

November 7, 2024

Fairmount Temple

Community Engagement Forum



*Approximate Boundaries



You're Shaping Our Future

Reviewing Residential Data – Survey Results

Survey Results

639 Responses

The Question:

With consideration of the property's current zoning and community input, four leading uses have emerged, along with a write-in option for additional ideas. Please rank (1 being highest priority and 4 being lowest priority) which uses are of greatest priority to you, your friends, and neighbors.

The Categories:

- Arts & Culture
- Religious Institution
- Residential Housing
- Sports & Recreation



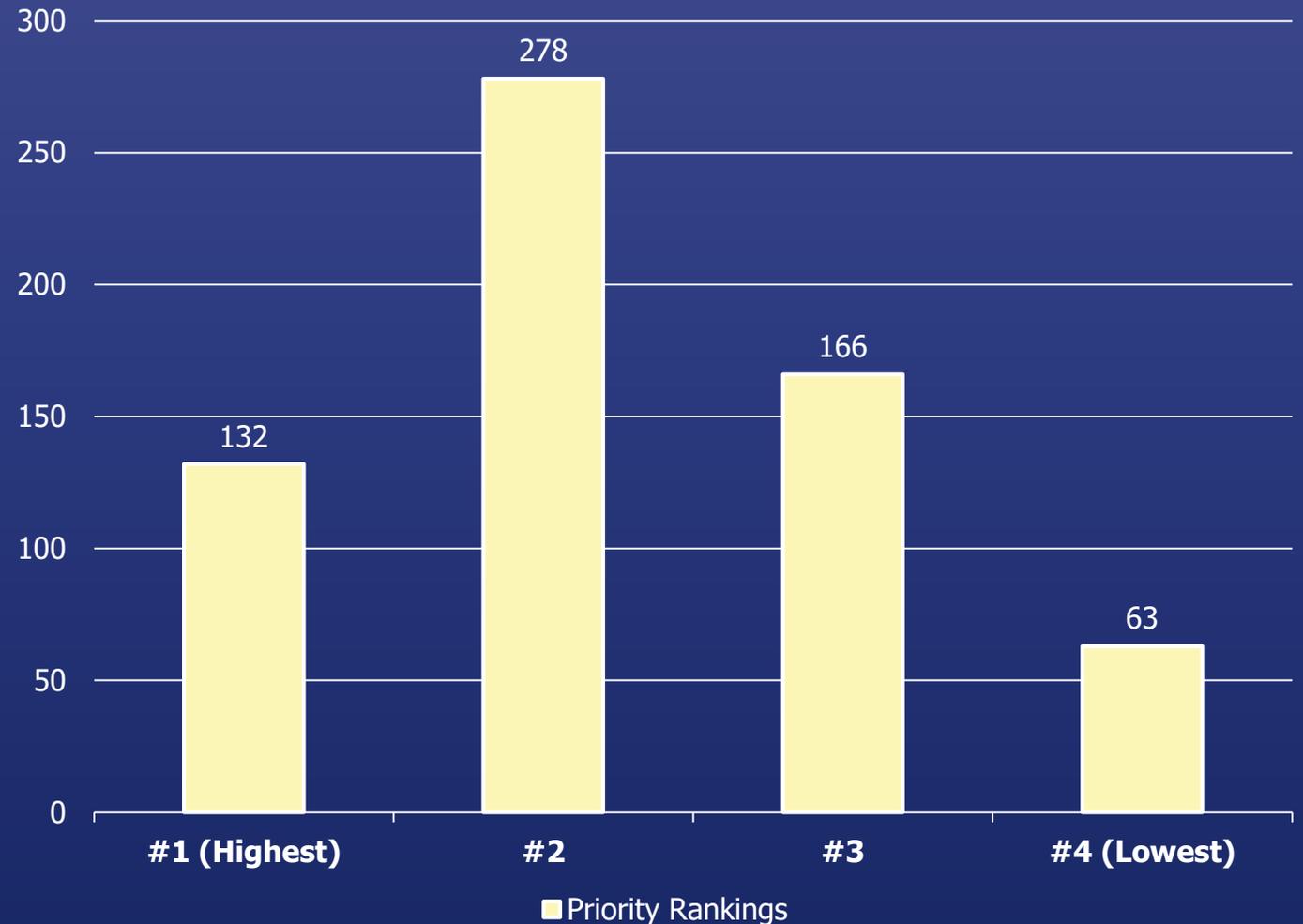
Arts & Culture

Survey Results

The Rankings:

- #1 (Highest Priority) – 132
- #2 (Second Priority) – 278
- #3 (Third Priority) – 166
- #4 (Lowest Priority) - 63

Average Rank: 2.25



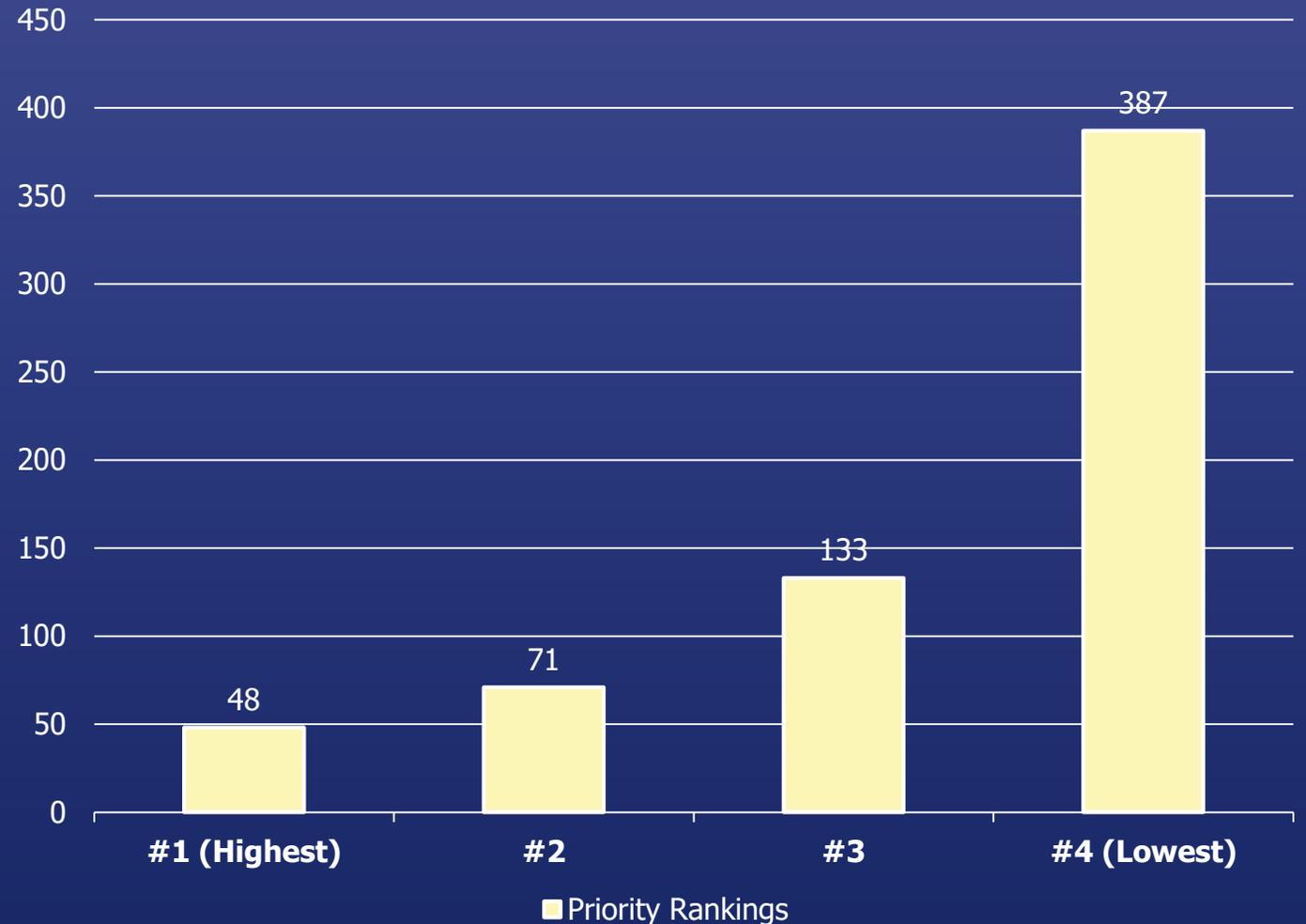
Religious Institution

Survey Results

The Rankings:

- #1 (Highest Priority) – 48
- #2 (Second Priority) – 71
- #3 (Third Priority) – 133
- #4 (Lowest Priority) - 387

Average Rank: 3.35



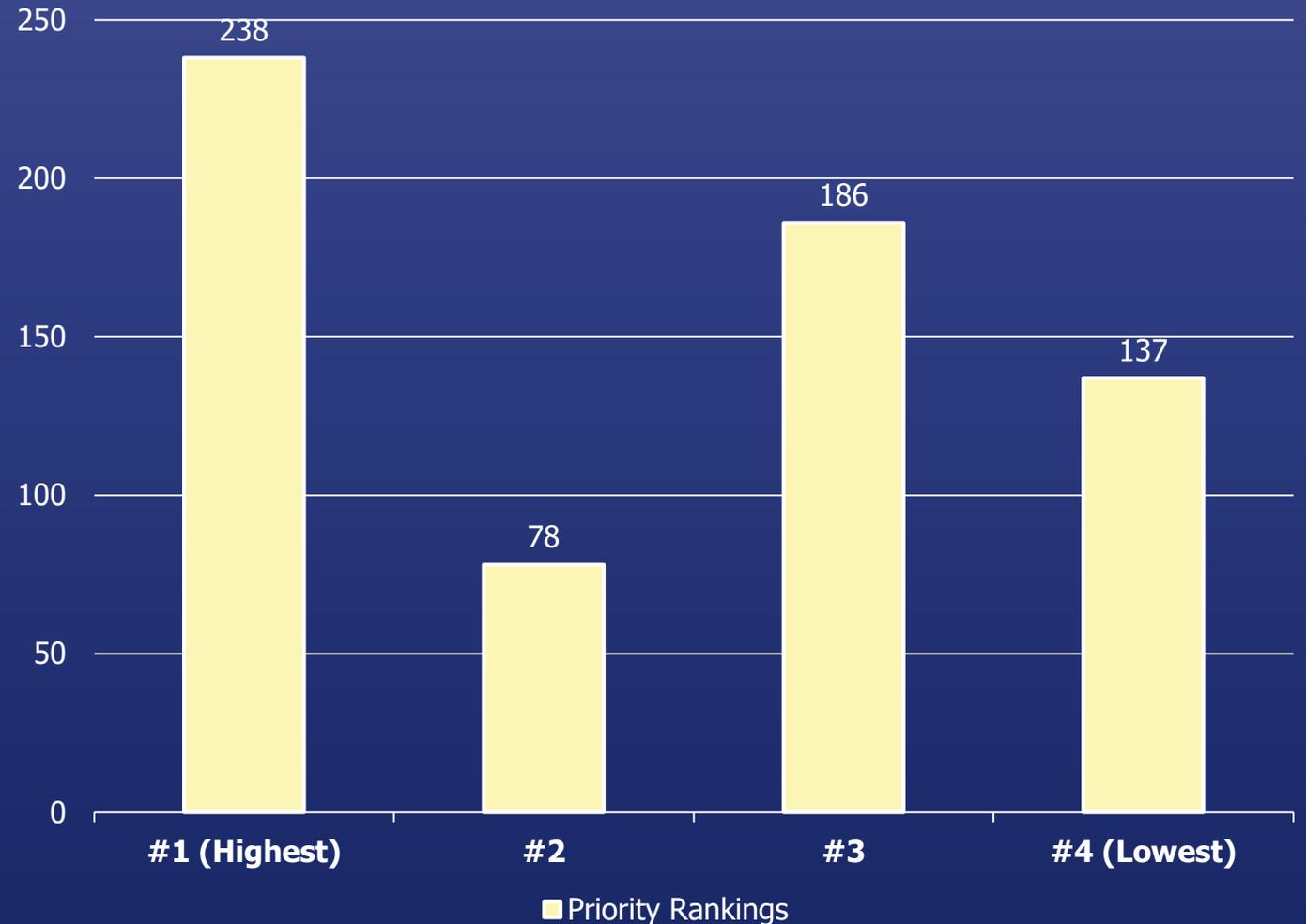
Residential Housing

Survey Results

The Rankings:

- #1 (Highest Priority) – 238
- #2 (Second Priority) – 78
- #3 (Third Priority) – 186
- #4 (Lowest Priority) - 137

Average Rank: 2.35



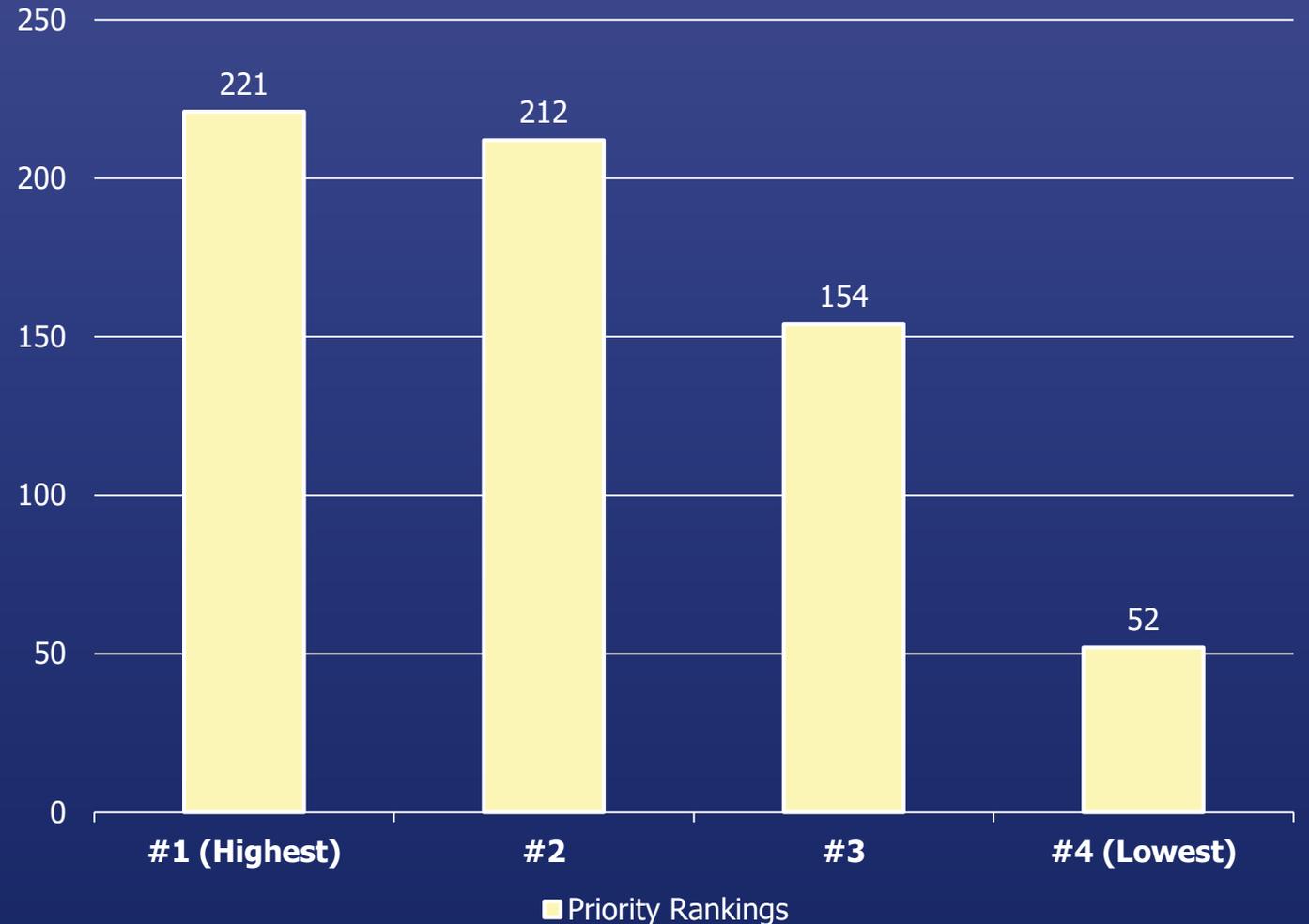
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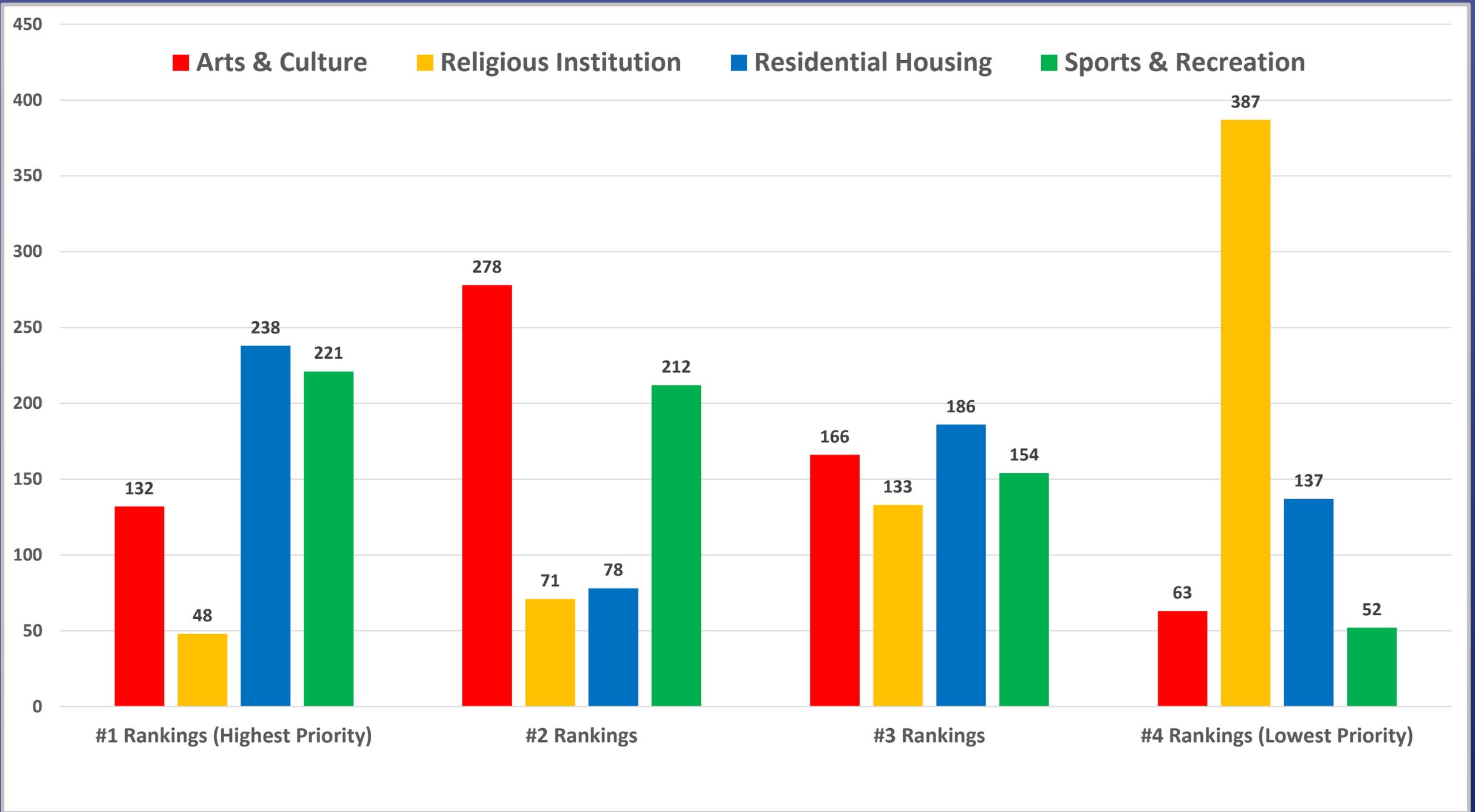
Survey Results

The Rankings:

- #1 (Highest Priority) – 221
- #2 (Second Priority) – 212
- #3 (Third Priority) – 154
- #4 (Lowest Priority) - 52

Average Rank: 2.06





Our Panelists



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Primary Decision-Making Principals

Community Needs

Prioritizing initiatives that address the most pressing needs of our community and residents.

Fiscal Responsibility

Responsible spending is essential to ensure resources are used efficiently and sustainably.

Long-Term Value for the City

Decisions are future-focused, investing in projects that will strengthen our community for generations to come.





Recreation

Indoor Recreation Center

Advantages:

- ✓ Potential to expand recreational options, promoting health and fitness across all age groups.
- ✓ Potential to increase recreational programs during winter months.
- ✓ Potential to be an attractive location for community gatherings or events.

Challenges:

- High capital investment and infrastructure costs.
- Operational and maintenance costs are generally expensive for these facilities.
- Competes with existing private facilities (e.g., JCC, Lifetime Fitness), potentially reducing local business revenue.

Athletic Fields/Green Space

Advantages:

- ✓ Increase the number of fields/greenspace in the community.
- ✓ Proximity to recreation amenities may increase nearby property values.
- ✓ The environmental impact of green spaces helps reduce air pollution, manage stormwater, and provide habitats for local wildlife.

Challenges:

- Beachwood's fields and facilities meet the needs to support current recreation programming.
- Outdoor fields and green spaces may see reduced use during colder months, which could make the investment less impactful.
- Evening use may create noise and lighting concerns for nearby residents.



Housing

55+ Cluster Community

Advantages:

- ✓ Addresses the need for 55 & better housing, meeting a critical housing demand and allowing residents to age in place.
- ✓ Zoning and ownership allow the city to ensure compatibility and property value protection for surrounding neighborhoods.
- ✓ Provides a return on the initial investment to purchase the property.

Challenges:

- Requires a partnership between public and private entities.
- The site would require rezoning.

Single-Family Homes

Advantages:

- ✓ Single-family homes align with the existing residential character of the area.
- ✓ Increases property tax revenue, particularly beneficial to the School District.

Challenges:

- Single-family homes, especially new builds, are priced at market rates, which may limit affordability for a broader range of residents.
- The site's limitations would result in significantly fewer residences than a cluster development.



Institutional/Arts & Culture

School/Library/Municipal

Advantages:

- ✓ Provides an educational or civic center, enhancing community engagement.
- ✓ Expands educational and cultural facilities that contribute to a quality of life.
- ✓ Facilities can be adapted for multipurpose community needs, from public events to workshops, maximizing the site's use.

Challenges:

- Existing schools and municipal facilities support current community needs, new library site is already planned.
- Expensive initial investment and high operational and maintenance costs.
- Educational or municipal use would not increase tax revenue, reducing financial benefits for the City.

Performance/Cultural Arts

Advantages:

- ✓ Supports arts and education, appealing to families and enriching local culture.
- ✓ Creates a community gathering space, enhancing the sense of community.

Challenges:

- Performing arts centers can be challenging to sustain financially, often requiring subsidies, grants, or donations to cover operating costs.
- Competition with nearby facilities.
- Increased traffic, noise, and lighting issues may impact nearby residents.



Open Discussion

Ask our panel questions! Discuss your ideas!



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