



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

CONSULTANT TEAM

# EERMC Priorities 2023 Planning Priorities

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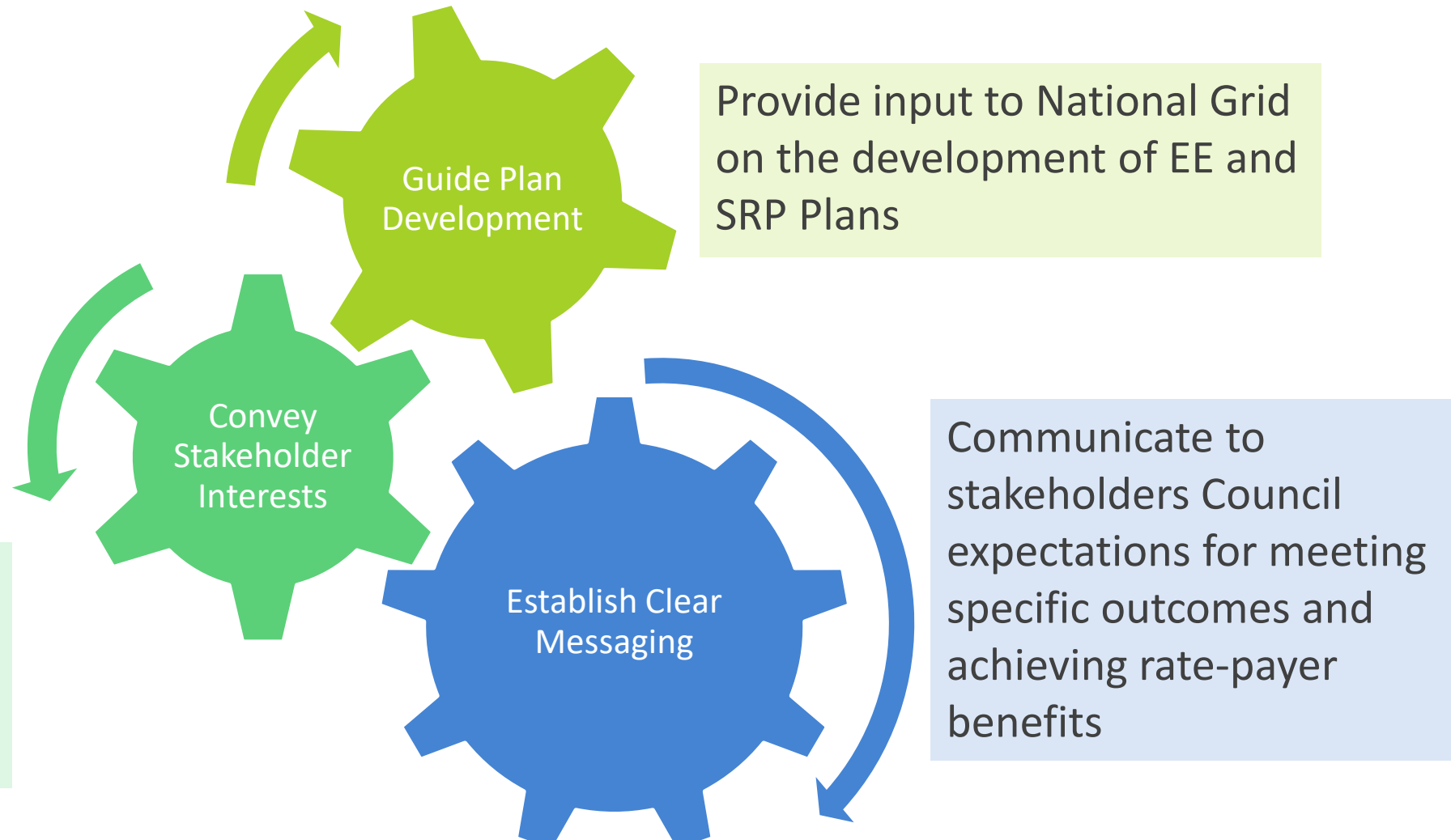


# BACKGROUND





# Why set EE and SRP Priorities?





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**SUPPORT**

Support LCP law per EERMC's legislated role

**RESPOND**

Respond to evolving trends

**ALIGN**

Align with Policy Recommendations

**BALANCE**

Balance "what & why" vs. "how"



# How Are Priorities Used?

## Stakeholder Communication

- Presented to EE Technical Working Group (March)

## Plan Review

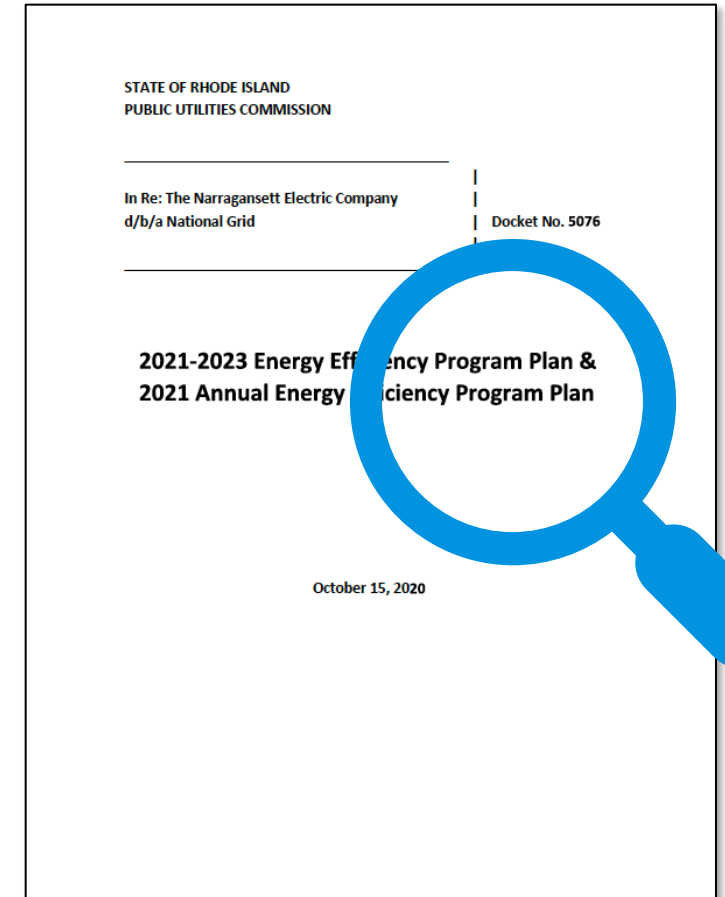
- Consistently referenced during C-Team review of Plan drafts and final versions

## EERMC Website

- Will be featured on EERMC website to promote public understanding of key EE objectives supported by the Council

## Regulatory Proceedings

- Often cited in regulatory proceedings in testimony and written comments





# REVIEW OF 2022 PLAN PRIORITIES





# Last Year's Priority Buckets

Align with Three-Year Plan

Comply with LCP Standards

Incorporate Stakeholder Input

Support Equity & Access

Ensure Effective & Efficient Development & Review Process





# 1. Align with Three-Year Plan

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Comply with LCP Standards

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Support Equity & Access

Ensure Effective & Efficient Development & Review Process

Target “High Scenario” for savings and benefits goals

Identify how each 3YP priority will apply in 2022 Plan

Align with Market Potential Study (MPS)

Maximize cost-efficiency while delivering maximum savings and benefits



## 2. Comply with LCP Standards



Apply the clear, outcome-oriented direction provided in the LCP Standards section on General Plan Design and Principles for annual planning

Include key metrics to be tracked and reported



# 3. Incorporate Stakeholder Input

Align with Three-Year Plan

Comply with LCP Standards

Reflect priorities set by Technical Working Group members

Incorporate Stakeholder Input

Support Equity & Access

Reflect Equity Working Group findings and conclusions

Ensure Effective & Efficient Development & Review Process

Incorporate input from robust and actionable Customer Feedback Activities

Incorporate feedback from Annual CHP event stakeholders



# 4. Support Equity & Access



Fulfill and apply results to 2022 Plan from the 2021 Plan commitments, including:

- Non-participant/participant study
- Census of multi-family housing
- Reference to, and application of, findings from the MPS

Commit to clear, comprehensive list of tasks that will be added to quarterly reports to support full and transparent accountability of performance in achieving the commitments

Include clear, detailed remediation strategies to assure corrective action on underperforming programs



# 5. Development Review Process



Adhere to *Key Deliverables and Schedule*

- Assure necessary time is afforded to the EERMC and stakeholders to participate in, review and reach clear understanding of the content of the 2022 EE Plan sufficient to make informed decisions on whether to endorse the Plan



# System Reliability Procurement Plan Priorities



## Be Responsive

- Demonstrate continued responsiveness to Council and other stakeholder input, including specific points identified in the Council's comments on the SRP Plan

## Engage Stakeholders

- Ensure sufficient opportunities for stakeholder engagement and substantive contributions during SRP planning and implementation



# BRAINSTORM 2023 PLAN PRIORITIES







# Brainstorming 2023 Plan Priorities



What *recent developments* should factor into 2023 Plan design?

- Ongoing economic issues, primarily driven by COVID
- PUC rulings on 2022 Annual Plan
- Legislative & policy trends (local, state, federal)
  - Includes additional program funding opportunities
- 2021 performance (and 2022 to-date) at program, sector & portfolio levels
  - Including status of commitments made in 2022 Plan





# Brainstorming 2023 Plan Priorities



What are the *current challenges* facing your constituent group?

What *new developments* are you seeing?

Can *energy efficiency play a role* in addressing those challenges and developments?

How should the 2023 EE & SRP Plans be developed to best *meet the current needs* of your constituent group?



# Topics from Retreat Survey



1 out of 5 votes

- Development of Council equity statement
- Understanding the foundational role of EE in meeting RI's decarbonization and clean energy goals
- EE's effects on transmission & distribution



2 out of 5 votes

- Braiding EE and other resources to increase access and streamline program participation across silos
- EE Equity Working Group progress
- Future of energy efficiency programs
- How forward capacity markets support energy efficiency
- Long-term financial impacts of EE investments on ratepayers – rate & bill impacts
- Participant and nonparticipant / multifamily census studies



3 out of 5 votes

- Acadia Center's RESPECT Framework (Reforming Energy System Planning for Equity and Climate Transformation)
- Heating electrification efforts
- Workforce development



4 out of 5 votes

- Income eligible programs and multifamily programs



# NEXT STEPS





# Next Steps

**February – March** – One-on-one meetings

– Council members can discuss ideas & issues with C-Team & OER

**March 10** – Council receives draft priorities

**March 17** – Council discusses, refines & votes

**March 24** – C-Team presents EE Priorities to EE TWG

**TBD** – C-Team presents SRP Priorities to SRP TWG

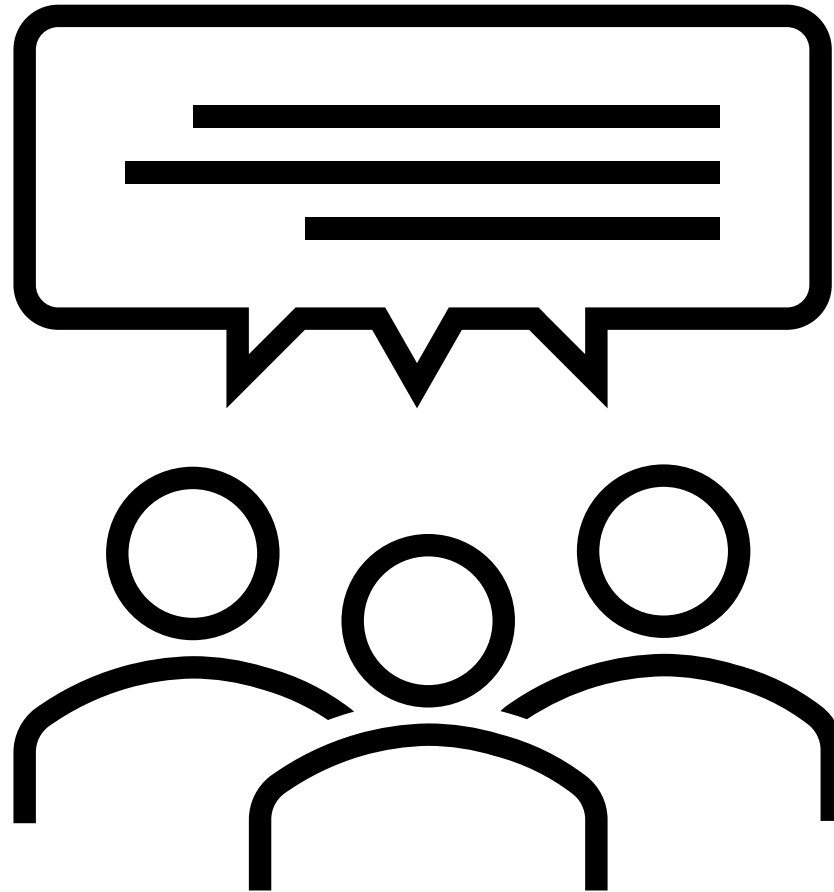


# COUNCIL DISCUSSION





# Council Member Discussion





# APPENDIX





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# 2022 Member Retreat Survey Results

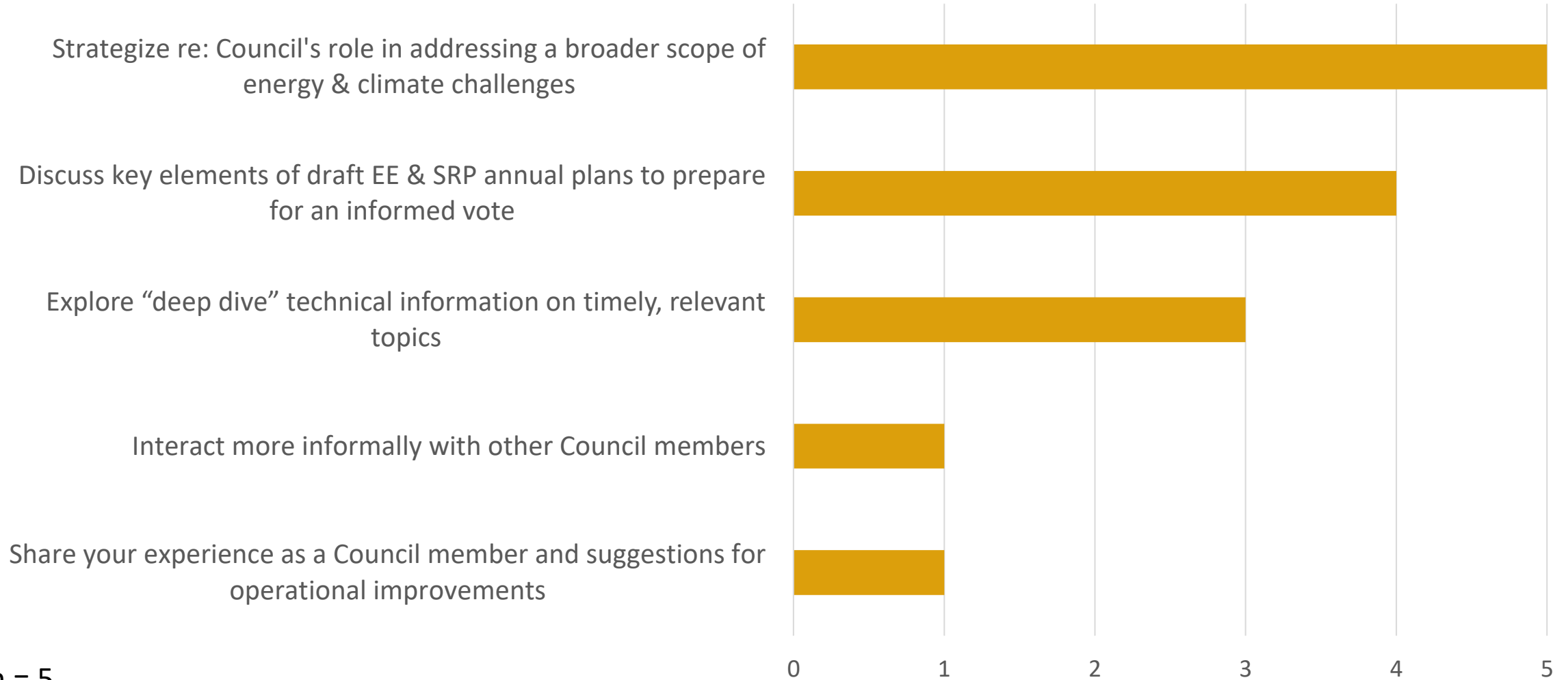
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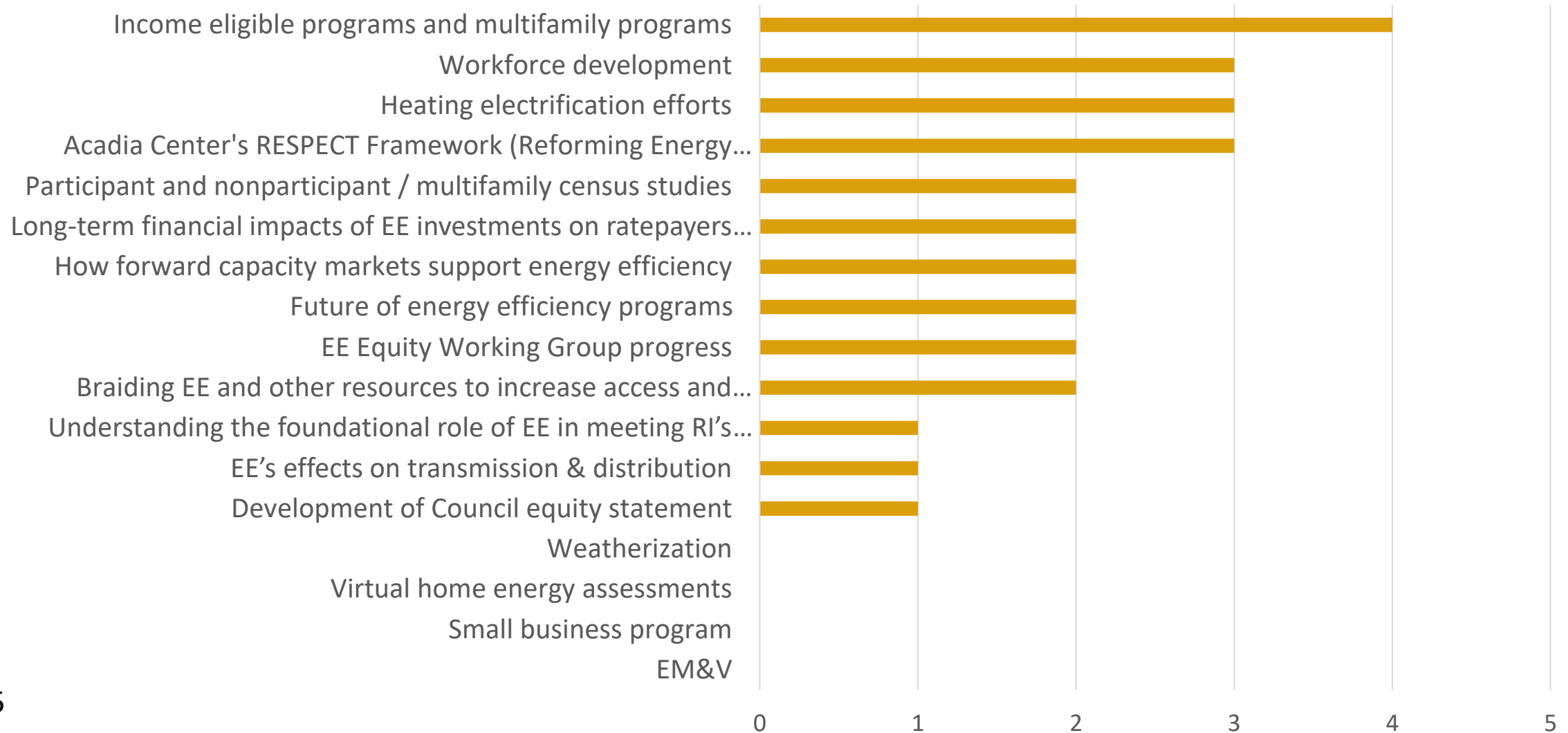
# 1. Which types of **activities** would you like to engage in at this year's retreats?



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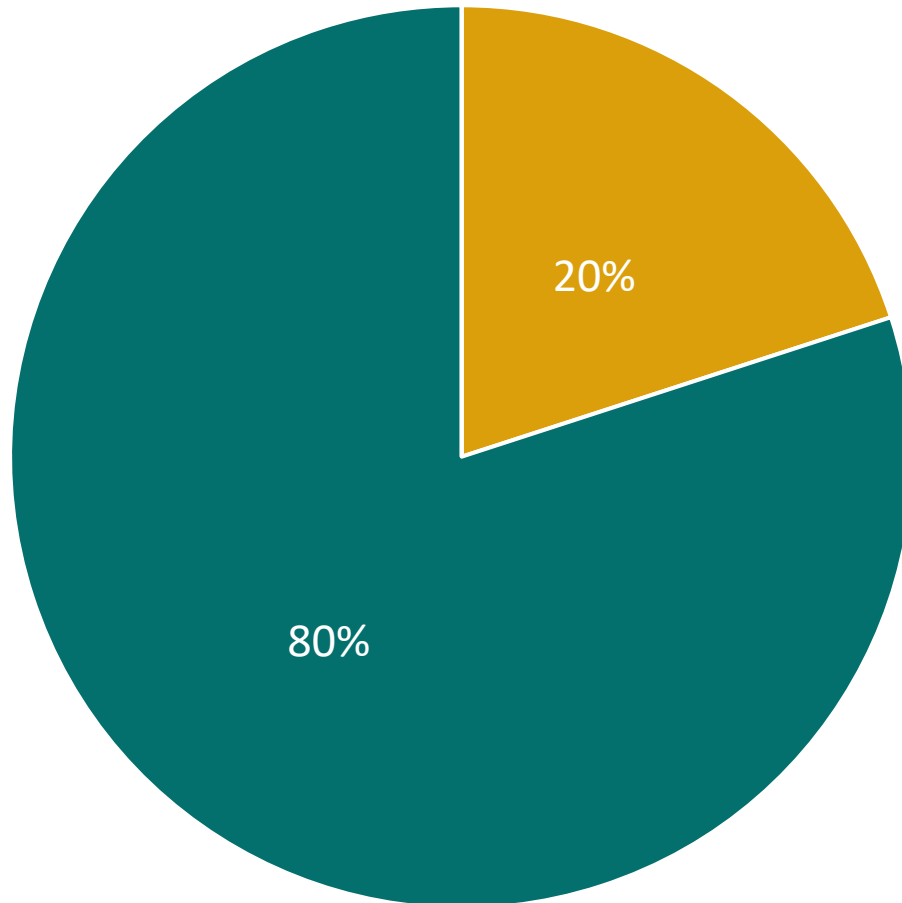
## 2. Which **topics** would you be interested in exploring more deeply at a retreat?



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### 3. How would you like to see the **breakdown of time** between technical presentations and discussion-based topics?

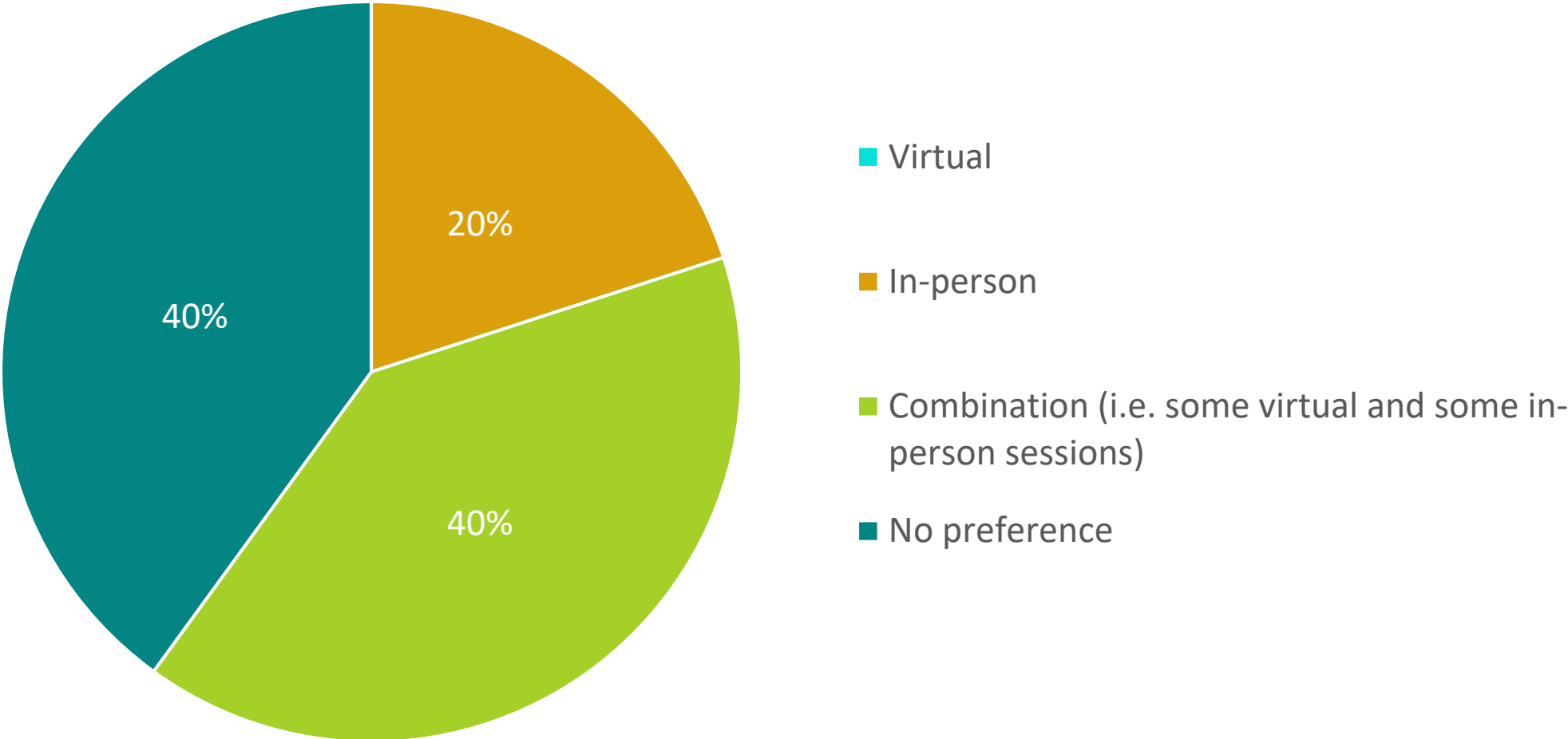


- More time for technical presentations than discussion based topics
- About equal time for each
- More time for discussion based topics than technical presentations

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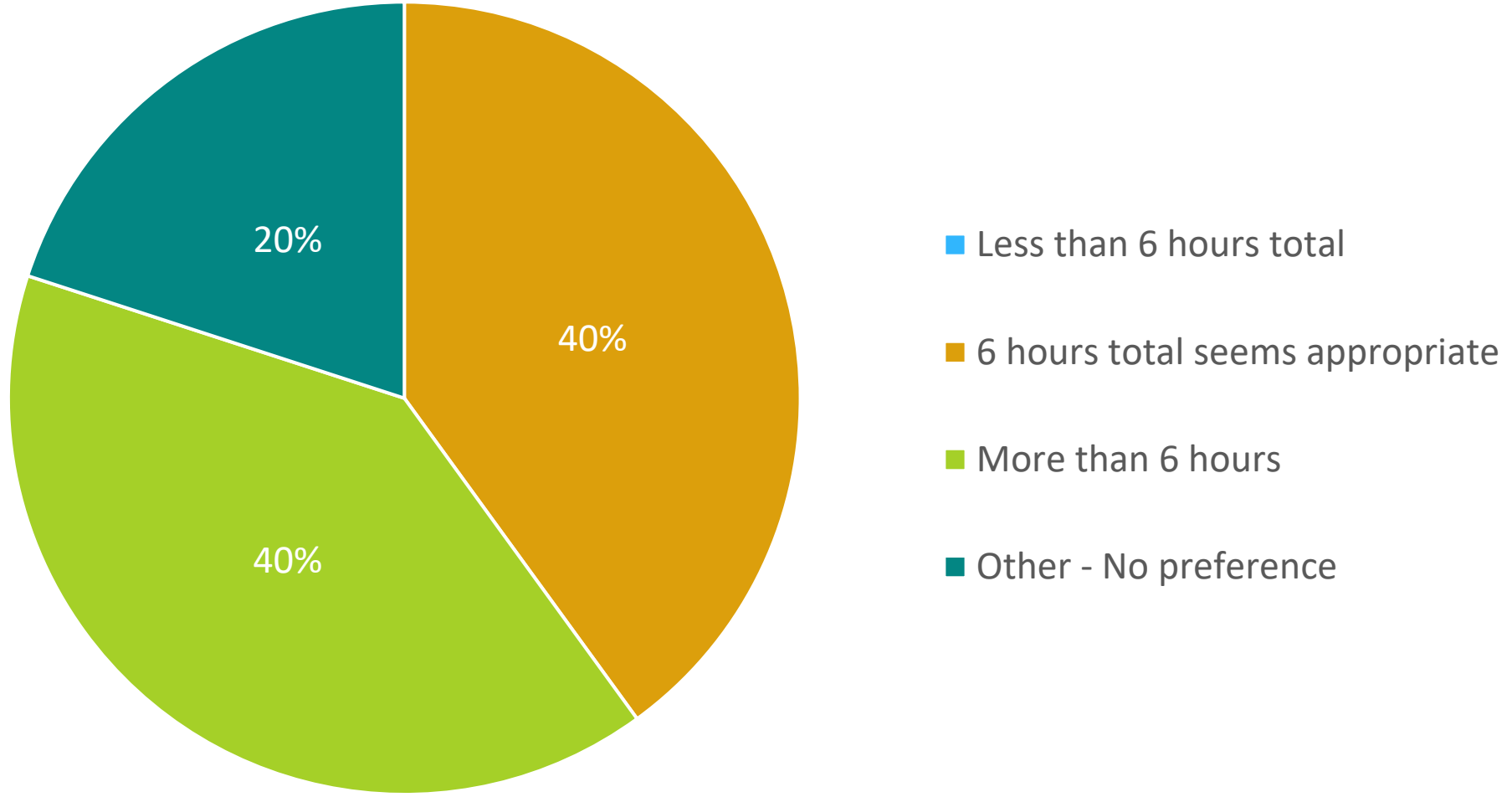
# 4. If the Council has the option to meet virtually, which **format** would you prefer?



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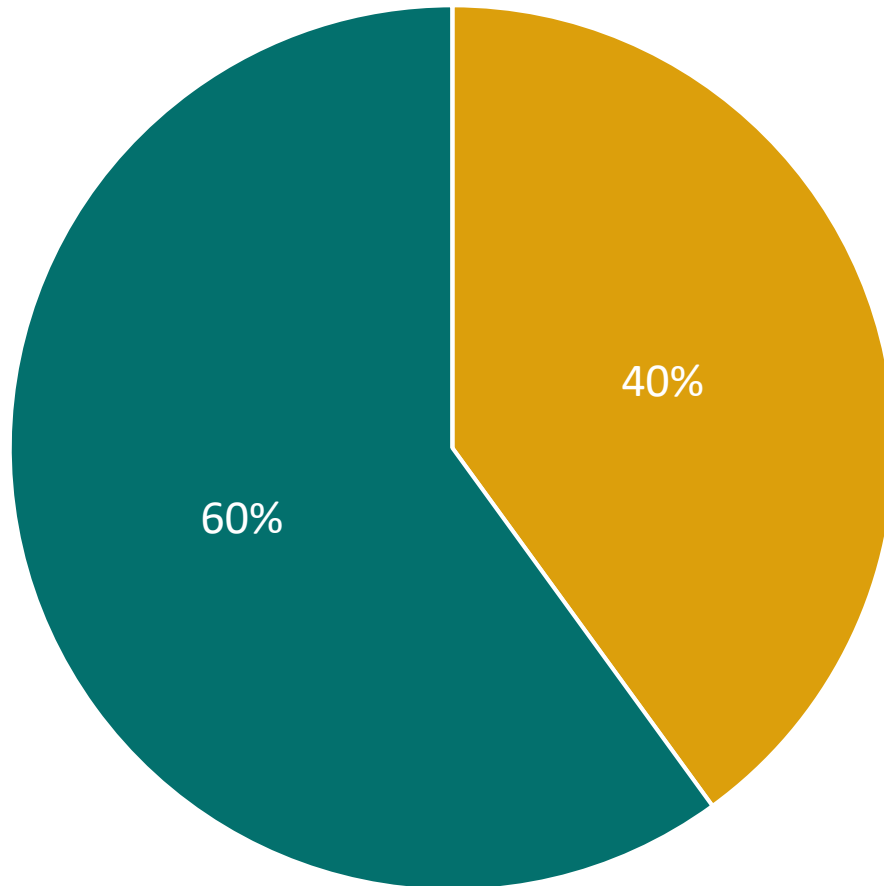
# 5. How much **total time** would you like to see allocated to 2022 retreat sessions?



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## 6. Assuming multiple retreat sessions, which would you prefer?



- Spread out over a couple days (e.g. one today, one tomorrow)
- Spread out over a couple weeks (e.g. one this week, one next week)
- Spread out over several months (e.g. one in May, one in September)
- No preference

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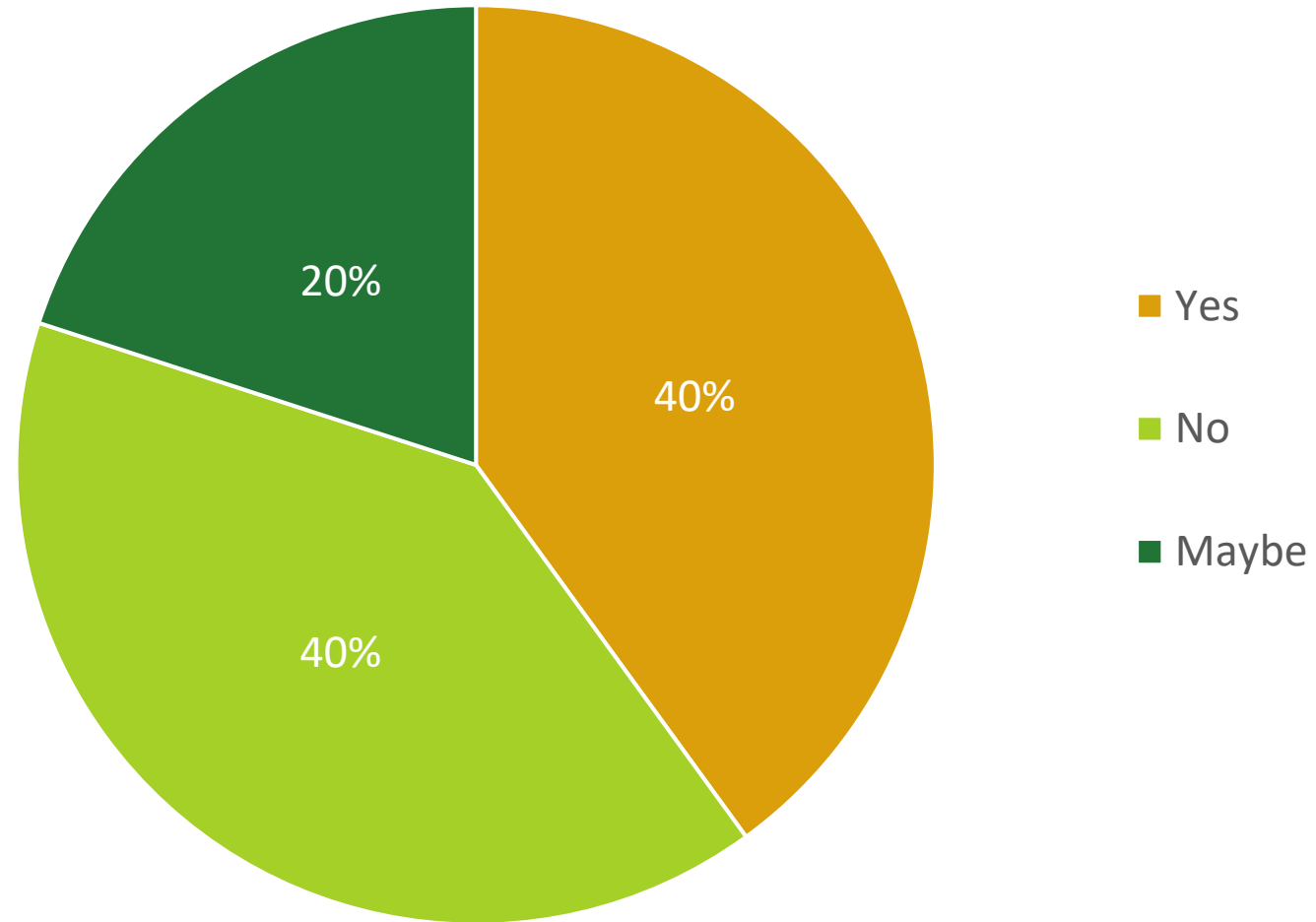
# Other thoughts?

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- *“I really enjoyed the retreat we had in Warwick. (I can't remember where it was) and would like to see that duplicated. No games please.”*
- *“The presentations at Save the Bay were excellent, but I felt there wasn't enough time to connect with fellow Council members to debrief and discuss the presentations and other topics. With the scrutiny on Council interchanges being so intense, I highly value any chance for informal conversations with my peers.”*



## 8. Are you interested in participating in a technical session on energy efficiency with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC)?

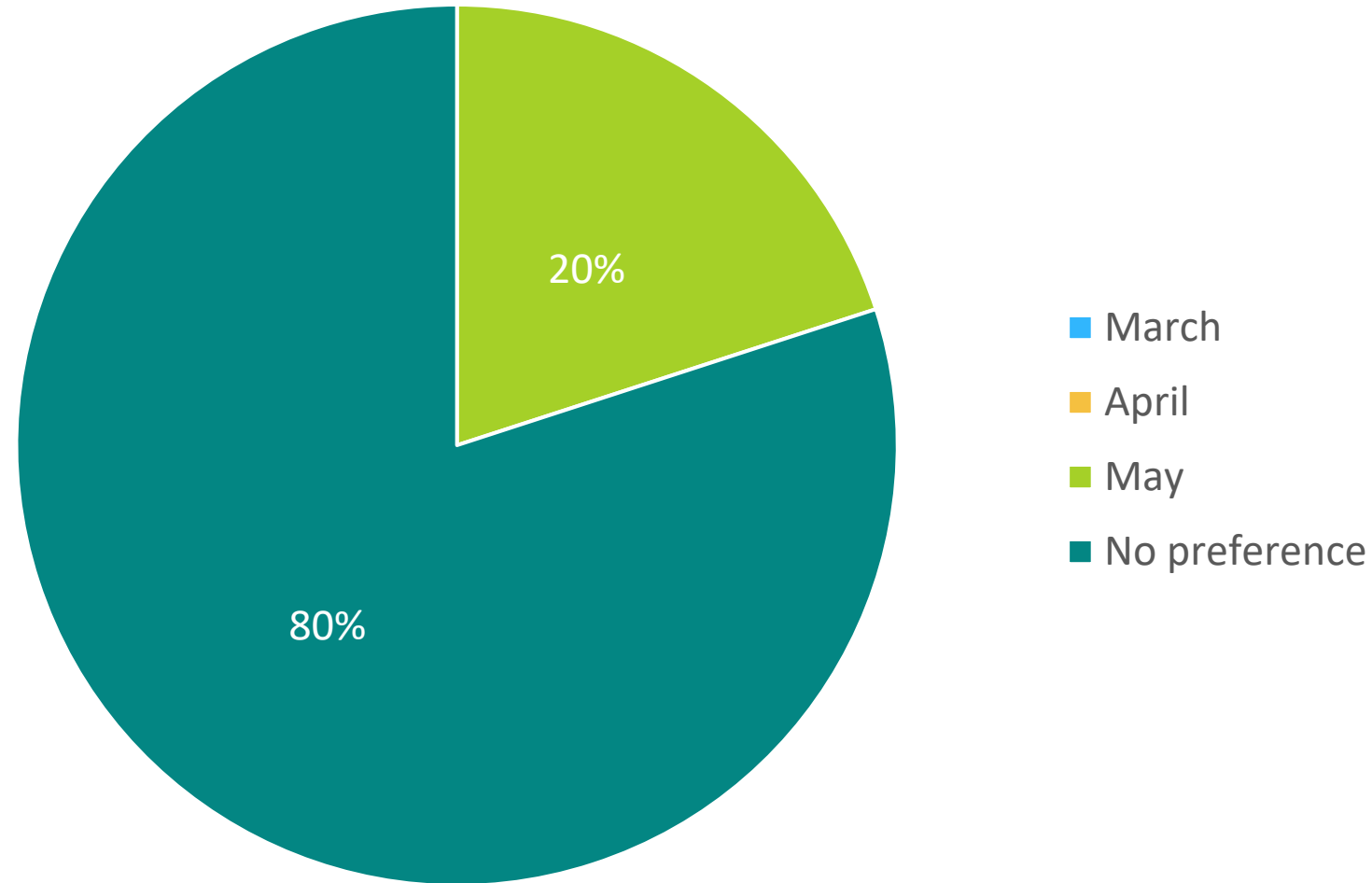


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# 9. What is your preferred timing for a PUC technical session?



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