

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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### AGENDA ITEM

### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM 1

Results of a Benchmark Survey to Understand Public Awareness and Values as they relate to the Mission and Goals of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

# GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation regarding the results of the benchmark survey conducted in January 2020 and insights gained to inform ongoing work, including outreach, education, and communications strategies. No Board action required.

### SUMMARY

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District, Midpen) contracted with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) to survey District residents and assess their awareness of and regard for the agency, its mission and goals. The study found that residents who are familiar with Midpen view the agency favorably, and that local residents frequently walk or spend time in nature at Midpen open space preserves. As residents learn more, their impressions of Midpen becomes more favorable. Among many broadly shared conservation priorities, residents especially value the protection of water, natural areas and redwood forests.

### BACKGROUND

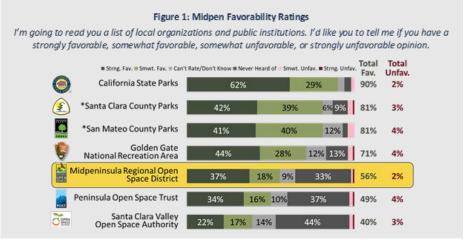
As part of the Districtwide Strategic Communications Plan for improving external communications, Public Affairs staff initiated a benchmark survey to collect baseline data to understand constituent awareness of Midpen and preferences for messaging that will further guide effective communications. The survey instrument was developed with the assistance of FM3, a professional research consultant chosen through a competitive bidding process in September 2019. Midpen's Board of Directors (Board) reviewed the survey questionnaire at its December 9, 2019, retreat. FM3 surveyed 889 people over age 18 residing within Midpen boundaries between January 9 and January 23, 2020, via live interviews by landline and cell phones, and an online survey. The margin of sampling error is +/-3.5% at the 95% confidence level. Data were weighted to reflect the demographic balance of the adult population residing within the District's boundaries by age, gender, level of formal education, geography (by ward), and race/ethnicity, based on American Community Service estimates. Full results are included in Attachment 1.

## DISCUSSION

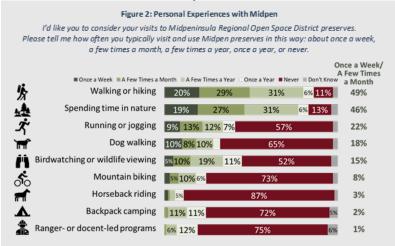
### Summary of Survey Results

The study suggests that of the 58% of residents familiar with Midpen, nearly all view the agency favorably. Although 42% had never heard of Midpen or did not know enough to have an opinion at the start of the survey, as these residents learned more, impressions of Midpen became notably favorable (91%). Nearly half of local residents reported frequently walking (49%) or spending time in nature (46%) in Midpen open space preserves, by far the most popular uses. Among many broadly shared conservation priorities, residents especially value the work of protecting water, natural areas and redwood forests. These and other key findings are illustrated below:

• The vast majority of residents *with familiarity* of Midpen have a favorable view of the agency, in line with other regional organizations involved in land conservation. As shown in Figure 1 below, Midpen compares favorably to regional organizations like the Peninsula Open Space Trust and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. Organizations with broader scopes and more identifiable names that include "park" or "recreation" are better understood by the public and elicit much higher favorable ratings.

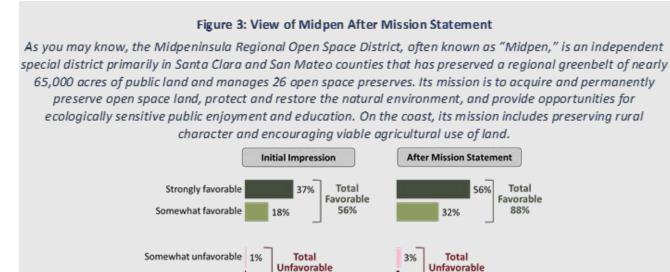


• Nearly half of survey respondents report visiting Midpen preserves at least a few times a month to walk or spend time in nature. Figure 2 shows the frequency of Preserve use. More than two in five say they go "walking or hiking" or "spend time in nature" in Midpen preserves at least a few times a month; of those who visit preserves, more than 80% participate in these activities at least once a year.



Notably, of those who visit Midpen preserves, 94% say they feel safe outdoors, with 59% saying they feel "*very* safe."

• Just hearing more about Midpen's mission gives residents a much more favorable view of the agency. Figure 3 shows the description of Midpen provided to residents prior to being asked a second time about their view of the agency. Given this information, nearly nine in ten (88%) take a favorable view of Midpen, and more than half have a "strongly favorable" view (56%). This is an increase of 32 points in the share who have a favorable view overall, and a 19-point increase in the share who have a "strongly favorable" impression.



2%

42%

Strongly unfavorable 1%

Never Heard of

Can't Rate/Don't know/

5%

2%

7%

• Residents most value Midpen goals that have to do with water, caring for the natural environment, redwood forests, wildlife, and wildland fire prevention. Across multiple surveys done by many agencies, water quality protection consistently ranks as a top priority. Notably, every goal listed was listed as "extremely" or "very important" by a majority of residents.

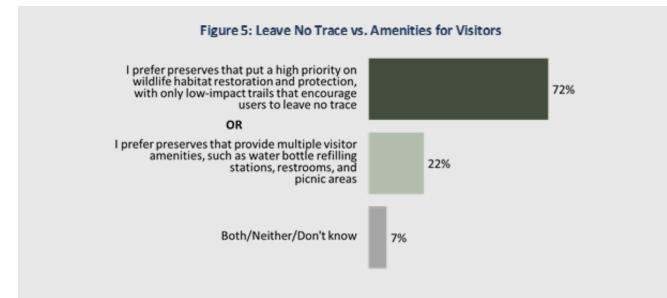
Figure 4 below shows goals considered "extremely important" by majorities of residents, indicating more-intense feelings.

#### Figure 4: Midpen Goals

# Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important.

Goal	% Extremely Important	% Extremely/Very Important
Protecting the waterways and natural lands that maintain water quality and supply	66%	90%
Protecting natural areas	55%	86%
Managing redwood forests	55%	84%
Protecting and restoring the natural environment	54%	84%
Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara counties' agricultural, natural resource, and open space lands for future generations	53%	77%
Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants and wildlife survive	51%	86%
Reducing dead and downed vegetation for wildland fire prevention	51%	86%
Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife	51%	80%

• Given the choice, residents overwhelmingly value low-intensity preserves with minimal facilities over preserves that offer more visitor amenities and infrastructure. Figure 5 below shows that residents prefer preserves that prioritize wildlife habitat and low-impact, leave-no-trace use over those that offer multiple visitor amenities by a 50-point margin.



- A number of messaging themes about Midpen's work resonate broadly, especially themes focused on fire, climate change, wildlife, water, and public health. The study tested several statements about Midpen's work and asked residents whether each gave them a more favorable view of the organization. Again, *all* themes resonated with a majority of residents, with 59% to 88% saying the statements made them view Midpen "much more favorably" or "somewhat more favorably."
  - Two highly persuasive themes that generate large increases in favorability relate to preparing for and responding to wildland fires (increases favorability for 88% of respondents) and climate change (more favorable for 83%). More than half (52%) said they have a "much more favorable" and 36% a "somewhat more favorable" view of Midpen after learning more about its role preparing for and responding to wildland fire danger. *Midpen is working with fire agencies and surrounding communities to strengthen prevention and preparation in case of wildland fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using conservation grazing to reduce flammable brush within grassland habitats, limiting the risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur.*
  - While the climate-focused message inspired less intensity (39% much more favorable), the positive reaction to it was quite broad, with 44% saying it gave them a "somewhat more favorable" view of Midpen. *Smart investments made before a disaster strikes can help protect a community's quality of life, save lives, and reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking a proactive, practical approach to stewardship of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are resilient as the climate changes.*
  - Water and wildlife are equally important themes (80% of respondents say both themes increase favorability). Water quality ranks high on many environmental issues and attitude surveys. Here, nearly half (49%) say they have a "much more favorable view" of Midpen once they hear about how Midpen preserves protect water supplies and prevent water pollution, and another 31% have a "somewhat more favorable" view. Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our water.
  - Similarly, nearly half (49%) say they have a "much more favorable view" of Midpen once they hear about how Midpen's work to restore natural areas to protect wildlife habitat and biodiversity protection, and another 31% have a "somewhat more favorable" view. By restoring and protecting natural areas, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is protecting wildlife habitats and California's unique biodiversity.
  - When it comes to the benefits of Midpen preserves for people, opportunities for recreation that improve public health resonated with 78% (50% "much more favorable;" 28% "somewhat more favorable"). *Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and for free.*

Survey results were analyzed by geography, both by ward (see Attachments 2 through 8) and by Coastside Protection Area (Attachment 9) compared to the rest of the District (Attachment 10). Note that due to the low sample size (113 respondents), the margin of error on the Coastside is 9.3% at a 95% confidence level. Coastside Protection Area residents were more likely to be aware of (73% compared to 55% for non-Coastside) and have a favorable impression (67% compared to 54%) of Midpen. Coastal residents were slightly more likely to say the preservation of open space/environmental protection was the reason for their favorable impression (49% compared to 36%).

The top three issues were the same throughout the District, though traffic ranked as the top issue on the Coast, with 87% reporting it as a very or extremely serious problem (compared to 73% of non-Coastsiders). Coastsiders were also significantly more likely to rate loss of wildlife habitat (64% compared to 50%) and loss of natural areas to development (60% compared to 47%) as a very or extremely serious problem, as well as loss of wild areas. Water pollution was a significantly bigger concern to Coastsiders (56% compared to 38%). The groups did not differ in how they rated the amount paid in local taxes: 32% of each group ranked taxes as a very or extremely serious problem.

In terms of Midpen goals, two elicited significantly different responses between the two groups. The percentage of respondents who rated *providing regional hiking trails* as a very or extremely important goal was 25 points higher on the Coast. Similarly, the percentage of people rating *partnering with Native American tribes* as a very or extremely important goal was 19 points higher on the Coast.

Coastsiders were more likely to rate *all* of the six components of Midpen's two missions as important (41% compared to 15%).

Three messaging themes resonated significantly differently between the two groups. Coastsiders were less likely to say that educational programming gave them a more favorable view of Midpen by 15 points. They were more likely to say that protecting sustainable agricultural ranchlands increased their favorability by 12 points, though they were less likely to say that preserving agricultural history gave them a more favorable view by 11 points.

### Implications for Communications

This benchmark survey was designed to capture a starting point from which to measure the impact of strategic communications designed to increase awareness by and connect with Midpen residents. As a snapshot in time, it is a useful tool for understanding public concerns and perceptions and for planning communications to inform the public's understanding of Midpen's purpose and work. Key takeaways include:

### 1. Invest in strategies to increase awareness

Recognizing that as residents learn more about Midpen, their impression becomes more favorable, the most important communications objective is to increase reach and frequency to therefore increase awareness. The FY21 communications work plan contains several projects designed to accomplish this objective, including:

• Increase reach of *Open Space Views* quarterly newsletter via newspaper insertions and distribution through municipal partners to introduce Midpen to a broader audience.

- Review signboard messaging opportunities to better connect with preserve users.
- Expand outreach to television and radio media outlets.

### 2. Consider target audience opportunities

As a public agency, Midpen's target audience is our entire constituency. However, the survey indicates that residents under 50 are much less likely to know enough to rate Midpen, and residents under 40 are especially likely to admit they have never heard of Midpen. This younger audience also overlaps with communities of color, newcomers to the area, and young families. Targeting introductory messaging to audiences under 40 is the richest, broadest opportunity to increase awareness.

- Significantly increase the use of social media to spread the word of Midpen's missions and activities among younger audiences. Notably, the COVID-19 pandemic jumpstarted our plans to increase our virtual connections to our community.
- Continue to expand our community outreach through presentations and tabling opportunities to reach strategically targeted communities.
- Continue to expand sponsorships and advertising to reach strategically targeted communities, as budget permits.
- Add focus on ethnic media to media relations program to reach broader audiences.

### 3. Elevate key messaging themes

As Midpen messaging continues to evolve, staff will consider to the following opportunities:

- While three core elements of the mission (protecting open space, restoring habitats and connecting people to nature through low-impact recreation) continue to resonate with resident values, explore ways to increase understanding of the lesser known mission to preserve rural character and encourage viable agricultural land uses on the San Mateo County Coast, particularly to non-Coastside audiences.
  - There is little evidence to suggest that residents see a tension between preservation and recreation or agriculture, indicating there is likely room for messaging that educates residents on the role of agriculture in conservation and the preservation of open space.
- Continue to communicate the success of Midpen's preservation and protection efforts (nearly 65,000 acres) as a foundational principle.
- Continue to ensure communications focus on the "why" by explaining the outcomes of Midpen actions to increase understanding of more nuanced or Midpen-specific messaging.
- Embrace our low-impact identity to solidify Midpen's role as an alternative to more urban parks and to encourage responsible, "leave no trace" recreation, particularly among younger residents who prioritize habitat.
- Beyond the mission, the best message themes for broad connection focus on wildfire prevention efforts, climate change, wildlife, water quality protection and public health, yet all message themes resonate strongly.

- Continue to remind residents of the connection between open space and quality of life. Again, the pandemic offered an opportunity further emphasize the role of nature and open spaces to our well-being.
- Continue to connect Midpen's work to climate change resiliency to connect with broad audiences.
- Continue to educate residents on how, in addition to preserving land from development, a greenbelt provides connected corridors for wildlife habitat, themes that resonate broadly.
- Continue to emphasize low-impact uses of walking and hiking for general communications, as these are the most common uses and residents overwhelming value "preserve" ethics over more "park"-like amenities.

### 4. Match message to audience

The study showed that certain communications themes present an opportunity to connect with values when focusing on specific audiences. For example:

- Highlighting air and water pollution represent an opportunity to connect with Latino communities.
- Highlighting outdoor recreation represents an opportunity to connect with men under 50.
- Highlighting wildlife habitat, caring for the land, and offering experiences to underserved communities represent an opportunity to connect with women.
- Highlighting regional trails and Native American partnerships may represent an opportunity to connect more deeply with residents within the Coastside Protection Area.
- Targeted outreach in wards 3 5, 6 and 7 may represent an opportunity to bolster awareness and support of Midpen.

Future research will be needed to measure the success of these efforts and may also be an opportunity to further test messaging, such as word choice preferences.

The General Manager invites Board members to set individual meetings with the Public Affairs Manager to review Ward-specific results and explore opportunities to become engaged more deeply in Ward-specific communications.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Receipt of this presentation has no fiscal impact. Public affairs communications, outreach and plans that will be informed by the survey results are included in proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget that the Board is considering adopting on June 24, 2020.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW**

This item was not previously reviewed by Committee.

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

# **CEQA COMPLIANCE**

This item is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

## NEXT STEPS

Results of this initial benchmark study will be used to inform Midpen communications planning. A similar attitudinal and awareness study is planned for Fiscal Year 2022-23, budget permitting, to test the efficacy of communications strategies and messaging. Thereafter, it is recommended to repeat a similar survey as constituency changes and messaging evolves, presumably every three years, budget permitting.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Full survey results
- 2. Survey results District Ward1
- 3. Survey results District Ward 2
- 4. Survey results District Ward 3
- 5. Survey results District Ward 4
- 6. Survey results District Ward 5
- 7. Survey results District Ward 6
- 8. Survey results District Ward 7
- 9. Survey results Coastside Protection Area
- 10. Survey results Bayside

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# Attachment 1\_Results\_Benchmark\_Survey

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 



MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=889 MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR ±3.5% (95% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL) A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely78%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely <b>TERMINATE</b>
No, not on cell22%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED TERMINATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE
18-24 14 %
25-29 5%
30-34 9%
35-3910%
40-44 8%
45-4911%
50-54 7 %
55-59 8%
60-64 10 %
65-69 6%
70-74 4 %
75+6%
(DK/REFUSED) 2%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic 9%
African American/Black1%
Caucasian/White 57%
Asian/Pacific Islander20%
Multiracial 4%
( <b>OTHER</b> ) 2%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 7%

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D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered 4%
Democratic51%
Republican 10%
No Party Preference24%
Another party 6%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) 6%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (READ LIST)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD 86	
Excellent39	%
Good47	%
FAIR/POOR 13	
Fair 10	%
Poor 3	%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) 1	%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	STR UNFAV	(CAN'T RATE /DK)	NEVER HEARD OF	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
[]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open					<u>r</u>			
	Space District	37%	18%	1 %	1%	9%	33%	56%	2%
[]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	-22%	17%	2 %	1%	14%	44 %	40%	3%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	-34%	16%	2 %	1%	10%	37%	<i>49%</i>	4%
[]d.	California State Parks	62%	29%	2 %	0%	4 %	4%	90%	2%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	44%	28%	3%	1%	12%	13%	71%	4%
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[ ]f.	Santa Clara County Parks	-42%	39%	3 %	1%	6%	9%	81%	3%
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[]g.	San Mateo County Parks		40%	4%	0%	12%	3%	81%	4%
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3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT A	(DK/	EXT/
		PROB	PROB	PROB	PROB	(DK/ NA)	VERY
[]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	11%	14 %	28%	41 %	6%	25%
[]b.	Traffic congestion						74%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	23 %	26%	29%	18%	4%	<i>49</i> %
[]d.	Fire risk	25%	24 %	28%	20 %	3%	<i>49%</i>
[]e.	Water pollution	18%	22 %	28%	24 %	7%	41 %
[]f.	Air pollution						44%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat						52%
[]h.	A lack of affordable housing	56%	25%	10%	7%	1%	81 %
[ ]i.	Climate change						70%
[]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	16%	16%	26%	34 %	7%	32%

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NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- 4. You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=495:

b.

Preservation of open space/environmental protection	38%
Support their mission/efforts	33%
Good option for recreation/exercise	
Trails/facilities are well maintained	
I use trails regularly	13%
Easily accessible to the public	
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	
General favorable statement	4 %
Mixed feelings	3%
Dog friendly	
Watershed protection	
Need more information	
Other	2%
Don't know	2%
Refused	2%
Unfavorable, N=21:	
Poor leadership/management	37%
Not enough transparency/misused revenue	
They take over too much land	
More important issues	
Too many limitations	
General unfavorable statement	
Other	10%

# Attachment 1 Results Benchmark Survey

**FM3 RESEARCH** 

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### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION.** ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE88	%
Strongly favorable 56	%
Somewhat favorable32	%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	3%
Strongly unfavorable	2%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA ----- 7%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever						79%
[]b.	Protecting natural areas	55%	32%	13% -	1%	1%	86%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	37 %	36%	20%	5%	1%	73%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	39%	35%	19% -	6%	1%	75%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	29%	37%	31% -	3%	0%	66%
[ ]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	47 %		14% -	8%	4%	75%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	28%	34%	27% -	10%	1%	62%
[]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such						
	as the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San						
	Mateo County Coast	35%	26%	29% -	8%	1%	61%

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		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
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Ì]i.	Partnering with local organizations to						
	promote a regional environmental vision		36%	24 %	7%	2%	68%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails						55%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	51%	35%	10%	3%	1%	86%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	51%	35%	11%	2%	1%	86%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	46%	29%	19%	4%	1%	76%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						
	on open space lands	19%	32%	30%	17%	1%	51%
[]0.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail						
	crossings across Highway 17	34 %	34%	19%	6%	6%	68%
(SPLI	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks						
1 11	that create our region's striking natural beauty	48%	27%	22%	3%	0%	75%
[]q.	Protecting and restoring the natural						
	environment	54 %	30%	14%	2%	0%	84%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands for future generations	53%	24%	20%	2%	1%	77%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						65%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife	51%	30%	18%	1%	0%	80%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails						60%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	46%	31%	15%	5%	2%	77%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature	41 %	35%	23 %	1%	0%	76%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands						
	that maintain water quality and supply	66%	24%	9%	1%	1%	90%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests	55%	28%	13%	1%	2%	84%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands	42 %	28%	24 %	4 %	1%	70%
[]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	42 %	31%	22%	3%	2%	73%
[ ]bb.							
	disabilities at local preserves	26%	35%	30%	7%	1%	62%
[]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
-	relearn and reapply indigenous plant						
	restoration techniques	31%	26%	28%	13 %	3%	57%
[]dd.							
	plant and wildlife habitat	35%	33%	21 %	5%	6%	68%
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### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt18%
[] Restoring the natural environment18%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation14 $\%$
[ ] Educating the public about conservation and nature18 $\%$
[] Preserving rural character 4%
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use 4%
(DON'T READ) All

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas ------22%

### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----72%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	- 2%
(NEITHER)	- 1%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	

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9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (RANDOMIZE)

[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we	MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
	love most about living here	42%	27 %	25%	3%	3%	69%
(SPI I	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our						
	water	49%	31%	17%	1%	3%	80%
[]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents						
[ ]d.	with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365	39%	36%	21%	1%	4%	75%
[ ]e.	days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and for free	50%	28%	20%	1%	1%	78%
	habitats and California's unique biodiversity	49%	31%	17%	1 %	2%	80%

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		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
•	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED)						
[]1.	(FIRES) Midpen is working with fire						
	agencies and surrounding communities to						
	strengthen prevention and preparation in case						
	of wildland fires. This includes maintaining						
	hundreds of miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using conservation grazing to reduce						
	flammable brush within grassland habitats,						
	limiting the risk of fire, or fire intensity if it						
	does occur	52%	36%	9%	0%	3%	88%
[]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and						
	volunteer opportunities	22 %	37%	30%	3%	7%	59%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation						
	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood						
	forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni						
	sandstone. Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to protect and restore these						
	places for the wildlife that call it home, and						
	the people who visit and recreate there	37%	39%	16%	4%	4%	75%
	the people who visit and recreate there.	5170	5770	10/0	170	170	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE91%
Strongly favorable60%
Somewhat favorable32 %
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE 4%
Somewhat unfavorable 3%
Strongly unfavorable 1%
(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA 5%

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11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (SPLIT SAMPLE A: local issues in your area) (SPLIT SAMPLE B: parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (SPLIT SAMPLE A: local issues in your area) (SPLIT SAMPLE B: parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (RANDOMIZE)

		<u>FREQ</u>	<u>OCCAS</u>	<u>RARELY</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ /OCC	RRLY <u>/NVR</u>
[]a.	Local television stations	12%	24 %	16%	- 46%	3%	36%	61%
[]b.	KQED Radio	18%	22 %	14 %	- 43%	3%	40%	57%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED	8%	18 %	20%	- 51%	3%	26%	71%
[]d.	Information you receive in the							
	mail	6%	30%	24 %	- 36%	3%	36%	60%
[ ]e.	Facebook	13%	19 %	18%	- 48%	2%	32%	65%
[]f.	Twitter	6%	11 %	9%	- 70%	5%	17%	78%
[]g.	Instagram	7%	12 %	11%	- 67%	3%	19%	78%
[]h.	Blogs on the Internet	8%	19 %	19%	- 51%	3%	27%	70%
[]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	10%	18 %	20%	- 50%	2%	28%	70%
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
2	newspaper	6%	14 %	17%	- 59%	3%	20%	77%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	3%	5 %	7%	- 80%	5%	8%	87%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and							
	activity guide mailed to your home	6%	13 %	12%	- 63%	6%	19%	76%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	5%	6%	9%	- 76%	4%	11%	84%
[]n.	Nextdoor	11%	22 %	14 %	- 49%	4%	33%	64%
[]0.	Midpen's public meetings	1 %	3 %	10%	- 82%	4%	4%	92%
[]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
	org	4%	18%	22 %	- 52%	4%	22%	74%

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12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 59%
Word of mouth 11%
Google 5%
Internet (general)5%
Local newspaper 4%
Local newsletter2%
Local television news 2%
National newspaper 1%
National news 1%
Community centers 1%
You Tube 1%
Government website 1%
Reddit1%
Facebook/social media1%
LinkedIn0%
News radio 0%
Saratogian 0%
Magazines (not specified) 0%
Library0%
Yelp 0%
Maps 0%
Personal experience 0%
Other 3%
Don't know 0%
Refused 2%

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### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. **(RANDOMIZE)** 

		ONCE/	FEW/	FEW/	ONCE/		(DK/
		<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NA)</u>
[]a.	Walking or hiking	20%	29%	31%	6%	11%	3%
[]b.	Running or jogging	9%	13 %	12%	7 %	57%	3%
[]c.	Dog walking	10%	8%	10%	4 %	65%	3%
[]d.	Horseback riding	2 %	1%	3%	5 %	87%	2%
[]e.	Mountain biking	3 %	5%	10%	6%	73%	3%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing						
[]g.	Spending time in nature	19%	27 %	31%	6%	13%	4%
[]h.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	0%	1%	6%	12%	75%	6%
[]i.	Backpack camping	0 %	2 %	11%	11%	72%	5 %

#### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON - CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK: "Is that very or somewhat SAFE/UNSAFE?")

TOTAL SAFE	94%
Very safe	59%
Somewhat safe	35%
TOTAL UNSAFE	4%
Somewhat unsafe	3%
Very unsafe	1%

(DON'T READ)	Don't visit them/NA - 1%	
(DON'T READ)	Don't know 0%	

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes26%	
No69%	
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 4%	

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16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less10%
Some college20%
Associate's Degree11%
College graduate 30%
Post-graduate26%
(DON'T KNOW) 4 %

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (IF NO: "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self21%
Yes, household13%
Yes, both 8%
No54%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 4%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised28%
Two years or less 6%
Three to five years 5%
Six to 10 years 8%
11 to 20 years13%
21 to 40 years19%
More than 40 years15%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 6%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under10%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 9%
\$60,001 - \$90,000 11%
\$90,001 - \$120,000 9%
\$120,001 - \$150,000 9%
More than \$150,00029%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused22%

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20. What is your gender?

Male4	5%
Female 49	9%
Nonbinary	0%
Rather not say	

### THANK AND TERMINATE

## MODE

Phone	50%
Online	50%

### **DISTRICT WARD**

1	- Seimens	17	%
2	- Kishimoto	13	%
3	- Cyr	11	%
4	- Riffle	14	%
5	- Holman	14	%
6	- Hassett	13	%
7	- Kersteen-Tucker	18	%

# **COUNTY**

San Mateo	- 38%
Santa Clara	- 62%

### **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino5%
Los Altos4%
Los Gatos6%
Menlo Park6%
Mountain View11%
Palo Alto9%
Redwood City 11%
San Carlos4%
Saratoga6%
Sunnyvale 16%
Other13%
Unincorporated9%

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 

FM3	MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=151
RESEARCH	WARD 1 A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely	78%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safelyT	ERMINATE
No, not on cell	22%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED T	ERMINATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE
18-2413%
25-292%
30-342%
35-397%
40-44 10%
45-4914%
50-548%
55-597%
60-6414%
65-699%
70-743%
75+9%
( <b>DK/REFUSED</b> )2%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic4%
African American/Black0%
Caucasian/White 62%
Asian/Pacific Islander 22%
Multiracial3%
( <b>OTHER</b> )3%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED7%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered2%
Democratic 29%
Republican 17%
No Party Preference 40%
Another party6%
( <b>DON'T KNOW/NA</b> )7%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (**READ LIST**)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	92%
Excellent	49%
Good	42%
FAIR/POOR	8%
Fair	5%
Poor	3%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	0%

Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly

unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)

2.

		STR FAV	SMWT <u>FAV</u>	SMWT <u>UNFAV</u>	STR <u>UNFAV</u>	(CAN'T RATE /DK)	NEVER HEARD <u>OF</u>	TOTAL <u>FAV</u>	TOTAL <u>UNFAV</u>
[ ]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open								
	Space District	-41%	22%	1%	0%	7%	28%	63%	1%
[ ]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	- 33%	28%	1%	0%	14%	24%	60%	2%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	-27%	23%	4%	0%	16%	30%	50%	4%
[]d.	California State Parks	- 67%	27%	1%	0%	4%	1%	94%	1%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	- 49%	26%	0%	0%	14%	11%	75%	0%
(ASK	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY	ONLY)							
[]f.	Santa Clara County Parks	- 51%	38%	4%	0%	6%	1%	89%	4%
(ASK	IN SAN MATEO COUNTY OF	NLY)							
[]g.	San Mateo County Parks	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT A	(DK/	EXT/
		<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>NA)</u>	<u>VERY</u>
[ ]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	11%	12%	29%	44%	4%	23%
[ ]b.	Traffic congestion	47%	26%	14%	8%	5%	73%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	21%	32%	23%	22%	2%	53%
[]d.	Fire risk	36%	28%	18%	16%	3%	64%
[]e.	Water pollution						44%
[]f.	Air pollution	18%	25%	33%	21%	3%	43%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	26%	28%	21%	21%	4%	54%
[ ]h.	A lack of affordable housing	38%	30%	19%	12%	1%	68%
[]i.	Climate change	51%	12%	17%	17%	3%	63%
[ ]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	15%	15%	22%	39%	8%	30%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- 4. You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a **FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE** opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=95:

Preservation of open space/environmental protection	36%
Good option for recreation/exercise	28%
Support their mission/efforts	25%
Trails/facilities are well maintained	21%
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	13%
Easily accessible to the public	12%
I use trails regularly	11%
Mixed feelings	7%
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	5%
Dog friendly	1%
Other	2%
Don't know	4%
Refused	3%

### b. Unfavorable, N=2:

They take over too much land	89%
More important issues	52%
Not enough transparency/misused revenue	11%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

%
/

Strongly favorable	58%
Somewhat favorable	32%

**TOTAL UNFAVORABLE ------ 2%** Somewhat unfavorable ------1% Strongly unfavorable ------0%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA-----8%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	47%	35%	11%	7%	0%	83%
[ ]b.	Protecting natural areas	49%	37%	14%	0%	0%	86%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education						79%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	43%	40%	8%	10%	0%	83%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	32%	44%	21%	3%	0%	76%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	42%	38%	5%	14%	1%	80%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	26%	36%	22%	15%	3%	61%
[ ]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such as						
	the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San Mateo						
	County Coast	41%	22%	27%	9%	0%	63%

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)					<u>_</u>	
[]i.	Partnering with local organizations to promote						
	a regional environmental vision						65%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	24%	38%	26%	9%	3%	62%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	56%	28%	9%	7%	0%	83%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	62%	20%	16%	0%	2%	82%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	55%	27%	15%	1%	2%	82%
[ ]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures	<b>22</b> 24	•	<b>2 5 a</b> (	1.00/	• • •	<b>5 1</b> 0 /
	on open space lands	22%	29%	35%	12%	2%	51%
[]0.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail	220/	220/	2.40/	70/	4.07	(50/
	crossings across Highway 17	33%	33%	24%	/%	4%	65%
(SDI I	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
( <b>SI LI</b> []p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks						
ι <sub>I</sub> b·	that create our region's striking natural beauty	61%	28%	11%		0%	89%
[]q.	Protecting and restoring the natural	01/0	2070	11/0	0/0	070	0770
L JA.	environment	67%	22%	11%	0%	0%	89%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara	0770	2270	11/0	070	070	0770
[]-,	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands for future generations	66%	17%	17%	0%	0%	83%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						77%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						81%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails						77%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	52%	26%	14%	8%	0%	78%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature	46%	41%	14%	0%	0%	86%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands						
	that maintain water quality and supply						97%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests	56%	33%	5%	0%	5%	90%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands						65%
[ ]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	46%	39%	12%	1%	2%	85%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with						
	disabilities at local preserves	28%	41%	28%	3%	0%	69%
[]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant	0.464	0.001	0504	0.61	0.67	<b>-</b> 40 /
	restoration techniques	24%	30%	35%	9%	2%	54%
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native	100/	0.00	000/	1.07	50/	
	plant and wildlife habitat	40%	20%	28%	1%	3%	66%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (**RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt 16%
[] Restoring the natural environment18%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation18%
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature22%
[] Preserving rural character8%
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use0%
(DON'T READ) All

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as
water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas 17%

### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----75%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	1%
(NEITHER)	3%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	4%

9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		MUCH MORE	SMWT MORE	NO	(LESS	( <b>DK</b> /	TOTAL MORE
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love	<u>FAV</u>	<u>FAV</u>	<u>DIFF</u>	<u>FAV)</u>	<u>NA)</u>	<u>FAV</u>
	most about living here	49%	28%	22%	1%	1%	76%
(SPL)	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
Ì]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our water	5/1%	22%	18%	30/2	196	76%
[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing						70%
[ ]d.	places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and						61%
[ ]e.	for free (WILDLIFE) By restoring and protecting natural areas, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is protecting wildlife habitats	39%	15%	44%	0%	2%	55%
	and California's unique biodiversity	56%	20%	22%	0%	2%	76%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
(SPL)	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)	<u></u>		<u></u>	<u>/</u>	<u>- 11 - 1</u>	<u></u>
[]f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and						
[]1.	Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and						
	ranching history. That's why Midpen protects						
	sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands						
	connecting past and future along the scenic						
	coast	20%	130/	28%	6%	30/	63%
[]]]]	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open	20%	4370	2070	0%	3 70	0570
[]g.	· · · · ·						
	Space District is caring for the land to create						
	healthy habitats for plants, animals, and	250/	250/	220/	50/	20/	700/
г <b>н</b> .	people	35%	35%	23%	3%	2%	70%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, especially people who are						
	typically less likely to have access to natural						
	areas and open spaces. That includes low-						
	income communities and communities of	250/	220/	400/	00/	20/	570/
	color	33%	22%	40%	0%	2%	57%
(SDI )	T SAMDI E D ONI V						
	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]i.	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties have rich agricultural and ranching						
	history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open						
	Space District preserves historic, agricultural	200/	210/	240/	20/	20/	600/
г <u>т</u> !	lands close to home along the scenic coast	30%	31%	34%	3%	3%	60%
[]j.	(RECREATION) Parks and open spaces						
	provide safe places for the community to						
	gather and explore the outdoors. It's especially						
	important to keep these accessible options for						
	everyone as the cost of living increases.						
	Midpen ensures that San Mateo and Santa						
	Clara County residents have access to well-	<b>=</b> 0.04	<b>2</b> 004	100/	2.04	0.04	070/
r - 1	maintained and beautiful recreation areas	59%	28%	10%	3%	0%	87%
[]k.	(CLIMATE) Smart investments made before						
	a disaster strikes can help protect a						
	community's quality of life, save lives, and						
	reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking						
	a proactive, practical approach to stewardship						
	of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and						
	Santa Clara counties are resilient as the						
	climate changes	38%	49%	11%	2%	0%	87%

(SDI I	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED)	MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
[]]l.	( <b>FIRES</b> ) Midpen is working with fire agencies						
[]1.	and surrounding communities to strengthen						
	prevention and preparation in case of wildland						
	fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of						
	miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using						
	conservation grazing to reduce flammable						
	brush within grassland habitats, limiting the	C 40/	0.604	0.04	10/	0.04	0.00 (
[]	risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur	64%	26%	9%	1%	0%	90%
[ ]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and						
	volunteer opportunities	28%	41%	28%	4%	0%	68%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation						
	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood						
	forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone.						
	Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to						
	protect and restore these places for the wildlife that call it home, and the people who visit and						
	recreate there	55%	27%	14%	1%	2%	82%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE98%Strongly favorable	
<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE 1%</b> Somewhat unfavorable1% Strongly unfavorable1%	

(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA ------1%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		FREQ	OCCAS	RARELY	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ / <u>OCC</u>	RRLY <u>/NVR</u>
[ ]a.	Local television stations						42%	52%
[ ]b.	KQED Radio	24%	27%	13%	31%	5%	51%	44%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED						34%	60%
[]d.	Information you receive in the mail	6%	35%	29%	25%	4%	41%	55%
[]e.	Facebook	8%	19%	22%	47%	4%	27%	69%
[]f.	Twitter						16%	80%
[]g.	Instagram	9%	11%	11%	64%	5%	20%	75%
[ ]h.	Blogs on the Internet	18%	14%	24%	38%	6%	33%	62%
[ ]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	19%	31%	24%	26%	1%	50%	50%
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
	newspaper	2%	6%	25%	62%	6%	7%	87%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	0%	8%	2%	82%	7%	8%	85%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and activity							
	guide mailed to your home	5%	12%	18%	57%	8%	17%	76%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	4%	5%	6%	76%	- 10%	8%	82%
[]n.	Nextdoor	18%	23%	20%	35%	6%	40%	54%
[]0.	Midpen's public meetings	0%	0%	11%	77%	- 11%	1%	88%
[ ]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
-	org	5%	21%	23%	45%	6%	26%	68%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 65%
Word of mouth9%
Internet (general)7%
Local newspaper3%
Local television news3%
Personal experience2%
Google1%
National newspaper1%
News radio1%
You Tube1%
Local newsletter1%
Magazines (not specified)1%
Government website1%
LinkedIn0%
National news0%
Community centers0%
Saratogian0%
Library0%
Yelp0%
Reddit0%
Maps0%
Facebook/social media0%
Other4%
Don't know0%
Refused3%

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		ONCE/	FEW/	FEW/	ONCE/		( <b>DK</b> /
		<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NA)</u>
[ ]a.	Walking or hiking	29%	31%	29%	5%	6%	
[ ]b.	Running or jogging	5%	14%	19%	2%	59%	1%
[]c.	Dog walking	12%	11%	14%	2%	59%	1%
[]d.	Horseback riding	1%	3%	1%	2%	93%	1%
[]e.	Mountain biking	4%	11%	16%	2%	64%	3%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing	5%	11%	18%	12%	53%	1%
[]g.	Spending time in nature	20%	33%	31%	5%	7%	4%
[]ĥ.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	0%	1%	8%	7%	78%	5%
[]i.	Backpack camping	0%		11%	12%	72%	1%

### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON – CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (**IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK:** "Is that very or somewhat **SAFE/UNSAFE**?")

TOTAL SAFE	94%
Very safe	49%
Somewhat safe	
TOTAL UNSAFE	3%
Somewhat unsafe	
	3%

( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Don't visit them/NA1%	)
(DON'T READ) Don't know2%	)

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes 269	%
No 739	%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED19	%

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less 11%
Some college24%
Associate's Degree4%
College graduate 32%
Post-graduate 29%
( <b>DON'T KNOW</b> )1%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self 28%
Yes, household 18%
Yes, both13%
No 41%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED1%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised24%
Two years or less1%
Three to five years8%
Six to 10 years 11%
11 to 20 years 10%
21 to 40 years 27%
More than 40 years 16%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED2%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under3%
\$30,001 - \$60,0006%
\$60,001 - \$90,0006%
\$90,001 - \$120,0006%
\$120,001 - \$150,000 11%
More than \$150,000 36%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused 32%

#### 20. What is your gender?

Male5	53%
Female	15%
Nonbinary	-0%
Rather not say	

#### THANK AND TERMINATE

### **MODE**

Phone	43%
Online	57%

#### **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens	100%
2 - Kishimoto	0%
3 - Cyr	0%
4 - Riffle	0%
5 - Holman	0%
6 - Hassett	0%
7 – Kersteen-Tucker	0%

### **COUNTY**

San Mateo	0%
Santa Clara	100%

# **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino 23%
Los Altos0%
Los Gatos 34%
Menlo Park0%
Mountain View0%
Palo Alto0%
Redwood City0%
San Carlos0%
Saratoga 35%
Sunnyvale0%
Other4%
Unincorporated4%

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 

FM3	MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=116
RESEARCH	WARD 2 A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely 5	6%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely TERMINA	TE
No, not on cell 4	4%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED TERMINA	TE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 187	<b>TERMINATE</b>
18-24	15%
25-29	10%
30-34	8%
35-39	7%
40-44	9%
45-49	4%
50-54	8%
55-59	10%
60-64	14%
65-69	2%
70-74	4%
75+	9%
(DK/REFUSED)	1%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic2%
African American/Black3%
Caucasian/White 53%
Asian/Pacific Islander 38%
Multiracial0%
( <b>OTHER</b> )1%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED3%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered2%
Democratic 54%
Republican8%
No Party Preference 20%
Another party4%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) 11%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (**READ LIST**)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	91%
Excellent	47%
Good	43%
FAIR/POOR	<b>9%</b>
FAIR/POOR Fair	
	6%

(DON'T KNOW/NA) -----0%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	STR UNFAV	(CAN'T RATE /DK)	NEVER HEARD <u>OF</u>	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
[ ]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open								
	Space District	43%	12%	0%	0%	13%	31%	55%	0%
[ ]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	29%	14%	2%	0%	14%	41%	43%	2%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	37%	9%	1%	2%	11%	40%	46%	3%
[]d.	California State Parks	65%	30%	1%	1%	3%	1%	95%	2%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	45%	26%	1%	2%	9%	17%	71%	3%
( <b>ASK</b> []f.	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY Santa Clara County Parks			2%	0%	8%	14%	76%	2%
(ASK	IN SAN MATEO COUNTY O	NLY)							
[ ]g.	San Mateo County Parks	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT A	(DK/	EXT/
		<b>PROB</b>	PROB	<b>PROB</b>	<b>PROB</b>	NA)	<u>VERY</u>
[ ]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	8%	20%	21%	40%	11%	28%
[ ]b.	Traffic congestion	38%	28%	27%	7%	0%	66%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	14%	33%	34%	15%	5%	46%
[]d.	Fire risk	11%	39%	34%	14%	2%	50%
[]e.	Water pollution						30%
[]f.	Air pollution	14%	25%	37%	22%	2%	38%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	26%	20%	38%	12%	4%	46%
[]ĥ.	A lack of affordable housing	56%	22%	8%	12%	2%	78%
[]i.	Climate change	55%	13%	24%	6%	2%	68%
[ ]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	14%	21%	21%	37%	6%	35%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

#### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

 You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)

#### a. Favorable, N=64:

Good option for recreation/exercise	31%
Support their mission/efforts	31%
Preservation of open space/environmental protection	25%
Easily accessible to the public	17%
Trails/facilities are well maintained	17%
I use trails regularly	15%
General favorable statement	14%
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	6%
Mixed feelings	5%
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	4%
Other	3%

#### b. Unfavorable, N=1:

Poor leadership/management	70%
Not enough transparency/misused revenue	

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE	86%
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Strongly favorable 58	%
Somewhat favorable 28	%

**TOTAL UNFAVORABLE ------ 7%** Somewhat unfavorable -----6% Strongly unfavorable -----1%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA-----7%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever						74%
[ ]b.	Protecting natural areas	55%	35%	9%	0%	1%	90%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	33%	40%	20%	2%	5%	73%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	41%	30%	28%	0%	1%	71%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	24%	44%	31%	1%	0%	68%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	46%	25%	8%	6%	- 15%	71%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	28%	31%	25%	14%	3%	59%
[ ]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such as						
	the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San Mateo						
	County Coast	36%	23%	35%	2%	4%	58%

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO <u>IMP</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)					<u> </u>	<u></u>
[ ]i.	Partnering with local organizations to promote						
	a regional environmental vision	36%	52%	10% -	0%	2%	88%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	20%	20%	41% -	9%	- 10%	41%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	52%	36%	11% -	0%	1%	88%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	35%	57%	5%	2%	0%	93%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	50%	36%	11% -	0%	3%	86%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						
	on open space lands	6%	38%	48% -	6%	2%	44%
[]o.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail	1.40/	1001	22.4	0.04	1.40/	
	crossings across Highway 17	14%	40%	32% -	0%	- 14%	54%
(CDI I	T CAMDI E D ONI V)						
`	T SAMPLE B ONLY) Protecting the ridgetong billsides and ereals						
[ ]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks	120/	200/	220/	50/	00/	72%
[]a	that create our region's striking natural beauty Protecting and restoring the natural	42%	30%	23% -	3%	0%	1270
[]q.	environment	2604	1804	1204	20/	004	84%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara	30%	4070	1370 -	370	0%	04/0
[]I.	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands for future generations	25%		21% -	6%	0%	73%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						56%
[]s. []t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						80%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails						55%
[]u. []v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the	1070	5170	5570	270	570	5570
[],,	face of climate change	34%	37%	21% -	5%	4%	71%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature						67%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands						
	that maintain water quality and supply	41%	49%	8%	2%	0%	90%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests						78%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands						63%
[ ]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	31%	37%	27% -	3%	2%	68%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with						
	disabilities at local preserves	17%	33%	41% -	7%	2%	50%
[]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant						
	restoration techniques	19%	20%	35% -	20%	7%	38%
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native						
	plant and wildlife habitat	13%	46%	23% -	13%	4%	59%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (**RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt24%
[] Restoring the natural environment28%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation7%
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature14%
[] Preserving rural character
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use2%
(DON'T READ) All

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas ------ 19%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----65%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	5%
(NEITHER)	0%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	12%

9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		MUCH MORE	SMWT MORE	NO	(LESS	( <b>DK</b> /	TOTAL MORE
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love	<u>FAV</u>	FAV	DIFF	<u>FAV)</u>	<u>NA)</u>	<u>FAV</u>
	most about living here	41%	21%	30%	6%	3%	61%
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
Ì]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our water	36%	53%	10%	0%	2%	89%
[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing						
[ ]d.	places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and						93%
[ ]e.	for free (WILDLIFE) By restoring and protecting natural areas, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is protecting wildlife habitats	56%	40%	4%	0%	0%	96%
	and California's unique biodiversity	64%	25%	8%	0%	3%	89%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
( <b>SPL</b> ] []f.	IT SAMPLE A CONTINUED) (AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and						
[]1.	Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why Midpen protects sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands connecting past and future along the scenic	1.00/	5204	2604	00/	50/	600/
[]g.	coast (CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is caring for the land to create	16%	53%	26%	0%	3%	69%
	healthy habitats for plants, animals, and people	40%	36%	10%	1%	13%	76%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched experiences, especially people who are typically less likely to have access to natural areas and open spaces. That includes low-						
	income communities and communities of color	400/	260/	00/	4.0/	20/	85%
	color	49%	30%	9%	4%	2%	03%
	(T SAMPLE B ONLY) (AC HISTOPY) San Matao and Santa Clara						
[ ]i.	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open Space District preserves historic, agricultural lands close to home along the scenic coast	18%	31%	31%	17%	0%	52%
[]j.	( <b>RECREATION</b> ) Parks and open spaces provide safe places for the community to gather and explore the outdoors. It's especially important to keep these accessible options for everyone as the cost of living increases.	10 /0	J <b>-</b> 70	5170	1 / /0		5270
[ ]k.	Midpen ensures that San Mateo and Santa Clara County residents have access to well- maintained and beautiful recreation areas ( <b>CLIMATE</b> ) Smart investments made before a disaster strikes can help protect a community's quality of life, save lives, and reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking a proactive, practical approach to stewardship of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and	43%	40%	15%	2%	0%	83%
	Santa Clara counties are resilient as the	1601	400/	00/	10/	40/	0601
	climate changes	40%	40%	9%	1%	4%	86%

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	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED) (FIDES) Midnen is working with fire agancies						
[]1.	( <b>FIRES</b> ) Midpen is working with fire agencies and surrounding communities to strengthen						
	prevention and preparation in case of wildland						
	fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of						
	miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using						
	conservation grazing to reduce flammable						
	brush within grassland habitats, limiting the						
	risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur	44%	45%	11%	0%	0%	89%
[]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and						
	volunteer opportunities	15%	40%	45%	0%	0%	55%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation						
	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood						
	forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone.						
	Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to						
	protect and restore these places for the wildlife						
	that call it home, and the people who visit and recreate there	27%	5/1%	13%	6%	0%	80%
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### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE88%Strongly favorable60%Somewhat favorable28%	6
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE 5%Somewhat unfavorable5%Strongly unfavorable0%	6

(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA -----7%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		<u>FREQ</u>	<u>OCCAS</u>	RARELY	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ /OCC	RRLY / <u>NVR</u>
[ ]a.	Local television stations	4%	29%	16%	47%	3%	33%	63%
[]b.	KQED Radio						33%	58%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED	12%	6%	18%	62%	3%	18%	80%
[]d.	Information you receive in the mail						31%	60%
[]e.	Facebook						38%	60%
[]f.	Twitter	14%	3%	12%	61%	10%	17%	73%
[]g.	Instagram	14%	10%	12%	62%	3%	24%	74%
[]h.	Blogs on the Internet	1%	23%	29%	45%	2%	24%	74%
[]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	16%	18%	21%	43%	2%	35%	63%
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
	newspaper	10%	17%	8%	63%	2%	26%	71%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	0%	1%	3%	87%	10%	1%	89%
[]].	The Midpen newsletter and activity							
	guide mailed to your home	3%	9%	11%	64%	14%	12%	74%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	10%	5%	6%	76%	3%	15%	82%
[]n.	Nextdoor						34%	63%
[]o.	Midpen's public meetings	7%	2%	4%	85%	2%	9%	89%
[ ]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
	org	6%	18%	15%	49%	11%	25%	64%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 61%
Word of mouth8%
Facebook/social media6%
Internet (general)5%
Google3%
Government website3%
Local newspaper2%
Local newsletter2%
Local television news2%
National news1%
Community centers1%
News radio1%
Reddit1%
LinkedIn0%
National newspaper0%
Saratogian0%
You Tube0%
Magazines (not specified)0%
Library0%
Yelp0%
Maps0%
Personal experience0%
l'elsonal experience0%
Other2%
Don't know2%
Refused3%

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		ONCE/	FEW/	FEW/	ONCE/		(DK/
		<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NA)</u>
[]a.	Walking or hiking	20%	28%	29%	3%	13%	6%
[ ]b.	Running or jogging	19%	10%	15%	7%	42%	6%
[]c.	Dog walking	4%	4%	14%	4%	72%	2%
[]d.	Horseback riding	0%	0%	0%	9%	89%	2%
[]e.	Mountain biking	10%	3%	9%	5%	71%	2%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing	3%	13%	12%	11%	50%	- 11%
[]g.	Spending time in nature						
[]ĥ.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	0%	0%	2%	18%	64%	- 16%
[ ]i.	Backpack camping	0%	0%	10%	17%	60%	- 13%

### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON – CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (**IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK:** "Is that very or somewhat **SAFE/UNSAFE**?")

TOTAL SAFE	95%
Very safe	57%
Somewhat safe	
TOTAL UNSAFE	4%
TOTAL UNSAFE Somewhat unsafe	

(DON'T READ) Don't visit them/NA(	)%
(DON'T READ) Don't know(	)%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes 25%	Ď
No 65%	Ď
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 10%	ò

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less3%
Some college14%
Associate's Degree9%
College graduate 44%
Post-graduate 25%
( <b>DON'T KNOW</b> )4%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self 24%
Yes, household11%
Yes, both16%
No 37%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 12%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised13%
Two years or less7%
Three to five years6%
Six to 10 years7%
11 to 20 years 13%
21 to 40 years 27%
More than 40 years 23%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED4%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under2%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 15%
\$60,001 - \$90,00014%
\$90,001 - \$120,0007%
\$120,001 - \$150,000 13%
More than \$150,000 36%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused14%

### 20. What is your gender?

Male 4	3%
Female 5	2%
Nonbinary	0%
Rather not say	

# THANK AND TERMINATE

### **MODE**

Phone	32%
Online	68%

### **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens	0%
2 - Kishimoto	100%
3 - Cyr	0%
4 - Riffle	0%
5 - Holman	0%
6 - Hassett	0%
7 – Kersteen-Tucker	0%

### **COUNTY**

San Mateo	0%
Santa Clara	100%

# **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino 12%
Los Altos5%
Los Gatos0%
Menlo Park0%
Mountain View0%
Palo Alto 14%
Redwood City0%
San Carlos0%
Saratoga2%
Sunnyvale 37%
Other 12%
Unincorporated18%

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 

FM3	MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=98
RESEARCH	WARD 3 A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely 84%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely <b>TERMINATE</b>
No, not on cell 16%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED TERMINATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE
18-2416%
25-2912%
30-3421%
35-394%
40-447%
45-4910%
50-544%
55-594%
60-6410%
65-693%
70-745%
75+3%
( <b>DK/REFUSED</b> )2%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic8%
African American/Black3%
Caucasian/White 40%
Asian/Pacific Islander 33%
Multiracial7%
( <b>OTHER</b> )4%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED5%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered	8%
Democratic	64%
Republican	9%
No Party Preference	11%
Another party	2%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	5%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (**READ LIST**)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	85%
Excellent	26%
Good	59%
FAIR/POOR	15%
FAIR/POOR Fair	
	12%

(DON'T KNOW/NA) -----0%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	STR UNFAV	(CAN'T RATE /DK)	NEVER HEARD OF	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
[ ]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open								
	Space District	- 18%	19%	1%	1%	11%	50%	37%	2%
[ ]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	- 15%	26%	1%	0%	9%	48%	42%	2%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	-17%	15%	1%	1%	14%	53%	31%	2%
[]d.	California State Parks	- 55%	30%	2%	1%	5%	8%	85%	3%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	- 37%	19%	7%	0%	23%	14%	57%	7%
( <b>ASK</b> []f.	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY Santa Clara County Parks	,		6%	0%	5%	10%	79%	6%
( <b>ASK</b> []g.	IN SAN MATEO COUNTY OF San Mateo County Parks		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT A	(DK/	EXT/
		<b>PROB</b>	<b>PROB</b>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>NA)</u>	<u>VERY</u>
[ ]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	10%	16%	28%	38%	7%	27%
[ ]b.	Traffic congestion	46%	31%	14%	5%	3%	77%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	24%	16%	27%	21%	- 12%	41%
[]d.	Fire risk	18%	17%	23%	37%	4%	36%
[]e.	Water pollution						34%
[]f.	Air pollution	22%	20%	21%	27%	- 10%	42%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	20%	16%	34%	21%	9%	36%
[ ]h.	A lack of affordable housing	70%	21%	3%	5%	1%	91%
[]i.	Climate change	43%	23%	12%	18%	3%	67%
[ ]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	22%	21%	24%	25%	9%	42%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

#### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

 You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)

#### a. Favorable, N=36:

Preservation of open space/environmental protection	41%
Support their mission/efforts	28%
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	19%
Trails/facilities are well maintained	15%
I use trails regularly	11%
Good option for recreation/exercise	9%
Easily accessible to the public	6%
General favorable statement	3%
Mixed feelings	3%
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	2%
Other	11%

#### b. Unfavorable, N=2:

More important issues	46%
Poor leadership/management	24%
General unfavorable statement	20%
They take over too much land	10%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE	77%
Strongly favorable	49%
Somewhat favorable	28%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE ------11% Somewhat unfavorable ------3% Strongly unfavorable ------7%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA------ 12%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	38%	37%	20%	5%	0%	75%
[ ]b.	Protecting natural areas	40%	49%	8%	4%	0%	89%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	35%	31%	25%	9%	0%	66%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	34%	26%	28%	12%	0%	60%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	32%	34%	33%	2%	0%	66%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	50%	23%	9%	17%	1%	73%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	19%	26%	34%	20%	3%	44%
[ ]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such as						
	the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San Mateo						
	County Coast	19%	30%	34%	17%	0%	49%

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT <u>IMP</u>	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)						
[]i.	Partnering with local organizations to promote						
	a regional environmental vision						51%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	12%	29%	31% -	23%	5%	41%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	57%	29%	6%	8%	0%	86%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	44%	31%	24% -	0%	1%	75%
[ ]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	43%	24%	29% -	3%	1%	67%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						
	on open space lands	23%	29%	14% -	32%	2%	52%
[]0.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail						
	crossings across Highway 17	44%	26%	4%	23%	2%	70%
	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[ ]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks						
	that create our region's striking natural beauty	35%	19%	44% -	3%	0%	54%
[]q.	Protecting and restoring the natural						
	environment	49%	36%	14% -	1%	0%	85%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands for future generations						77%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						65%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						74%
[ ]u.	Providing regional hiking trails	35%	23%	38% -	4%	0%	58%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change						76%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature	38%	40%	21% -	1%	0%	78%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands						
	that maintain water quality and supply						78%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests	62%	18%	19% -	1%	0%	80%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and				_		
	open space lands						70%
[ ]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	41%	30%	24% -	3%	2%	72%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with						
	disabilities at local preserves	31%	24%	34% -	11%	0%	55%
[ ]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant	<b>.</b> .					
	restoration techniques	34%	20%	31% -	11%	4%	53%
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native						_
	plant and wildlife habitat	47%	35%	17% -	1%	0%	82%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (**RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt 13%
[] Restoring the natural environment22%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation21%
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature16%
[] Preserving rural character4%
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use5%
(DON'T READ) All

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as
water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas 24%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----73%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	1%
(NEITHER)	
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	<i>L</i> %0

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[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing	2404	2504	21%	204	90/	69%
[ ]d.	places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and						
[ ]e.	for free (WILDLIFE) By restoring and protecting natural areas, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is protecting wildlife habitats	62%	26%	10%	1%	2%	88%
	and California's unique biodiversity	36%	39%	22%	2%	2%	75%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)						
[ ]f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why Midpen protects sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands connecting past and future along the scenic						
	coast	32%	20%	38%	3%	6%	52%
[ ]g.	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is caring for the land to create healthy habitats for plants, animals, and people	40%	30%	20%	0%	20%	70%
[]h		40%	30%	- 29%	0%	2%	70%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched experiences, especially people who are typically less likely to have access to natural areas and open spaces. That includes low- income communities and communities of color	31%	33%	35%	1%	0%	64%
	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[ ]i.	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open Space District preserves historic, agricultural lands close to home along the scenic coast	25%	1306	2104	0%	1106	68%
[ ]j.	( <b>RECREATION</b> ) Parks and open spaces	23%	43%	- 21%	0%	11%	0070
[]k.	provide safe places for the community to gather and explore the outdoors. It's especially important to keep these accessible options for everyone as the cost of living increases. Midpen ensures that San Mateo and Santa Clara County residents have access to well- maintained and beautiful recreation areas (CLIMATE) Smart investments made before a disaster strikes can help protect a	60%	17%	13%	0%	9%	78%
	a disaster strikes can help protect a community's quality of life, save lives, and reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking a proactive, practical approach to stewardship of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are resilient as the climate changes	58%	27%	8%	0%	7%	85%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
•	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED)						
[]1.	( <b>FIRES</b> ) Midpen is working with fire agencies and surrounding communities to strengthen						
	prevention and preparation in case of wildland						
	fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of						
	miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using						
	conservation grazing to reduce flammable						
	brush within grassland habitats, limiting the						
	risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur	63%	24%	4%	0%	9%	87%
[ ]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and						
	volunteer opportunities	25%	42%	23%	1%	10%	67%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation						
	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood						
	forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone.						
	Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to protect and restore these places for the wildlife						
	that call it home, and the people who visit and						
	recreate there		39%	12%	0%	11%	77%
	10010ate mole.	5770	5770	12/0	070	11/0	///0

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE839Strongly favorable	%
<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b> 89         Somewhat unfavorable       60         Strongly unfavorable       10	%

(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA -----9%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		<u>FREQ</u>	<u>OCCAS</u>	<u>RARELY</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ /OCC	RRLY / <u>NVR</u>
[]0	Local television stations	1204	2104	1/10/	5204	204	33%	65%
[]a.								
[]b.	KQED Radio						34%	64%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED						31%	68%
[]d.	Information you receive in the mail	7%	27%	14%	49%	2%	35%	63%
[]e.	Facebook	9%	21%	29%	39%	2%	30%	68%
[]f.	Twitter						15%	84%
[]g.	Instagram	6%	11%	10%	73%	1%	17%	82%
[ ]h.	Blogs on the Internet	12%	14%	18%	55%	1%	26%	73%
[ ]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	9%	14%	17%	59%	1%	23%	76%
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
	newspaper	2%	16%	7%	73%	2%	18%	80%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	0%	5%	7%	86%	2%	5%	93%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and activity							
	guide mailed to your home	6%	8%	9%	74%	3%	15%	82%
[ ]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	6%	3%	6%		2%	9%	89%
[]n.	Nextdoor						21%	77%
[]o.	Midpen's public meetings	1%	4%	10%		2%	5%	93%
[ ]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
	org	3%	18%	18%	61%	1%	20%	79%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

	<b>5</b> 00/
No	
Google	8%
Word of mouth	7%
Internet (general)	6%
Facebook/social media	6%
Local television news	4%
Reddit	3%
Local newsletter	2%
News radio	
You Tube	1%
Magazines (not specified)	1%
Maps	1%
LinkedIn	0%
National newspaper	0%
National news	
Community centers	0%
Local newspaper	0%
Saratogian	0%
Government website	0%
Library	
Yelp	0%
Personal experience	0%
-	
Other	3%

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		ONCE/	FEW/	FEW/	ONCE/		(DK/
		<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NA)</u>
[]a.	Walking or hiking	5%	23%	28%	12%	29%	2%
[ ]b.	Running or jogging	6%	10%	19%	5%	58%	1%
[]c.	Dog walking	5%	7%	4%	12%	71%	1%
[]d.	Horseback riding	0%	0%	5%	12%	82%	1%
[]e.	Mountain biking	1%	2%	9%	15%	73%	1%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing	3%	3%	17%	14%	61%	3%
[]g.	Spending time in nature	11%	21%	29%	16%	22%	1%
[]ĥ.	Ranger- or docent-led programs						
[ ]i.	Backpack camping	0%	0%	12%	17%	70%	1%

### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON – CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (**IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK:** "Is that very or somewhat **SAFE/UNSAFE**?")

TOTAL SAFE	94%
Very safe	60%
Somewhat safe	
TOTAL UNSAFE	60/
IOTAL UNGALE	0 70
Somewhat unsafe	

(DON'T READ) Don't visit them/NA0	1%
(DON'T READ) Don't know0	1%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes 15	%
No 82'	%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED3	%

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less 12%
Some college28%
Associate's Degree 22%
College graduate 18%
Post-graduate15%
( <b>DON'T KNOW</b> )5%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self 33%
Yes, household16%
Yes, both9%
No 37%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED5%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised 42%
Two years or less9%
Three to five years6%
Six to 10 years2%
11 to 20 years 12%
21 to 40 years5%
More than 40 years 11%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 12%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under 18%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 13%
\$60,001 - \$90,000 10%
\$90,001 - \$120,0008%
\$120,001 - \$150,0003%
More than \$150,000 21%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused27%

### 20. What is your gender?

Male	56%
Female	35%
Nonbinary	-0%
Rather not say	-9%

# THANK AND TERMINATE

### **MODE**

Phone	70%
Online	30%

### **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens	0%
2 - Kishimoto	0%
3 - Cyr	100%
4 - Riffle	
5 - Holman	0%
6 - Hassett	0%
7 - Kersteen-Tucker	0%

### **COUNTY**

San Mateo	0%
Santa Clara	100%

# **CITY/TOWN**

Los Altos0% Los Gatos0% Menlo Park0% Mountain View0% Palo Alto0% Redwood City0% San Carlos0% Saratoga0% Sunnyvale0% Unincorporated0%	Cupertino0%
Menlo Park0%         Mountain View0%         Palo Alto0%         Redwood City0%         San Carlos0%         Saratoga0%         Sunnyvale0%         Other0%	Los Altos0%
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Sunnyvale100% Other0%	San Carlos0%
Other0%	Saratoga0%
	Sunnyvale 100%
Unincorporated0%	Other0%
	Unincorporated0%

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 

FM3	MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=124
R E S E A R C H	WARD 4 A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely 88%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safelyTERMINATE
No, not on cell 12%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED TERMINATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 <b>T</b>	ERMINATE
18-24	13%
25-29	5%
30-34	6%
35-39	19%
40-44	5%
45-49	18%
50-54	4%
55-59	5%
60-64	12%
65-69	2%
70-74	3%
75+	5%
(DK/REFUSED)	3%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic9%
African American/Black0%
Caucasian/White 52%
Asian/Pacific Islander 17%
Multiracial6%
( <b>OTHER</b> )1%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 14%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered4%
Democratic 52%
Republican8%
No Party Preference 18%
Another party 14%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)3%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (**READ LIST**)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	92%
Excellent	39%
Good	52%
FAIR/POOR	8%
Fair	5%
Poor	3%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	0%

Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR <u>FAV</u>	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	STR UNFAV	(CAN'T RATE /DK)	NEVER HEARD <u>OF</u>	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
[ ]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open								
	Space District	- 39%	11%	0%	2%	7%	41%	50%	2%
[ ]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	- 18%	12%	1%	1%	9%	59%	30%	1%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	- 29%	17%	1%	1%	6%	47%	46%	1%
[]d.	California State Parks	- 62%	31%	1%	0%	1%	5%	93%	1%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	-42%	36%	3%	0%	7%	13%	77%	3%
( <b>ASK</b> []f.	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY Santa Clara County Parks			1%	3%	5%	11%	81%	3%
(ASK IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ONLY)									
[]g.	San Mateo County Parks	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT	VERY	SMWT	NOT		
		SER	SER	SER	A	(DK/	EXT/
		<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<u>NA)</u>	VERY
[ ]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	8%	15%	34%	39%	3%	23%
[ ]b.	Traffic congestion	33%	34%	26%	7%	0%	67%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	19%	23%	36%	18%	4%	42%
[]d.	Fire risk	26%	21%	31%	21%	1%	47%
[]e.	Water pollution	19%	23%	34%	20%	4%	42%
[]f.	Air pollution	29%	27%	30%	13%	1%	56%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	20%	29%	36%	14%	1%	49%
[]ĥ.	A lack of affordable housing	60%	22%	9%	9%	0%	82%
[]i.	Climate change	48%	24%	9%	17%	1%	73%
[ ]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	7%	18%	31%	39%	4%	25%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

#### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- 4. You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a **FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE** opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=62:

b.

Preservation of open space/environmental protection	43%
Support their mission/efforts	
I use trails regularly	
Good option for recreation/exercise	
Trails/facilities are well maintained	
Mixed feelings	5%
General favorable statement	
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	2%
Easily accessible to the public	
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	
Dog friendly	
Watershed protection	1%
Other	3%
Refused	2%
Unfavorable, N=2:	
Poor leadership/management	52%
Other	48%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE	89%
Steen also force walls	600/

Strongly lavorable	00%
Somewhat favorable	28%

**TOTAL UNFAVORABLE ------ 2%** Somewhat unfavorable ------0% Strongly unfavorable ------2%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA------ 10%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT <u>IMP</u>	NOT TOO <u>IMP</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	53%	32%	11%	0%	4%	84%
[ ]b.	Protecting natural areas	59%	23%	13%	1%	3%	82%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	42%	38%	19%	2%	0%	79%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	25%	45%	25%	2%	3%	70%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	27%	27%	42%	3%	0%	54%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	40%	35%	18%	1%	6%	75%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	23%	42%	26%	8%	0%	65%
[ ]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such as						
	the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San Mateo						
	County Coast	25%	39%	28%	8%	0%	64%

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT <u>IMP</u>	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)						
[]i.	Partnering with local organizations to promote						
	a regional environmental vision	27%	40%	27%	4%	2%	67%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	17%	41%	34%	5%	3%	59%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	38%	50%	9%	0%	3%	88%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	50%	38%	9%	3%	0%	88%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	37%	43%	14%	5%	1%	80%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures	1001		<b>224</b>	• • • •	• • •	
	on open space lands	19%	27%	33%	20%	2%	45%
[]o.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail	2.404	450/	1.00/	<b>2</b> 0/	4.07	010/
	crossings across Highway 17	34%	47%	13%	2%	4%	81%
	<b>T SAMPLE B ONLY</b> ) Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks						
[ ]p.	that create our region's striking natural beauty	5104	1904	2104	004	004	69%
[]a	Protecting and restoring the natural	31 %	1070	3170	070	0%	09/0
[]q.	environment	/0%	18%	12%	1%	0%	88%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara	+0 /0	+0 /0	12/0	1/0	070	0070
[]1.	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands for future generations	42%	35%	22%	2%	0%	77%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						46%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						80%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails						49%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	46%	31%	17%	2%	4%	77%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature						75%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands						
	that maintain water quality and supply	66%	20%	10%	0%	4%	86%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests	69%	18%	13%	0%	0%	87%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands						70%
[ ]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	36%	41%	21%	1%	1%	77%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with						
	disabilities at local preserves	23%	22%	43%	13%	0%	44%
[ ]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant				4.6.1	0.01	
	restoration techniques	37%	25%	33%	4%	0%	63%
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native	0001	4.404	010/	0.01	0.6.1	<b>-</b> - 0 /
	plant and wildlife habitat	32%	44%	21%	3%	0%	75%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (**RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt 16%
[] Restoring the natural environment12%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation11%
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature25%
[] Preserving rural character
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use9%
(DON'T READ) All

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas ------ 22%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----77%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	0%
(NEITHER)	
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	

9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love most about living here						<u>67%</u>
	nost about inving here.	5770	2070	5070	170	570	0770
	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our water	38%	50%	13%	0%	0%	87%
[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing	5070	5070	1570	070	0.0	0770
[ ]d.	places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and	32%	39%	25%	0%	4%	71%
[ ]e.	<ul> <li>for free</li></ul>	41%	43%	16%	0%	0%	84%
	and California's unique biodiversity	40%	43%	16%	1%	0%	83%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)						
[ ]f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why Midpen protects sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands connecting past and future along the scenic						
	coast	23%	44%	30%	2%	1%	68%
[ ]g.	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is caring for the land to create healthy habitats for plants, animals, and people						
լյր	1 1	40%	30%	23%	0%	0%	77%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched experiences, especially people who are typically less likely to have access to natural areas and open spaces. That includes low- income communities and communities of color	44%	38%	12%	0%	6%	83%
(SPL)	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]i.	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open Space District preserves historic, agricultural	210/	150	100/	100/		600 (
r 31	lands close to home along the scenic coast	21%	47%	19%	10%	4%	68%
[]j.	( <b>RECREATION</b> ) Parks and open spaces provide safe places for the community to gather and explore the outdoors. It's especially important to keep these accessible options for everyone as the cost of living increases. Midpen ensures that San Mateo and Santa Clara County residents have access to well- maintained and beautiful recreation areas	49%	13%	35%	0%	4%	62%
[ ]k.	(CLIMATE) Smart investments made before a disaster strikes can help protect a community's quality of life, save lives, and reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking a proactive, practical approach to stewardship of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are resilient as the climate changes	35%	40%	17%	3%	4%	76%
		5570	1070	I//U	570	170	/0/0

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
•	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED) (FIDES) Midnan is working with fire agancies						
[]1.	( <b>FIRES</b> ) Midpen is working with fire agencies and surrounding communities to strengthen						
	prevention and preparation in case of wildland						
	fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of						
	miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using						
	conservation grazing to reduce flammable						
	brush within grassland habitats, limiting the						
	risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur	38%	52%	4%	2%	4%	90%
[]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and	<b>2</b> 4 6 /	2001	010/	60/	110/	6207
r 1	volunteer opportunities	24%	38%	21%	6%	11%	63%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation						
	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone.						
	Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to						
	protect and restore these places for the wildlife						
	that call it home, and the people who visit and						
	recreate there	35%	44%	17%	0%	4%	79%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE899Strongly favorable649Somewhat favorable269	%
<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b> 29         Somewhat unfavorable       00         Strongly unfavorable       20	%

(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA ------8%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		<u>FREQ</u>	<u>OCCAS</u>	<u>RARELY</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ /OCC	RRLY <u>/NVR</u>
[]a.	Local television stations	8%	23%	23%	44%	3%	31%	66%
[ ]b.	KQED Radio	20%	26%	21%	30%	4%	46%	51%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED	11%	15%	24%	44%	5%	27%	68%
[]d.	Information you receive in the mail	4%	28%	32%	33%	3%	32%	64%
[]e.	Facebook	13%	26%	19%	39%	3%	39%	58%
[]f.	Twitter	2%	14%	15%	63%	5%	17%	78%
[]g.	Instagram	5%	12%	7%	72%	5%	17%	78%
[ ]h.	Blogs on the Internet	5%	18%	14%	60%	3%	23%	74%
[]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	6%	23%	19%	49%	3%	29%	68%
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
	newspaper	4%	20%	24%	50%	3%	23%	74%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	0%	2%	7%	85%	6%	2%	92%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and activity							
	guide mailed to your home	4%	19%	8%	66%	3%	23%	73%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	2%	8%	12%	73%	5%	10%	85%
[ ]n.	Nextdoor						26%	71%
[]0.	Midpen's public meetings	0%	2%	13%	80%	5%	2%	93%
[ ]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
	org	1%	13%	27%	56%	3%	14%	83%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 50%	
Word of mouth 10%	)
Google8%	)
Internet (general)7%	
Local newspaper6%	)
You Tube3%	
Local newsletter3%	,
Local television news2%	
Government website2%	)
National newspaper1%	)
Community centers1%	
Magazines (not specified)1%	
Library1%	
Reddit1%	
LinkedIn0%	)
National news0%	)
News radio0%	)
Saratogian0%	)
Yelp0%	
Maps0%	)
Personal experience0%	)
Facebook/social media0%	
Other7%	)
Don't know0%	)
Refused1%	)

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		ONCE/	FEW/	FEW/	ONCE/		(DK/
		<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NA)</u>
[]a.	Walking or hiking	16%	28%	33%	9%	8%	5%
[ ]b.	Running or jogging	9%	20%	9%	4%	52%	5%
[]c.	Dog walking	6%	7%	8%	3%	72%	5%
[]d.	Horseback riding	3%	0%	0%	7%	84%	5%
[]e.	Mountain biking	1%	3%	13%	4%	75%	5%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing	3%	14%	19%	8%	50%	5%
[]g.	Spending time in nature	18%	22%	36%	4%	14%	5%
[]ĥ.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	0%	0%	1%	16%	77%	5%
[ ]i.	Backpack camping	0%	1%	7%	12%	76%	5%

### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON – CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK: "Is that very or somewhat SAFE/UNSAFE?")

TOTAL SAFE	95%
Very safe	66%
Somewhat safe	29%
TOTAL UNSAFE	1%
Somewhat unsafe	1%
Very unsafe	0%

(DON'T READ) Don't visit them/NA4%
(DON'T READ) Don't know0%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes 20%	6
No 76%	
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED4%	ó

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less 15%
Some college6%
Associate's Degree 22%
College graduate 22%
Post-graduate 33%
( <b>DON'T KNOW</b> )1%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self 22%
Yes, household 10%
Yes, both3%
No 65%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED1%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised29%
Two years or less10%
Three to five years6%
Six to 10 years5%
11 to 20 years 16%
21 to 40 years 15%
More than 40 years 11%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED8%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under9%
\$30,001 - \$60,0007%
\$60,001 - \$90,000 16%
\$90,001 - \$120,000 16%
\$120,001 - \$150,0006%
More than \$150,000 24%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused 21%

# 20. What is your gender?

Male5	;3%
Female 4	4%
Nonbinary	-1%
Rather not say	

# THANK AND TERMINATE

# **MODE**

Phone	62%
Online	38%

# **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens	0%
2 - Kishimoto	0%
3 - Cyr	0%
4 - Riffle	100%
5 - Holman	0%
6 - Hassett	0%
7 – Kersteen-Tucker	0%

# **COUNTY**

San Mateo	0%
Santa Clara1	00%

# **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino0%
Los Altos 20%
Los Gatos0%
Menlo Park0%
Mountain View 80%
Palo Alto0%
Redwood City0%
San Carlos0%
Saratoga0%
Sunnyvale0%
Other0%
Unincorporated0%

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 

FM3	MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=124
RESEARCH	WARD 7

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely	93%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely	TERMINATE
No, not on cell	7%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE
18-2424%
25-295%
30-348%
35-3920%
40-448%
45-4911%
50-545%
55-593%
60-642%
65-696%
70-743%
75+3%
( <b>DK/REFUSED</b> )1%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic 34%
African American/Black2%
Caucasian/White 37%
Asian/Pacific Islander 21%
Multiracial4%
( <b>OTHER</b> )0%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED3%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered8%
Democratic 60%
Republican3%
No Party Preference 20%
Another party2%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)6%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (**READ LIST**)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	73%
Excellent	29%
Good	44%
	220/
FAIR/POOR	23%
FAIR/POOR	

(DON'T KNOW/NA) ------4%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR <u>FAV</u>	SMWT <u>FAV</u>	SMWT <u>UNFAV</u>	STR <u>UNFAV</u>	(CAN'T RATE <u>/DK)</u>	NEVER HEARD <u>OF</u>	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL <u>UNFAV</u>
[ ]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open								
	Space District	-28%	21%	0%	1%	13%	36%	49%	2%
[ ]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	- 20%	13%	0%	1%	12%	54%	33%	1%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	-28%	13%	5%	0%	11%	42%	42%	5%
[]d.	California State Parks	- 57%	23%	5%	0%	8%	7%	80%	5%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	-40%	36%	1%	0%	9%	14%	75%	1%
( <b>ASK</b> []f.	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY Santa Clara County Parks	,		0%	1%	8%	17%	75%	1%
( <b>ASK</b> []g.	IN SAN MATEO COUNTY OF San Mateo County Parks		23%	10%	0%	23%	5%	62%	10%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT A	(DK/	EXT/
		<u>PROB</u>	<u>PROB</u>	<b>PROB</b>	<b>PROB</b>	<u>NA)</u>	<u>VERY</u>
[ ]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	11%	11%	33%	39%	6%	22%
[ ]b.	Traffic congestion	48%	26%	20%	2%	4%	74%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	22%	24%	33%	14%	7%	46%
[]d.	Fire risk	21%	21%	26%	26%	5%	42%
[]e.	Water pollution						38%
[]f.	Air pollution	21%	17%	32%	18%	10%	39%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	29%	22%	33%	11%	5%	51%
[ ]h.	A lack of affordable housing	61%	27%	6%	1%	5%	88%
[]i.	Climate change	55%	17%	8%	11%	9%	72%
[ ]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	17%	11%	28%	34%	9%	28%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=61:

b.

Support their mission/efforts	48%
Preservation of open space/environmental protection	39%
Good option for recreation/exercise	
Trails/facilities are well maintained	11%
I use trails regularly	
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	8%
Easily accessible to the public	5%
Other	
Unfavorable, N=2:	
They take over too much land	
Not enough transparency/misused revenue	11%
Other	

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE91	1%
Strongly favorable 5-	4%

8,	-	
Somewhat favorable	- 30	5%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	2%
Strongly unfavorable	2%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA-----6%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	57%	27%	14%	2%	1%	84%
[ ]b.	Protecting natural areas	61%	23%	16%	0%	0%	84%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	44%	40%	16%	0%	0%	84%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	48%	32%	16%	3%	0%	80%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	31%	39%	27%	2%	0%	70%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	66%	17%	14%	1%	2%	83%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	39%	37%	15%	9%	0%	76%
[ ]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such as						
	the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San Mateo						
	County Coast	45%	20%	25%	9%	2%	65%

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)						<u></u>
[ ]i.	Partnering with local organizations to promote						
	a regional environmental vision	34%	35%	22% -	7%	3%	69%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	22%	35%	33% -	7%	2%	58%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	57%	30%	12% -	1%	0%	87%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	48%	46%	4%	0%	2%	94%
[ ]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	50%	21%	25% -	2%	2%	71%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						
	on open space lands	19%	29%	30% -	20%	1%	48%
[]0.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail						
	crossings across Highway 17	44%	37%	15% -	2%	2%	81%
	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[ ]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks	100/	2201	150/	<b>5</b> 0/	0.04	0.00 (
	that create our region's striking natural beauty	48%	32%	15% -	5%	0%	80%
[]q.	Protecting and restoring the natural	<b>60</b> 04	<b>2</b> 4 6 /	1 = 0 /	0.01	0.04	0.20 (
	environment	63%	21%	17% -	0%	0%	83%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and	470/	010/	2 4 0 /	00/	0.07	600/
<b>F</b> 1	open space lands for future generations						68%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						77%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						89%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails	31%	23%	38% -	0%	8%	54%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the	100/	2.40/	100/	70/	0.07	020/
<b>F</b> 1	face of climate change						82%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature	40%	26%	34% -	0%	0%	66%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands	700/	220/	40/	20/	00/	0.20/
r 1	that maintain water quality and supply						<i>93%</i>
[]y.	Managing redwood forests	4/%	35%	14% -	3%	1%	81%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and	400/	100/	010/	20/	0.0/	(00/
Г <b>1</b>	open space lands						68%
[]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	40%	20%	26% -	0%	8%	66%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with	400/	210/	150/	0.07	40/	720/
r 1	disabilities at local preserves	42%	31%	15% -	8%	4%	73%
[]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant	220/	2204	0.40/	100/	20/	5601
ונרן	restoration techniques	35%	23%	24% -	18%	3%	56%
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native	100/	010/	220/	00/	00/	600/
	plant and wildlife habitat	48%	21%	22% -	0%	8%	69%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (**RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt 18%
[] Restoring the natural environment15%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation21%
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature24%
[] Preserving rural character0%
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use6%
(DON'T READ) All

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas ------24%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----65%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	4%
(NEITHER)	
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	

9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love						
	most about living here	50%	20%	23%	0%	0%	70%
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our water	56%	28%	13%	0%	3%	84%
[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing						
[ ]d.	places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and						82%
[ ]e.	for free (WILDLIFE) By restoring and protecting natural areas, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is protecting wildlife habitats						76%
	and California's unique biodiversity	55%	23%	21%	0%	1%	77%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
(SPL)	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)					<u> </u>	
()] []f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and						
	Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why Midpen protects						
	sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands						
	connecting past and future along the scenic coast	330/	20%	37%	30/2	80%	52%
[]g.	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open	3,3 %	20%	3770	370	0 70	5270
1 10	Space District is caring for the land to create						
	healthy habitats for plants, animals, and people	67%	18%	13%	1%	1%	85%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming	0770	1070	1570	170	170	0270
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, especially people who are typically less likely to have access to natural						
	areas and open spaces. That includes low-						
	income communities and communities of color	56%	28%	13%	0%	3%	84%
			2070	1370	070	570	0470
(SPL	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[ ]i.	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open						
	Space District preserves historic, agricultural	<b>2 1</b> a /	0504	<b>2</b> 001	2.54	0.01	(10)
[ ]j.	lands close to home along the scenic coast ( <b>RECREATION</b> ) Parks and open spaces	24%	37%	28%	3%	8%	61%
Γ1).	provide safe places for the community to						
	gather and explore the outdoors. It's especially						
	important to keep these accessible options for everyone as the cost of living increases.						
	Midpen ensures that San Mateo and Santa						
	Clara County residents have access to well- maintained and beautiful recreation areas	39%	39%	15%	0%	8%	77%
[]k.	(CLIMATE) Smart investments made before	5770	3770	1070	070	070	///0
	a disaster strikes can help protect a						
	community's quality of life, save lives, and reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking						
	a proactive, practical approach to stewardship						
	of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are resilient as the						
	climate changes	41%	47%	9%	2%	0%	88%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
-	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED)						
[]1.	(FIRES) Midpen is working with fire agencies						
	and surrounding communities to strengthen						
	prevention and preparation in case of wildland						
	fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of						
	miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using						
	conservation grazing to reduce flammable						
	brush within grassland habitats, limiting the	400/	250/	00/	00/	Q0/	84%
[]m	risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur	49%	33%	9%	0%	8%	0470
[ ]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and volunteer opportunities	2504	260/	2804	004	1104	61%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation	23%	30%	20%	0%	11%	0170
[]11.	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood						
	forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone.						
	Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to						
	protect and restore these places for the wildlife						
	that call it home, and the people who visit and						
	recreate there	35%	17%	13%	1%	Q%	77%
		55%	4270	1370	1 70	770	///0

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE94%Strongly favorable	%
<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	%

(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA ------3%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		<u>FREQ</u>	<u>OCCAS</u>	<u>RARELY</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ /OCC	RRLY <u>/NVR</u>
[]a.	Local television stations	13%	22%	14%	51%	0%	35%	65%
[]b.	KQED Radio						38%	61%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED	10%	19%	12%	55%	4%	29%	67%
[]d.	Information you receive in the mail						35%	65%
[]e.	Facebook	17%	17%	15%	51%	0%	34%	66%
[]f.	Twitter	7%	13%	8%	66%	6%	20%	74%
[]g.	Instagram	10%	14%	10%	65%	2%	24%	75%
[]h.	Blogs on the Internet	18%	20%	11%	50%	1%	38%	61%
[ ]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	3%	13%	25%	54%	5%	16%	79%
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
	newspaper	7%	13%	17%	59%	4%	20%	76%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	3%	2%	6%	83%	6%	5%	89%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and activity							
	guide mailed to your home	8%	8%	9%	72%	3%	16%	81%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	1%	7%	7%	84%	2%	7%	91%
[]n.	Nextdoor						27%	69%
[]0.	Midpen's public meetings	0%	1%	13%	85%	1%	1%	98%
[ ]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
	org	4%	16%	16%	62%	1%	20%	78%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 54%
Word of mouth 14%
Google9%
Local newspaper5%
You Tube4%
Local television news4%
National newspaper3%
Internet (general)3%
Local newsletter3%
Government website2%
National news1%
Community centers1%
News radio1%
Reddit1%
LinkedIn0%
Saratogian0%
Magazines (not specified)0%
Library0%
Yelp0%
Maps0%
Personal experience0%
Facebook/social media0%
Other1%
Don't know0%
Refused2%

### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		ONCE/ WEEK	FEW/ MO	FEW/ YEAR	ONCE/ YEAR	NEVER	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>
			<u></u>		<u>1 L/111</u>		<u>1 (1 1)</u>
[]a.	Walking or hiking	25%	26%	32%	5%	9%	3%
[ ]b.	Running or jogging	9%	15%	9%	17%	48%	3%
[]c.	Dog walking	16%	6%	10%	2%	57%	9%
[]d.	Horseback riding	4%	0%	7%	2%	84%	3%
[]e.	Mountain biking	1%	3%	16%	6%	68%	7%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing						
[]g.	Spending time in nature						
[ ]h.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	0%	3%	5%	7%	75%	- 10%
[ ]i.	Backpack camping	0%	1%	16%	7%	67%	9%

### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON - CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK: "Is that very or somewhat SAFE/UNSAFE?")

TOTAL SAFE	96%
Very safe	63%
Somewhat safe	33%
TOTAL UNSAFE Somewhat unsafe Very unsafe	2%

(DON'T READ) Don't visit them/NA2	2%
(DON'T READ) Don't know(	)%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes 43%	
No 53%	
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED3%	

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less9%
Some college 19%
Associate's Degree11%
College graduate 27%
Post-graduate24%
( <b>DON'T KNOW</b> )9%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self 16%
Yes, household14%
Yes, both7%
No 61%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED3%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised 33%
Two years or less11%
Three to five years4%
Six to 10 years 12%
11 to 20 years 13%
21 to 40 years 10%
More than 40 years 11%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED6%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under 15%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 14%
\$60,001 - \$90,0005%
\$90,001 - \$120,000 11%
\$120,001 - \$150,000 13%
More than \$150,000 27%
(DON'T READ) Refused15%

# 20. What is your gender?

Male	38%
Female	51%
Nonbinary	0%
	11%

# THANK AND TERMINATE

# **MODE**

Phone	73%
Online	27%

# **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens	0%
2 - Kishimoto	0%
3 - Cyr	0%
4 - Riffle	0%
5 - Holman	100%
6 - Hassett	0%
7 – Kersteen-Tucker	0%

# **COUNTY**

San Mateo	51%
Santa Clara	49%

# **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino0%
Los Altos0%
Los Gatos0%
Menlo Park 21%
Mountain View0%
Palo Alto 49%
Redwood City0%
San Carlos0%
Saratoga0%
Sunnyvale0%
Other 31%
Unincorporated0%

	JANUARY 9-23, 202
	MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FM3	320-876-WT
	N=116
RESEARCH	WARD 6
<b>REJEARCH</b>	A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely	70%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely TERM	INATE
No, not on cell	30%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED TERM	INATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE	1
18-249%	
25-294%	
30-3415%	2
35-3910%	2
40-447%	4
45-494%	4
50-548%	4
55-598%	4
60-646%	(
65-6910%	(
70-748%	,
75+8%	,
( <b>DK/REFUSED</b> )4%	(

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic6%
African American/Black2%
Caucasian/White74%
Asian/Pacific Islander4%
Multiracial2%
( <b>OTHER</b> )2%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED9%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered1%
Democratic 57%
Republican 12%
No Party Preference 23%
Another party5%
( <b>DON'T KNOW/NA</b> )2%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (**READ LIST**)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	82%
Excellent	40%
Good	43%
FAIR/POOR	18%
Fair	
Poor	5%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	0%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR <u>FAV</u>	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	STR UNFAV	(CAN'T RATE <u>/DK)</u>	NEVER HEARD OF	-	TOTAL <u>UNFAV</u>
[]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open					·/			
	Space District	-45%	16%	3%	3%	11%	22%	61%	6%
[ ]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	-17%	20%	6%	2%	20%	35%	37%	8%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	- 52%	11%	2%	4%	5%	25%	63%	7%
[]d.	California State Parks	-61%	27%	2%	1%	3%	5%	88%	3%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	-44%	25%	8%	1%	10%	14%	68%	9%
( <b>ASK</b> []f.	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY Santa Clara County Parks			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(ASK IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ONLY)									
[ ]g.	San Mateo County Parks	,	44%	2%	1%	14%	3%	79%	3%

### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT A	( <b>DK</b> /	EXT/
		<b>PROB</b>	<b>PROB</b>	<b>PROB</b>	<b>PROB</b>	NA)	<u>VERY</u>
[ ]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	6%	8%	35%	47%	3%	14%
[ ]b.	Traffic congestion	41%	34%	19%	6%	0%	75%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	21%	27%	26%	25%	1%	48%
[]d.	Fire risk	31%	23%	27%	16%	3%	54%
[]e.	Water pollution						43%
[]f.	Air pollution	19%	26%	31%	22%	1%	45%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	29%	26%	27%	16%	3%	54%
[ ]h.	A lack of affordable housing	58%	31%	7%	4%	0%	89%
[]i.	Climate change	58%	20%	14%	7%	1%	78%
[ ]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	12%	19%	27%	39%	3%	32%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- 4. You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=71:

Support their mission/efforts	38%
Preservation of open space/environmental protection	33%
Good option for recreation/exercise	20%
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	15%
Trails/facilities are well maintained	14%
Easily accessible to the public	13%
I use trails regularly	
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	
General favorable statement	
Dog friendly	
Refused	9%

#### b. Unfavorable, N=7:

Not enough transparency/misused revenue	- 55%
Poor leadership/management	- 40%
They take over too much land	- 30%
Too many limitations	- 14%
More important issues	9%
General unfavorable statement	2%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE	81%
Strongly favorable	53%

0,		
Somewhat	favorable	29%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE ------13% Somewhat unfavorable -----9% Strongly unfavorable ------4%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA-----6%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT <u>IMP</u>	NOT TOO <u>IMP</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	50%	17%	22%	11%	0%	67%
[ ]b.	Protecting natural areas	57%	29%	14%	0%	0%	86%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	33%	33%	20%	14%	0%	66%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	47%	42%	5%	6%	0%	89%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	24%	29%	40%	6%	0%	54%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	43%	30%	16%	7%	4%	74%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	26%	30%	36%	7%	0%	56%
[ ]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such as						
	the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San Mateo						
	County Coast	21%	27%	37%	12%	3%	48%

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO <u>IMP</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)					<u> </u>	<u> </u>
[ ]i.	Partnering with local organizations to promote						
	a regional environmental vision						64%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	21%	33%	40% -	7%	0%	53%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	56%	32%	5%	6%	1%	88%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	50%	34%	6%	9%	0%	85%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	39%	29%	14% -	17%	0%	69%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						1001
	on open space lands	11%	37%	25% -	25%	1%	49%
[]o.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail	0.604	<b>2 5</b> 6 /	<b>9</b> 10/	<b>FO</b> (	100/	(10)
	crossings across Highway 17	36%	25%	21% -	6%	- 12%	61%
	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[ ]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks that create our region's striking natural beauty	450/	270/	2404	40/	00/	72%
[]a	Protecting and restoring the natural	4,5%	21%	24% -	4%	0%	1270
[]q.	environment	51%	2406	10%	6%	0%	76%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara	51 %	24 70	1970 -	070	0%	/0/0
[]I.	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands for future generations	51%		17% -	9%	0%	75%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						66%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						79%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails						53%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the	20,0	2070	10 / 0	_/*	070	0070
[]	face of climate change	49%	23%	13% -	11%	5%	72%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature						78%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands						
	that maintain water quality and supply	67%	24%	7%	2%	0%	91%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests						81%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands						75%
[ ]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	35%	36%	17% -	12%	0%	71%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with						
	disabilities at local preserves	21%	43%	32% -	4%	1%	64%
[ ]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant						
	restoration techniques	27%	30%	18% -	21%	4%	58%
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native						<b>-</b> ·
	plant and wildlife habitat	34%	31%	15% -	14%	5%	65%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (**RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt 13%
[] Restoring the natural environment20%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation11%
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature15%
[] Preserving rural character2%
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use6%
(DON'T READ) All

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas ------24%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----71%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	0%
(NEITHER)	
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	

9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love most about living here						69%
		0270	2770	2070	170	270	0,7,0
	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our water	48%	21%	23%	3%	5%	69%
[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing						
[ ]d.	places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and	29%	46%	19%	0%	6%	75%
[ ]e.	<ul> <li>for free</li></ul>	61%	24%	13%	0%	2%	85%
	and California's unique biodiversity	34%	42%	17%	3%	3%	76%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
(SPL)	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>~~~</u>	<u></u>	- 1 /	<u></u>
[]f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and						
[]1.	Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and						
	ranching history. That's why Midpen protects						
	sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands						
	connecting past and future along the scenic						
	connecting past and future along the scenic	2404	260/	2004	804	204	60%
[]a		24%	30%	30%	0%	2%	00%
[]g.	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open						
	Space District is caring for the land to create						
	healthy habitats for plants, animals, and	400/	200/	160/	20/	20/	700/
Г 1 <b>1</b> .	people	49%	29%	10%	3%	3%	78%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, especially people who are						
	typically less likely to have access to natural						
	areas and open spaces. That includes low-						
	income communities and communities of	2 4 0 /	250/	2004	0.0/	20/	(00/
	color	34%	35%	29%	0%	3%	69%
(SDI I	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
-	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara						
[ ]i.							
	counties have rich agricultural and ranching						
	history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open						
	Space District preserves historic, agricultural lands close to home along the scenic coast	220/	260/	270/	00/	00/	60%
Г 1;	6	25%	30%	32%	9%	0%	00%
[ ]j.	( <b>RECREATION</b> ) Parks and open spaces						
	provide safe places for the community to						
	gather and explore the outdoors. It's especially						
	important to keep these accessible options for						
	everyone as the cost of living increases.						
	Midpen ensures that San Mateo and Santa						
	Clara County residents have access to well-	270/	420/	250/	60/	00/	600/
г 11 <sub>-</sub>	maintained and beautiful recreation areas.	27%	42%	25%	0%	0%	69%
[]k.	(CLIMATE) Smart investments made before						
	a disaster strikes can help protect a						
	community's quality of life, save lives, and						
	reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking						
	a proactive, practical approach to stewardship						
	of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and						
	Santa Clara counties are resilient as the	2004	450/	1.407		264	
	climate changes	30%	45%	14%	/%	3%	76%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
-	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED) (FIDES) Midnen is marking with fire open size						
[]1.	(FIRES) Midpen is working with fire agencies						
	and surrounding communities to strengthen						
	prevention and preparation in case of wildland fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of						
	miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using						
	conservation grazing to reduce flammable						
	brush within grassland habitats, limiting the						
	risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur.	47%	48%	6%	0%	0%	94%
[]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming	.,,,,	.0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and						
	volunteer opportunities	21%	29%	40%	7%	2%	51%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation						
	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood						
	forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone.						
	Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to						
	protect and restore these places for the wildlife						
	that call it home, and the people who visit and	10					600 ·
	recreate there	40%	29%	25%	6%	0%	69%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE91%Strongly favorable	
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	

(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA ------1%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		FREO	OCCAS	RARELY	NEVER	(DK/ NA)	FREQ /OCC	RRLY <u>/NVR</u>
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[]a.	Local television stations	16%	20%	12%	52%	0%	36%	63%
[ ]b.	KQED Radio	18%	26%	15%	41%	1%	44%	55%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED	6%	21%	20%	52%	0%	27%	72%
[]d.	Information you receive in the mail	5%	29%	30%	35%	1%	34%	65%
[]e.	Facebook	13%	16%	13%	58%	0%	29%	71%
[]f.	Twitter	9%	11%	5%	75%	0%	20%	80%
[]g.	Instagram	3%	11%	14%	71%	0%	14%	85%
[]h.	Blogs on the Internet	1%	24%	26%	49%	0%	25%	75%
[]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	8%	12%	26%	53%	0%	20%	79%
[ ]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
	newspaper	9%	13%	26%	51%	0%	22%	77%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	1%	4%	10%		3%	5%	93%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and activity							
	guide mailed to your home	7%	16%	15%	58%	3%	23%	73%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	5%	9%	9%	72%	5%	14%	81%
[]n.	Nextdoor	11%	25%	13%	50%	1%	36%	63%
[]0.	Midpen's public meetings	0%	6%	9%	84%	0%	6%	93%
[ ]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
	org	4%	20%	22%	51%	3%	24%	73%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 55%
Word of mouth 14%
Local newspaper 10%
Internet (general)3%
Local newsletter3%
Google2%
Community centers2%
Yelp2%
National newspaper1%
National news1%
Personal experience1%
LinkedIn0%
News radio0%
Saratogian0%
You Tube0%
Magazines (not specified)0%
Local television news0%
Government website0%
Library0%
Reddit0%
Maps0%
Facebook/social media0%
Other5%
Don't know0%
Refused5%

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		ONCE/	FEW/	FEW/	ONCE/		( <b>DK</b> /
		<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NA)</u>
[ ]a.	Walking or hiking	14%	40%	28%	7%	10%	1%
[ ]b.	Running or jogging	8%	11%	7%	5%	69%	0%
[]c.	Dog walking	12%	6%	12%	6%	64%	0%
[]d.	Horseback riding	3%	1%	4%	5%	87%	0%
[]e.	Mountain biking	2%	6%	3%	8%	81%	1%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing	5%	12%	26%	12%	45%	0%
[]g.	Spending time in nature	20%	33%	28%	7%	11%	1%
[]ĥ.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	1%	1%	9%	10%	79%	1%
[]i.	Backpack camping	0%	1%	10%	8%	81%	0%

#### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON - CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK: "Is that very or somewhat SAFE/UNSAFE?")

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,

(DON'T READ) Don't visit them/NA1%
(DON'T READ) Don't know1%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes 23%	)
No 75%	)
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED2%	)

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less 10%
Some college16%
Associate's Degree3%
College graduate 37%
Post-graduate 30%
( <b>DON'T KNOW</b> )3%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self 15%
Yes, household7%
Yes, both5%
No 68%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED4%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised20%
Two years or less2%
Three to five years6%
Six to 10 years 15%
11 to 20 years 12%
21 to 40 years 20%
More than 40 years 20%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED5%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under 15%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 13%
\$60,001 - \$90,000 12%
\$90,001 - \$120,0008%
\$120,001 - \$150,0006%
More than \$150,000 30%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused17%

### 20. What is your gender?

Male	41%
Female	56%
Nonbinary	-0%
Rather not say	-3%

# THANK AND TERMINATE

### **MODE**

Phone	43%
Online	57%

### **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens	0%
2 - Kishimoto	0%
3 - Cyr	0%
4 - Riffle	0%
5 - Holman	0%
6 - Hassett	- 100%
7 – Kersteen-Tucker	0%

### **COUNTY**

San Mateo	100%
Santa Clara	0%

# **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino0%	ó
Los Altos0%	ó
Los Gatos0%	ó
Menlo Park 22%	ó
Mountain View0%	ó
Palo Alto0%	ó
Redwood City 35%	ó
San Carlos0%	ó
Saratoga0%	ó
Sunnyvale0%	ó
Other 28%	ó
Unincorporated16%	ó

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 

FM3	MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=160
R E S E A R C H	WARD 7 A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely 549	6
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely TERMINAT	
No, not on cell 469	6
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED TERMINAT	E

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18	TERMINATE
18-24	9%
25-29	2%
30-34	9%
35-39	2%
40-44	11%
45-49	11%
50-54	8%
55-59	15%
60-64	14%
65-69	6%
70-74	5%
75+	5%
(DK/REFUSED)	2%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic2%
African American/Black0%
Caucasian/White74%
Asian/Pacific Islander 10%
Multiracial5%
( <b>OTHER</b> )2%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED7%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered	3%
Democratic 47	7%
Republican11	%
No Party Preference25	5%
Another party	5%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)8	3%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (**READ LIST**)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD -	87%
Excellent	40%
Good	47%
FAIR/POOR	13%
Fair	12%
Poor	0%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	0%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR	SMWT	SMWT	STR	(CAN'T RATE	NEVER HEARD		TOTAL
[]0	Midnaningula Pagional Opan	<u>FAV</u>	<u>FAV</u>	<u>UNFAV</u>	<u>UNFAV</u>	<u>/DK)</u>	<u>OF</u>	<u>FAV</u>	<u>UNFAV</u>
[]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open	420/	2.40/	20/	1.0/	50/	260/	660/	10/
r 11	Space District	-42%	24%	3%	1%	3%	20%	66%	4%
[ ]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority		12%	2%	0%	21%	46%	31%	2%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	-42%	17%	2%	2%	7%	31%	59%	4%
[]d.	California State Parks	- 62%	32%	2%	0%	3%	1%	95%	2%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	-48%	24%	4%	2%	13%	9%	72%	6%
(ASK IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ONLY)         []f. Santa Clara County Parks0%0%0%0%0%0%							0%		
(ASK IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ONLY)									
[]g.	San Mateo County Parks	-46%	44%	2%	0%	5%	2%	89%	3%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER	VERY SER	SMWT SER	NOT A	( <b>DK</b> /	EXT/
		<b>PROB</b>	PROB	<b>PROB</b>	PROB	<u>NA)</u>	<u>VERY</u>
[ ]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	17%	18%	19%	42%	5%	34%
[ ]b.	Traffic congestion	59%	27%	13%	1%	0%	86%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	38%	23%	25%	12%	2%	60%
[]d.	Fire risk	26%	21%	37%	15%	0%	48%
[]e.	Water pollution						47%
[]f.	Air pollution		20%	37%		0%	42%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	41%	22%	19%	15%	2%	64%
[]ĥ.	A lack of affordable housing	57%	21%	16%	5%	1%	78%
[]i.	Climate change	58%	16%	12%	12%	2%	73%
[ ]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	23%	13%	30%	23%	- 11%	37%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

#### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- 4. You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=105:

b.

Preservation of open space/environmental protection	48%
Support their mission/efforts	34%
Good option for recreation/exercise	23%
Trails/facilities are well maintained	18%
I use trails regularly	13%
Easily accessible to the public	10%
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	9%
Dog friendly	4%
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	3%
General favorable statement	2%
Mixed feelings	2%
Need more information	1%
Don't know	4%
Unfavorable, N=6:	
Poor leadership/management	56%
Not enough transparency/misused revenue	
Too many limitations	16%
Other	13%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOT	AL	, FA	VORA	BLE	94%
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Strongly favorable	· 56%
Somewhat favorable	- 38%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE ------ 3% Somewhat unfavorable ------3% Strongly unfavorable ------0%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA------3%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT <u>IMP</u>	NOT TOO <u>IMP</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	59%	24%	14%	3%	0%	83%
[ ]b.	Protecting natural areas	58%	28%	14%	0%	0%	86%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	35%	30%	30%	6%	0%	65%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	37%	31%	25%	7%	0%	68%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	30%	38%	29%	4%	0%	67%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	44%	26%	23%	7%	0%	70%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	35%	35%	30%	0%	0%	69%
[ ]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such as						
	the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San Mateo						
	County Coast	50%	25%	22%	4%	0%	75%

		EXT <u>IMP</u>	VERY <u>IMP</u>	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO <u>IMP</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ <u>VERY</u>
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)					<u></u>	<u></u>
[ ]i.	Partnering with local organizations to promote						
	a regional environmental vision	43%	26%	23% -	6%	2%	69%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	23%	42%	28% -	7%	0%	65%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	44%	37%	17% -	2%	0%	81%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	58%	25%	14% -	0%	2%	84%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	47%	26%	23% -	2%	1%	73%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						
	on open space lands	27%	36%	26% -	11%	0%	63%
[]0.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail						
	crossings across Highway 17	36%	29%	22% -	6%	6%	65%
	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[ ]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks			4		0.54	0.10 (
	that create our region's striking natural beauty	50%	32%	16% -	3%	0%	81%
[]q.	Protecting and restoring the natural						
	environment	67%	18%	13% -	1%	1%	85%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and	<b>70</b> • <i>i</i>	10.1	<b>4 -</b> - 4		0.54	0.00 (
	open space lands for future generations						83%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						66%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						78%
[ ]u.	Providing regional hiking trails	24%	43%	25% -	7%	0%	67%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the	10.01				4.5.1	-
	face of climate change						79%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature	38%	39%	20% -	3%	0%	77%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands		1.10/	100/	1.07	0.04	000/
	that maintain water quality and supply						89%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests	60%	24%	15% -	1%	0%	84%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and					0.54	
	open space lands						78%
[]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	51%	18%	30% -	1%	0%	69%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with	• • • •	<b>1</b>			0.54	
	disabilities at local preserves	23%	47%	23% -	6%	0%	71%
[ ]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant	4.4.5.4	• • • •		0.61	0.6.1	<i>c</i>
	restoration techniques	41%	29%	21% -	9%	0%	69%
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native	0.404	2004	1001	0.01	1 4 6 4	<b>C-</b> 0 (
	plant and wildlife habitat	34%	30%	18% -		- 14%	65%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (**RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt 23%
[] Restoring the natural environment13%
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation9%
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature10%
[] Preserving rural character4%
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use2%
(DON'T READ) All
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused1%

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas ------23%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----75%

(BOTH)0%	(DON'T READ)	
(NEITHER)0%	(BOTH)	0%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)2%		

9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO DIFF	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love most about living here						<u>69%</u>
	nost about inving here.	5770	5070	2270	770	270	0770
	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our water	52%	25%	18%	1%	4%	77%
[ ]c.	( <b>PARTNERSHIPS</b> ) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing	52 70	2370		170	<b>-</b> /0	/ / / 0
[ ]d.	places for local plants on wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and	37%	39%	18%	3%	4%	75%
[ ]e.	<ul> <li>for free</li></ul>	42%	33%	22%	2%	1%	75%
	and California's unique biodiversity	53%	29%	14%	1%	4%	82%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
(SPL)	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>2111</u>	<u></u>	<u>. ( )</u>	<u></u>
[]f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why Midpen protects sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands						
	connecting past and future along the scenic coast	38%	35%	22%	1%	4%	73%
[ ]g.	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is caring for the land to create healthy habitats for plants, animals, and						
	people	53%	29%	16%	2%	1%	82%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched experiences, especially people who are typically less likely to have access to natural areas and open spaces. That includes low-						
	income communities and communities of	2004	010/	07.0/	1.07	201	600/
	color	39%	31%	27%	1%	3%	69%
(SPI I	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara						
[ ]i.	counties have rich agricultural and ranching history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open						
	Space District preserves historic, agricultural						
	lands close to home along the scenic coast	18%	35%	25%	4%	18%	53%
[]j.	( <b>RECREATION</b> ) Parks and open spaces	1070	5570	2370	170	1070	5570
L 1J.	provide safe places for the community to						
	gather and explore the outdoors. It's especially						
	important to keep these accessible options for						
	everyone as the cost of living increases.						
	Midpen ensures that San Mateo and Santa						
	Clara County residents have access to well-	240/	440/	100/	00/	20/	700/
[]k.	maintained and beautiful recreation areas (CLIMATE) Smart investments made before	34%	44%	18%	0%	3%	78%
[]ĸ.	a disaster strikes can help protect a						
	community's quality of life, save lives, and						
	reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking						
	a proactive, practical approach to stewardship						
	of public lands, helping ensure San Mateo and						
	Santa Clara counties are resilient as the				0.4	•	0.000
	climate changes	33%	50%	13%	0%	3%	83%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
•	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED)						
[]1.	(FIRES) Midpen is working with fire agencies						
	and surrounding communities to strengthen						
	prevention and preparation in case of wildland						
	fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using						
	conservation grazing to reduce flammable						
	brush within grassland habitats, limiting the						
	risk of fire, or fire intensity if it does occur	57%	26%	15%	0%	2%	83%
[]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming	5170	2070	10 /0	070	270	0070
[]	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, including environmental						
	interpretation, docent-led activities and						
	volunteer opportunities	17%	36%	27%	4%	16%	53%
[]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation						
	organizations protect and restore such a wide						
	variety of unique natural areas: from redwood						
	forests to the Bay and the ocean, from						
	serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone.						
	Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to						
	protect and restore these places for the wildlife						
	that call it home, and the people who visit and	270/	200/	100/	100/	20/	650/
	recreate there	21%	38%	19%	12%	3%	65%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE92%Strongly favorable62%Somewhat favorable	)
<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	)

(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA ------5%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (**SPLIT SAMPLE A:** local issues in your area) (**SPLIT SAMPLE B:** parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		<u>FREQ</u>	<u>OCCAS</u>	<u>RARELY</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ /OCC	RRLY <u>/NVR</u>
[ ]a.	Local television stations	11%	27%	20%	39%	3%	38%	59%
[ ]b.	KQED Radio						31%	66%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED						18%	79%
[]d.	Information you receive in the mail						43%	54%
[]e.	Facebook						31%	66%
[]f.	Twitter						15%	80%
[]]. []g.	Instagram						18%	79%
[]h.	Blogs on the Internet						22%	73%
[]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	4%	13%	11%	69%	3%	17%	80%
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
0	newspaper	10%	18%	10%	59%	3%	27%	70%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	14%	10%	13%	59%	4%	24%	72%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and activity							
	guide mailed to your home	7%	16%	14%	57%	6%	23%	72%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	5%	9%	12%	71%	3%	14%	83%
[]n.	Nextdoor	12%	27%	17%	39%	5%	39%	56%
[]0.	Midpen's public meetings	1%	6%	9%		3%	7%	91%
[ ]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
	org	7%	17%	26%	47%	4%	24%	73%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 64%
Word of mouth 15%
Google4%
Internet (general)4%
Local newspaper3%
Government website2%
National newspaper1%
National news1%
Community centers1%
Local newsletter1%
Magazines (not specified)1%
LinkedIn0%
News radio0%
Saratogian0%
You Tube0%
Local television news0%
Library0%
Yelp0%
Reddit0%
Maps0%
Personal experience0%
Facebook/social media0%
Other2%
Don't know0%
Refused1%

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		ONCE/	FEW/	FEW/	ONCE/		(DK/
		<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NA)</u>
[]a.	Walking or hiking	22%	26%	35%	5%	8%	4%
[ ]b.	Running or jogging	8%	8%	8%	7%	66%	4%
[]c.	Dog walking	13%	9%	9%	2%	62%	5%
[]d.	Horseback riding	0%	3%	3%	3%	88%	3%
[]e.	Mountain biking	3%	3%	6%	3%	80%	4%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing	9%	7%	18%	5%	58%	3%
[]g.	Spending time in nature	25%	19%	34%	6%	12%	4%
[]ĥ.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	1%	0%	7%	13%	75%	3%
[]i.	Backpack camping	0%	2%	10%	5%	79%	4%

#### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON – CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (**IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK:** "Is that very or somewhat **SAFE/UNSAFE**?")

TOTAL SAFE	93%
Very safe	56%
Somewhat safe	
TOTAL UNSAFE	6%
TOTAL UNSAFE Somewhat unsafe	

(DON'T READ) Don't visit them/NA(	)%
(DON'T READ) Don't know(	)%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes 27%	)
No 65%	)
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED8%	)

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less7%
Some college 27%
Associate's Degree10%
College graduate 28%
Post-graduate24%
( <b>DON'T KNOW</b> )5%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self 14%
Yes, household 14%
Yes, both5%
No 63%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED4%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised35%
Two years or less3%
Three to five years2%
Six to 10 years4%
11 to 20 years 15%
21 to 40 years 23%
More than 40 years 14%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED4%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under 13%
\$30,001 - \$60,0002%
\$60,001 - \$90,000 15%
\$90,001 - \$120,0008%
\$120,001 - \$150,0009%
More than \$150,000 27%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused25%

# 20. What is your gender?

Male	35%
Female	56%
Nonbinary	-0%
Rather not say	-9%

# THANK AND TERMINATE

### **MODE**

Phone	36%
Online	64%

### **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens	0%
2 - Kishimoto	0%
3 - Cyr	0%
4 - Riffle	0%
5 - Holman	0%
6 - Hassett	0%
7 – Kersteen-Tucker	100%

### **COUNTY**

San Mateo	-100%
Santa Clara	0%

# **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino0%
Los Altos0%
Los Gatos0%
Menlo Park0%
Mountain View0%
Palo Alto0%
Redwood City 36%
San Carlos 24%
Saratoga0%
Sunnyvale0%
Other 17%
Unincorporated23%

**JANUARY 9-23, 2020** 



# MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=113 COASTSIDE MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR ±9.3% (95% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL) A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely	58%
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely	TERMINATE
No, not on cell	42 %
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE
18-24 7 %
25-29 3%
30-34 15 %
35-390%
40-44 7 %
45-4913%
50-54 10%
55-5913%
60-64 12 %
65-69 5%
70-74 3%
75+7%
(DK/REFUSED) 4 %

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic 3%
African American/Black0%
Caucasian/White82%
Asian/Pacific Islander 3%
Multiracial 7%
( <b>OTHER</b> ) 1%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 4%

D. Are you registered to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered 0%
Democratic51%
Republican 12%
No Party Preference19%
Another party7%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) 12%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (READ LIST)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD 88%
Excellent43%
Good45%
FAIR/POOR12%
I'AIK/I OOK 12 /0
Fair 10%

(DON'T KNOW/NA) ----- 0%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)

		STR FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	STR UNFAV	(CAN'T RATE /DK)	NEVER HEARD OF	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
[]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open					<u> </u>			
	Space District	45% -	23 %	3 %	3%	6 %	21%	67%	5%
[]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	21% -	15%	3 %	2%	17%	43%	36%	4%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	50% -	14 %	3 %	6%	6%	21%	64%	9%
[]d.	California State Parks	71% -	23 %	0 %	1%	3 %	2%	94%	1%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	49% -	18%	2 %	2%	18%	10%	68%	4%
<b>(ASK</b> []f.	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY Santa Clara County Parks		,	0%	0%	0 %	0%	0%	0%
<b>(ASK</b> []g.	IN SAN MATEO COUNTY O San Mateo County Parks		43%	0%	0%	7 %	3%	90%	1%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER PROB	VERY SER PROB	SMWT SER PROB	NOT A PROB	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
[]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open	IKOD	IKOD	IKOD	IKOD		VERI
	space	18%	18%	13 %	45%	5%	37%
[]b.	Traffic congestion	60%	26%	9%	4%	0%	87%
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	39%		17%	18%	5%	60%
[]d.	Fire risk	25 %	23%	40%	12 %	0%	48%
[]e.	Water pollution	28 %	28%	21%	15%	7%	56%
[]f.	Air pollution	30%	21%	29%	20%	0%	51%
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	43 %	21%	17%	15%	4%	64%
[]h.	A lack of affordable housing	63%	19%	13 %	6%	0%	81%
[]i.	Climate change	62 %	17%	6%	13 %	3%	78%
[]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	24 %	9%	29%	25 %	- 14%	32%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

#### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=67:

b.

Preservation of open space/environmental protection	49%
Support their mission/efforts	37 %
Good option for recreation/exercise	20%
Easily accessible to the public	12 %
Trails/facilities are well maintained	11%
I use trails regularly	
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	10%
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	8%
Mixed feelings	3%
Dog friendly	2%
General favorable statement	1%
Don't know	
Refused	2%
Unfavorable, N=5:	
Not enough transparency/misused revenue	64 %

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Poor leadership/management	
They take over too much land	18%
Too many limitations	16%
More important issues	5%
Other	10%
Don't know	0%
Refused	0%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE	-91%
Strongly favorable	- 57%
Somewhat favorable	-34%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	4%
Strongly unfavorable	2%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA ----- 3%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	56%	16%	21%	7%	0%	72%
[]b.	Protecting natural areas	62 %	30%	8 %	0%	0%	92%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	42 %	26%	25%	7%	0%	68%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	43 %	32%	19%	6%	0%	75%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	33 %	31%	33%	2%	0%	64%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	44 %	21%	20%	12 %	3%	65%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	39%	32%	28%	1%	0%	71%
[]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such						
	as the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San						
	Mateo County Coast	46%	24%	25%	2%	3%	71%

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	EXT/ VERY
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)						
[]i.	Partnering with local organizations to						
	promote a regional environmental vision	43 %	27 %	20%	6%	3%	71%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	22 %	39%	31%	8%	0%	61%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	44 %	42%	10%	4%	0%	86%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	59%	23%	16%	3%	0%	81%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	47 %	30%	12%	11%	0%	77%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						
	on open space lands	32 %	26%	27 %	15%	0%	58%
[]0.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail						
	crossings across Highway 17	37 %	27%	22%	1%	- 12%	65%
•	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks	10.01	• • • • •			0.04	0.4.94
	that create our region's striking natural beauty	48%	39%	8%	5%	0%	86%
[]q.	Protecting and restoring the natural	( <b>a</b> <i>c</i> <b>a</b>	• • ~	-~	. ~	. ~	0.0 ~
	environment	68%	24%	7 %	0%	0%	<i>93%</i>
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and				• ~	. ~	0.7~
	open space lands for future generations						87%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						78%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						84%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails	25%	57%	13%	5%	0%	82%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the	10 0	<b>27</b> <i>M</i>	150	<b>0</b> 0	2 0	000
	face of climate change						80%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature	40%	48%	11%	1%	0%	88%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands	77 01	1701	60	0.07	0.07	0.207
r 1	that maintain water quality and supply						93% 97%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests		33%	12%	0%	0%	87%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and	6601	1407	1007	207	00	0007
[]]00	open space lands						80% 70%
[]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands		23%	18%	3%	0%	79%
[ ]bb.	Improving access for individuals with	2407	100	1007	0.07	00	7207
[]]00	disabilities at local preserves	24 %	49%	18%	9%	0%	73%
[]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant restoration techniques	1107	2002	1107	170%	00%	74%
[]]44	_	44 %	30%	14 %	12 %	0%	/4 %
[]dd.	Removing invasive species to restore native plant and wildlife habitat	<b>71</b> 0%	110%	150%	2 0%	2002	62%
	plain and whulle havital		41%	13%	J 70	- 20 %	02 %

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY)

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas -----20%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----75%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)	0%
(NEITHER)	1%
(DON'T KNOW/NA)	3%

9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (RANDOMIZE)

		MUCH MORE FAV	SMWT MORE FAV	NO DIFF	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE FAV
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love most about living here						66%
(SPL)	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water						
	and naturally prevents the pollution of our water.	54%	23%	15%	2%	6%	77%
[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities,						
[]d.	and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing places for local plants and wildlife to thrive ( <b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> ) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of	34%	46%	10%	5%	6%	80%
[]e.	residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and for free	43%	34%	20%	3%	0%	77%
	natural areas, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is protecting wildlife						
	habitats and California's unique biodiversity	45%	32%	18%	2%	3%	77%

		MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
•	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		
[ ]f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural						
	and ranching history. That's why Midpen protects sustainable, working agricultural ranchlands connecting past and future along						
	the scenic coast		43 %	20%	2%	3%	75%
[ ]g.	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is caring for the land to create healthy habitats for plants, animals, and						
	people	47%	34%	17%	2%	0%	81%
[ ]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, especially people who are typically less likely to have access to natural						
	areas and open spaces. That includes low-						
	income communities and communities of color	2907	200	200	1.07	207	6701
	color	38%	29%	29%	1 %	3 %	67%
	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]i.	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching						
	history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open						
	Space District preserves historic, agricultural	1707	2201	1107	9.07	<b>7</b> 0 <i>m</i>	500
[]j.	lands close to home along the scenic coast ( <b>RECREATION</b> ) Parks and open spaces	1/%	33%	14%	8%	28%	50%
1.10	provide safe places for the community to						
	gather and explore the outdoors. It's						
	especially important to keep these accessible options for everyone as the cost of living						
	increases. Midpen ensures that San Mateo and						
	Santa Clara County residents have access to well-maintained and beautiful recreation						
	areas	33%	43%	19%	0%	4%	76%
[]k.	(CLIMATE) Smart investments made before a disaster strikes can help protect a						
	community's quality of life, save lives, and						
	reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is						
	taking a proactive, practical approach to stewardship of public lands, helping ensure						
	San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are						
	resilient as the climate changes	30%	52%	11%	1%	4%	83%

(SPLI	T SAMPLE B CONTINUED)	MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
[]].	(FIRES) Midpen is working with fire agencies and surrounding communities to strengthen prevention and preparation in case of wildland fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using conservation grazing to reduce flammable brush within grassland habitats, limiting the risk of fire, or fire intensity if it						
	does occur	60%	23 %	15%	0%	2%	83%
[ ]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched experiences, including environmental interpretation, docent-led activities and volunteer opportunities	18%	28%	23%	6%	25%	46%
[ ]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation organizations protect and restore such a wide variety of unique natural areas: from redwood forests to the Bay and the ocean, from serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone. Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to protect and restore these places for the wildlife that call it home, and						
	the people who visit and recreate there	23 %	46%	7%	20 %	4%	69%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE91%
Strongly favorable59%
Somewhat favorable31 %
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE 5%
Somewhat unfavorable 3%
Strongly unfavorable 2%
(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA 4%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (SPLIT SAMPLE A: local issues in your area) (SPLIT SAMPLE B: parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (SPLIT SAMPLE A: local issues in your area) (SPLIT SAMPLE B: parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (RANDOMIZE)

		<u>FREQ</u>	<u>OCCAS</u>	RARELY	<u>NEVER</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	FREQ <u>/OCC</u>	RRLY <u>/NVR</u>
[]a.	Local television stations	10%	24 %	12%	- 50%	4%	34%	63%
[]b.	KQED Radio	12%	19%		- 56%	4%	31%	65%
[]c.	Radio stations other than KQED	3%	14 %	20%	- 59%	3%	17%	80%
[]d.	Information you receive in the							
	mail	3%	33 %	12%	- 48%	4%	36%	60%
[]e.	Facebook	9%	17 %	11%	- 59%	4%	26%	70%
[]f.	Twitter	2%	10%	4%	- 78%	5%	13%	83%
[]g.	Instagram	8%	8 %	10%	- 71%	3%	16%	81%
[]h.	Blogs on the Internet	1%	17 %	15%	- 62%	5%	18%	76%
[]i.	The San José Mercury News							
	newspaper	9%	15%	10%	- 63%	3%	24%	<i>73</i> %
[]j.	The San Francisco Chronicle							
	newspaper	9%	18%	10%	- 59%	3%	27%	69%
[]k.	The Half Moon Bay Review							
	newspaper	13%	12 %	18%	- 53%	5%	25%	71%
[]1.	The Midpen newsletter and							
	activity guide mailed to your home	7%	15 %	10%	- 64 %	5%	21%	73%
[]m.	The Midpen e-newsletter	7%	7 %	11%	- 72 %	3%	14%	83%
[]n.	Nextdoor	13%	24 %	16%	- 41%	6%	37%	57%
[]0.	Midpen's public meetings	0%	6%	8%	- 82%	4%	6%	90%
[]p.	Midpen's website, openspace-dot-							
-	org	5%	13 %	25%	- 53%	3%	19%	78%

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No6	52%
Word of mouth 1	9%
Local newspaper	3%
Internet (general)	
Local newsletter	2%
Google	
Community centers	
Magazines (not specified)	
Library	
LinkedIn	
National newspaper	0%
National news	0%
News radio	
Saratogian	
You Tube	
Local television news	0%
Government website	0%
Yelp	
Reddit	
Maps	
Personal experience	
Facebook/social media	0%
Other	
Don't know	
Refused	1%

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. **(RANDOMIZE)** 

		ONCE/ WEEK	FEW/ MO	FEW/ YEAR	ONCE/ YEAR	NEVER	(DK/ NA)
[]a.	Walking or hiking	25 %	27 %	38%	3 %	3%	3%
[]b.	Running or jogging	5 %	7%	8%	7 %	69%	3%
[]c.	Dog walking	13%	8%	10%	3 %	64 %	3%
[]d.	Horseback riding	3 %	3%	1%	3 %	87 %	3%
[]e.	Mountain biking	2 %	3%	5%	5 %	81%	3%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing	12%	9%	15%	4 %	57 %	3%
[]g.	Spending time in nature	28%	21 %	38%	3 %	6%	3%
[]h.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	0 %	1%	7%	11%	78%	3%
[]i.	Backpack camping	1 %	2%	10%	2 %	81%	4%

#### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON - CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK: "Is that very or somewhat SAFE/UNSAFE?")

TOTAL SAFE	-95%
Very safe	-57%
Somewhat safe	-39%
TOTAL UNSAFE	5%
TOTAL UNSAFE Somewhat unsafe	• • •

(DON'T READ)	Don't visit them/NA - 0%
(DON'T READ)	Don't know 0%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes20%
No69%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED -11%

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less7%
Some college32%
Associate's Degree 6%
College graduate31%
Post-graduate19%
(DON'T KNOW) 5%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self12%
Yes, household $18\%$
Yes, both 5%
No62%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 4%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised34%
Two years or less 0%
Three to five years 3%
Six to 10 years 3%
11 to 20 years16%
21 to 40 years30%
More than 40 years12%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 2%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under15%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 2%
\$60,001 - \$90,000 19%
\$90,001 - \$120,000 6%
\$120,001 - \$150,000 12%
More than \$150,00024%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused23%

# 20. What is your gender?

Male369	76
Female 55 9	76
Nonbinary 09	76
Rather not say99	76

### THANK AND TERMINATE

## MODE

Phone	31%
Online	69%

#### DISTRICT WARD

1 - Seimens0	%
2 - Kishimoto0	%
3 - Cyr0	%
4 - Riffle0	%
5 - Holman0	%
6 - Hassett 17	%
7 – Kersteen-Tucker 83	%

# COUNTY

San Mateo	100%
Santa Clara	0%

#### **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino0%
Los Altos0%
Los Gatos0%
Menlo Park0%
Mountain View0%
Palo Alto0%
Redwood City 37%
San Carlos0%
Saratoga0%
Sunnyvale0%
Other36%
Unincorporated27%



#### JANUARY 9-23, 2020 MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 320-876-WT N=750 BAYSIDE MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR ±3.6% (95% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL) A/B SPLIT

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, a public opinion research company. I am not trying to sell you anything. We're conducting a survey about issues that concern residents in your area. May I speak with the person at home over 18 who most recently celebrated a birthday?

A. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely	80 %
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely	TERMINATE
No, not on cell	20%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

B. My next questions are to ensure that we are interviewing a representative group of residents in your area. What is your age?

Under 18 TERMINATE
18-24 15%
25-29 6%
30-34 9%
35-3911%
40-44 9%
45-4910%
50-54 6%
55-597%
60-64 10 %
65-69 6%
70-74 4%
75+6%
(DK/REFUSED) 2%

C. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself: Hispanic or Latino; African American or Black; Caucasian or White; Asian or Pacific Islander; multiracial; or some other ethnic or racial background?

Latino/Hispanic10%
African American/Black2%
Caucasian/White53%
Asian/Pacific Islander23%
Multiracial 3%
(OTHER) 2%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 7%

D. Are you registered to vote? **(IF YES, ASK:** "With which party are you registered to vote: Democratic, Republican, another party, or with no party preference?")

No, not registered 5%
Democratic51%
Republican 10%
No Party Preference24%
Another party 6%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) 5%

1. OK, let's begin. First, how would you rate your community as a place to live? Is it ... (READ LIST)?

EXCELLENT/GOOD86%
Excellent39%
Good47%
FAIR/POOR13%
Fair 10%
Poor 3 %
(DON'T KNOW/NA) 1%

2. Next, I'm going to read you a list of local organizations and public institutions. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion. If you have never heard of one, please just say so. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		STR FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	STR UNFAV	(CAN'T RATE /DK)	NEVER HEARD OF	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
[]a.	Midpeninsula Regional Open					<u> </u>			
	Space District	36% -	17%	1 %	1%	10%	35%	54%	2%
[]b.	Santa Clara Valley Open								
	Space Authority	22% -	18%	2 %	1%	13%	44%	40%	2%
[]c.	Peninsula Open Space Trust	31% -	15%	2 %	1%	10%	40%	47%	3%
[]d.	California State Parks	60% -	30%	2 %	0%	4 %	4%	90%	2%
[]e.	Golden Gate National								
	Recreation Area	43% -	29%	3 %	0%	11%	13%	72%	3%
<b>(ASK</b> [ ]f.	IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY Santa Clara County Parks			3 %	1%	6%	9%	81%	3%
<b>(ASK</b> []g.	IN SAN MATEO COUNTY C San Mateo County Parks		39%	5%	0%	14%	4%	77%	5%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

3. I'm going to read you some issues that some people say may be problems in your area. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think each is a problem or not. (IF YES, PROBLEM, ASK: "Do you think it is an extremely, very, or somewhat serious problem?") (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT SER PROB	VERY SER PROB	SMWT SER PROB	NOT A PROB	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
[]a.	The quality of local natural lands and open						
	space	9%	14 %	30%	41%	6%	23%
[]b.	Traffic congestion	43 %	30%	20%	5%	2%	<i>73</i> %
[]c.	Loss of natural areas to development	21 %	26%	31%	18%	4%	47%
[]d.	Fire risk	25%	24%	26%	21 %	3%	<i>49%</i>
[]e.	Water pollution	17 %	21%	29%	26 %	8%	38%
[]f.	Air pollution						<i>43</i> %
[]g.	Loss of wildlife habitat	26%	24%	31%	15%	4%	50%
[]h.	A lack of affordable housing	55%	26%	10%	7%	2%	81%
[]i.	Climate change						69%
[]j.	The amount you pay in local taxes	15 %	18%	26%	35%	6%	32%

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

#### (ASK Q4 ONLY IF CODES 1-4 IN Q2A)

- You mentioned a few moments ago that you have a FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In a few words of your own, could you tell me why? (OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE BELOW. PROBE FOR VERY SPECIFIC RESPONSES)
- a. Favorable, N=415:

b.

Preservation of open space/environmental protection	36%
Support their mission/efforts	
Good option for recreation/exercise	24%
Trails/facilities are well maintained	
I use trails regularly	14%
Easily accessible to the public	
Preservation of wildlife/habitat	
Enjoy nature's beauty/beautiful views	6%
General favorable statement	
Mixed feelings	3%
Dog friendly	1%
Watershed protection	
Need more information	
Other	3%
Don't know	1%
Refused	2%
Unfavorable, N=14:	
Poor leadership/management	37%
Not enough transparency/misused revenue	
They take over too much land	
More important issues	
Too many limitations	
General unfavorable statement	
Other	10%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, OFTEN KNOWN AS "MIDPEN," IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT PRIMARILY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES THAT HAS PRESERVED A REGIONAL GREENBELT OF NEARLY 65 THOUSAND ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND AND MANAGES 26 OPEN SPACE PRESERVES. ITS MISSION IS TO ACQUIRE AND PERMANENTLY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE LAND, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION. ON THE COAST, ITS MISSION INCLUDES PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGING VIABLE AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND.

5. Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE	-87%
Strongly favorable	- 56%
Somewhat favorable	-32%
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TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	3%
Strongly unfavorable	2%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA ----- 8%

6. Next, I am going to read you a list of goals Midpen has set for itself. For each goal, please tell me if you think it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPL	T SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[]a.	Preserving a regional greenbelt of open space						
	land forever	49%	31%	15%	5%	1%	80%
[]b.	Protecting natural areas	53 %	32%	13% -	1%	1%	85%
[]c.	Providing opportunities for ecologically						
	sensitive public enjoyment and education	37 %	38%	19% -	5%	1%	74%
[]d.	Restoring native plant and wildlife habitat	39%	36%	19% -	6%	1%	74%
[]e.	Providing multiuse trails for hiking, biking,						
	and equestrian use	28 %	37%	32% -	3%	0%	65%
[]f.	Stewarding public lands to be resilient in the						
	face of climate change	47 %	29%	13% -	7%	4%	76%
[]g.	Supporting local agriculture along the San						
	Mateo County coast	27 %	34%	27% -	11 %	1%	61%
[]h.	Preserving the character of rural areas, such						
	as the Santa Cruz Mountains or the San						
	Mateo County Coast	33 %	27%	30% -	9%	1%	60%

		EXT IMP	VERY IMP	SMWT IMP	NOT TOO IMP	(DK/ NA)	EXT/ VERY
(SPLI	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)					<u> </u>	
[]i.	Partnering with local organizations to						
	promote a regional environmental vision	29%	38%	24 %	7 %	2%	67%
[]j.	Connecting regional trails	20%	34%	33%	9%	3%	54%
[]k.	Caring for the ecosystem to help native plants						
	and wildlife survive	52 %	34%	10%	3%	1%	85%
[]1.	Reducing dead and downed vegetation for						
	wildland fire prevention	50%	37%	10%	2%	1%	87%
[]m.	Preserving undeveloped coastal open space						
	and agricultural lands	46%	29%	19%	3%	1%	76%
[]n.	Assessing historical significance of structures						
	on open space lands	17 %	33%	31%	18%	2%	50%
[]0.	Promoting safe wildlife corridors and trail						
	crossings across Highway 17	34 %	35%	19%	7%	5%	69%
(SPLI	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]p.	Protecting the ridgetops, hillsides and creeks						
	that create our region's striking natural beauty	48%	25%	24%	2%	0%	<i>73%</i>
[]q.	Protecting and restoring the natural						
	environment	52 %	31%	15%	2%	0%	83%
[]r.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and						
	open space lands for future generations						75%
[]s.	Creating opportunities for outdoor recreation						64%
[]t.	Preserving diverse habitat for wildlife						80%
[]u.	Providing regional hiking trails	29%	28%	36%	4 %	3%	57%
[]v.	Restoring public lands to be resilient in the	. –	• • • • •		<i></i>		
	face of climate change						76%
[]w.	Connecting kids to nature	41%	34%	24%	1 %	0%	75%
[]x.	Protecting the waterways and natural lands	< = ~	• • ~	o ~	4.~	. ~	000
	that maintain water quality and supply						89%
[]y.	Managing redwood forests	54 %	29%	14%	1 %	2%	83%
[]z.	Protecting San Mateo and Santa Clara						
	counties' agricultural, natural resource, and	20 %	20 0	<b>3 - M</b>	- ~	<b>a</b> ~	<b>(0</b> )
	open space lands						68%
[]aa.	Protecting coastal grasslands	40%	32%	23%	3%	2%	72%
[]bb.	Improving access for individuals with	<b>2</b> ( M	219	22 %	-~	4.99	60.00
	disabilities at local preserves	26%	34%	32%	7%	1%	60%
[]cc.	Partnering with Native American tribes to						
	relearn and reapply indigenous plant	20.00	0 <i>E</i> M	20.00	100	20	FEM
	restoration techniques	29%	25%	30%	13%	5%	55%
[]dd.		270	20.01	00 M	<b>E</b> 07	1 07	(0.0
	plant and wildlife habitat	31%	32%	22%	3%	4%	69%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

7. And which of these six components of the Midpen mission do you think is most important to you? (RE-READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IF NECESSARY)

[] Acquiring and preserving a regional greenbelt17%	
[] Restoring the natural environment19%	
[] Providing opportunities for ecologically sensitive public recreation15%	
[] Educating the public about conservation and nature19%	
[] Preserving rural character 4%	
[] Encouraging viable agricultural land use 4%	
(DON'T READ) All15% (DON'T READ) None	
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused 2%	

8. Stepping back for a moment, I'd like to read you two statements about Midpen preserves. I'd like you to tell me which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right. (**ROTATE**)

[] I prefer preserves that provide multiple visitor amenities, such as water bottle refilling stations, restrooms, and picnic areas -----22%

#### OR

[] I prefer preserves that put a high priority on wildlife habitat restoration and protection, with only low-impact trails that encourage users to leave no trace-----71%

(DON'T READ)	
(BOTH)2	2%
(NEITHER) 1	%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) 4	
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9. Next, I am going to read you a series of statements about the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. For each one, please tell me if it makes you view Midpen much more favorably, somewhat more favorably, or if it makes no difference. (RANDOMIZE)

		MUCH MORE FAV	SMWT MORE FAV	NO DIFF	(LESS FAV)	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE FAV
[ ]a.	(SPECIAL CHARACTER) People choose to live in the Bay Area because of its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. The stunning ridge and coastal views and riding, biking, and hiking trails we have in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties are truly unique. The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District works to preserve what we love most about living here.						70%
(SPL	IT SAMPLE A ONLY)						
[ ]b.	(WATER QUALITY) Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. By protecting and restoring areas around sources of water, Midpen increases access to water and naturally prevents the pollution of our						
	water	48%	32%	17%	1%	2%	80%
[ ]c.	(PARTNERSHIPS) Midpen regularly partners with local nonprofits, the counties, and state and regional park organizations to leverage their resources and connect residents with open space, recreational opportunities, and educational programs. Connecting these public lands supports biodiversity, providing						
[ ]d.	places for local plants and wildlife to thrive (PUBLIC HEALTH) Open space preserves and natural areas provide spaces where families and children can safely walk, run, and bicycle – improving the physical health of residents, reducing obesity, and reducing healthcare costs. These areas are open 365 days a year, sunrise to sunset, to anyone, and	39%	35%	22%	0%	3%	74%
[ ]e.	for free (WILDLIFE) By restoring and protecting natural areas, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is protecting wildlife	51 %	27%	20%	0%	1 %	79%
	habitats and California's unique biodiversity	49%	31%	17%	1%	2%	80%

		MUCH MORE FAV	SMWT MORE FAV	NO DIFF	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE FAV
(SPL	T SAMPLE A CONTINUED)	<u></u>	<u></u>		<u>,</u>	<u>- (12)</u>	<u></u>
[]f.	(AG SUSTAINABILITY) San Mateo and						
	Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural						
	and ranching history. That's why Midpen						
	protects sustainable, working agricultural						
	ranchlands connecting past and future along the scenic coast			31%	1 %	1%	61%
[]g.	(CARING) Midpeninsula Regional Open	20 /0	30 70	31 /0	+ /0	4 70	01 /0
L 18.	Space District is caring for the land to create						
	healthy habitats for plants, animals, and						
	people	46%	30%	18%	2%	3%	76%
[]h.	(UNDERSERVED) Midpen programming						
	connects people to nature through enriched						
	experiences, especially people who are typically less likely to have access to natural						
	areas and open spaces. That includes low-						
	income communities and communities of						
	color	42%	32 %	23 %	1%	3%	73%
•	T SAMPLE B ONLY)						
[]i.	(AG HISTORY) San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have rich agricultural and ranching						
	history. That's why the Midpeninsula Open						
	Space District preserves historic, agricultural						
	lands close to home along the scenic coast	23 %	38%	29%	6%	4%	61%
[]j.	(RECREATION) Parks and open spaces						
	provide safe places for the community to						
	gather and explore the outdoors. It's						
	especially important to keep these accessible						
	options for everyone as the cost of living increases. Midpen ensures that San Mateo and						
	Santa Clara County residents have access to						
	well-maintained and beautiful recreation						
	areas	45 %	31%	19%	2%	3%	76%
[]k.	(CLIMATE) Smart investments made before						
	a disaster strikes can help protect a						
	community's quality of life, save lives, and						
	reduce the cost to taxpayers. Midpen is taking a proactive, practical approach to						
	stewardship of public lands, helping ensure						
	San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are						
	resilient as the climate changes	40%	42%	12%	2%	3%	83%

(SPLI	(T SAMPLE B CONTINUED)	MUCH MORE <u>FAV</u>	SMWT MORE <u>FAV</u>	NO <u>DIFF</u>	(LESS <u>FAV)</u>	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>	TOTAL MORE <u>FAV</u>
[]].	(FIRES) Midpen is working with fire agencies and surrounding communities to strengthen prevention and preparation in case of wildland fires. This includes maintaining hundreds of miles of fire roads. Midpen is also using conservation grazing to reduce flammable brush within grassland habitats, limiting the risk of fire, or fire intensity if it						
	does occur	51%	38%	8%	1%	3%	88%
[ ]m.	(EDUCATION) Midpen programming connects people to nature through enriched experiences, including environmental interpretation, docent-led activities and volunteer opportunities		38 %	31 %	3%	5%	61%
[ ]n.	(PLACE) Few other conservation organizations protect and restore such a wide variety of unique natural areas: from redwood forests to the Bay and the ocean, from serpentine-soil grasslands to Tafoni sandstone. Our peninsula is unique and Midpen works to protect and restore these places for the wildlife that call it home, and		50 /0				01 //
	the people who visit and recreate there	39%	38%	17%	2%	4%	76%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

10. Next, having heard this, let me ask you one last time - do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District?

TOTAL FAVORABLE91%
Strongly favorable59%
Somewhat favorable 32 %
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE 4%
Somewhat unfavorable 3%
Strongly unfavorable 1%
(DON'T READ) CAN'T RATE/DK/NA 5%

11. Next, I'm going to read you a list of sources from which people get information about (SPLIT SAMPLE A: local issues in your area) (SPLIT SAMPLE B: parks, open space, and the outdoors). For each, I'd like you to tell me how often you use it to get information about (SPLIT SAMPLE A: local issues in your area) (SPLIT SAMPLE B: parks, open space and the outdoors): frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never. (RANDOMIZE)

[]a. Local television stations 13% 24% 16% 45% 2% 36%	61%
[ ]b. KQED Radio 19% 22% 15% 41% 3% 41%	56%
[]c. Radio stations other than KQED9%18% 20% 3% 27%	70%
[]d. Information you receive in the	
mail 7% 30% 35% 3% 36%	61%
[]e. Facebook 14% 19% 46% 2% 33%	65%
[]f. Twitter 7% 7% 9% 68% 5% 18%	78%
[]g. Instagram 3% 20%	78%
[]h. Blogs on the Internet9%19% 20% 2% 28%	69%
[]i. The San José Mercury News	
newspaper 10% 18% 21% 48% 2% 28%	70%
[]j. The San Francisco Chronicle	
newspaper 6% 13% 18% 60% 3% 19%	78%
[]k. The Half Moon Bay Review	
newspaper 1% 3% 6% 84% 5% 5%	90%
[]1. The Midpen newsletter and	
activity guide mailed to your home 6% 12% 13% 64% 6% 18%	76%
[]m. The Midpen e-newsletter4%6%8%5% 11%	85%
[]n. Nextdoor 11% 14% 51% 3% 32%	65%
[]o. Midpen's public meetings1%2%10%83%4% 4%	92%
[]p. Midpen's website, openspace-dot-	
org 4% 18% 53% 4% 22%	<i>73</i> %

12. Were there any sources of information you use that I didn't mention? (OPEN END, RECORD VERBATIM)

No 58%
Word of mouth 10%
Google 6%
Internet (general)5%
Local newspaper 4%
Local newsletter2%
Local television news 2%
Facebook/social media2%
National newspaper 1%
National news 1%
Community centers 1%
News radio 1%
You Tube 1%
Government website 1%
Reddit 1%
Personal experience 1%
LinkedIn0%
Saratogian 0%
Magazines (not specified) 0%
Library0%
Yelp 0%
Maps 0%
Other 3%
Don't know 0%
Refused 2%

#### WE'RE JUST ABOUT DONE. I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.

13. First, I'd like you to consider your visits to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves. Please tell me how often you typically visit and use Midpen preserves in this way: about once a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, once a year, or never. **(RANDOMIZE)** 

		ONCE/ WEEK	FEW/ MO	FEW/ YEAR	ONCE/ YEAR	NEVER	(DK/ NA)
		<u></u>	<u></u>			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
[]a.	Walking or hiking	19%	29%	30%	7 %	12 %	3%
[]b.	Running or jogging	9%	13 %	13%	7 %	55%	3%
[]c.	Dog walking	9%	7%	10%	4 %	65%	3%
[]d.	Horseback riding	1 %	1%	3%	6%	87%	2%
[]e.	Mountain biking	3 %	5%	11%	6%	72%	3%
[]f.	Birdwatching or wildlife viewing						
[]g.	Spending time in nature						
[]h.	Ranger- or docent-led programs	0%	1%	6%	12%	75%	7%
[]i.	Backpack camping	0 %	2%	11%	11%	71%	5%

#### (ASK IF EVER VISIT FOR ANY REASON - CODE 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 IN ANY ITEM IN Q13)

14. Do you feel safe or unsafe outdoors in local nature preserves? (IF SAFE/UNSAFE, ASK: "Is that very or somewhat SAFE/UNSAFE?")

TOTAL SAFE	94%
Very safe	59%
Somewhat safe	35%
<b>TOTAL UNSAFE</b> Somewhat unsafe Very unsafe	3%

(DON'T READ)	Don't visit them/NA -	1%
(DON'T READ)	Don't know	1%

#### (RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

15. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

Yes27%
No69%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 4%

16. What was the last level of school you completed?

High school graduate or less10%
Some college18%
Associate's Degree11%
College graduate 30%
Post-graduate27 %
(DON'T KNOW) 4%

17. Do you work in the technology industry? (**IF NO:** "Does anyone in your household work in the technology industry?")

Yes, self22%
Yes, household 13%
Yes, both 9%
No 52%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 4%

18. Were you born and raised in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties? (**IF NO, ASK:** "How long have you lived in San Mateo or Santa Clara Counties?")

Born and raised27%
Two years or less 7%
Three to five years 6%
Six to 10 years9%
11 to 20 years12%
21 to 40 years18%
More than 40 years16%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 6%

19. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in 2019. Was it: (**READ CHOICES BELOW**)

\$30,000 and under10%
\$30,001 - \$60,000 10%
\$60,001 - \$90,000 10%
\$90,001 - \$120,000 9%
\$120,001 - \$150,000 8%
More than \$150,00030%
( <b>DON'T READ</b> ) Refused22%

# 20. What is your gender?

Male46	8%
Female 49	)%
Nonbinary 0	)%
Rather not say 5	

### THANK AND TERMINATE

### MODE

Phone	53%
Online	47%

### **DISTRICT WARD**

1 - Seimens 20%	0
2 - Kishimoto 15%	0
3 - Cyr 13 %	6
4 - Riffle 16%	0
5 - Holman 16%	0
6 - Hassett 13 %	6
7 – Kersteen-Tucker8%	6

## **COUNTY**

San Mateo2	29%
Santa Clara7	71%

## **CITY/TOWN**

Cupertino6%
Los Altos4%
Los Gatos7%
Menlo Park7%
Mountain View13%
Palo Alto 10%
Redwood City8%
San Carlos5%
Saratoga7%
Sunnyvale 18%
Other10%
Unincorporated6%