increase
- During the week days - there seems to be adequate capacity (I've seen underutilized gym and meeting rooms) - at least during the times I've been there. What's lacking is more gym space for youth programs and dedicated indoor pickleball courts. I would advocate for a sports center in Erie over a bigger community center.
- Erie desperately needs more safe athletic facilities for organized youth sports. Too many local, Erie kids are needing to go out of Erie for their activities. Brighton, Broomfield, Longmont, Thornton, all have nice parks/open space areas with athletic facilities incorporated within them. Erie seems to be the only town around here without this! I would much rather see Erie parks and recreation allocate this effort into safe, higher quality outdoor athletic facilities, and incorporate it into open space so the entire public can use and enjoy it. I think Trail Winds Park in Thornton would be a good example of what could lilely be done here with this proposed $40 million project. I'd strongly support funding parks and recreation in the Town of Erie, but an expansion of the Community Center would be low on my priority list. Thank you for hearing my concerns.
- Focus should be on a performance space over a fitness space.
- full disclosure of costs and what is being built
- I am all for community center expansion as long as it doesn't add any more traffic dividers to the major roadways in our city. Since installing them in various parts of our city, I've noticed not only a decrease in speed, but almost a cautiousness on behalf of drivers that that have almost caused accidents too many times.
- I am not concerned if this is a sales tax increase, but i am concerned if its a property tax increase
- I COULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW ARE THE NEEDS ASSET?
- I don't believe all property owners and residents should bear even more cost to the benefit of the minority of ECC regular users.
- I don't like a tax increase, because they never go away.
- I need to know more about the identified needs behind the expansion proposal before I can cast an informed vote. I generally support improvements to quality of life and town amenities but need to know what factors are being considered beyond the single project. Where can I read about the justifications for the identified needs and who can I send questions to?
- I think we need bike/ walking trails that attach to nearby towns, (Longmont, Boulder). Also need to be bringing in a venue for Culture (Stage, lessons, programs)
- I want to see the pool expanded and an full size hockey rink included in the expansion.
- I would want to make sure that the expansion is building the right thing. For example, our pool is mostly just a lazy river for the kids to play in and it gets overcrowded. I would not want another design decision like that.
- IF YOU WANT TO INCREASE THE CENTER OF OTHER FACILITIES OWNED BY THE TOWN SPEND SOME BUDGET TO ATTRACT BUSINESS INDUSTRY. DON'T RAISE OUT WE MOVED TO ERIE BECAUSE IT WAS AFFORDABLE. DON'T MAKE IT MORE EXPENSIVE.
- IMPROVE SCHOOLS AND TEACHER SALARIES

- In relation to the question above on other concerns coming first, I believe increasing affordable housing options should be a larger priority as well as public transport access.
- IN THE PAST TOWN PROJECTS HAVE CATERED WAY TO MUCH TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. THE SKATE PARK IS NICE PLAT TOO HIGH A COST FOR A VERY LIMITED GROUP. PLAY GROUND SHOULD FOR YOUNGER CHILD ONLY.
- Inability to use the facility during expansion
- Increased motor vehicle traffic and parking needs; unmapped coal mines; And: why not put a 2nd facility, maybe limited to exercise, somewhere up on East Hill, and do a smaller scope upgrade to the existing ECC?
- Is the city using their current income well? Are there possible cuts and cost savings?
- KIDS ON ELECTRIC BIKES DESTROYING GROSS AREAS
- LACK OF FORESIGHT EVER BY ERIE PLANNING COMMITTEES.
- Mayor Moore is financially irresponsible.
- More careful consideration should be give to rate of growth. A grocery store in walking distance to town center is much more important. Traffic volumes are too high and rec center expansion may exacerbate these.
- My family is unlikely to use the resources anymore. You already charge for membership.
- NEED A BUS SERVICE FROM PNR TO ERIE
- NEED LOCAL GROCERY STORE SUCH AN SAFE WAY OR KING SOOPERS IN TOWN
- NEED TO EVALUATES CURRENT GAR SPENDING BEFORE ISSUING ANOTHER TAX
- Needing more options for stores in the downtown area. Very limited for those on the North side of Erie
- NO EXPANSION OF THE CURRENT FACILTY! LOOK AT AN ADDITIONAL FACILTY
- NO MORE TAXES PLEASE
- NO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
- No prior funding plan.
- Not a disruption to the current community center
- Not enough activities for adults only and seniors.
- Not needed
- Once again - use by senior citizens should have more consideration.
- OTHER IS NO EXPANSION WHAT IS THE ALTERATIVE?
- Other or different locations away from the main center. Possible to expand to other areas/locations
- OUR TOWN GOVT IS OFTEN TOO FOCUSED ON BUSINESS (GROWTH) AND NOT ON A DIVERSE EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
- Overall bad planning by the town regarding development.
- Paralysis by analysis - whenever the government gets involved it's a convoluted mess dominated by whining special interest groups.
- Parking
- Parking, lack of trust.
- Parks and stuff are not designed well. Town doesn't actually listen to resident concerNs and board members get kickbacks

- PLEASE CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS! WE ARE SEEING SUCH A STRAIN ON LOCAL WILD LIFE W/ALL OF THE BUILDING SO MUCH TRASH. WOULD TO SEE IT BE A PLAN THAT INCORPORATES NATURE
- Please STOP spending my money!
- Poor planning by the town government such that a tax hike is needed to expand. If so, do not expand.
- POOR PLANNING BY TOWN OF ERIE REPRESENTATIVES.
- PREFER AN ADDITIONAL LARGER FACILITY
- Property taxes and sales taxes are really high especially with large purchases like autos.
- PROPERTY TAXES ARE TOO HIGH!
- PROPERTY TAXES TOO HIGH ALREADY
- SEVERAL PROJECTS AT ONCE
- Space to build additional facilities.
- SPEND OUR REVENUES APPROPRIATELY!!! THIS IS FRIVOLOUS.
- Spending money we don't have. If there is overuse, raise the fees to reduce use and pay for expansion in future.
- STOP BUILDING
- Stop building houses, how about lowering taxes on businesses -- Might have started a restaurant in Erie, except for the taxes.
- Tax increases justified for specific initiatives like this will likely just be continued long after the project completion by changing their scope. If you are writing a ballot initiative it should be structured to automatically expire once the clearly specified amount has been raised, regardless of whether it is raised via sales tax or property tax.
- The cost of using the Erie community center is too damn high! Make it free or a sliding pay scale or something.
- The fair thing to do would be to fund the expansion by increasing usage fees, so that the people who use it are the ones paying for it. If it takes longer to get the funding, then so be it! I would only support a small fraction of the funding being supported by taxes, since everyone benefits a bit by having it be available, but not as much as if they use it.
- The increase in population, and the need for a second facility rather than an expansion of the existing one.
- The pool needs to be bigger. I think a second rec center should be considered
- The population has significantly increased. Isn't there already taxation in place for it? This is silly.
- The town has not completed already committed parks such as Compass and Morgan Hill
- There is many other things to focus on besides a community center to inrichen peoples lives.
- THIS TOWN TREATS ITS CITIZENS LIKE AN OPEN POCKET BOOK
- Too many other projects in town slated to increase taxes as well
- too much population growth
- Town needs to look at itself. Have ruined the area by being greedy. The strip malls along highway 7 is despicable. Terrible. Now worse than Boulder in the greed.
- Town needs youth football, and recreation fields with lighting. Literally practicing in dirt lots in the dark.

- Use of water with all the growth going around
- Using the facility while improvements are being made.
- WE HAVE A NICE FACILITY. THIS IS NOT THE TIME.
- We need to build more parks and facilities on the Boulder county side
- WE SHOULD FUND OUR POLICE FIRST
- WHY DONT YOU FOCUS ON HOUSING. LOOSEN LOT SIZE RULES GET RID OF RIDICULOUS BE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, IF YOU WANT MORE TAX REVENUE, MAKE IT EASIER AND MORE AFFORDABLE TO BUILD A HOME. WE HAVE ENTERED A PHASE WHERE MORE PEOPLE ARE MOVING OUT OF THE STATE THAN IN MAIN REASON AFFORDABILITY!
- You should worry about traffic and number of housing. Stop building houses and focus on roads and businesses first.
- YOUR NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE RAINED THE LARK OF THE TOWN. SO UGLY.

Question D11: What is your gender? – I prefer to self-describe

- ANSWERING FOR 1 MALE & 1 FEMALE. ONE WHITE WHITE & ONE LATINX
- BOTH IN HOUSEHOLD
- EARTHLING
- Please/STOP spending my money!
- STUPID
- There are only 2.

Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics

The subgroup comparison tables contain the cross tabulations of selected survey questions by respondent characteristics. Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of survey questions. A "p-value" of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent "real" differences among those populations.

For each pair of subgroups that has a statistically significant difference, an upper-case letter denoting significance is shown in the category with the larger column proportion. The letter denotes the category with the smaller column proportion from which it is statistically different. Differences were marked as statistically significant if the probability that the differences were due to chance alone were less than 5%. Categories were not used in comparisons when a column proportion was equal to zero or one.

Items that have no upper-case letter denotation in their column and that are also not referred to in any other column were not statistically different.

For example, in Table 34 on the following page, 87% of respondents aged 55+ (C) rated the Erie Community Center (ECC) as excellent or good. This share was statistically higher than the ratings given by residents aged 18–34 (A) and 35–54 (B), as indicated by the letters 'A B' below the 87%. In addition, the percentage of residents aged 35–54 who gave positive ratings (75%) was statistically higher than the percentage among younger residents, as denoted by the letter 'A'. Taken together, these differences illustrate a clear pattern in which ratings of the Erie Community Center increase as resident age increases.

Comparisons by Gender, Age and Household Income.

Table 34: Question 1 by Gender, Age and Household Income

Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)
Parks	87%	83%	75%	86% A	92% A	87%	84%
Trails	80%	76%	65%	78% A	86% A B	80%	75%
The Erie Community Center (ECC)	78%	75%	63%	75% A	87% A B	81% B	72%
Recreation Programs	77%	74%	74%	72%	82%	78%	72%
Availability of information about parks and recreation offerings	78%	72%	68%	77%	78%	76%	73%

Table 35: Question 2 by Gender, Age and Household Income

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center? (Percent "At least a few times a year")	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)
Adult programs	29%	26%	18%	26%	36% A B	30% B	23%
Adult Sports	12%	18% A	13%	16%	16%	17%	14%
Aquatics	49%	49%	36%	63% A C	31%	42%	55% A
Community meeting rooms	25%	23%	10%	24% A	31% A	25%	23%
Drop-in fitness	38%	46% A	48%	41%	41%	42%	42%
Fitness Classes (e.g. pilates, yoga, boot camp)	30%	24%	34% C	27%	22%	27%	26%
Gymnasium/open court use	27%	36% A	26%	40% A C	20%	29%	33%
Indoor playground (Mini Miners)	26%	23%	34% C	30% C	9%	20%	28% A
KidStation	13%	17%	25% B C	17% C	4%	13%	17%
Personal training (private or semi-private)	6%	8%	5%	6%	9%	7%	7%
Racquetball	11%	11%	3%	17% A C	7%	12%	10%
Therapeutic Recreation	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%	8%	5%

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	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)
Youth General Interest programs	20%	20%	13%	30% A C	5%	14%	25% A
Youth Sports	28%	30%	20% C	44% A C	7%	23%	33% A

Table 36: Question 3 by Gender, Age and Household Income

How important is it that the Town of Erie provide parks and recreation facilities for the following purposes? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)
Promote physical activity	88%	84%	87%	85%	85%	84%	87%
Support mental health and stress reduction	81% B	71%	74%	76%	76%	74%	77%
Provide safe, structured youth activities	93%	90%	96% C	92% C	85%	88%	93% A
Offer enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities	69%	62%	66%	64%	67%	65%	65%
Bring people together and foster community connection	77% B	63%	74%	67%	69%	68%	70%
Support aging in place for older adults	80% B	70%	75%	71%	80% B	73%	77%
Enhance overall quality of life in Erie	89%	87%	91%	88%	84%	84%	92% A

Table 37: Question 4 by Gender, Age and Household Income

	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
(Percent Strongly Support or Somewhat Support)	**(A)**	**(B)**	**(A)**	**(B)**	**(C)**	**(A)**	**(B)**
Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?	80%	75%	85% C	78% C	69%	71%	82% A

Table 38: Question 5 by Gender, Age and Household Income

	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center Expansion focuses on each of these areas? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
	(A)	**(B)**	**(A)**	**(B)**	**(C)**	**(A)**	**(B)**
Expanded fitness space	68%	66%	72%	64%	65%	61%	71% A
Additional multipurpose meeting rooms	20%	16%	5%	17% A	26% A B	19%	16%
Additional gymnasium	49%	52%	45%	57% A C	42%	44%	56% A
Increased indoor playground and youth space	61% B	50%	73% B C	54% C	42%	51%	57%
Improved staff and administrative space	35%	32%	35%	29%	35%	30%	33%
Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems	52%	45%	49%	44%	53%	46%	48%

Table 39: Question 6 by Gender, Age and Household Income

	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	**(A)**	**(B)**	**(A)**	**(B)**	**(C)**	**(A)**	**(B)**
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	73%	68%	78% C	68%	65%	64%	74% A

Table 40: Question 7 by Gender, Age and Household Income

	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to $199,999	$200,000 or more
(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	**(A)**	**(B)**	**(A)**	**(B)**	**(C)**	**(A)**	**(B)**
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	49%	47%	58% C	47% C	37%	42%	52% A

Table 41: Question #8 by Gender, Age and Household Income

If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female (A)	Male (B)	18-34 (A)	35-54 (B)	55+ (C)	Up to $199,999 (A)	$200,000 or more (B)
Sales tax increase	58% B	49%	54%	54%	50%	50%	56%
Property tax increase	15%	18%	22% C	16%	12%	14%	18%
Do not expand at this time	15%	23% A	9%	19% A	27% A B	24% B	15%
Not sure	13%	10%	14%	11%	11%	12%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 42: Question 10 by Gender, Age and Household Income

How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion? (Percent Major or Moderate concern)	Gender		Age			Household Annual Income	
	Female (A)	Male (B)	18-34 (A)	35-54 (B)	55+ (C)	Up to $199,999 (A)	$200,000 or more (B)
Cost to residents	80%	79%	75%	79%	85% A	84% B	76%
Tax increases in general	81%	78%	68%	80% A	89% A B	86% B	73%
Construction disruption	41% B	33%	32%	40%	38%	37%	38%
Other community priorities should come first	40%	41%	25%	43% A	51% A	44%	39%
Concern about government spending	55%	58%	36%	59% A	70% A B	64% B	51%
Not enough personal use of the facility	34%	36%	25%	35%	42% A	38% B	31%

Comparisons by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

Table 43: Question 1 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years (A)	More than 5 years (B)	Detached (A)	Attached (B)	Own (A)	Rent (B)
Parks	84%	87%	87% B	73%	88% B	64%
Trails	74%	81% A	81% B	60%	80% B	59%
The Erie Community Center (ECC)	79%	76%	77%	76%	76%	85%
Recreation Programs	77%	74%	75%	75%	75%	75%
Availability of information about parks and recreation offerings	74%	76%	76%	68%	76%	75%

Table 44: Question 2 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center? (Percent "At least a few times a year")	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years (A)	More than 5 years (B)	Detached (A)	Attached (B)	Own (A)	Rent (B)
Adult programs	26%	27%	26%	31%	27%	27%
Adult Sports	16%	15%	16%	10%	16%	11%
Aquatics	46%	48%	50% B	31%	50% B	27%
Community meeting rooms	22%	25%	23%	32% A	24%	25%
Drop-in fitness	46% B	39%	43%	34%	44% B	30%
Fitness Classes (e.g. pilates, yoga, boot camp)	31% B	23%	26%	29%	27%	27%
Gymnasium/open court use	30%	31%	32%	23%	32% B	20%
Indoor playground (Mini Miners)	31% B	18%	26% B	9%	25% B	14%
KidStation	22% B	9%	16% B	5%	15%	16%
Personal training (private or semi-private)	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center? (Percent "At least a few times a year")	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years	More than 5 years	Detached	Attached	Own	Rent
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
Racquetball	8%	14% A	12%	6%	11%	10%
Therapeutic Recreation	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	11%
Youth General Interest programs	19%	19%	20% B	10%	19%	13%
Youth Sports	27%	27%	30% B	10%	28%	18%

Table 45: Question 3 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

How important is it that the Town of Erie provide parks and recreation facilities for the following purposes? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years (A)	More than 5 years (B)	Detached (A)	Attached (B)	Own (A)	Rent (B)
Promote physical activity	85%	85%	84%	89%	84%	93% A
Support mental health and stress reduction	77%	74%	75%	77%	75%	80%
Provide safe, structured youth activities	93% B	88%	90%	93%	90%	94%
Offer enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities	67%	64%	64%	73%	64%	71%
Bring people together and foster community connection	76% B	63%	67%	75%	67%	82% A
Support aging in place for older adults	75%	74%	74%	80%	74%	76%
Enhance overall quality of life in Erie	91% B	84%	87%	89%	87%	82%

Table 46: Question 4 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

(Percent Strongly Support or Somewhat Support)	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years (A)	More than 5 years (B)	Detached (A)	Attached (B)	Own (A)	Rent (B)
Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?	78%	75%	76%	78%	76%	76%

Table 47: Question 5 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center Expansion focuses on each of these areas? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years (A)	More than 5 years (B)	Detached (A)	Attached (B)	Own (A)	Rent (B)
Expanded fitness space	67%	64%	65%	67%	65%	64%
Additional multipurpose meeting rooms	14%	20% A	17%	19%	17%	21%
Additional gymnasium	45%	52%	51% B	38%	51% B	33%
Increased indoor playground and youth space	64% B	46%	52%	63% A	52%	67% A
Improved staff and administrative space	34%	30%	28%	51% A	29%	52% A
Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems	52% B	43%	46%	53%	47%	48%

Table 48: Question 6 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years	More than 5 years	Detached	Attached	Own	Rent
(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	76% B	63%	67%	79% A	68%	70%

Table 49: Question 7 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years	More than 5 years	Detached	Attached	Own	Rent
(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	53% B	41%	42%	65% A	42%	75% A

Table 50: Question #8 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years	More than 5 years	Detached	Attached	Own	Rent
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
Sales tax increase	55%	51%	55% B	35%	55% B	26%
Property tax increase	20% B	12%	14%	27% A	14%	34% A
Do not expand at this time	13%	25% A	21% B	13%	22% B	7%
Not sure	12%	11%	10%	24% A	9%	32% A
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 51: Question 10 by Length of Residency, Housing Unit Type and Tenure

How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion? (Percent Major or Moderate concern)	Length of Residency		Housing unit type		Housing tenure	
	Up to 5 years (A)	More than 5 years (B)	Detached (A)	Attached (B)	Own (A)	Rent (B)
Cost to residents	80%	81%	81%	77%	81%	81%
Tax increases in general	78%	83%	83% B	71%	82% B	71%
Construction disruption	41%	35%	38%	39%	38%	39%
Other community priorities should come first	42%	42%	44% B	33%	43%	37%
Concern about government spending	52%	63% A	61% B	42%	59% B	48%
Not enough personal use of the facility	36%	35%	34%	42%	35%	36%

Comparisons by District of Residency

Table 52: Question 1 by District

Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie. (Percent Excellent or Good)	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
Parks	84%	87%	85%	85%
Trails	76%	77%	82%	78%
The Erie Community Center (ECC)	78%	75%	79%	77%
Recreation Programs	77%	72%	78%	75%
Availability of information about parks and recreation offerings	76%	74%	76%	75%

Table 53: Question 2 by District

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center? (Percent "At least a few times a year")	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
Adult programs	27%	29%	23%	27%
Adult Sports	15%	17%	13%	16%
Aquatics	45%	51%	45%	47%
Community meeting rooms	26%	22%	24%	24%
Drop-in fitness	41%	43%	41%	42%
Fitness Classes (e.g. pilates, yoga, boot camp)	24%	30%	23%	26%
Gymnasium/open court use	30%	34%	26%	31%
Indoor playground (Mini Miners)	20%	30% A C	20%	24%
KidStation	12%	19% A C	11%	15%
Personal training (private or semi-private)	7%	8%	4%	7%
Racquetball	11%	13%	9%	11%
Therapeutic Recreation	9%	7%	6%	7%
Youth General Interest programs	16%	21%	18%	19%
Youth Sports	25%	30%	26%	27%

Table 54: Question 3 by District

How important is it that the Town of Erie provide parks and recreation facilities for the following purposes? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
Promote physical activity	85%	85%	85%	85%
Support mental health and stress reduction	72%	76%	78%	75%
Provide safe, structured youth activities	91%	89%	91%	90%
Offer enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities	67%	65%	63%	65%
Bring people together and foster community connection	67%	70%	69%	68%
Support aging in place for older adults	77%	74%	72%	75%
Enhance overall quality of life in Erie	86%	88%	87%	87%

Table 55: Question 4 by District

(Percent Strongly Support or Somewhat Support)	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?	80% C	77%	69%	76%

Table 56: Question 5 by District

In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center Expansion focuses on each of these areas? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
Expanded fitness space	71% B	60%	64%	65%
Additional multipurpose meeting rooms	16%	16%	22%	17%
Additional gymnasium	49%	49%	49%	49%
Increased indoor playground and youth space	57% C	56% C	44%	53%
Improved staff and administrative space	33%	32%	29%	31%
Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems	46%	48%	46%	47%

Table 57: Question 6 by District

(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	72%	68%	64%	68%

Table 58: Question 7 by District

(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	48% C	50% C	37%	46%

Table 59: Question #8 by District

If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
Sales tax increase	50%	55%	52%	52%
Do not expand at this time	17%	20%	25%	20%
Property tax increase	18%	16%	12%	16%
Not sure	14%	9%	11%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 60: Question 10 by District

How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion? (Percent Major or Moderate concern)	District 1 (A)	District 2 (B)	District 3 (C)	Overall (A)
Cost to residents	81%	78%	83%	80%
Tax increases in general	78%	80%	85%	81%
Construction disruption	32%	42%	40%	38%
Other community priorities should come first	38%	43%	46%	42%
Concern about government spending	57%	55%	65%	58%
Not enough personal use of the facility	35%	30%	43% B	35%

Appendix E: Open Participation Survey Results

About the Open Participation Survey

After data collection for the address-based survey was underway, a web-based survey was made available to Erie residents through a link publicized by the Town. Residents were able to complete the survey from March 20 to April 6, 2026. A total of 803 responses were received. This section contains results of this open participation, web-based survey. It is presented along the responses to the probability survey for context. The data from the open participation survey was not collected through a random sample, and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were weighted to match the U.S. Census and American Community Survey (ACS) population norms for Erie. The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the following table.

2026 Town of Erie – Open Participation Responses Weighting Table

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Own home	88%	97%	91%
Rent home	12%	3%	9%
Detached unit	84%	91%	86%
Attached unit	16%	9%	14%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	83%	92%	83%
Not white	17%	8%	17%
Hispanic	9%	5%	6%
Not Hispanic	91%	95%	94%
Sex and Age			
Female	51%	65%	52%
Male	49%	35%	48%
18-34 years of age	22%	8%	18%
35-54 years of age	50%	51%	52%
55+ years of age	28%	41%	31%
Females 18-34	12%	5%	10%
Females 35-54	25%	33%	26%
Females 55+	14%	27%	16%
Males 18-34	11%	3%	9%
Males 35-54	25%	17%	25%
Males 55+	14%	14%	14%
District			
District 1	37%	31%	35%
District 2	38%	50%	39%
District 3	26%	18%	25%

** 2020 U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey Population Estimates*

Open Participation Survey Responses

Table 61: Question 1 by Outreach Method

Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie. (Percent Excellent or Good)	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Parks	85%	85%
Trails	78%	80%
The Erie Community Center (ECC)	77%	74%
Recreation Programs	75%	78%
Availability of information about parks and recreation offerings	75%	77%

Table 62: Question 2 by Outreach Method

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center? (Percent "At least a few times a year")	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Adult programs	27%	41% A
Adult Sports	16%	22% A
Aquatics	47%	63% A
Community meeting rooms	24%	33% A
Drop-in fitness	42%	52% A
Fitness Classes (e.g. pilates, yoga, boot camp)	26%	34% A
Gymnasium/open court use	31%	42% A
Indoor playground (Mini Miners)	24%	31% A
KidStation	15%	17%
Personal training (private or semi-private)	7%	9%

Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center? (Percent "At least a few times a year")	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Racquetball	11%	15% A
Therapeutic Recreation	7%	9%
Youth General Interest programs	19%	25% A
Youth Sports	27%	33% A

Table 63: Question 3 by Outreach Method

How important is it that the Town of Erie provide parks and recreation facilities for the following purposes? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Promote physical activity	85%	84%
Support mental health and stress reduction	75%	72%
Provide safe, structured youth activities	90%	88%
Offer enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities	65%	63%
Bring people together and foster community connection	68%	68%
Support aging in place for older adults	75%	73%
Enhance overall quality of life in Erie	87%	92% A

Table 64: Question 4 by Outreach Method

	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
(Percent Strongly Support or Somewhat Support)	(A)	(B)
Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?	76%	80% A

Table 65: Question 5 by Outreach Method

In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center Expansion focuses on each of these areas? (Percent Essential or Very Important)	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Expanded fitness space	65%	71% A
Additional multipurpose meeting rooms	17%	17%
Additional gymnasium	49%	55% A
Increased indoor playground and youth space	53%	53%
Improved staff and administrative space	31%	34%
Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems	47%	49%

Table 66: Question 6 by Outreach Method

(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	68%	74% A

Table 67: Question 7 by Outreach Method

(Percent Very Likely or Somewhat Likely)	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?	46%	53% A

Table 68: Question #8 by Outreach Method

If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Sales tax increase	52%	53%
Property tax increase	16%	17%
Do not expand at this time	20%	20%
Not sure	12%	10%
Total	100%	100%

Table 69: Question 10 by Outreach Method

How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion? (Percent Major or Moderate concern)	Sample	
	Address-based	Open-participation
	(A)	(B)
Cost to residents	80%	82%
Tax increases in general	81%	83%
Construction disruption	38%	45% A
Other community priorities should come first	42%	39%
Concern about government spending	58%	57%
Not enough personal use of the facility	35% B	29%

Verbatim Responses to the Open Participation Survey

Following are verbatim responses to the open-ended question on the survey. Because these responses were written by survey participants, they are presented here in verbatim form, including any typographical, grammar or other mistakes. The responses are presented in alphabetical order.

Question 4a: If you support expansion, what are your primary reasons?

- 1. Fitness classes are too crowded, sometimes there is a wait list. 2. more variety needed within silver sneakers program eg yoga, stability. 3. Outdoor swimming pool would be a great asset
- A better pool and bigger, better fitness is needed for the growing town. It's too small for fitness and the pool is below average. Outdoor pool is very needed. I've been told it's because of mines they can't have one but then why do most the neighborhoods have ones?
- A central part of Erie community
- A growing community needs a strong meeting and recreatspace
- A sense of community
- A the city grows amenities need to grow with it to continue to provide support. I like the focus on youth sports and expanded playgrounds.
- Access to the programs and high quality spaces is one of the most important reasons we cite a high quality of life here in Erie. As a Pickleball player who sees more and more engagement by families and younger people, I'm hopeful that future expansions include dedicated indoor and more outdoor pickleball courts. I would also support paying for a second community center that includes an outdoor pool since our HOA doesn't have one.
- Accommodate more people, new features and activities
- Adult aquatic pool
- Adult classes are full and the answer is a larger work out area. During the summer, the rooms are shared with youth programs
- Adult services and programs
- All of the reasons you gave above!
- Allow residents to continue using the center comfortably and safely for fitness, events, childcare, recreation, and meetings
- An expansion in program space may provide more opportunities for families or individuals to participate more.
- An outdoor pool would be an amazing addition.
- As a regular user of the ECC for fitness, it seems that it is increasingly crowded due to increased population since facility was built
- As Erie's population grows, ECC must expand to accommodate the need or a satellite facility must be constructed.
- as the only available general use facility in town, the facility is very limited in what it can offer residents who use it on a daily basis as well as an occasional basis. Trying tor reserve a community room has become next to impossible, trying to support all the kids in town leads to high frustration levels among parents, and there just isn't enough space for the growing population to utilize the facilities

- As the town continues to grow, the community center needs to be prepared to provide space and programming.
- Availability of more room for strength training and pool area
- avoid overcrowded us of facility, adding more lap pool lanes, expansion of work out areas.
- Because it is a vital part of the community
- Because of the overall city growth and the high usage
- Been going to the fitness center at ECC for 5 years. Never seen it so crowded. Becoming less of a pleasant experience.definitely needs an expansion.
- Being able to mix daily with residents of all ages which enhances life for all of us. Great pool, walking track, exercise machines. And the Columbine room for social gathering. Our rec center is treasured by so many of is.
- Benefit the community
- Better amenities and also the availability of rooms or courts will increase
- Better meet demand.
- Better pool, more kid friendly options within the rec center, better workout facility
- Better/larger fitness facilities and more opportunities for youth sports.
- Bigger aquatics. Larger pool.
- Bigger gym, more access, less crowding. Bigger pool.
- Bigger lap pool- get a swim team for erie- both high school and community
- Bigger weight room
- Both my kids and I use the rec center almost 7 days a week for working out and it's an essential community offering that is starting to feel full at peak times
- Bring more variety of activities
- Build community
- Building is to small during certain times of the day.
- Can't get into things due to size limitations
- Capacity - as stated the center is operating at or above capacity in many areas. A great example is the pool, which only has 3 lanes for lap swimming and often only 2 are open. These lanes are often full.
- Center is becoming overcrowded. I think expansion of the current Community Center is not the answer. It may be time for Erie to add a second or third facility in other parts of Erie.
- Center is getting to small for the population of Erie
- Center is too busy and crowded.
- Check out the nearby Lafayette rec center and use that as a model -- Erie should have something at least as nice / inviting / functional as that.
- City is growing. Our rec center should grow to accomodate.
- Community center and facilities are overcrowded. Drop in fitness classes often are waitlist only. Fitness areas and walking track along with gym space overcrowded and hard to use
- Community Center very crowded, especially with machines and weight room. Fitness classes are crowded and instructors do not enforce kicking those out that do not sign up for the classes.
- Community centers are a basic need of any well established community. ECC does a great job, and we are outgrowing ours now.

- Community interest and well being
- Community is growing which results in more people using the Community Center. Not enough pickleball courts - both indoors and outdoors.
- community resource
- Community, mental & physical health
- Continued value to the ever growing community. We stopped annual ECC membership and went elsewhere due to overcrowding
- Creating more space will increase access and opportunity to participate. The space needs to grow with the community
- Critical need for more meeting rooms
- Crowded facility, More variety and quantity of classes needed
- Crowded fitness areas
- Crowded fitness space, even more so with recent "improvements". Limited convenient lap swim times. Some fitness classes fill quickly. Would like to see more spin class, especially longer sessions (60-90 min in winter).
- Crowded. Losing guests to other facilities.
- Current community center is too small for the exponential growth of the community. A dedicated gymnasium/fitness center building would be ideal
- Current community center tends to feel overcrowded
- current facility is at or over capacity
- Current rec center is too small and crowded
- Currently not enough program space offered for youth
- Currently over crowded driving away users
- Daily use with young kids
- Definitely needs more space for weight training (free weights especially). More space for new cardio machines would be nice too.
- Drop in options swimming winter and working out
- Due to growing population in Erie, this space needs to expand and support the volume of people
- Due to the increase in the number of Erie residents using the rec center facilities has definitely increased the need for more rec center facilities.
- ECC doesn't support growth of town
- ECC is a key benefit of the community. It enhances property values as well.
- Education
- Enhance access and options for community involvement and encourage physical activity and social interactions
- Enhance overall quality of life in Erie
- Enhanced community value and draw for young families.
- Enhances quality of life in Erie.
- Ensure we have enough space for our growing population
- Erie got a whole lot bigger since the rec center was built and can't handle the amount of people using it.
- Erie had grown rapidly & needs a larger facility!

- Erie has grown a lot and continues to grow and the rec center can no longer support the amount of people who use it. It is way too crowded, loud, and there isn't enough space.
- Erie has grown tremendously, and the Community Center needs to grow with it.
- Erie has grown. The Community center is one of the best assets of the Town.
- Erie is doing a lot! But there are still limits to how families can participate due to high demand
- Erie is expanding, and to support that growth the community center needs to renovate to meet the needs of the residents and continue to be a hub for the community.
- Erie is growing & needs to support that growth
- Erie is growing and we need the expansion to meet the growing need's
- Erie is growing faster than its infrastructure and amenities and the current community center isn't physically big enough for the huge increase in residents.
- Erie is growing rapidly. ECC needs to expand to keep up
- Erie is growing so fast and the Community Center is an integral part of this community. It needs to grow with the town.
- Erie is growing so fast and we need need facilities so everyone can enjoy.
- Erie is growing!!
- Erie is growing. Need more room in the building. Need more pickleball courts
- Erie population is growing. Need to expand ti keep up.
- Erie's population is growing and particularly its young families. We use the ECC and want to continue to have access to it as the city increases in population.
- Erie's predicted population growth. The Rec Center classes fill up and have waiting lists.
- Essential to the Erie Growing community
- Everybody uses it. I love the crafts, classical concerts, and sports under one roof.
- Everything the rec offers is wonderful but agree with all of the limitations above. People often can't do what they want because space used for something else (ie basketball vs pickleball)
- Existing is very crowded at peak hours
- Expand aquatic area, expand youth rec teams availability
- Expanded fitness area. Better machines. More space. More space for calisthenics.
- Expanded fitness space and indoor playground. The group fitness classes are always at capacity and I would love to see more offerings of classes.
- expanded fitness space is needed to cut down on wait times for equipment.
- Expanded fitness space, and additional gym space.
- Expanding the space may allow for further use and inclusion and hopefully lower prices for use of the space
- Expansion for more options
- Facilities need to be provided to meet the needs of the growing population.
- Facility getting more crowded, expansion would be welcome.Didn't notice anything about expanding the locker room area, men's could use some more room.
- Facility is packed a high use times - very seldom slow during slow times
- Facility provides local, affordable access to physical fitness options that provide the community physical fitness activities year round. The quality indoor track is one of the best around and that is critical for the senior population of the city of Erie.
- Facility serves the town well.

- Feel that current offerings are still limited/not enough compared to the Erie housing expansion. Specially around fitness facilities, playgrounds and kids/youth sports programs
- Fewer waiting lists for residents
- Fitness area expansion and open court use.
- Fitness classes
- Fitness facilities, equipment and class space are crowded. Locker rooms are inadequate.
- Fitness space, youth sports, meeting spaces could all use more space
- fitness space; youth programs
- Fitness, gymnasium, bigger & longer track, and possibly ninja studio.
- Focus on fitness in our community
- For all that I checked above
- For the reasons mentioned above. If there were more programs for teens and adults, and specially if there was a better pool (sauna, steam room, cold plunge, outdoor pool: see Silverthorne CC), we as a family would participate even more in the ECC activities. It would also be nice if there were more concerts and other social gathering events.
- Fosters community engagement
- Funds, where will the money come from for this? Our Mayor did the current rec center we quickly outgrew and isn't paid off yet.
- Good for the community
- Great community asset. We haven't used it much this year, but will again and know lots who do.
- Great resource surrounded by a growing community
- Greater capacity to support growing population
- Growing demand / population
- growing population
- Growing population & development outgrowing current facility & programs.
- Growing population = growing need
- Growing population in Erie. We keep building homes
- Growing population of Erie.
- Growing population, not enough resources. For example, trying to sign up for swimming lessons when registration goes live at 7am - by 7:02 it's totally booked.
- Gym area too small. Trainers sit on already low stocked equipment while training and there aren't many machines.
- Gym space
- Gym space forth youth and adult sports
- Gym space, pool space
- He's gotten big and we need more space in the community center.
- Health, wellness, joy and community matter
- Help more people.
- Hoping that they can offer more fitness classes/space and pay the employees and trainers better. Compared with Lafayette's, ECC employees and instructors are underpaid.

- I agree it needs more capacity, but I do not see the capacity of the swimming pool being addressed. Swimming lessons are hard to enroll in and frequently fill up within a matter of minutes of opening.
- I am impressed with the classes and activities offered and I want these to continue.
- I come to drop in classes 3-5 times per week, and I have to sign up for classes sometimes a week in advance to get a spot.
- I don't go now because it's too busy. Needs better pool, sauna, gym area especially for older adults.
- I don't work out at the rec center because it such a small space. I would love more elbow room between equipment allowing for more area to workout.
- I enjoy the programs I do participate in at ECC, but hold off on others (including membership) because it is too crowded.
- I go to the gym to work out and during peak hours the area is very busy. It would be nice to have more room for this. I also think it would be helpful to have more meeting area spaces available.
- I have two toddlers who will using the ECC on a very frequent bases, and that means I will be using the facility as well.
- I have used the ECC. I don't have small children, but I'd like to have more opportunities for more organized pickleball with drop in opportunities, lessons, etc. So far I have gone outside of Erie to do those things in Boulder, Louisville and now in Arvada!!! I would love to have an outdoor pool area with a designated ADULT ONLY pool. I live in the Bolder County area and there isn't a neighborhood pool in my community. In the summer, the pool is way over capacity with kid programs. I found it very frustrating to try to swim during lap/adult time when kids were playing basketball in the water around me and the lifeguard did nothing. I now go to a gym with a pool 25 minutes away. I literally can see the ECC from my window. Personally, this has been frustrating.
- I have young children and as they grow we will use it more. The town is building homes faster than grass grows. Common sense tells me if we're over capacity now..
- I like what you've done so far.
- I mainly use the gym areas with the weight machines, treadmill area, and stair machines. These areas are all heavily used, and on a busy day it can be infuriating trying to complete a workout due to a lack of machine availability.
- i really dont enjoy using the ECC as much has i did when i first moved here in 2015 because it has gotten too crowded
- I recognize how crowded it is when I am there!
- I rely on ECC for exercise and strength conditioning. The population of the town is increasing, potentially doubling, which will increase demands on the ECC. We need a facility that will meet the expected growth.
- I run at the gym several days a week. We need more space for additional workout equipment, and it's clear by the constant kid activities that another gymnasium needs to be added.
- I see the need when I use the center
- I see the needs identified and support growing with the community

- I support expansion to fill the needs, but not at the proposed cost which is equivalent to roughly three major parks or miles of trails across the Town. I view those amenities as being equally important if not more so to addressing overcrowding at the Rec Center. Longer-term, I support building a second Rec Center more than expanding the current center (knowing another one will be needed in the future anyway).
- I support it but our taxes are insane so it just depends.
- I think a community center is an important part of a community. If a study was done and these needs were identified, then they need to be addressed.
- I think it's important to have a functional rec center, even if I don't use it much.
- I think most every aera could use more room
- I think the community center provides myriad benefits to the community. Improving and expanding the space will help the town continue to provide what I consider is an essential component of the community.
- I think the more recreational opportunities a town has the cooler that town is!
- I think with additional space, a greater variety of kids programming, such as gymnastics, could be offered. The rec center's close proximity to the library and park already make it a great hub for kids activities.
- I use it daily and it is operating over current capacities.
- i use it frequently.
- I use it often and there is limited indoor court space and conflicting interests. There should be at least one court dedicated to open play at all times.
- I use it.
- I use the facilities several times a week and Have been placed on a waitlist for classes several times lately.
- I utilize the current rec center 5 days a week for exercise and weight training. The current size and configuration of the free weight and circuit equipment is not adequate, especially during evening times. With Erie continuing to expand this will only get worse and I will need to consider moving to a larger fitness facility such as a 24 Hour fitness or Anytime Fitness
- I want a better swimming pool, outdoor playgrounds, and unique activities.
- I want more opportunities for youth sports for my kids - the signups are crazy and sometimes fill up instantly
- I want to be able to use a pool for lap swimming that is not excessively crowded
- I would be interested in of the current rec center could be expanded in the same location rather than a brand new building. New buildings are so expensive, increase carb9n footprint and take more water. Can we add onto existing facility?
- I would like the center to accommodate more people, especially as Erie grows. The weekly senior lunches are getting to capacity already, I think.
- I would love to have my children participate in sports/activities but they are so hard to get into. Swimming is the perfect example. I have tried every year for 4 years and I have never had luck getting into a class for my kids.
- I would prefer to see a better pool for lap swimming and competition etc for teams and high school
- I would use expanded facilities and services

- I'd like to see the outdoor pickleball courts made permanent. Real nets, replacing and painting permanent lines. And I'd like to see a covered table or sitting area built in the empty space to the west. Also, maybe more parking in the empty space west.
- I'd love a better yoga or mind/body space, plus general updates, including energy efficiency gains.
- I'm overall happy with what the community center offers. The only reason I would support expansion is due to population growth. More offerings for children is preferred. We enjoy being able to have birthday parties at the community center because they're affordable, so more options for those would be great.
- If compared to broomfield , westminster etc facilities, erie rec center lags behind in everything and feels poor. For example just compare the aquatics pool/facility with that of erie. With so much high property tax residents should get state if art facilities, recreation, parks and trails. Erie lags in all of these. I always wonder where the money us going when i see broomfield, westminster, superior.
- If it was nicer, I would use it.
- If this means an increase in taxes, I'm against expansion.
- Important asset
- Important resource for the community.
- Important to me to have a place to work out and have more space than rec. enter does now. Town has grown. Would like to see more classes too other than body pump.
- Improves quality of life
- Increase in population since center opened
- Increase workout space availability
- Increase youth amenities.
- increased availiblity of indoor pickleball courts
- Increased demand for recreation as Erie grows. More space for programs, more aquatic space, more fitness space (it's difficult access equipment, 2nd floor often is overcrowded). Currently there is lack of office space and staff have to hold small meetings in the lobby.
- Increased use and increased population of Erie
- Increasing population requires increased renovation of ECC
- Indoor exercise opportunities for youth
- Indoor play space for kids needs improvement/to be larger.
- It always seems overcrowded when I go to workout. I also think having a strong recreational program is an important part of a thriving community.
- It creates a place for all ages to interact.
- It creates and supports community and belonging, serves as a meeting place, center for learning, meeting rooms for activities of all ages and interest, serves various organizations and developments by providing space to meet, promotes health from Littles to Seniors.
- It gets too cramped to do anything in there currently.
- It helps enhance the quality of life in Erie
- It is an essential part of town, even if I don't utilize most of it's offerings
- It is better for the community

- It is crowded in the weight lifting area, there is only one bench press and you can tell more room is needed for equipment.
- It is currently too small and Erie is still growing
- It is difficult to enroll my kids in sports and swim lessons and to find parking for events. The best fitness classes also fill up and there have been many times I couldn't get it
- It is of great benefit to my family and the broader Erie Community
- It is often crowded right now with swimming pool being not up to par with near by pools
- It is one of the largest and most important central hubs promoting community and wellness in the town of Erie and is important to all community members in a variety -- yet all equally important-- ways. It needs to be sustained, improved and promoted!
- It is over crowded, especially the Active Adults (Seniors) area.
- It is to small for the amount of people moving into Erie
- It is very crowded
- It is very crowded in the AM before 0930.
- It keeps youth out of trouble and occupied and helps everyone have a space
- It would be very nice e to expand the kids area as it's very small but our kids love going there. Gym is also too small. Honestly additional meeting rooms is not necessary since there are so many places around Erie that you can hold meetings for free or have dedicated space for events. It would be nice to see that additional space for other items I.e, (steam room, saunas, golf simulator, ninja obstacle course, craft making space where kids can learn aka art studio. Please be creative where people in the community are truly benefiting. Those are just some ideas. Again plenty of multi purpose meeting rooms in this zip code, we don't need more. I'll say one last thing. Whoever is championing this project better be good and not just blowing tax payer money or I'll vote against it. Please treat it like it's your own money.
- It's a hallmark of our town. The increased space and staffing capacity will allow for expanded offerings that are really needed
- It's a primary facility for the town.
- It's always busy and sometimes crowded when we go. Seems like it needs to be expanded to meet demands of use.
- It's always so busy, especially for youth sports
- It's an important part of the community promoting health and fitness and is heavily used.
- It's definitely feeling crowded, and I didn't see the pool expansion included in the plans. With how many programs and sports families are juggling these days, space matters more than everthank you for looking into improvements.That said, are we thinking long-term about how we grow? Is the plan focused solely on expanding the current location, or is a second location on the table as well?If the goal is one strong central hub (which honestly feels ideal), I'd love to knowhas expansion and renovation truly been vetted as viable given Erie's underground personality (hello coal mines)? I think a lot of us would hate to see us head down a path of construction contracts and excitement, only to hit delays or roadblocks like we've seen with The Corner at County Line.Also, are we considering renewable energy options as part of this? If we're building for the future, let's really build for the future.And respectfullycan we aim for "best" and "better" when reviewing options, and just quietly remove "good enough" from the group chat? I think many of us would rather invest upfront in something that lasts than revisit

this whole conversation in 10 years because we tried to save a buck.We've all experienced what "cheap and quick" turns into eventuallyand it's usually neither.Appreciate all the work going into this. Just hoping we swing big and smart here.

- It's good for the community as a whole.
- it's important, convenient, and saves me money
- It's one of the only affordable gym options with childcare. We can also grow into the services as a family. (There was no general comment box but I put in 'major' concern below in terms of priority because I'm getting fed up that we do not have an outdoor community pool which is just criminal in Summer. Those in big wealthy suburbs have their HOA pools and the rest of us a crammed inside at the ECC - which we love by the way) (thanks for running these surveys, keep it up!)
- It's something we all use, I'd like to continue to use it in an expanded capacity
- it's too crowded
- It's too crowded
- It's too small
- it's too small and with the current regime in place and all the building that is occurring, it will only get more crowded
- It's too small for the population we have
- It's too small now that we are so big.
- It's very busy on the cardio machines and weight room
- It's very important for Erie residents to have a community center that offers so much for the residents. It's very crowded now.
- Its conjusted specially workout area up stairs
- Its too small need to keep up with our growth
- Keep a vibrant place for all ages to foster community
- Keep adults healthy and kids out of trouble
- Keep existing facilities in good working, mechanical order. New build communities in Erie are offering club house spaces and pool facilities. Keep that in mind.
- Keep pace with demand generated by growing population; avoid overcrowding
- Keep up with increased usage.
- Keep up with the growing demand
- Keeps Erie a community. The town is growing so the Community Center needs to as well
- Keeps people and communities strong. Important for families and aging adults.
- Kids, teens, and young adults need a place in town to hang out at.
- Lack of summer program availability
- Lap pool that has more availability and is not connected to the rest of the fun pool portion.
- Larger and growing population requires more access. There are times at ECC when it's very full in its current form.
- Larger areas mean more community members can use spaces efficiently. Would LOVE a bigger pool or a second pool for more open swim.times and great lap swimming availability/hours maybe even a swim team!
- Larger capacity and more offerings

- Limited weight training area for growing population (I've left to go to another gym due to the crowds). Another gym would be great for growth in youth sports.
- Lots of people using the facilities.
- Love to larger youth and kids area and gymnasium for all
- make a real pool of 6+ lanes
- Massive planned growth
- Meet the population growth demands, provide more space for more opportunity/usage, very affordable access across age groups.
- moderization
- More activities and options for parents and kids. Kids need a safe place, they also need something to do or they will "find" something to do.
- More fitness areas, plus sauna
- More fitness space
- More fitness space
- More fitness space is needed, and the additional space will be able to support higher numbers of members participating in various activities - this fosters a sense of community and keeps kids out of trouble.
- More for a family to do in Erie
- More opportunities for social interaction and fitness
- More opportunity for all residents to utilize services and programs
- More people in Erie, so more space seems logical
- More people living here will need more programs and more space in the facility.
- More pickle ball times and to continue to play Walleyball in a raquetballcourt
- More pool amenities
- More pools, tennis courts, safe places for teens
- More room
- More room and equipment
- More room for active adults
- More room for people to participate
- More space
- More space
- More space for teens. Also the fitness classes can be very packed
- More space for working out, more aerobic class offerings, maybe a 2nd room. An outdoor lap pool with master classes.
- More space for youth activities and recreation
- More space is in neec
- More space needed in all areas so less congestion.
- More space. Everything is too small
- More space/less demand for limited equipment
- More swim Lessons options
- More swimming lanes, more pickleball courts
- More to offer for growing community
- More youth offerings and more space to enjoy the offerings would be nice.

- More youth sport openings. We never know when to register and it fills up so quickly. It would be nice to have enough openings for more kids to join.
- Mostly need more lap swimming opportunities which in turn might support more recreational swimming for the youth.
- My activity is regularly limits on the amount of time and I'd often not slowed when kids are out of school
- My children and use of the facility especially the pool
- My family of 5 uses the Erie facilities heavily. We would like better access to youth sports (and not the 7am rush), more workout class options (times) and weight lifting space, a community outdoor pool and better options for kids 7-11 to be in the facilities if their parents are working out.
- Need additional space
- Need an outdoor pool for area kids swim teams
- Need for larger weight room area, and possible sauna.
- Need larger pool
- Need more diverse options for young adults
- need more fitness space
- Need more fitness space and equipment. I always have to wait for equipment
- Need more pool space
- Need more space
- Need more space
- Need more space, especially in the pool. How is that not part of the plan?
- need more space, it is overcrowded and because of that I am far less likely to use the facility
- Need more space. The facilities are always packed and that's one reason we don't use them as much
- Need more water space for kids!
- Need to expand to support the increased community use
- Need to support the community but I wonder if another facility would be better given how various neighborhoods are located.
- Needs updating to facility and programs
- New bigger space and opportunities
- Not big enough to match growth of community.
- Not enough equipment certain times per day in workout area; crowded when sports are going on
- Not enough for the amount of residents
- Not enough open gym space or weight/cardio
- Not enough room for swim classes and not a good variety of work out equipment
- Not enough space for equipment and workout facilitiesworkout machines are tucked into spaces that were not made for equipment use. Machines and equipment are too close together and difficult to walk through.
- not enough space for weightlifting and cardio equipment and workouts
- Not enough space in gym area/weight room and cardio. Feels like gyms equipment is just scattered in any open space available. Seems a little dangerous at times.

- Not enough to space to support current residents. Rec centers are a great place for youths of all ages to learn and play.
- Offer more community events and youth programs
- One of the strongest strengths Erie has in attracting people to our city is a sense of community. Adding to our community areas helps with home values and quality of life.
- Opportunities for kids and young adults.
- Opportunity to provide additional programming
- Our community is growing and need more space and options.
- Our society is so individualistic and isolated; we need as much community-focused, affordable structure and support as possible.
- Our town has grown so fast that it has far surpassed the needs that the current rec center can accommodate. I believe the planning is underestimating the need and that the increased gym proposal should be doubled. Gym space in this town is SO hard to come by. I coached youth rec basketball this year and we had two teams of 11 kids each sharing 1/2 of a basketball court! Growth isn't going to stop, so make it too big for the current population and let us grow into it!
- Our town is growing and we need space for recreation. The current center is insanely busy to the point of being dangerous in the weight room at times.
- Our town is growing, and the community center needs to grow with us.
- Outdoor pool option
- Outdoor pool would've the biggest improvement
- Over crowded
- Over crowded and need more space
- Over use, wesr and tear, more people than facility can handle to keep up high quality
- Over used
- Overcrowding at the community center
- Personal health (physical and mental) is really important to me
- Please expand pool
- Please instead focus efforts and funding on developing a public outdoor pool!
- Pool
- Pool always full. Need more lanes
- Pool needs to be expanded
- Population growth
- population growth demands more facilities and equipment
- Population growth dictates the necessity.
- Population growth has increased.
- population growth, DEI
- Population growth.
- Population growth. The pickleball has taken over the tennis courts.
- Population of Erie has soared. Need rec center to match
- Primary location for my fitness
- Program space for climbing, swimming, and other community level activities is essential.

- Promoting and providing personal physical health is important, there are a lot of people who need to become and stay healthy.
- Provide a safe space for all people
- Provide additional support for youth sports and leagues, reduce over-crowding at current facility, and give the community room to grow.
- Provide for entire population
- Quality of life and longevity
- Rate of growth in Erie
- Rec center is crowded and at times the equipment is unavailable due to so many people. The crowding will only get worse with growth. The rec center provides the opportunity to improve and maintain one's physical and mental health. This is essential for a thriving community.
- Record of use and value added to the community
- Recreation is crucial for children and adults. If I am going to pay taxes, I would much rather pay for this then a bus, affordable housing or other government programs.
- Room to use the facility. Some classes are so packed in, you can barely move around
- Sauna and outdoor pool
- See above essential answers
- Services to our community that benefit all are valuable to all
- Significant overcrowding upstairs at prime workout times - limited equipment & workout stations.
- Some centers in Boulder and Longmont are closing. Erie continues to grow. Need another center maybe in highly populated areas being built or already built. Have developers help with the costs
- space - and possible more swimming
- Space is needed
- Space limitations in swimming pool/lanes and fitness area.
- support aging in place and senior activities
- Support the continued growth of the Erie population
- Supporting the expanding needs of our community, giving kids a safe and enriching environment to have fun.
- Swimming pool lanes are very few for the population and tennis courts fewer.
- The 2nd floor weight area gets crowded, especially during school breaks.
- The administration of the town has only focused on growing the number of residents, but not on the quality of life in this town. The only thing they have been focused on for years is increasing their tax revenue. This is one area that would actually improve the quality of life in this town, especially for families. It is essential to provide programs and facilities for kids to interact without screens, for families to focus on fitness and community, and for the town to have space for gatherings and events.
- The aquatic area is always packed during swim lessons and open swim. Mini miners often gets too crowded and it's difficult to see little kids. The gymnasium is too small for basketball season.

- The building and offerings are far too overcrowded. My kids' volleyball and basketball teams were moved numerous times, sometimes having to play outside in freezing conditions. There are also not enough facilities for the number of kids wanting to play, making it nearly impossible to get on a team for certain sports. Swim classes fill up so fast it's nearly impossible to get a spot, and there isn't enough space to offer "real" swim lessons to kids under six.
- The center is overcrowded currently.
- The center is very busy during peak times, this would help provide more space and equipment for all users.
- The center should grow with the city.
- The city and the families are growing! Sometimes it's hard to get a spot, especially for kids' activities, because they fill up really fast.
- The Community Center has a strong presence in Erie and brings the community together
- The community center is a big for why we love living in Erie.
- The Community Center is a vital hub in the town and has programs and resources that appeal to a wide range of people. However, because of the growing community the CC is maxed out and needs to expand in order to cater to all folks in the future.
- The community center needs to be available to support the needs of the growing community
- The community center provides many great services for all ages and Erie is expanding quickly. It follows that the original plans were not sufficient for the increased population/need for services and/or space.
- The community has outgrown he facilitymore space is needed to support a greater variety and number of programs.
- The community is growing and the community should grow as well to continue to support community health and activities
- The community is growing by leaps and bounds. The rec center needs to be right-sized to meet demand.
- The community needs to be able to accommodate our fast growing community.
- The current ECC is too small for the size of the town, and can be difficult to navigate. A larger pool and/or an outside pool option would be ideal.
- the current facility is crowded. I go elsewhere. Sometimes I will drive even to Louisville to use their new clean facility. The group classes are held of the carpeted floors that the kids walk on with shoes. Dirty and gross.
- The current facility is too small for our growing community. For me the reason I don't use it is because of lack of space, especially the need for an actual swimming pool for swimmers. The Lafayette facility provides these spaces much better and so I go there.
- The current rec center is too crowded. It's becoming almost impossible to get the machines I need for my workout
- The current weight area and overall facility is lacking in space. Especially during busy times it's hard to just find a small space or machine to workout in/on. Also, the electrical doesn't seem to be the best, most mornings it's 72 degrees in the gym which in my opinion is warmer than I'd like to work out in.
- The ECC is a great resource for the community. It should be kept that way.

- The ECC is a vital place for Erie, encourages fitness and exercise, staying active and being involved with the community. It has been a great asset.
- the ECC is obviously a valued resource by the local community. I think it's really important the town continues to provide opportunities and a safe space for all age groups (especially teens and older adults) to meet and recreate. It's also extremely important to promote health and wellness and opportunities to everyone off screens and moving their bodies!
- The ECC is WAY TOO SMALL.
- The Erie community is growing quickly and so expansion and increased program offerings are needed to accomodate all the people moving to Erie.
- The existing building needs work/improvement and the community it expanding.
- The expansion is necessary to help keep pace with the growth of the Town, keeping the center economically and functionally viable as an important asset to the community.
- The expansion would allow for better freedom especially in the upstairs fitness area
- The facilities are very busy and my grandchildren use the facility almost daily.
- The facility is far too small for the community. The pool needs to be expanded, the parking is challenging on the weekends and classes are hard to get registered for (due to lack of space).
- The facility is too small for the current size of the town. I choose to go to Lafayette's rec center to work out because Erie's is so busy. I'd love to have the cardio equipment in it's own space, not at the entrance of the rec center
- The facility is too small for the number of residents. I don't even go anymore because it's too difficult to find an open treadmill or elliptical. I workout at Planet Fitness.
- The fitness space needs to increase in size. More play area for kids would also be great, our son loves the current set up but more stuff for kids to do is a positive.
- The gym inside is too small, the entire facility feels as though its at capacity, even during work hours.
- The gym is always extremely crowded
- The gym is not big enough for the growing community, it is so small that the weight lifting areas are dangerous at peak hours
- The gym is too small. Things are placed randomly where they can fit
- The more the better for everyone. Made many friends at the ECC
- The need for additional space is very apparent while in the facility during high use times.
- The only thing I think the community center needs is expanded indoor swimming (dedicated lap lanes!)
- The overall value to the community and direct benefit to community members.
- The overcrowding issue as the community continues to grow.
- The pool is a zoo during swim lessons, the parking lot is impossible on Saturdays when youth sports and swim lessons are going on at the same time, the poor library is overrun with soccer parking (it's not fair to the library! and nobody polices it!). There needs to be an aquatic center or a different area for soccer and football fields, to open up parking. Also, the pool is not large enough for lap swimming given all the (fantastic, wonderful, essential) programming from the rec, but recreational lap swimming, a Master's Swim class opportunity for adults, etc would be so great. I am a huge fan of the rec, but the town has grown so much since it opened.

- The pool needs to be expanded to add increased swim lesson options. It's damn near impossible to register for swim lessons in Erie. We have to go elsewhere to find them because it's so impossible to get a spot and the times are awful especially for working parents. We also don't go to the gym at the rec because of price and amenities. Would love to be able to but until there are some changes we cannot make it work. Would love for it to be similar to Louisville rec.
- The population has ballooned and everything will be strained.
- The population in Erie is growing, so should the ECC.
- The population of Erie is increasing and it's our only community center.
- The programs could be better with less people crammed into the various spaces
- The rec center is great but the classes are becoming over crowded and some are nearly impossible to get in. The workout area is also overly crowded at times- this was not an issue a couple of years ago.
- The rec center is well used and loved community amenity that serves to bring the community together and provide connection as a community hub. The importance of the rec center reaches far beyond keeping residents active.
- The rec center right now it feels small for a growing town like Erie
- The town continues to grow and the center is already maxed out.
- The town has far far outgrown it's capacity
- The town has grown and needs to continue to accommodate the needs of the current community. It is why people move here.
- The town has grown ecc has not
- The town has grown significantly and the rec center needs to expand to better fit the needs of the bigger population. We also really need to expand the swim area for lessons. The lap lanes are always taken and the lazy river is not enough space or appropriate for lesson purposes. Please look into a better pool area for kids learning to swim!
- The town has grown tremendously, offerings need to also scale up
- The town in growing and I feel the rec should too.
- The town is growing & more families with young kids are moving here
- The town is growing and a larger facility will increase access for residents
- The town is growing and it's already impossible to get your kids signed up for sprots unless you are logged on right at 7 am.
- The town is growing and our facilities should reflect that
- The town is growing and the community needs to be updated to support the growth.
- The Town is Growing and we need a Bigger Rec Center.
- The town is growing and we need more space for activities or they will end up not being used at all as people find alternatives. This is already happening.
- The town is growing too fast and the ECC needs to be able to keep up with the growth.
- The town of Erie has grown tremendously. We've outgrown ECC.
- The Town of Erie has outgrown this essential space. Expansion is necesary to keep up with Erie's growth.
- The town population has outgrown the capacity of the ECC.

- The weight machines are so overcrowded. We have resorted to working out at different times of the day - which we don't like to do.
- The weight room has always been too small.
- The weight room is really bad.
- there are more people than space, events and classes offered
- There are not enough facilities. I want to lap swim regularly, but I am not able to. The summer camp is capped and sells out in less than 10 seconds. Our girls would like to compete on a swim team, but the facilities are insufficient.
- There are so many people here who need and want to use the ECC. It needs to be updated and expanded since the growth of Erie has made it more difficult to accommodate the masses.
- There are times when the fitness floor of the ECC is overcrowded with participants. Not enough workout machines to handle the demand at times.
- There are too many people in Erie for the amount of services the ECC can provide. EVERY class and sport fills up in SECONDs.
- There is a clear need. The question is whether we should expand the current building or put the money into a second rec center
- there is a need for affordable meeting rooms in Erie, plus the Hvac upgrades should be funded
- There is a need for more exercise space and rooms.
- There is not enough room for group fitness classes.
- There's a need in the community for more space and programming
- There's equipment all over the sides of the walk track already, you can tell it's low on room and more and more houses get built each year.
- This doesn't necessarily meet all my desires for the community center, but I appreciate that others have identified these needs. It's almost 20 years old in a growing community,!8 have no doubt there are lots of needs.
- This facility is vital to the Erie community and should therefore be able to meet their needs.
- This is a vital asset to the residents and should grow and expand at the same rate as our population
- This is important, but other issues like the water crisis and property tax are more pressing.
- This is one of the only places I meet other people from the community while also improving my own quality of life. I'd love more people to use a community space rather than private gyms that are segregated by age, gender and income levels.
- To accommodate growth in the area and in anticipation of further growth.
- To adequately meet the needs of the community.
- To be able to meet the needs of a growing community
- To be able to serve the needs of the community
- To better support our growing community
- To continue the awesome programs and activities at the ECC for all ages as the town grows in population.
- To expand facilities
- To expand fitness, gymnasium, and other indoor recreational areas.

- To get new businesses and more useful places to shop
- To help alleviate overcrowding during busy times
- To increase capacity of existing services
- To increase the number of drop in classes, the number of machines, weights in the strength training area, and the number of programs for older adults.
- To keep up with Erie's growth and continue to be a space that's available to all residents and visitors to build community.
- To keep up with our growing population.
- To meet the needs of a growing community. It's too small for what is needed
- To provide a place where the community can thrive and come together for health, fitness, and socializing
- To provide essential services to the community
- To provide more fitness space and classes in the form of work out rooms, gym space and machines.
- To provide multi-generational opportunities involving healthy activities in a safe environment and promoting activities for meeting and supporting other Erie residents.
- To provide recreational opportunities for Erie's expanding population
- To small for the growth of the community. State of the art. We lived near the Apex Center in Arvada for comparison.
- To stop overcrowding
- To support a healthy thriving happy community
- To support the Erie growing population and demographics, health of all residents, and to strengthen our community and social connections.
- To support the growing population of Erie and continue to make facilities readily available to residents without the complication of reservations and booking systems.
- Too busy
- Too crowded and over capacity in all areas
- Too crowded today
- Too many people in this town for one tiny community center! Perhaps we need to build another one. Or a separate swim center at least.
- Too small and crowded for there size of the town.
- Too small for the town now
- Town has grown and town-provided recreation has to keep pace (catch up) in both indoor and outdoor recreation amenities/programs/services/facilities.
- Town has grown and we need a larger facility
- Town is outgrowing the rec center
- Unfortunately, there are more people now than in 2008 when the ECC opened so it has gotten much more crowded
- Unless there are plans for an additional rec center, it feela like now is the timefrom coat land, coat of building, coat of money, and opportunity cost standpointsto expand to meet future ToE growth. $30mm today is going to be less for residents than that increased cost-basis in 5-, 10-, or more years.
- Use daily, very busy.

- Want more fitness offerings, especially in evening hours
- Way over capacity
- We area growing community with growing needs and space needs
- We have active kids and want to be able to continue to enjoy the rec center with additional space and offerings
- We have enjoyed being able to use the Erie rec and feel that expansion should keep up with the growing population and needs of the town.
- We have two little kids and plan to be here a while. Since we moved here in 2018 it seems to be bursting at the seams, and is just getting worse. Scheduling is complicated for sports like basketball because there is not enough court space, and there have been scheduling problems from schools using their gyms. The waitlist for sports is insane and its very, very difficult to get a spot on a team each round of sign ups. Swim lessons is even more competitive. It just seems the ECC is not able to keep up with the demand of the community, and the community just keeps growing and growing.
- We have young kids who would like more opportunities to participate in Erie youth sports and have more recreation options since many are crowded
- We love the rec center but is small and very crowded at times. It has outgrown or quickly expanding city and there are many updates needed.
- We need a larger facility
- We need more facilities so more people can have access. I am hoping for a separate lap pool in this expansion.
- We need more fitness equipment as the town population has boomed, we also need an outdoor pool for the summer months
- We need more indoor space for weight room. Need a minimum of 8 new dedicated Pickleball courts outside.
- We need more options for fitness classes and other amenities.
- We need more room for participants. Another pool....
- We need more space and more options for kids.
- We need more space for sure. I just don't know if it's worth spending that money on expanding the facility or if it's better to put that money into a new facility.
- We need more space!
- We need more spaces and more team for youth sports. Everything books up in minutes.
- We need more. The center needs to keep up with the expanding town. And also needs to be able to offer more programs or more capacity for existing programs so there is availability. Take swim lessons for instance, so many times I'm on at 7am and still can't get both kids in.
- We need places to go play. For adults.
- We use the Community Center almost daily every week for our 11-year old daughter. Healthy and Safe Youth Activities are Essential.
- We utilize the facility and it is already too small for the community it supports and Erie is only growing
- We would like more space in the weight room and gym. Also multipurpose rooms if it allows for expansion of youth programming.
- We would like to see an outdoor pool in the summer for families to enjoy on the weekends

- What percentage of the Erie population actually uses the ECC? 225,000 visits of the same small group of the population doesn't provide a clear picture of the actual benefit of the ECC to the entire town. Property taxes are already too high in Erie, Water and Utility Costs are already too high in Erie, road conditions are still poor, so adding more tax on people for a limited use facility doesn't seem like a great idea. However, to keep the town attractive and provide opportunities for residents to improve their physical health, I can be persuaded to support.
- When I used the gym regularly it was often crowded & there were waits for equipment.
- Where does financing come from?
- With 2 young kids, I anticipate using services at the community center more and more. Since the town keeps expanding, it is important there is more space for activities. Also with climate change and extreme heat/smoke we've been facing, more indoor space for children would be great.
- with a growing town we need more space
- With all the new homes, expansion seems logical.
- With so many new residents (and more coming!), there is not enough availability at the rec center.
- With town growth, it'll be expected to have an expanded community center to meet the needs of the community
- Workout areas, larger pool and basketball courts need expansion along with pickleball courts to open up gym space
- Would be good to have options for kids ages 8-13 can play. like an indoor turf field, outdoor pool/waterpark, etc. Currently the activities are all geared towards little, little kids and there's no place where older kids can just play on their own
- Would like a sauna added
- Would like more gym space & equipment (weights, machines)
- Would like to see expanded unstructured youth opportunities at the fitness center. Young teens have very little they can do there.
- Would like too see outdoor pickleball courts improved
- Would love to use more the offerings at the center, but have stayed away because it seems so busy.
- You don't mention indoor pool but woefully undersized. Horribly undersized.fitness area way too crowded. Not enough locker room dressing room bathrooms. Better toddler no drop off area to bring kids. Lacking in stuff for 7 and under.
- You're building so many more houses, need more options for families so it's not overcrowded
- Youth and family activities and spaces
- Youth spaces
- Youth sports especially basketball needs more gym space. With a growing population we definitely need more space
- Youth sports. Adult Fitness. Youth Camps.

Question 4b: If you oppose expansion, what are your primary concerns?

- Additional cost of expansion when we're already being hammered with property taxes and stratospheric home and auto insurance costs.
- At a cost of $1,000 per resident, that would mean several thousand dollars per average household. Seems completely out of reach and inappropriate.
- Because a simple "expansion" is not the answer. A second center needs to be built and distribute the demand. Expansion would make the current building too large and obtrusive.
- Budget should prioritize infrastructure first
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost and financial concerns.
- Cost and not expanding the areas I use: fitness room, weight area. Expand meeting rooms for what?! They mostly sit empty. Modernization of HVAC - I suppose if that means it will not longer be 72 degrees in the cycle room and a hot summer day upstairs.
- Cost and taxes
- Cost as a taxpayer that doesn't use the facilities
- Cost number one with us tax payers picking up the cost.
- Cost to homeowners
- Cost to residents
- Cost vs benefit
- Cost VS use
- Cost, Erie needs more retail tax base to fund these projects.
- Cost, not the role of government
- Cost, this should be done by private sector.
- Cost, why should tax payers have to pay for optional services? I've lived in Erie for 15 years and have used the Rec Center less than 5 times. It's too crowded, and expensive for the services you get. Let the people using it as a gym fund it, like private gyms. Why doesn't Erie secure our water supply so residents can water and not have their lawns killed and threat of police turning off your water. Where is the priority? Why is the town wanting to spend more of OUR money, when they can't even ensure residents have enough water in warmer winters/springs?
- Cost. Great the way it is. Other priorities like water
- Cost/how will this be financed
- dont mess with the current one, build another, larger one.
- dont need the town to provide things for me in general. Definitely at the risk of increased taxes. I am an adult and can handle my life without town interference.
- Erie should focus on other initiatives. Erie has made the roads more dangerous. People are driving way to fast and the electronic use of bikes, scooters, golf carts need to be eliminated from the sidewalks. Children and adults using these devices are also riding recklessly in the middle of the streets at high speeds. Tackle the issues before you consider any expansions

and buildings. The town should stop building and start focusing on the disaster that exists due to the over building and port layout of the roads.

- Financial
- Focus should be on paying off the bond and adding a second ECC in another part of town.
- Funding not coming from admission price increase and instead a possible tax? Makes no sense. The price is so cheap to get in as it is conpared to where i was born & raised in boulder. The rec centers and ymca charge $15-20 for a day pass. When i moved to erie 26 years ago paying $5 to play hoops was a gift from the gods. Raise the price to $6.50-7 and still be a great deal. This is how to fund your expansion
- Hi use fees despite a significant tax investment. Agree that expansion is needed however that may just make it a bigger "daycare" for unruly high schoolers.
- How the project will be funded
- I continue to worry about Erie continuing to expand the scope of government. It is increasing taxes and driving more and more middle income families out of Erie.
- I don't see how the expansion will benefit the majority of ECC users.
- I never use it, it costs too much. All municipal facilities should be at no cost to residents.
- I support expansion, but I don't think we need more meeting rooms. I'd like to see a better pool area and the addition of a gymnastics area. If those things aren't possible in the current space, I'd prefer we use the money to go towards a new facility in a different location that can accommodate these things.
- I support that there needs to be additional space, however, I would rather see a separate facility built further east in District 2 than renovating or expanding the current ECC.
- I think it's fine as is and we don't need to spend money on something more.
- I think the current center beautiful and is more than adequate
- I would like to understand the fiscal plan for this expansion. How would this be funded and how can we be more fiscally responsible with the OPEX costs that are passed on to the residents.
- If we are still paying for the initial development of the Rec Center, we should not be expanding it. Maybe focus on a performing arts center as there isn't one near by.
- Increase taxes for a utility that also is way to expensive to buy a membership to. Absolutely a waste of money.
- Increased traffic and use
- Instead of expanding the current space, a new space should be built. Parking & capacity will always be an issue at the current location.
- It is currently meeting our family's needs.
- It seems expensive and unnecessary, especially the "improved administrative space "
- It's going to raise taxes, and taxes in Erie are already too high.
- It's great as is
- It's great the way it is
- It's missing pool improvements or expansions
- Losing 1 of the 2 racketball courts. These are a sport but also a meeting place for men nightly.
- Money needs to be spent on bringing in commercial demand generators and larger employers. Most neighbors in Erie are HOA with their own smaller recreation facilities. All you

are doing is spending money on something that already exists. To get more retail, hotel, entertainment options Erie needs to have an employment base. take that 30 million and use it for tax rebates to get a large company here. So many groups are looking for land. Look at all the commercial development in Broomfield and Thornton meanwhile Erie has zero.

- Money space
- My understanding is that we are still paying the mill levies for the original construction. Also, the value proposition is not very high based on the presented plan. We are not getting much value for 30 million dollars. As it stands, my family are members of the Lafayette YMCA instead of the Erie Community Center because a YMCA membership is less expensive and a better overall value despite our paying taxes to fund the Erie Community Center.
- Not a long term solution
- Not all areas are needed
- People that use these services should pay for them. There's no reason that I should be subsidizing someone else's gym membership. I go to a privately owned gym and it costs $15/month, has a pool, basketball court, weights, etc. classes are available for a higher tier. $30 million is insane for only getting 225,000 visits/year. This is an incredibly inefficient operation.
- Planning. The town of Erie needs to plan for the future 10-50 years out. I haven't seen any reliable planning being done or consultation. Do not act so fast before doing the necessary planning.
- Priority should be on expanding facilities for parks that are already overloaded for staff spacing. As well as overloaded for space for rec sports to play st
- Renovating and expanding cost taxpayer dollars. We have spent enough getting to where we are.
- Since I don't use the facility I don't think it's important and don't want to have the town raise taxes of any kind to do the expansion.
- Stop building so many new neighborhoods. The town knew when they build the rec center that they were going to overbuild the town
- Tax burden is already too high
- Taxation!
- Taxes already too high. Don't use the facilities.
- Taxes are already too high here
- Taxes too high already
- Taxes, and you are not addressing the tiny tiny pool.
- Taxpayer cost. The facilities are fine as they are. No need to expand.
- The amount of money it is going to cost
- The cost
- The cost of expansion of Erie facilities should be paid by developer / builder fees. Developers profit from the increased population in Erie, they should pay for the enhancement of infrastructure. These costs are typically known before subdivisions or developments were approved. The town then knew how much to assess. Expansion of water/sewer systems, Schools and roads are born by developers, not the community or Metro Districts or Bonding referendums.

- The cost. We can't afford an increase in taxes.
- The expansion may limit the availability for racquetball and Wallyball courts.
- The town has not properly budgeted for renovation and/or expansion.
- The town needs to prioritize infrastructure over a recreation enter expansion ie parking, crime, water and government waste.
- There are better options. The ERC is overcrowded and mediocre.
- There are other areas that Erie should concentrate on - for example bringing a grocery store closer to where people live so that there is less traffic on the roads
- There are other needs that are far behind sports and fitness, Arts & culture
- There are other places the town could spend money. Stop rubber stamping developers plans. Building without having to contribute to the infrasture and then asking residents to pay. Our property taxes are already high.
- These are too high now you build on and they're gonna skyrocket
- They can't afford what they have now and the water seems to be a significant concern in the town why expand now
- This is not the proper role of Town government to provide recreation for citizens. Stop spending other people's money.
- Too many people in Erie already. More important issues. We need to stop building and not assume that the goal of 80,000 residents is a good goal. That is not a shared good goal by many residents. That needs to be addressed first. Things like views being blocked by 3 story high condos and infilling all open space needs to be addressed first. That affects everyone. Rec center only affects those who use it.
- Too much money in a city that already has insanely high taxes.
- Waste of tax dollars
- We are doing all of our activities outside of Erie because the programs are crowded and don't seem to be organized well. I don't believe expansion is necessary, unless it's to provide more open space.
- We are not in a place at all where the town has the money to do this. Don't ask people to chip in for the naw enforcement center and then plan new builds. Take care of what we can do on the already-full plate. Council is running at 100 mph at night with the headlights off, with no clear idea how to pay for everything; things that are already in play are not getting done. We're on the verge of serious water issues. You made a mistake in getting rid of the Town Manager
- We now have quite a few fitness facilities near us. Expanding the fitness center at ECC is only desirable if its membership is significantly cheaper than the private companies.
- While this survey is in direct relation to the rec center itself, this also affects things like usage of fields for athletic events. Unless the town will be willing to support the use of fields by local competitive (such as happens at Broomfield Commons), I am unwilling to support any kind of future expansion.
- You are going to drive people out to other gymnasiums you continue to raise your rates while not offering much more in terms of actual features.
- You need to build a new rec center in the community park you own in colliers hill

Question 9: What most influenced your answer above? (Please describe briefly)

Preferred sales tax increase.

- A lot of non-residents use the facilities, so a sales tax would capture some revenue from them
- A sales tax increase would be spread out over the course of the year as opposed to an increase in property tax, which would be paid in full at once.
- All Erie can support regardless of home ownership
- All patrons pay, not just residents
- All pay for the increase that may use it
- All residents will be able to utilize the space, so the burden should be placed on all and not just homeowners.
- All residents will pay their fair share including the ones who rent properties
- Already have property tax plus HOA plus additional community fees.
- Already live in a metro tax district and property taxes are outrageous
- Anyone entering Erie would help pay
- Anyone spending in Erie would contribute, not just homeowners.
- As a homeowner, I would prefer that the project is not solely funded by homeowners, but by the entire community and visitors. Housing costs are already high enough and will likely continue to rise regardless.
- As erie grows so too will sales tax revenue
- Because then we can get revenue outside of the town, which is good because it's likely that people outside of Erie will use our facilities.
- best option of the four
- better
- Better option for funding
- Broad base tax
- Burden shared by non property owners.
- Capitalizes on revenue from visitors to erie as well.
- Capture revenue from town visitors.
- Consistent contributions through purchases across housing types vs solely relying on homeowners.
- Cost of living and housing is already too expensive
- Cost shared by residents, visitors, and shoppers
- Cost sharing and minimize impact on housing affordability
- costs shared by everyone, our property taxes will continue to go up no matter what so taking some of that burden away helps.
- Costs shared by more people. If revenue fluctuates, could the cost of using the facility be increased?
- Costs shared by visitors and non-homeowners
- Costs would be shared by all
- Developers of these packed neighborhoods are making money hand over fist and leaving residents to for the bill for "infrastructure". The community center should be funded by

infrastructure charges paid by developers, just like it should be with increasing costs of roads, utilities, police and fire.
- Do not want more property tax. Sales tax can be helped from anyone making purchases in Erie, regardless of where they live.
- Do not want to increase housing affordability
- Does not directly increase housing costs
- Does not directly increase housing costs
- Does not directly increase housing costs.
- Doesn't burden me if I don't spend in Erie
- Don't want property tax increase because it will never decrease once fully funded. Senior citizens can't afford any other increases.
- Don't want to impact lower-income households
- Easier to deal with
- Encompasses those who visit Erie as well.
- Equally shared tax burden
- equates mostly to a usage tax
- Equitable
- Erie is already an expensive town to live in. Even an extra $100 a year can lead to unnecessary financial stress on families.
- Even though I don't live in Erie, I pay sales tax at the Erie stores and restaurants.
- Every resident has some control over what & how much they purchase.
- Everyone pays some, even those who rent or visit
- Everyone pays, not just property owners. Since the need is driven by development, why are the developers not funding this?
- Everyone pays, not just the ones who own property. And property taxes are already high enough.
- Fair homeowners and renters
- Feels more fair since the costs will be shared by all, not just property owners. Property taxes are already insane.
- Fixed income resident
- grows with economy
- Growth with economy
- Have more control over impact to my budget
- Home costs are already very high, I prefer increasing the sales tax.
- Home owners should not be the only ones that contribute
- Homeowners shouldn't be the only source of income Out of towners use our community center and should help through sales tax
- Honestly property taxes are too high already and spreading the cost across everyday spending seems more equitable without over burdening any single group, like homeowners.
- Houses are already expensive
- Housing affordability long term
- Housing affordability. I am fine with either. (TBH the city should focus on affordable housing instead of that stupid mega church they plan to put in off of briggs)

- Housing cost
- Housing costs are already exorbitant in Erie. Between exposing taxes and the metro districts in many of the new developments, continued increases in property taxes place an additional burden on homeowners.
- Housing costs are already too high
- Housing costs in Erie are already too high.
- Housing does not need an additional cost burden.
- Housing in Erie is already too expensive
- Housing is already expensive. I wouldn't notice the difference in sales tax...plus it's a bonus when others outside the community purchase in Erie
- Housing prices arw too high already
- Housing prices increases are more disruptive and drastic measure
- I already pay a lot in property tax to live in Erie, soni would rather see a sales tax increase.
- I already pay one of the highest property taxes in the area so for me, even $90 a year is a lot and I am a senior on a fixed income. I also feel that we have a lot of people coming into the town to use the resturants, and the Community Center activities - they should be paying for this too, not just the residents.
- I am not a big consumer, so let all the people who do spend money in Erie pay for it
- I believe in taxes to support the community.
- I can barely afford my property taxes. Half of my mortgage payment is already going to the property tax.
- I can control my spending but have little control over my property taxes
- I can control what I buy, and the fact that housing is already too expensive.
- I could be swayed either direction on how to fund it.
- I don't have a strong preference for sales tax versus property tax. If your estimate of about $100 total for the year is accurate.
- I don't have a strong preference, but I like the idea that the cost would be shared by other than property owners.
- I don't own our house. I'd rather have a smaller sales tax than larger property tax that would likely increase our rent significantly
- I don't own property in Erie currently. I rent.
- I don't purchase many items in Erie, most of my shopping is done in Lafayette or Thornton
- I don't want housing costs to increase
- I don't want to increase my property tax when we probably won't be using the rec center at all
- I don't want to pay more in property taxes
- I live in Erie Commons and currently pay special assessment to pay for the community center and would like to spread the "wealth" for paying for the community center
- I own 2 homes in Erie
- I own a property and the property taxes are extremely high already
- I pay enough for my house and property
- I rent
- I think Erie is becoming popular for not only residents, but also visitors and we should benefit from that.

- I think it would be more spread out.
- I think lot of non property owners live and use community center and it is only fair to do sales tax increases compared to property tax increase
- I think sales tax so EVERYONE contributes.
- I want to know that spending my money in Erie is going to something incredibly important.
- I work in real estate, and increasing costs there can cause major issues with homeowners as insurance and HOA fees are also increasing, we don't want to price our current residents out of the area, which is a very real concern for our aging population living on a fixed income as well as our lower income families who are already struggling
- I would just prefer to pay a small amount more in sales tax which would hardly be noticeable than to see my property taxes increase. It would also be remaining with the property which could affect future sales.
- I would vote for either sales tax or property tax increase.
- I'd be equally supportive of sales or property tax.
- i'm a homeowner; taxes are already too high
- I'm afraid it won't pass if it's tagged onto property taxes
- I'm fine with sales tax but property taxes should remain the same. It's already difficult to pay for homes!
- I'm retired and I prefer to keep my mortgage manageable.
- I'm sick of cost of everything going up.
- Idk
- improving city services will benefit all levels.
- Increase in property taxes would make it untenable to afford our home
- Increase sales tax to match sister cities
- Increasing reliance on sales tax revenue will lead to and increased emphasis on economic development.Erie's reliance on developers, property owners/managers, and EEDC means that we are not seeking to attract businesses that could help us achieve these large goals.
- It is becoming more and more difficult to maintain a residence in Erie without good leadership and representation of residents. I have lingering distrust from the way current construction and growth projects are being managed.
- It seems unfair that only homeowners would pay for the expansion
- Just makes more sense to me! Property taxes are getting out of control!
- Keeps everyone being able to contribute
- Less tax impact
- Makes the most sense
- More diverse funding allowing not just property owners to foot the bill.
- More spread out cost otherwise renters aren't contributing
- More spread out over time
- Most people use it equally and this sales tax helps better to disseminate the funds among all. But if use property tax impacts people unequally.
- My concern for anything that increases property taxes after the increases we have seen in the last 4 years. I think that will impact low income people more than a sales tax. Additionally

some of the sales tax revenue will come from those visiting Erie and lessen the burden on all residents.

- My flipping property taxes are already stupid ridiculous in Boulder County. I'm retired on a fixed income. Any tax increase is grotesque in my opinion.
- My property tax is already high.
- My property tax is already higher than surrounding counties.
- my property taxes are already high
- My property taxes are already very high
- My property taxes are already way too high
- my property taxes are high enough
- My property taxes are incredibly high right now due to metro districts
- My property taxes just went up $700 a year. I do not want to add another $100!
- My property taxes went up 80% this year. I have no choice but to pay a property tax increase. If I don't want to pay more sales tax, I can shop outside of Erie.
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- No more property tax raises
- No need to increase property taxes.
- Non residents also use the rec center and shop in Erie so a sales tax shares the cost
- Non-residents will help pay.
- Not all of the people who utilize the rec center are residents or homeowners in Erie, but nearly all likely purchase goods in Erie. It better spreads out the increase to all people and doesn't adversely affect only homeowners.
- Not as noticeable an increase
- Not everyone owns property. This way everyone gets to be taxed which would give the Rec Center more money.
- Not everyone uses facility
- Not sure
- Opportunity to share cost with those who visit
- Optional contribution
- Other people use the facilities, not just property owners.
- Others help fund outside if residents
- Our home taxes are too high already
- Our property taxes already feel very high
- Our property taxes and Metro taxes are already incredibly high in Erie. Maybe by increasing sales tax to be able to expand the community center will push the town to bring in more businesses to make this possible.
- Our property taxes are already crazy
- Our property taxes are already ridiculously high
- Our property taxes are already so high ands will continue to increase without adding to it
- Our property taxes are already so high. Please evaluate grants and other sources of funding other than citizens paying all of it.
- Our property taxes are already too much. I will not support anything to increase those. I may consider a sales tax increase for the right thing.

- Our property taxes are astronomical already.
- Our property taxes are high enough
- Our property taxes are just too much as it is - even incremental increases are not something I want to see.
- Our property taxes are one of the highest in the state already
- Our property taxes are so high already and hurt seniors and single parent families
- Our property taxes are way too high now.
- Our property taxes have gone up every year already, also have metro district tax, it's all too much for a property owner
- Overall, taxes on properties is too high
- Paid for by all who use town stores.
- People are already complaining about significantly increasing property taxes over the last couple of years and to only have property owners shoulder the cost of the expansion seems unfair. Sales tax increase would share the cost across everyone who uses/enjoys the town and it's services/facilities.
- People control how much they pay in sales tax by how much they spend. Plus, people from neighboring towns who use Erie's rec center would help fund it.
- People feel property taxes more than sales taxes
- People from outside Erie use the ECC as well and therefore a sales tax would more accurately reflect the finding structure.
- People rarely notice how much sales tax they pay but property taxes are more obvious
- People who rent in our town also use these facilities so they should have to shoulder the costs. I know their rent may increase as well but not always the case. I would be in favor of a bit of increase for property and sales tax - not all one or the other.
- Personal cost to retired citizens
- Potentially spread out the costs of the renovationz
- Prefee
- Prefer sales tax over increase in Property tax
- Prooerty taxes are already ridiculous.
- Prop taxes are too high, and not convinced the tax would sunset after expansion. At least a sales tax can be avoided if needed.
- Property tax already high
- Property affordability is declining in the town with the persistent growth.
- Property tax increased hurts resale
- Property tax is already getting high as is.
- Property tax is already ridiculously high! Town should be looking at how to lower, not make it higher!!
- Property tax is already too high in addition to the metro district tax.
- Property tax is already too high.
- Property tax is already very high (boulder county Erie resident)
- Property tax is already very high when the house prices are going down. By choosing to increase sales tax people will have the option to purchase but increase in property taxes pushes people out of the house

- Property tax makes my rent go up. I love my community and don't want to have to leave.
- Property tax only impacts property owners whereas sales tax is more broad based
- Property taxes already far too high and have gone up precipitously in recent years outpacing older people's ability to keep up. Considering that the increased demand comes from the building of additional neighborhoods I think it more appropriate to place the majority of the burden on new development but implementing a new fee on developers based on the expected population increase for their developments. Exemptions should be made for building committed to AFFORDABLE housing.
- Property taxes already high
- Property taxes already high
- Property taxes already high.
- Property taxes already sky high
- Property taxes already to high
- property taxes already too high
- Property taxes already too high
- Property taxes already too high. You need to be able to afford to live in the area to use the community center.
- Property taxes are already astronomical.
- Property taxes are already expanding too fast
- Property taxes are already extremely high and have increased considerably in recent years. I think the measure would be more likely to pass with a sales tax increase.
- Property taxes are already fairly high
- property taxes are already high
- Property taxes are already high
- Property taxes are already high
- Property taxes are already high and are a serious concern for home owners.
- Property taxes are already high enough and keep going up
- Property taxes are already high for to the metro tax and I'm not excited for an increase.
- Property taxes are already high. A percentage point on sales tax would be as costly to residents.
- Property taxes are already high. I don't think we need to do anything to make them more so.
- Property taxes are already high. No impact for those renting or leasing.
- Property taxes are already increasing more than I agree with.
- Property taxes are already insane with the valuations of property. I bought my house 13 years ago. I should only be taxed on what I paid for it.
- Property taxes are already outrageous
- Property taxes are already outrageous. They should have been saving money for this obvious need for years either all of the homes and residents they have added. If they managed their income better, a new fund would not be necessary. Their spending is not smart and many times non-essential (recent curb replacements and Erie parkway curbing is a prime example).
- Property taxes are already really high
- Property taxes are already ridiculous
- Property taxes are already so incredibly high in this area. I do not support an increase.

- Property taxes are already super high. We pay more here than we did in California! I'm more amenable to sales tax increase since "outsiders" would help pay for it...wink wink.
- Property taxes are already through the roof with mill levy's
- Property taxes are already too high
- Property taxes are already too high
- Property taxes are already too high
- Property taxes are already too high
- Property taxes are already too high and we need to set limits starting somewhere- housing
- Property taxes are already too high to keep up with
- Property taxes are already too high!
- property taxes are already too high.
- Property taxes are already too high.
- Property taxes are already too high.
- Property taxes are already too high.
- Property Taxes are already too high.
- Property taxes are already too high. I am against all property taxes.
- Property taxes are already too high. We will discourage people from moving into town.
- Property taxes are already unaffordable.
- Property taxes are already unreasonably high. If the MUD mill levy were paid off I'd consider a property taxes increase.
- Property taxes are already very high and sales taxes would be shared by community as well as visitors
- Property taxes are already very high housing affordability is a problem.
- Property taxes are already very high.
- Property taxes are already way too high in Erie.
- Property taxes are already WAY too high!
- Property taxes are already way too high. I would prefer a sales tax so that everybody contributes
- Property taxes are already. Sales tax is based on your spending and is not forced purchase.
- Property taxes are high already and I'm sure that more will be added even if this doesn't go
- Property taxes are high enough
- Property taxes are high enough. Sales are "ok"
- Property taxes are high now
- Property taxes are high, have to pay themSales tax I have control of what I buy.
- Property taxes are out of control and keep rising. Sales tax is less painful.
- Property taxes are too high
- Property taxes are too high already
- property taxes are too high already and with sales tax visitors to Erie would contribute if they purchase items in the town
- Property taxes are too high already.
- Property taxes are too high already.
- Property taxes are too high as it is
- Property taxes are too high now.

- Property taxes are too high. Also, the sales tax needs to sunset.
- Property taxes can't support everything in this town. We need to cultivate the retail and commercial aspects of our town as well. Or people will start to move out.
- Property taxes curretnly too high.
- Property taxes feel so high already where a sales tax can feel unnoticed
- property taxes have already increased considerably over the past few years
- property taxes have increased dramatically in the past few years. voters will be VERY resistant to increases in property taxes, while they might be more open to a sales tax.
- Property taxes have increased too much already
- Property taxes have increased tremendously in the past few years with property values going up, where is all that money going?
- Property taxes here are already too high with most new neighborhoods crushed by metro taxes.
- Property taxes keep rising
- Property taxes on new builds are already very high to cover cost of parks, etc
- Property taxes too high already
- Property taxes will ALWAYS increase.User tax is would be the best choice
- Property values
- Puts the burden on more people.
- Rates on homeowners taxes skyrocketed the past few years-a ballot measure would not be supported given the increases.
- Real state taxes are pretty high already
- revenue grows with the economy
- Revenue grows with the economy
- Revenue grows with the economy, property taxes are already too high
- Revenue grows with the economy, which incentivizes new and expanded businesses
- Sales tax affects everyone not just property owners
- Sales tax charged in area that the tax is to be used.
- Sales tax increase is adjustable to the economy (spend more= more revenue.) Property tax increase affects each household even in a recession or inflated market.
- Sales tax increases at least impact people based upon how much and how often they spend their income. The more people have and spend, the more they fund the expansion. This seems a more fair approach than burdening everyone with a property tax increase that will never decrease and makes Erie less and less of an attractive place to purchase a home.
- Sales tax involves everyone. property tax only impacts owners of prorrty.
- Sales tax makes sense
- Sales tax relates more directly to use.
- Sales tax would grab from everyone - however I would suggest the owners of the Draco Pad and other oil and gas companies in the greater Erie area pay the expansion in its totality
- Sales tax would take advantage of nearby excessive building practices such as apartments in Broomfield. This massive growth, not considered a part of Erie will strain Erie shopping, dining, and other amenities without collecting property tax.
- Sales taxes impact all groups more evenly than property taxes.

- Seems like the better option.
- Seems more fair?
- Senior citizen that is being priced out of Erie by property taxes
- Senior citizens will be less likely to be impacted if they don't use the facility.
- Seniors in the area cannot afford higher property taxes.
- shared costs
- Shared costs
- Shared costs and minimal impact on housing costs.
- Shared costs, property taxes already expensive
- Shares the burden equally
- Sharing the cost and property taxes are already too high. Government needs to learn how to work within the revenues they receive just like we as individuals must also do.
- Sharing the cost burden
- Sharing the cost with more of the population.
- Since the ECC is accessible to all residents, I think it enables a "buy in" for both those renting and those owning property.
- Spread cost to all users
- Spread money to non residents as well.
- Spread the cost over others not just homeowners.
- Spreads cost wider (visitors, commuters, shoppers help pay). It grows if/as our local economy grows. However it is less predictable (drops during economic slowdowns) and it can hit lower income households. So my real answer would be to have a small property tax increase to fund bonds but then also have a sales tax bump to offset operating costs
- Spreads revenue across wider base.
- Still torn on the best approach
- Taxes collected by youth sporting events with residents outside of Erie can also help support with sales tax. Our property taxes are also very high already being in a metro district
- Tevenue grows with the economy
- The burden is carried by everyone including those visiting Erie not just property owners.
- The ECC is open to non residents so they also share the cost of expansion
- The fact that property taxes are already exorbitant. Althought I do realize that property tax increase is more stable and the people that benefit from the project pay for the project.
- The importance having these spaces.Our kids our grown, but I know how we used all it before.I know the need for parking. I have shown up only to find no parking and drive home and walk.
- The property taxes here are already insane. $90 extra isn't bad but I am already paying $10k a year because the town let the developer pass on infrastructure costs to the buyers.
- The town is growing, and families need more space and programs for kids. I chose sales tax because it feels like a more shared cost than increasing property taxes. My main concern is keeping it affordable for residents.
- The use of an increased property tax places additional burden on homeowners who are already facing rising costs, such as water. The use of a sales tax more evenly distributes this cost.

- There are a growing number of rentals in Erie. All residents of Erie should share the cost not just the homeowners.
- There are a lot of renters in Erie, and everyone can contribute, whether they own or rent.
- There more incentive for the town to encourage creation and improvement of services/ local businesses, instead of incentivizing more housing projects.
- To tax anyone that purchases items in Erie.
- Use tax
- we already have high property taxes
- We already pay very high property tax. When people who live outside Erie pay sales tax, that is a bigger benefit to the town.
- We bought a moderate cost home. It is now worth more than three times what we paid. The increased taxes are a burden. I can afford a bit at a time like a sales tax. If the sales tax is similar to nearby towns, I think it is better than raising the rent on lower income folks. They buy essentials like food which isn't taxed. People with higher income are the people who spend on the things that are taxed and though they grumble about it, a sales tax doesn't actually affect their budget.
- We can take advantage of having the support of those outside out community who also use our facilities
- We currently cannot afford our property taxes--the increases have sky-rocketed and we are on a fixed income!
- We don't spend very much
- We have a lot of mill levy's already as the town expands and seems the growth and strategic vision of more businesses coming into the community is a great alignment to put sals tax increase as it'll grow revenue as the town adds more businesses
- Well and I need to understand more, I'm assuming that both would be temporary taxes? If so I see the property tax as being more sensible, but I feel the sales tax is less of a burden on Erie residents.
- While the expected property tax is minimal, it would be limited to residents only. Erie sees more than just their residents in their businesses, thereby reaching a broader audience through a sales tax increase.
- Would prefer neither options at this time, actually but sales tax increase seems more tolerable.

Preferred property tax increase.

- Additional sales taxes is always a bigger tax on the lowest earners.
- All residents would pay equally
- Community resources improvements
- consistent funding source; the individuals paying are more likely those using the facilities/services; based on socioeconomic levels - higher property values pay more.
- Cost based on house values which is a progressive tax. Users of these facilities are residents mostly. Residents should have lower fees to use the services to compensate.
- Do not want it to affect lower income households. The property tax increase is not that much for longer term borrowing at a lower cost for the town and funding is stable.
- Doesn't impact low income as much

- Don't want to discourage business investment which we desperately need in Erie
- Easier to collect
- Ensure more is paid in
- Equity
- Equity. A sales tax increase may disproportionately impact lower income families. Then a property tax should be considered. Also, the fluctuation of expected revenue from a sales tax seems problematic.
- Erie is not attracting a lot of people to it's town from outside, so having a property tax increase provides a more reliable income. It also keeps the cost to those that are most likely to use the ECC - Erie residents.
- Erie property owners, not shoppers/visitors, should have the primary stake in the long term community amenities
- Experience working in a library supported by sales tax - too much fiscal variation and uncertainty for employees and community - I would much rather have a stable source of funding for our community amenities
- fairness
- Flux and impact to lower income households
- Food items / essentials are high enough & fundamental for all. Residents needs to be able to obtain food regardless of income
- For residents to benefit not shoppers
- Geographic fairness and helping to decrease disproportionately affecting lower-incoming households.
- Guaranteed funding source
- I appreciate the stable funding mechanism of property taxes, and the lower borrowing costs for the Town.
- I can't see a sales tax ever being removed once the obligation has been met.
- I don't believe we have enough economic options in Erie to find this easily. Small businesses already have a hard time here.
- I don't like the idea of housing costs going up, but it seems unfair to do a sales tax increase which would affect people who don't live here and benefit from the community center in a regular basis.
- I don't think we need a permanent sales tax increase to support a short term project
- I don't want to hurt those with lesser incomes.
- I support both.A $90 property tax is honestly pretty minimaland let's be real, $800k home values aren't exactly wild in Erie anymore. That's just kind of where the market is for a lot of single-family homes. A 0.5% sales tax is also relatively small when you look at the bigger picture.When it comes to keeping Erie an amazing place to liveand more importantly, an amazing place to raise our kidsI'm all for investing in it.If one of these taxes only covers a single project, I'd actually rather see both implemented. Let's not just solve today's problem and call it goodlet's build in some room for future improvements too.We live in a community people choose. Staying ahead of growth and maintaining what makes this place special isn't freebut it's worth it.So if the question is "sales tax or property tax?" My answer is: yes.
- I think you are more likely to reach your goal this way

- I voted for property tax so as not to deter folk from visiting Erie and using the town's businesses.
- I'd rather it increase my property tax than sales tax
- If the funding comes from sales tax, it will be harder for low income families to make purchases.
- Impact of sales tax on lower income households
- Impact proportional on size of asset and not across the board
- Income proportional.
- It makes the most sense as residents benefit from it.
- It seems the most related to the facilities / locations
- It's not regressive
- Just easier
- Known amounts of income for budgeting ease
- Lower costs. Fairness
- Many new homes that should support the Town of Erie
- More likely to get more funding this way.
- More people would be impacted with a sales tax increase. Things are already expensive, adding more cost makes it harder to afford every day items.
- More Stable
- More stable and with all the new houses that are always being built, there will be more.
- more steady
- Need for sustainable and predictable funding.
- Needed facilities
- Not impacting low income people as much.
- One time cost
- Our sales tax has already increased and is a deterrent to building more commerce in town
- Our sales tax is currently high enough. Stable and predictable funding.
- Owning property is directly linked to using the community center whereas a sales tax should be used for things that non residents use too, like roads and infrastructure.
- Paid by folks that can afford it.
- Pay based off total wealth
- Payment once a year
- people who live in town make more use of the facility and are given discounted rates
- People with more money or bigger homes would carry their share of the taxes.
- Predictability of funding for the project
- Predictable funding.
- Prefer predictability of property tax
- Property tax but for a limited period of time to fund build out and not endless burden on people.
- Property tax is less variable than sales tax
- Property tax is more predictable and raising sales tax can be affected by economy. Additionally, I assume that we want to attract additional businesses to Erie and sale tax raise could be a determent.

- Property tax seems more fair to the payers
- Property taxes are more equitable and Erie is lacking in sales tax revenue anyway.
- Property taxes are paid by all incomes as increased property taxes are just passed on to renters. Sales tax seems to be harder on lower income families.
- Regressive burdens of a sales tax, uncertain year to year revenue, subject to lower revenue during economic downturns
- Residents are the biggest users of the facility and property taxes give better predictability in knowing what funds will be raised.
- Sales tax hurts businesses in town.
- Sales tax in Erie is already high. The indicated property tax increase is not significant.
- Sales tax increase will push people to shop instead in other local regions instead of in Erie.
- Seems better than increasing sales tax
- Seems the more reasonable option at this time
- Share with all residents because everyone wins
- Should be using existing funds.
- Since Erie is surrounded by nearby alternative shopping options (Longmont, Lafayette, Broomfield, etc.) shoppers will choose to shop elsewhere for the sales tax savings.
- Stability
- Stability
- Stability for planning
- Stability of funding, geographic fairness
- Stable and not based on changing expenditures, including groceries
- Stable and ongoing & not having to visit another increase later on
- Stable and predictable revenue source for the Town.
- Support our city
- Taxes residents who would use the facility, rather than visitors/shoppers who may not benefit.
- The burden should be shared by those eligible to use it
- The comparison chart
- The consistency of the monies generated
- the economy sucks right now.
- The lack of information from the town as to what is being proposed, what programs, what locations, what footage, what kind of sustainability in the buildings, etc; AND the lack of input from the actual community
- The primary people using the facilities are local. They should bear the burden.
- The property tax option has long term stability. Do not believe that there is enough consistent commerce in the Town to rely solely on a sales tax increase to fund this project.
- The stability of the funding. Right now all cities are suffering because of decreased sales due to inflation. Hopefully the federal government becomes more predictable in the future but if not property tax is more predictable. Plus I do like that Erie residents would support the cost rather than whoever is shopping in Erie since we benefit from it and homeowners can subsidize the cost for renters.
- Very willing to pay on my taxes for such a community space that would be available to all
- We live here, we pay for the facilities- not based what the town sells

- We were disappointed of the property tax increase when it was built.
- We who own homes can generally afford 90 more dollars per year.
- Would be the fastest and easiest way to get funds.

Preferred to not expand at this time.

- Affordability
- Again an expansion is NOT the answer
- Again, the cost. Our property taxes are incredibly high and we cannot afford an increase.
- All the new housing increases the property tax base in Erie and that is what should be used. Possibly new physical facilities should be developed in other areas.
- already have ridiculously high tax compared to any friends or relatives in other locations outside Denver metro and outside Colorado.
- Already taxed too much
- As population and incomes increase, so will tax revenue at the current tax rates. No increase should be necessary if the town of Erie is stewarding the taxpayers' contributions appropriately. Maintenance, improvements, and expansion must always be factored into whatever tax rate is adopted. If these cannot be carried out along with services within budget, management must cut the least popular and least beneficial services.
- Bad time to impose additional taxes with economy in such awful shape
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost and taxes
- Cost of living. We have a very nice community center now.
- Cost to expand community center should be paid for by new housing levies not current resident taxes
- Current economic conditions
- Do not support tax increases for this ... too expensive and needs to be reduced in size and funded out of existing revenues either directly or re-directed. It amazes me that the City can not use the additional tax revenues on its growth to fund initiative like this.
- Don't feel it's necessary. I definitely don't want a property tax increase because the increases are already making it more difficult for me to remain living here. As a retired senior, I, along with many others don't have increasing incomes to cover extra taxes that get voted in by others with higher incomes. Also funding should also be provided by user fees since they are the ones receiving the direct benefit of the expansion.
- Don't want to be pay any more money on sales or property taxes. The government of Erie has proved to be fiscally irresponsible and I don't want to support their poor decisions (for example the expanded town offices) by paying out more in taxes.
- Enough of being taxed to death.
- Erie property and sales taxes are high enough as it is. With the economy the way it is currently, we do not need to paying MORE in taxes!!

- Erie Property Taxes are already so inflated that I don't think the community needs another increase. I think the town needs to work on Erie's infrastructure if they plan on the substantial growth that council keeps approving or maybe capping the new residential growth until the Town can catch up.
- Everything is so expensive now. Funding should come from memberships and day passes, rather than the residents of Erie in general.
- Expansion is not needed. A new parks building should be prioritized. Which it already was before the mayor shut it down due to his secret church dealings on the Paul page property. Focus on one expansion at a time
- Families are stretch thin as it is due to home costs, inflation, and now high gas prices. Why continue to increases any taxes when people are already hurting to expand something that is very sufficient
- Finances
- Fixed income poverty.
- Focus on less building, it's out of control!
- Government EVERYWHERE only knows how to pay for things by increasing taxes. We are getting taxed to death. By the time you consider ALL taxes we pay, federal, state, county, local, school, sales etc, and then the fees on top of that that aren't taxes, but act, walk and talk like a tax, such as delivery fee, grocery bag fee, car registration fees, I wouldn't be surprised to find out if 30% of our income goes to taxes/fees. You know that if you put a tax increase on the ballot, it will be worded like it is above, where the amount on a cup of coffee would be so small that no one would notice, and you know that the people in the community have short memories and don't remember all the other tax increases they have already voted in. Add to that, the people of Boulder County have never seen a tax increase that they didn't like. I am toast. Everyone around me keeps increasing my taxes while I vote it down every time. It is disappointing that the only options that have been put forth on this survey for the rec center improvement are tax increases. What about cutting funding or spending from something else. That is what I have to do with my budget when I have to pay for something. I can't go to my boss and say he/she needs to increase my income so I can pay for something. I read an article about the State of Wyoming, apparently they pay for road projects with returns from investments. What a great way to fund projects without increasing taxes. Another article I read about the new air
- I don't use it. I don't want to pay for it.
- I don't want either of them to be raised, and that is not an answer option.
- I like it just as it is
- I live on a fixed income. Price of food, cost to eat out at even the least expensive places, is rising additional sales tax is taking more $ out of my limited income.
- I pay enough in property tax now and I get nothing out of it. Every rodent old town was pretty much repaved except for Main Street..
- I pay enough taxes. I don't need more
- I pay too much in taxes already.
- I really think this is an irresponsible use of money. I think this is an area where private companies do a much better job.

- I see different needs for the rec center that I'd be willing to vote yes for expansion, but they aren't even addressed. So we would cancel our membership
- I spend more money on property taxes and insurance each month than I do for the principal and interest on the mortgage. Enough is enough.
- I think this current board is being extremely loose with their spending. While I think we need a bigger or another rec center we need to pay for the first one
- I voted for the rec center initially. There should be outside free facilities that don't require reservations. Baseball, tennis, climbing boulder, etc.
- I'm not convinced there is a need for this.
- I'm not paying more in taxes.
- If an increase in taxes are needed for an expansion, then no expansion is preferred.
- If the community center doesn't have the money, then the expansion should wait.
- If the town can't find money in the current budget don't expand this. No need to increase taxes. Get rid of the DEI hires and allocate those funds to this project.
- Increase in $ for me and my family
- Increase in taxes
- Increase taxes for a utility that also is way to expensive to buy a membership to. Absolutely a waste of money. Support local businesses to open up if you want something like this. Stop wasting money
- Increased taxes! Everything is already increasing for the people.Search for HUD grants to improve the facility, not our pockets
- It is not a priority for the town at this time. We're already paying for the Police Station, we've paid for the Town Hall, and the Fire District is building a new firehouse. Our taxes keep increasing every year with our incomes stagnant. It's a terrible economic time.
- It's not expanding or improving the pool space which is what we use most at the community center
- Keep bldg open more at nights and weekends.
- Lack of a commercial tax base
- Make an informed decision before moving forward.
- Making all pay for something not all use and to have this tax be ongoing is nonsense. The tax will not go away ever after covering expenses and the people that don't use the rec will pay for life? I have watched the city poor money down the drain with these massive over watering sprinklers along the major roads and usually broken sorinklers flooding the streets with good water on a rainy day. Get rod of that and tgis will saved millions over time.
- Many families are already struggling to pay the property tax which is one of the highest. This is making Erie unaffordable.
- Metro Taxes and School District taxes are so high, adding more would hurt seniors
- Money and how unnecessary the listed enhancements are
- Money is too tight for everyone right now. We have no water. We don't need Erie to expand anything at the moment. We need to take a break from expanding.
- My life is expensive enough. I can't afford to pay for more and more and get less and less. This town has bigger problems than a new rec center....like WATER and infrastructure. The town keeps building & requiring HOAs to have so much "green space" but there is no water

to support this and the infrastructure isn't improving. People can go to 24 hour or Vasa. That's what I did.

- Need to better utlize current space and not hire so many staff.
- Need to stop expanding and fix the disastrous roads and problems with people going too fast and kids who do not now the law of the land. For example yield to pedestrians. No more building. Erie is over populated as it is. Stop the madness.
- Neither of these taxes is the right way to fund the expansion. It should be funded by an increase in costs for the people who actually use the community center.
- NO DAMN WAY WILL I PAY MORE!! Recall Moore!
- No more taxes
- No more taxes of any kind
- No more taxes, no more building, save the open space
- No more taxes! We are already taxed enough!
- NO MORE TAXES. SPEND MONEY BETTER!!!
- No need to expand at this time.
- No new taxes! Use the money you have and prioritize
- No time length of tax increase is n both methods needs to be decided before proceeding to let residents know this is a single project. Also, put in some effort to seek funding before jumping to increasing taxes. Costs are increasing for everyday living as in gas, food, goods to keep a household running. Of course it would be nice to have a larger building but life has to be prioritized for many young households now. Many newcomers are causing more stress on our roads. They need improvement now. Let's talk about water. Since Erie buys our water, how about buy more water to accommodate all the building allowed. Or maybe cut the building right now. And last, why has Erie continued to support oil and gas? We won't be able to breathe with potential increased invisible gases thrown into the air. We sure won't need a community center. Ask City Council to give you the money they decided to give oil and gas to promote it in our city.
- Not necessary at the moment. Other facilities need to be in place first
- Not needed
- Not needed. Not priority. Mismanagement
- One area not being addressed that is at capacity is the pool. We need more space to accommodate swim lessons, water fitness, possibly swim teams...
- Our community center is great as is. Focus on the town center which is taking way too long.
- Our property tax and sales taxes are already very high! Figure out how to use existing funds.
- Our property tax is quite high already, but there is not enough business in the city.
- Our property taxes are already super high
- people who use it should pay not everybody.
- Poor fiscal planning by the town. Proper fiscal planning would not require tax increases of any kind.
- Price of gas, property tax in Boulder Co is already sky high.
- Retired. Have a fixed budget. No to higher taxes

- Right now we are being asked not to water so why would you do a project that is going to use water. I am tired of the town telling us not to water but they do not heed their own advice.
- Sales tax is regressive everything is so expensive. Property tax will compete with other property tax initiatives that might be on ballot (re: Boulder County Child care). Fixing our broken childcare system is more important right now over rec expansion.
- See answers above.
- Tax increase is the problem!!
- Tax increase.
- Taxation is theft
- Taxes already too expensive. If people seek additional gyms they can join a private one
- Taxes already too high
- Taxes are already high and expansion funding should not come from homeowners who may not use the facility.
- Taxes are already high and the Community Center is more than adequate.
- Taxes are too high already
- Taxes here are already way too high. There are other options, but unfortunately there was no way to pick other options
- Taxes whole the town is selling our mineral rights away and we have water shortages. Wrong priorities
- The city, like the residents, needs to live within their means. Everyone in Colorado government says "affordability" is a priority, until they want to raise taxes (or fees). Raising taxes will make Erie less affordable. Is this important or not? Do we want middle class families or not? Are we going for having only wealthy and poor in our community? What is the goal? If expanding the ECC is a priority, then de-prioritize something else so we can afford it. That's what families have to do every day. Don't continue to ask for more money. The city had a HUGE budget increase with the property tax increases 2 years ago, and Erie government has blown through it. There are more residents all the time and that represents an increase in revenues. That funding has been blown through, too. How much is enough? All of the money the residents have? How many more employees has the city added over the last 3 years? What is the expansion of services for the residents have received for this increase of employees? Can there be any consolidation there? If we want Erie to be affordable, we need to get our fiscal house in order, and it's not by raising taxes...
- The cost
- The cost and the amount we are already being taxes. No one can afford this right now
- The cost of living is already outrageous we can't even water our lawns right now because the city is so retarded when it comes to planning. the $90 extra a month I would spend in Property Tax I would just take over to VASA fitness
- The economy of the USA.
- The existing property and sales taxes due to increased number of residents should pay for this. These needs could be met through private businesses. Or these improvements could be paid for through increased use fees.I don't see anything about increasing the pool size or adding an outdoor pool. I don't see anything about adding additional parking.Don't see

anything about adding additional bday party rooms. Don't see anything about adding sauna and steam rooms.

- The information that you've provided contradicts itself. For example the sales tax increase does not match with the estimated cost of 30 million to do the renovations.
- The town has not demonstrated the ability to manage spend and operate within an approved budget.
- The town is growing too fast without a proper plan for infrastructure, including roads, water, and recreation. We'll need to see a plan for the growth to pay for itself without further taxing long time residents. Mill levy's have already gone up significantly, making housing less affordable as we fund out of control and irresponsible growth.
- The town is growing, the tax base is increasing, tax revenue is increasing. There is money but it's being spent on other priorities, like expensive rework to roads and contributions to former mayor pet projects. Making safety improvements on visit parkway and county line that is silly, there was a better way to do that without making it difficult to get around town. Was it necessary to expand the towns administration buildings as large? Same question with the police station? Do better with my tax dollars
- The town needs to focus on limiting further development until infrastructure is in place to support that development. If we're not going to listen to the people of the town who have repeatedly said and stated over and over that we do not have infrastructure in place, then the town needs to focus on not buying land and spending that money towards improvements in the community center. Or if they're going to continue to allow development then have the new developments pay for the community center that's been in use for years by people who already live here.
- There are a number of other unfinished projects that should get the funding first. Like compass and morgan Hill parks.
- There are more important things that Erie needs to focus on than this for tax increases.
- There are parks that were supposed to be completed by now (Compass for example) that are years behind schedule. Things already planned and taxed for should be prioritized before we even think about adding something else.
- There are too many taxes already. Who benefits? Just the people using the facilities. Pass the costs to them. If sales tax is too high, it will hurt local businesses. Homeowners who already pay for gyms shouldn't have to fund a rec center, they never use.
- There is way too much expansion and way too much cost and disruption to the good life Erie residents use to have. The town is becoming like every other town and has lost its uniqueness. I am opposed to anything additional- and definitely opposed to more taxes.
- Times are really tough financially now for everyone and the added stress of more financial cost is stressful. Look for other means to fund this if it needs to happen now or plan for it in the future.
- Tired of raising taxes for services I doubt I will ever use.
- Too many people in Erie already. More important issues. We need to stop building and not assume that the goal of 80,000 residents is a good goal. That is not a shared good goal by many residents. That needs to be addressed first. Things like views being blocked by 3 story

high condos and infilling all open space needs to be addressed first. That affects everyone. Rec center only affects those who use it.
- Too much growth
- Uncertain economy as a whole
- Water and rcinomy
- We are already being taxed to death
- We do not use it. YMCA offers better pool facilities, exercise and an ice rink.
- We don't need it
- We don't need to raise taxes. Move the money you already have around.
- We don't utilize the rec center and we pay for pools with our HOA.
- we dont need more taxes- the city should pan their budget better
- We have already taken on an extreme amount of debt by funding the Police station expansion while still paying for the original construction as well as the mine mitigation, and affordable housing program. The town does not need yet more debt. We need to live within our means.
- With other projects on the table, this should wait until those are completed. Erie has increased taxes and spending since we moved here. Slow the roll.
- Would rather fund a second rec center with bigger pool and gymnastics center.
- Would vote against EXPANSION in favor of separate facilities.
- You are asking existing residents to pay for expansion needed because of population growth. The new homes, apartment developments Should be responsible to pay for infrastructure to support their needs. I have been elected to public office 3 times and worked with Park systems and facilities for almost 30 years. As the President of a gold medal winning park district and the holder of Moody's highest rating for fiscal solvency your approach to this reasonable expansion is incorrect.

Not sure.

- All the new folks will also pay property taxes?
- Both options work. I would like the expansion
- Concerned about housing affordability and also affecting lower-income households
- Cost on limited income
- Dependent on increase amount
- Either one is fine.
- Erie is already very expensive to live in
- Housing affordability, may disproportionately affect lower income
- I am not an expert in this area.
- I am on a fixed income
- I can't vote.
- I don't know which is better for the resident
- I don't know which of these options would work better.
- I don't live in the Town.
- I dont know why we are increasing taxes when we have a fund that has the money in it.
- I feel most residents would reject any taxing that personally affects them due to the fact that property taxes continue to climb along with ongoing inflation.

- I need more time to think about it
- I think there are merits both ways, I'm a homeowner and I'd be okay with a small increase in property tax but I'd be interested to see a long term cost comparison showing when this project would be fully funded through either way (and what happens to the tax increases after the project is completed).
- I'm having a hard time deciding how I would want to pay for this because I do not know what an expansion' would consist of - is it a second location? An outdoor pool? Increased recreation outdoors near the current center? Until I see what you want to do, I can't tell you how I'd like to pay for it.
- I'm retired and spending money is limited.
- Im unsure.
- Just not sure which tax increase would be better
- Living in Erie is to expensive as it is currently.
- My property taxes are already way too high! Sales taxes doesn't seem like it would be enough
- na
- Need more data
- Need more data
- Need more details
- Need more information on the costs for comparison.
- Need more information regarding property tax increase and sales tax increase, amounts, modify spending elsewhere to cover some of the costs here, meaning close areas of the government that are not producing and use those funds here.
- Need to see how it's structured. Affordable housing is a huge issue for Erie. It seems counterintuitive to have a community resource disproportionally funded by the lowest income people or making the town's businesses too expensive for people to take advantage of them.
- Not sure which is cheaper for my household
- Our property taxes are already quite high
- Our taxes are already pretty high and I would rather money goes to schools
- Property taxes already feel high, but Erie also doesn't feel like a destination city where lots of extra people are coming here to support a sales tax.
- Property taxes are already too high. Can the funding goals be partially met through direct program costs to participants?
- Property taxes are skyrocketing here! I don't think we needed the concrete wall in the middle of open space. Our tax dollars are not spent wisely and we need a break down of where are taxes are going! Old town looks like a slum still and I want my taxes to go to fixing old town not a million dollar trail for the rich!
- reallocate current funds, to fund the expansion. There is already so much waste in our tax system.
- Sharing the cost with all residents seems more fair than only home owners, but sales tax may be a higher burden for lower income people?
- Taxes are high enough
- taxes are too high while this is a nice idea we cannot afford it.

- taxes on my house tripled in a few years. I am retired. fixed income. Really cannot deal with more taxes. I would let the experts decide the best way to fund this.
- The Town was done a crap job of planning out expansion and deal with growth. I should not have to pay for their lousy planning.
- The unknowns of our current political and economic environment make it a difficult decision.
- Very happy to contribute to expansion via taxes
- We are already paying a lot of taxes
- We are already taxed enough. There should be more than enough money coming in to Erie at this time. The community center does not fit the size of Erie and it's unfair to us who already pay an arm and a leg in property taxes to increase them or sales tax.
- We can't afford to live here. The property base should naturally be increasing the revenue. Why can't you adjust budget?
- While always general public is penalized but the problem may lie higher up in hierarchy. For example, for drought residents are asked to sacrifice turf but has this problem been pushed up? Measures to avoid this climate change? Pollution, industries, imposing WFH on companies? Looks like we didnt learn anything from covid. We need to push up rather than down.
- With major sales hubs on arterial roadways (Highway 7 and Highway 287), it is apparent that more than just Erie residents would be paying into supporting the initiative. I do not support utilizing property taxes, as many residents have a very high property tax bill due to the SVVSD and Metro Districts.

Question 10: How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion? – Other responses

- A large performance space to encourage arts and help ease burdens on public school auditoriums would be amazing
- A pool expansion should come first before more meeting rooms. The pool is very limiting. More lanes and more open pool area.
- A waste of money
- Again old town Erie looks like a slum! The council ignores the Old Town citizens as if we don't pay taxes! Lack of code enforcement (we should not have to do your job for you) and you need to help the poor and the elderly fix up their homes! In addition abandoned properties should pay higher taxes! Give back to the original community who established this town!
- Allowing such large growth in EriePunishing long term residents
- Aquatics are not mentioned in here at all. A three lab swimming pool is hilariously small for this community. If it was larger it could host swim teams and swim competitions
- As an Erie senior I am unable to afford the monthly cost. Tricare does not cover Silver Sneakers, so I have to pay out of pocket which I cannot afford.
- As outlined above
- Build additional facility in District 2
- Continued building of expensive houses which does nothing but cause overcrowding of schools, raise property values, increase crime & diminish the high quality lifestyle Erie has (which is disappearing).Focus should be on our youth so they can stay out of trouble and groe

to become valuable people of society. I had to raise all of my children in overcrowded schools and it is a struggle.And the elderly should be able to feel safe and able to pay property taxes on a fixed income.

- Continued focus on outdoor trails and parks please- we use those much more than the rec center
- Cost of Modernization of HVAC etc. should be responsibly evaluated with community input
- Cost overruns
- Develop the Parks in Compass and Morgan Hill as promised
- Developers of these packed neighborhoods are making money hand over fist and leaving residents to for the bill for "infrastructure". The community center should be funded by infrastructure charges paid by developers, just like it should be with increasing costs of roads, utilities, police and fire.
- Erie cannot afford this. Stop the growth!
- Finish the town center first!!!
- Fiscal responsibility and prioritization of taxpayer funds. Where do taxpayers want to see their money invested?
- How long would the increase stay on the taxes? Would it decrease once the funds needed are met?
- How poorly Erie had planned for all its growth. And those of who have lived here for decades only see traffic increases and little benefits from all the building Im Erie.
- How selfish the Monday, Wednesday and Friday columbine room is to new visitors. It is. An elite group.
- I feel like the pool area needs a major expansion/overhaul. No outdoor pool? No steam room/sauna or cold plunge like other cities offer. Pool is closed whenever lessons are going on because of how it's all connected, which really suckscan't even go on a Saturday because of lessons
- I feel like we need to focus on a new facility, instead of spending a bunch of money to delay that. However, we do need more space regardless.
- I stopped going because of the price of membership. I do not have Silver Sneakers.
- I would be more interested to know what users of the facility feel are the most important areas needing attention.
- I would like for all of it to be close to the same location.
- I would like the Erie Town Center to be a higher priority! I want quality businesses, i.e., grocery store and restaurants that aren't cheap chains to be brought in. The announcement of the grocery store is long over due!!!
- I would like to understand if there are opportunities to fund this through austerity measures (For eg - Can we reduce wastes and improve our Opex structure)
- If there is limited funding, seems like maybe it should go to build a second rec center? I LOVE the rec center and support all its uses and if it needs to be renovated regardless i support it. But is this an either/or proposition? Where would funding for a second rec center come from? Would it be an additional tax? This survey is missing context in my opinion.The rec center is the best thing about Erie.
- Increase parking spots for rec center

- Lack of industrial base Population growing too quick
- Large rooms aren't used enough.
- Larger facility also means on-going larger yearly spend for its upkeep and maintenance
- More pool space is needed and that is not listed as one of the options above for expansion.
- More seating in the aquatic area for parents
- Need this space in the very near future, not ten years from now.
- Need to complete existing projects such as Compass Park first before taking on more . Also need firm plans for commercial area at County Line & Erie Pkwy to see cost and revenue (sales tax)
- Neighborhood parks that were promised
- none
- Parks department needs expansion before the rec
- Potholes on Roads.
- prioritizing more bike paths and lanes with laws around e-bikes on sidewalks (get them off sidewalks).
- Resident input into design and use changes
- Rising costs are not taking into consideration the senior citizen homeowners.
- Safety
- Securing water and improving infrastructure and REDUCE TOWN GROWTH
- Senior center needs more space
- Shopping areas not supporting population
- STOP THE NONSENSE AND STOP INCREASING TAXES!
- swimming lanes increase and more pickleball courts
- That there is ample input from the entire community to ensure that it is the community who is paying for the expansion that their wants and needs are truly heard and considered in the planning of what an ideal Erie Community Center aspires to be and provide. It seems as though there is already plans in place for very specific spaces, yet there is no mention of aquatics improvement which for me is my primary use of the facility. There simply not enough space for all who use it especially at "high traffic times" due to swim lessons, etc. Not enough lap lanes, or adult swim times for individuals who work during the day and would like to use the river or other pool space without being run over by the kids or hit in the head by a ball. Nor is there really enough space for the all of the kids when it gets busy.
- The lack of transparency by the Town of Erie. Many residents recently heard about the possible plan to sell mineral rights. We've lost trust in our community leaders.
- The staff is not responsive to actual complaints right now you have a weight room where people lifting free weights have to smell the feces coming out of the toilets after someone poops because there's no room for anything. Many people have complained about this and yet yet the Gym has done nothing in the last six months to address these concerns and you still haven't built a sauna. You know how easy it would be to construct a sauna outside.
- The town's fiscal planning.
- The upstairs track is getting crowded and fitness machines are often hard to get because of constant use.

- There are other community parks that still need to be built. I want to ensure those get competed soon. Example is the park space in colliers hill by the highschool.
- There are parks that were supposed to be completed by now (Compass for example) that are years behind schedule. Things already planned and taxed for should be prioritized before we even think about adding something else.
- Too many people in Erie already. More important issues. We need to stop building and not assume that the goal of 80,000 residents is a good goal. That is not a shared good goal by many residents. That needs to be addressed first. Things like views being blocked by 3 story high condos and infilling all open space needs to be addressed first. That affects everyone. Rec center only affects those who use it.
- Town streets do not seem to support the growth. As well the community center doesn't seem to support the kids traffic to and from the facility very well
- Wasteful liberal spending, against my fixed income in old age.
- We do not have a well thought out plan for providing basic services like water and traffic mitigation for Erie. We must stop out of control growth where the cost is put both directly and indirectly at the foot of long time residents.
- We need more bike trails to easily and safely connect Erie neighborhoods, a direct route from Erie to downtown Lafayette etc. there's more to recreation than simply the rec center. Many places are cut off from each other, unless you want to ride on Countyline Rd. Nobody wants to risk that. All neighborhoods should be able to easily ride to downtown Erie.
- We need more trails and open spaces preserved. I would prefer that over more artificial spaces. If the money is either/or, Open Space wins for me. Ideally it is a combination of both to create community and well being for everyone.
- Would like additional practice facilities for baseball and soccer- Morgan hill park completion specifically
- Would love the pool to be expanded. It can get very crowded and not enough lap lanes. Would use more if not so crowded
- Would rather fund a second rec center.
- You should focus on a new rec center location; expansion does not take into account future growth needs. Spend money on the long game; not the short term need.

Appendix F: Survey Methodology

About the Survey

The Town of Erie conducted the 2026 Community Center Expansion Survey to gather input from residents regarding the future of the Erie Community Center. The purpose of this research was to understand community needs, priorities, and aspirations in order to inform long-term planning and visioning efforts. The study was funded by the Town of Erie. Questions about the survey may be directed to Gabi Rae, Director of Communications & Community Engagement, at grae@erieco.gov.

Developing the Questionnaire

The Town of Erie – Community Center Expansion Survey instrument was developed in an iterative process between Erie staff and Polco staff. As a results, a four-page questionnaire was created.

Selecting Survey Recipients

"Sampling" refers to the method by which survey recipients are chosen. The "sample" refers to all those who were given a chance to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Erie was purchased from a vendor based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service, updated every three months, providing the best representation of all households in a specific geographic location. Polco used the USPS data to select the survey recipients.

A larger list than needed was pulled so that a process referred to as "geocoding" could be used to eliminate addresses from the list that were outside Erie's boundaries. Geocoding is a computerized process in which addresses are compared to electronically mapped boundaries and coded as inside or outside desired boundaries; in this case, within Erie. Each address identified as being within City boundaries was further identified as being within one of the three districts. All addresses determined to be outside the study boundaries were eliminated from the list of potential households. A random selection was made of the remaining addresses to create a mailing list of 4,500 addresses.

To choose the 4,500 survey recipients, a systematic sampling method was applied to the list of households previously screened for geographic location. Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible households is culled, selecting every Nth one, giving each eligible household a known probability of selection, until the appropriate number of households is selected. Multi-family housing units were selected at a higher rate as residents of this type of housing typically respond at lower rates to surveys than do those in single-family housing units. In general, because of the random sampling techniques used, the displayed sampling density will closely mirror the overall housing unit density (which may be different from the population density). While the theory of probability assumes no bias in selection, there may be some minor variations in practice.

An individual within each household was randomly selected to complete the survey using the birthday method. The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person whose birthday has most recently passed" to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the cover letter accompanying the questionnaire.

In addition to the scientific, random sample, a link to an online "opt-in" survey was publicized through various channels. This opt-in survey was identical to the scientific survey and open to all City residents.

Survey Administration and Response Rate

A total of 4,500 households were selected to participate in the survey. Each household was contacted twice. The first contact was an invitation postcard mailed on March 3, 2026, informing residents that they had been selected for the Town of Erie – Community Center Expansion Survey. The postcard included a survey URL and QR code for completing the questionnaire online. Approximately one week later, selected households received a second mailing that included a paper questionnaire and a cover letter encouraging participation. The cover letter again provided the survey URL and QR codes for those who preferred to respond online. The packet also included a postage-paid return envelope for returning the completed questionnaire to Polco. The online version of the survey was available in both English and Spanish. Data collection remained open for four weeks, and the survey officially closed on March 31, 2026.

About 2% of the 4,500 surveys mailed were returned because the housing unit was vacant, or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the 4,398 households presumed to have received a survey, 846 completed the survey (609 of which were completed online and 237 on paper), providing a response rate of 19%. Additionally, responses were tracked by geographic area; response rates by area ranged from 17% to 20%. The response rates were calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2[1] for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.

Response Rate by Area for Mailed Surveys

	Total sample	Undeliverable	Completed surveys	Response rate
District 1	1,591	1,564	311	20%
District 2	1,738	1,689	340	20%
District 3	1,171	1,145	195	17%
Overall	**4,500**	**4,398**	**846**	**19%**

Margin of Error

The 95% confidence interval (or "margin of error") quantifies the "sampling error" or precision of the estimates made from the survey results. A 95% confidence interval can be calculated for any sample size and indicates that in 95 of 100 surveys conducted like this one, for a particular item, a result would be found that is within three percentage points of the result that would be found if everyone in the population of interest was surveyed. The practical difficulties of conducting any resident survey may introduce other sources of error in addition to sampling error. Despite best efforts to boost

[1] *See AAPOR's Standard Definitions here: https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/ for more information*

participation and ensure potential inclusion of all households, some selected households will decline participation in the survey (referred to as non-response error) and some eligible households may be unintentionally excluded from the listed sources for the sample (referred to as coverage error).

While the margin of error for the survey is generally no greater than plus or minus three percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample, results for subgroups will have wider confidence intervals. Where estimates are given for subgroups, they are less precise.

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Upon receipt, completed surveys were assigned a unique identification number. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and "cleaned" as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick three items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked four; in this case, Polco would use protocols to randomly choose three of the four selected items for inclusion in the dataset.

All surveys then were entered twice into an electronic dataset; any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

Polco uses its own online public engagement tool to collect online survey data. The Polco platform includes many features of online survey tools, but also includes elements tailored to the civic environment. For example, surveys on Polco are presented with the City name, logo (or other image) and a description, so residents understand who is asking for input and why.

A series of quality control checks were also performed in order to ensure the integrity of the web data. Steps may include and not be limited to reviewing the data for clusters of repeat IP addresses and time stamps (indicating duplicate responses) and removing empty submissions (questionnaires submitted with no questions answered).

Weighting the Data

The demographic characteristics of the household's responses were compared to those found in the 2020 Census and the 2024 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the Town of Erie. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger population of the community.

The characteristics used for weighting were respondent gender, age, housing unit type (attached or detached), housing tenure (rent or own), race, ethnicity and district of residence. This decision was based on the disparity between the survey respondent characteristics and the population norms for these variables and the saliency of these variables in differences of opinion among subgroups.

A special software program using mathematical algorithms is used to calculate the appropriate weights. Several different weighting "schemes" are tested to ensure the best fit for the data.

2026 Town of Erie– Address-based Responses Weighting Table

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Own home	88%	95%	90%
Rent home	12%	5%	10%
Detached unit	84%	91%	86%
Attached unit	16%	9%	14%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	83%	88%	83%
Not white	17%	12%	17%
Hispanic	9%	6%	7%
Not Hispanic	91%	94%	93%
Sex and Age			
Female	51%	52%	51%
Male	49%	48%	49%
18-34 years of age	22%	9%	20%
35-54 years of age	50%	43%	48%
55+ years of age	28%	48%	32%
Females 18-34	12%	5%	11%
Females 35-54	25%	22%	24%
Females 55+	14%	25%	15%
Males 18-34	11%	4%	10%
Males 35-54	25%	21%	24%
Males 55+	14%	23%	15%
District			
District 1	37%	37%	37%
District 2	38%	40%	37%
District 3	26%	23%	26%

** 2020 U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey Population Estimates*

Analyzing and Reporting the Data

The electronic dataset was analyzed by Polco staff using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, frequency distributions and mean ratings from households respondents are presented in the body of the report. A complete set of frequencies for each survey question is presented in *Appendix B: Complete Survey Frequencies.* Also included are results by respondent characteristics (*Appendix D: Survey Responses by Respondent Characteristics*). Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of selected survey questions. A "p-value" of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent "real" differences among those populations. Where differences between subgroups are statistically significant, they have been denoted with capital letters.

Appendix G: Survey Materials

The following pages contain copies of the survey materials sent to randomly selected households within the Town of Erie.

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION SURVEY

Please complete this survey if you are an adult (18 years older) living in the household. Your answers are completely anonymous and will only be shared as part of combined group results to inform future decisions.

1. Please rate the quality of each of the following provided by the Town of Erie.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Parks	1	2	3	4	5
Trails	1	2	3	4	5
The Erie Community Center (ECC)	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation Programs	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of information about parks and recreation offerings	1	2	3	4	5

2. Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you or your household use the following amenities or services at the Erie Community Center?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	A few times per year	Never
Adult programs	1	2	3	4	5
Adult Sports	1	2	3	4	5
Aquatics	1	2	3	4	5
Community meeting rooms	1	2	3	4	5
Drop-in fitness	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness Classes (e.g. pilates, yoga, boot camp)	1	2	3	4	5
Gymnasium/open court use	1	2	3	4	5
Indoor playground (Mini Miners)	1	2	3	4	5
KidStation	1	2	3	4	5
Personal training (private or semi-private)	1	2	3	4	5
Racquetball	1	2	3	4	5
Therapeutic Recreation	1	2	3	4	5
Youth General Interest programs	1	2	3	4	5
Youth Sports	1	2	3	4	5

3. Municipalities offer parks and recreation facilities and programs to their residents for a variety of reasons. How important is it that the Town of Erie provide parks and recreation facilities for the following purposes?

	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Don't know
Promote physical activity	1	2	3	4	5
Support mental health and stress reduction	1	2	3	4	5
Provide safe, structured youth activities	1	2	3	4	5
Offer enrichment programs and lifelong learning opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Bring people together and foster community connection	1	2	3	4	5
Support aging in place for older adults	1	2	3	4	5
Enhance overall quality of life in Erie	1	2	3	4	5

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION SURVEY

Erie Community Center Expansion: Since opening in 2008, the Erie Community Center (ECC) has become one of the Town's most heavily used facilities, with more than 225,000 annual visits. A recent Expansion and Renovation Conceptual Study identified space limitations in fitness, meeting, youth programming, and customer service areas. The study included plan and facility reviews, staff and stakeholder input, SWOT analysis, site evaluation, and cost modeling. The study concluded that while the building is in good physical condition, it is operating at or beyond capacity in several areas.

Identified Needs Include:

- Expanded fitness space
- Additional multipurpose meeting rooms
- Additional gymnasium
- Increased indoor playground and youth space
- Improved staff and administrative space
- Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems

The estimated cost for the renovation and targeted expansion is approximately 30 million dollars.

4. Overall, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie renovating and expanding the Erie Community Center to address current space and program limitations?

❍ Strongly support
❍ Somewhat support
❍ Neither support nor oppose
❍ Somewhat oppose
❍ Strongly oppose
❍ Not sure

4a. If you support expansion, what are your primary reasons?

_____

4b. If you oppose expansion, what are your primary concerns?

_____

5. In your opinion, how important is that Erie Community Center Expansion focuses on each of these areas?

	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Don't know
Expanded fitness space	1	2	3	4	5
Additional multipurpose meeting rooms	1	2	3	4	5
Additional gymnasium	1	2	3	4	5
Increased indoor playground and youth space	1	2	3	4	5
Improved staff and administrative space	1	2	3	4	5
Modernization of mechanical, electrical, and AV systems	1	2	3	4	5

Funding Community Center Improvements: There is currently no dedicated funding source for this project. The Town is evaluating potential ballot measures that could include either a sales tax increase or a property tax increase. The following questions are for feedback purposes only.

If funded through a sales tax increase, the estimated rate increase would be approximately 0.50%. For example, on a $6 cup of coffee the sales tax would increase by approximately $0.03.

6. How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a sales tax increase to fund the community center expansion?

❍ Very likely
❍ Somewhat likely
❍ Somewhat unlikely
❍ Very unlikely
❍ Unsure

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION SURVEY

If funded through a property tax increase, the estimated increase would be approximately 1.653 mills. This brings the total mill levy for the Town to approximately 14.89. For example, for a home valued at $800,000, the annual property tax would increase by approximately $90 per year.

7. How likely would you vote yes if a ballot measure proposed a property tax increase to fund the Erie Community Center expansion?

- ❍ Very likely
- ❍ Somewhat likely
- ❍ Somewhat unlikely
- ❍ Very unlikely
- ❍ Unsure

COMPARING THE TAXES	
Potential Advantages of a Sales Tax	**Potential Advantages of a Property Tax**
• Costs shared by residents, visitors, and shoppers • Revenue grows with the economy • Does not directly increase housing costs	• Stable and predictable funding • Often supports long-term financing at lower borrowing costs • Geographic fairness
Potential Considerations of a Sales Tax	**Potential Considerations of a Property Tax**
• Revenue fluctuates with economic conditions • Impacts consumer purchases • May disproportionately affect lower-income households	• Directly increases annual housing costs • Paid primarily by property owners • May impact housing affordability

8. If the Town moves forward, which funding option would you prefer?

- ❍ Sales tax increase
- ❍ Property tax increase
- ❍ Do not expand at this time
- ❍ Not sure

9. What most influenced your answer above? (Please describe briefly)

_____

_____

10. How much of a concern, if at all, are the following related to the community center expansion?

	Major concern	Moderate concern	Minor concern	Not a concern
Cost to residents	1	2	3	4
Tax increases in general	1	2	3	4
Construction disruption	1	2	3	4
Other community priorities should come first	1	2	3	4
Concern about government spending	1	2	3	4
Not enough personal use of the facility	1	2	3	4
Other _____	1	2	3	4

DEMOGRAPHICS QUESTIONS

Our last questions are about you and your household. All of your responses are completely confidential.

D1. About how long have you lived in Erie?

- ○ Less than 2 years
- ○ 2-5 years
- ○ 6-10 years
- ○ 11-20 years
- ○ More than 20 years

D2. Please check the appropriate box indicating the type of housing unit in which you live.

- ○ Detached single-unit home
- ○ Condominium or townhouse
- ○ Duplex
- ○ Apartment

D3. Do you own or rent your residence?

- ○ Own
- ○ Rent

D4. How many people (including yourself) live in your household? _____ people

D5. How many of these household members are 17 or younger? _____ people

D6. How many of these household members are 65 or older? _____ people

D7. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- ○ Less than $15,000
- ○ $15,000 to $24,999
- ○ $25,000 to $34,999
- ○ $35,000 to $49,999
- ○ $50,000 to $74,999
- ○ $75,000 to $99,999
- ○ $100,000 to $124,999
- ○ $125,000 to $149,999
- ○ $150,000 to $199,999
- ○ $200,000 or more

D8. Are you Hispanic/Spanish/Latino?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

D9. What is your race? (Please check all that apply.)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

D10. What is your age?

- ○ 18-24
- ○ 25-34
- ○ 35-44
- ○ 45-54
- ○ 55-64
- ○ 65-74
- ○ 75+

D11. What is your gender?

- ○ Female
- ○ Male
- ○ Prefer not to say
- ○ Prefer to self-describe:_____

D12. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ○ Some high school, no diploma
- ○ High school diploma or equivalent
- ○ Some college but no degree
- ○ Associate's degree
- ○ Bachelor's degree
- ○ Graduate degree or higher

Thank you! Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to: National Research Center. PO Box 14050. Houston, TX 77221-9904

Dear Erie Resident,

It won't take much of your time to make a big difference! Your household has been randomly selected to participate in Erie's 2026 Community Center Expansion Survey. Your participation in this survey is very important—your answers will help the Town of Erie make the best decisions for our community.

Para contestar la encuesta en español, siga el enlace adjunto y seleccione la opción "**Español**" en el menú desplegable ubicado en la parte superior de la página web.

In order to hear from a diverse group of residents, the adult 18 years or older in your household who most recently had a birthday should complete this survey. You can wait a few days for a paper survey to arrive in the mail, or go online now and complete the confidential survey at:

www.polco.us/xxplaceholder

Please do not share your survey link. This survey is for randomly selected households only. The Town will conduct a separate survey that is open to all residents just a few weeks from now.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact communications@erieco.gov.

Thank you for keeping our Town the best place to live!

Sincerely,

Luke Bolinger
Director of Parks & Recreation

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Scan the QR code and complete the Erie Community Center Expansion Survey.

March 2026

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Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey. Your participation in this survey is very important—especially since your household is one of only a small number being surveyed. Your feedback will help Erie make the best decisions for our Town.

A few things to remember:

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