



Emancipation Economic Development Council

Emancipation Economic Development Council (EEDC) Est. 2015

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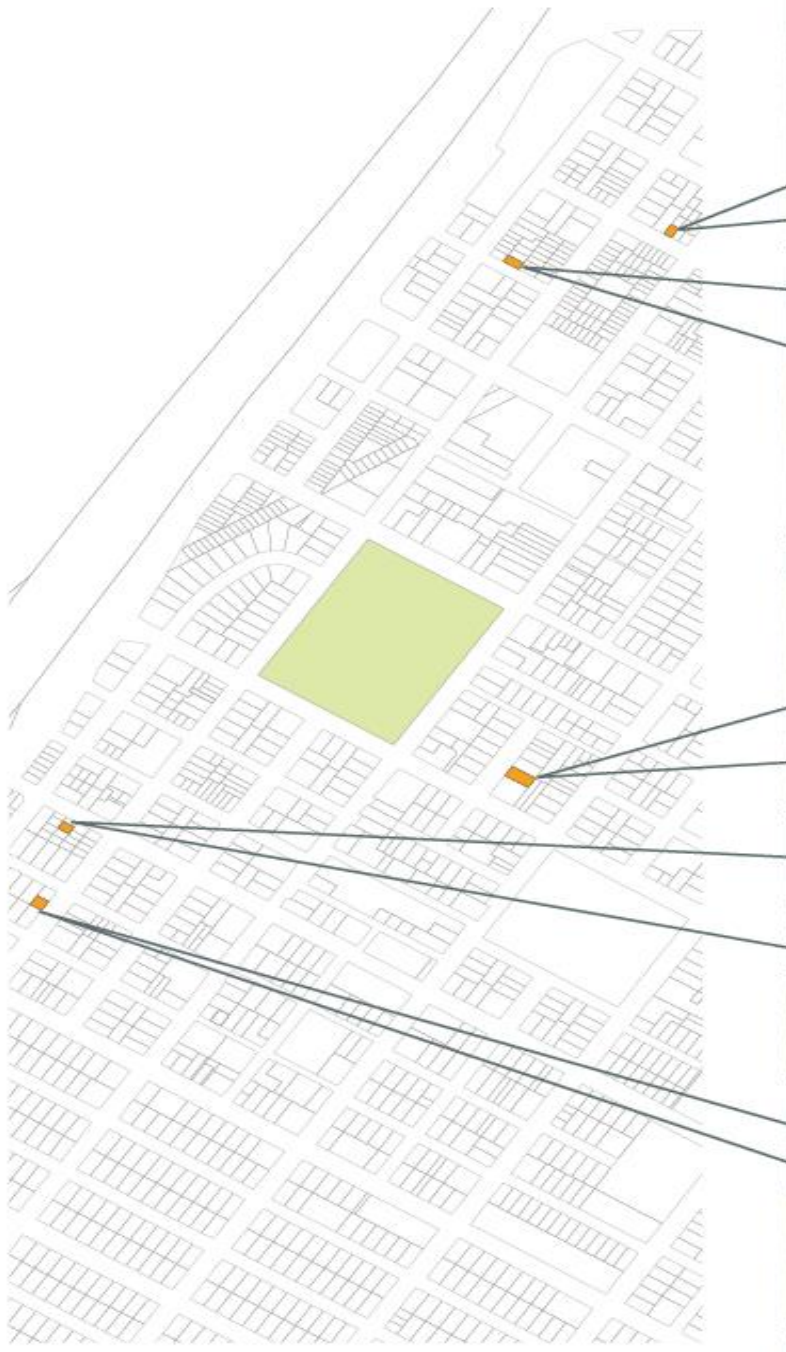
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Third Ward, Texas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAMTsQp2dRA&t=1s>

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TOWNHOUSE



SELLING PRICE

\$299,900

\$/SQFT

\$146

BUILDING SIZE

2,060 sqft
2 beds
3.5 baths

BUILT IN

2013

SALE DATE

9/26/13

TOWNHOUSE



\$610,000

\$157

3,890 sqft
4 beds
4.5 baths

2015

3/11/15

SINGLE FAMILY HOME



\$115,249

\$99

1,168 sqft
2 beds
1 baths

1938

2/24/15

TOWNHOUSE



\$360,000

\$171

2,100 sqft
3 beds
3.5 baths

2008

2/12/15

TOWNHOUSE



\$330,000

\$160

2,065 sqft
3 beds
2.5 baths

2014

1/14/15

Threats: Past & Present

- Historical underinvestment
- Land speculation
- Ongoing demolitions
- Rapid new market-rate development
- Displacement of long-time residents

EEDC – Community Led

The Emancipation Economic Development Council founded as a collaborative of organized, informed and engaged faith-based organizations, nonprofits, community development corporations, businesses, local government entities and other stakeholders.

Mission: To inspire hope and contribute to the **revitalization** and **preservation** of the Emancipation Park neighborhood of Third Ward.

Vision: A resilient, dynamic, and economically prosperous community where people live, work and thrive in a **historically and culturally rich African American neighborhood.**

EEDC: Founding Organizations

- Project Row Houses
- Row House CDC
- Sankofa Research Institute
- St. Philip Missionary Baptist Church (W.R. Ivory, Senior Pastor)
- Trinity East United Methodist Church (Marilyn M. White, Senior Pastor)
- Trinity United Methodist Church (Dr. Robert McGee, Senior Pastor)
- Wesley Chapel A.M.E. (Leo Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Target Area Boundaries & Context



- North: I-45 (Gulf Freeway)
- West: US-59/SH-288
- South: Alabama Street
- East: Ennis Street and Sauer Street

- ½ square Mile
- Population of 4,000
- **76% African American**
- **Median income: \$22,948**
- **21% unemployment**
- **78% renters**

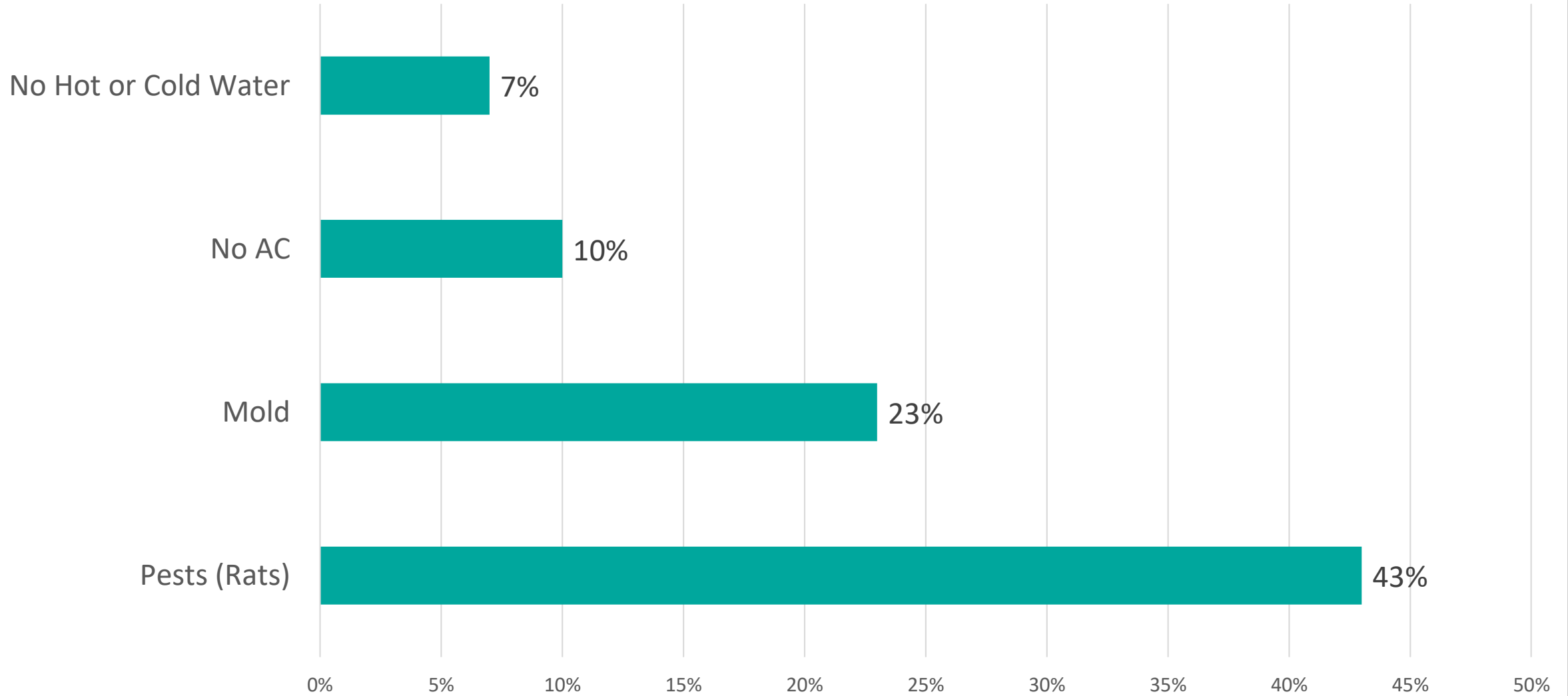
Least, Last & Forgotten

For the cramped bewildered years we went to school to learn
to know the reasons why and the answers to and the
people who and the places where and the days when, in
memory of the bitter hours when we discovered we
were black and poor and small and different and nobody
Cared and nobody wondered and nobody understood;

For My People, Margaret Walker

Residents' Living Conditions

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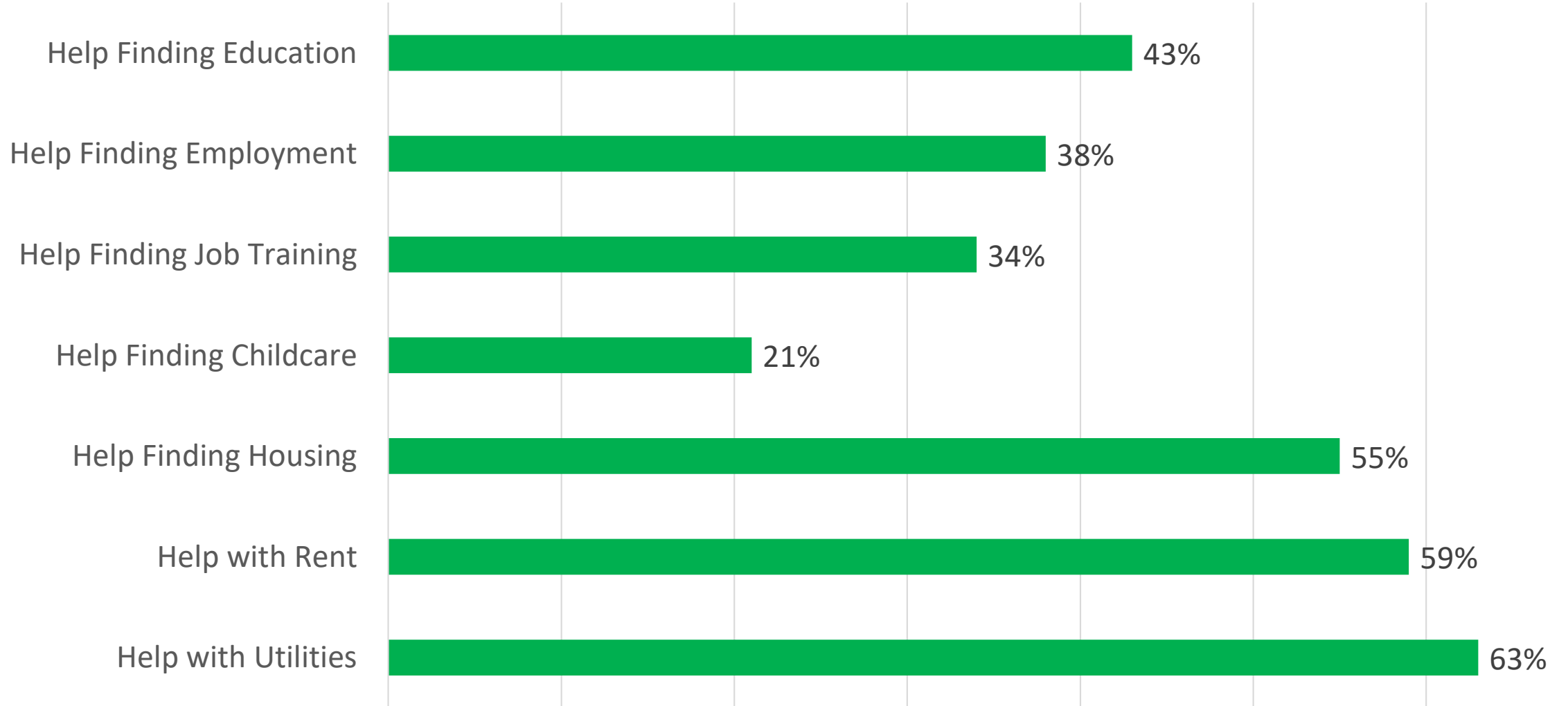
Residents' Extreme Concerns

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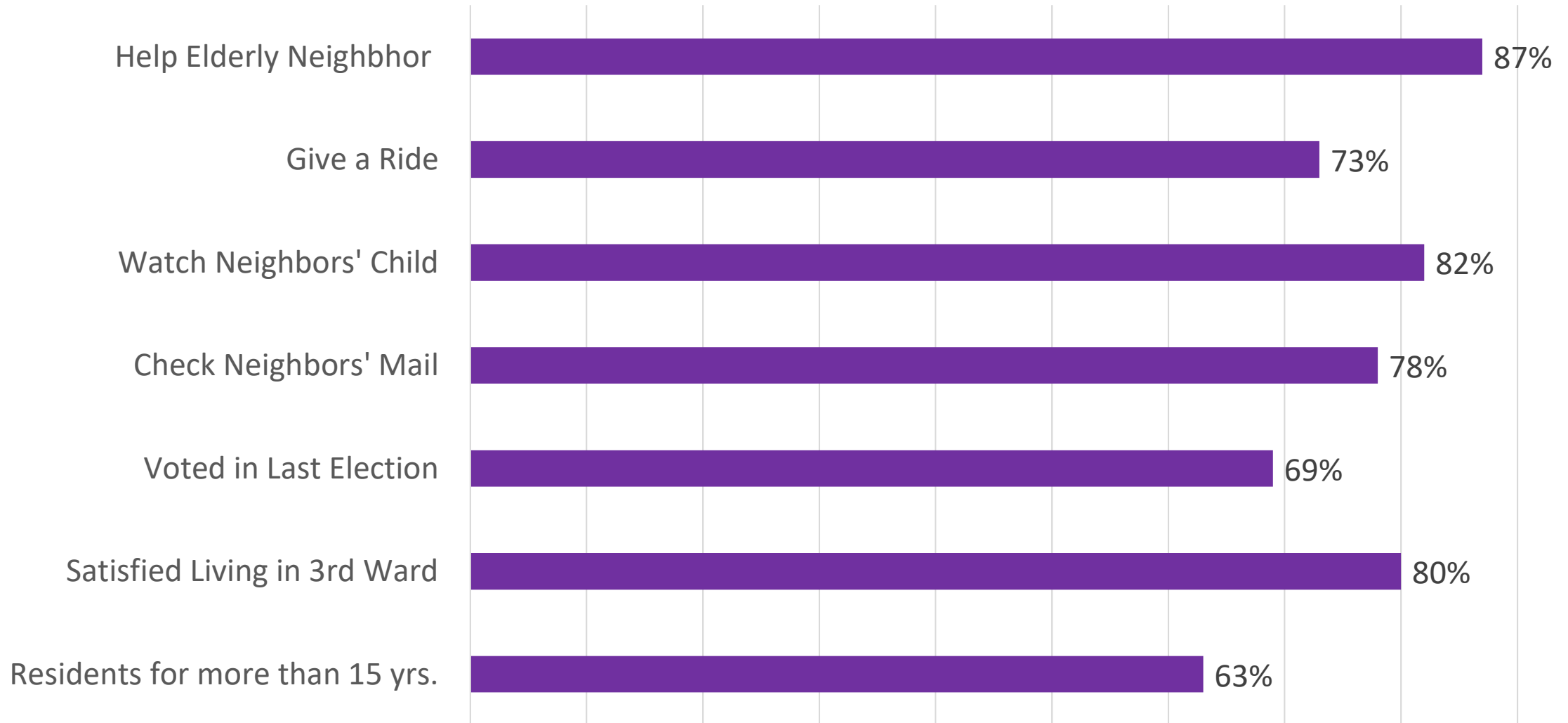
Residents Request

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Collective Efficacy

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Goals: Community Self-Determination

- Halt Gentrification
- Build Political Power
- Strengthen Community Ownership
- Generate Community Wealth
- Develop a Healthy Local Economy
- Increase Housing Choice

Strategies: Community-Centered

- Amplify the History
- Integrate Nature
- Leverage Assets
- Lead (not be led by) Dynamic Development

Ujima Resource House

Third Ward Is Home Civic Club; Mothers' Hope Walk; Reading Pays Program; Neighborhood Clean-ups; Third Ward Works Initiative

Community Land Trust

rent control; affordable homeownership; community economic development; historic & cultural preservation

Neighborhood Development Center

neighborhood based entrepreneurs & cooperative businesses

Financial Opportunity Center Project Row Houses

financial coaching; social benefits; job training

Anchor Collaborative

Texas Southern University; University of Houston; Hermann Memorial; Houston First Corporation

Texas Main Street Program

economic development; cultural & historic preservation; tourism

Row House CDC Development

affordable housing; commercial rentals; mixed-use in-fill development

Revitalize, Preserve & Project Third Ward: People & Place Simultaneously

Community Investments



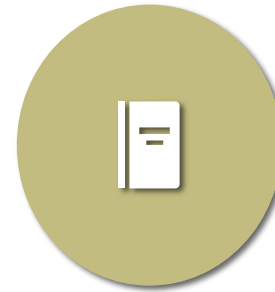
**MORE THAN
1,500 HOURS**



**175
WORKING
GROUP
MEETINGS**



**6 PLANNING
COMMISSION
SESSIONS &
CITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS**



**3 PLANNING
STUDIES**



**4 DESIGN
STUDIOS**



**4 LOCAL AND
NATIONAL
GRANTS OF \$1.75
MILLION**

**2018-19 EEDC
\$500,000 START
UP BUDGET**