

# CALAFCO

## Statewide Survey



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## Survey Methodology

From Thursday, September 28 to Sunday, October 1, 2017, Probolsky Research conducted a survey with live professional interviewers and online, among California voters.

A total of 1,000 voters were surveyed (510 via telephone and 490 online). A survey of this size yields a margin of error of +/-3.2% with a confidence level of 95%. Interviews were conducted with respondents on both landline and mobile (62.7%) phones and were offered in English and Spanish (5.9%) languages. For the online survey phase, we invited participation via email. Security measures precluded individuals from completing the survey more than once and allowed only the designated voter to complete the survey. Online respondents could use their computer, tablet or smart phone to participate.

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# Top Issues

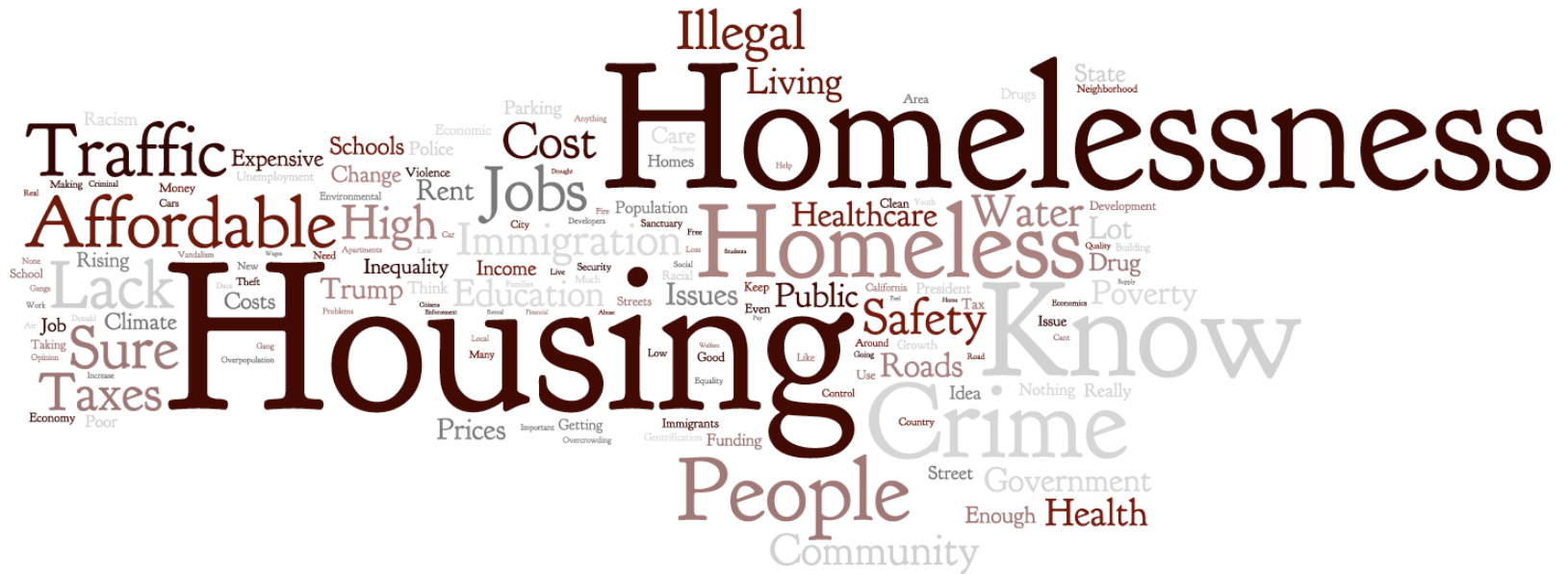
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# What is Top of Mind in California?

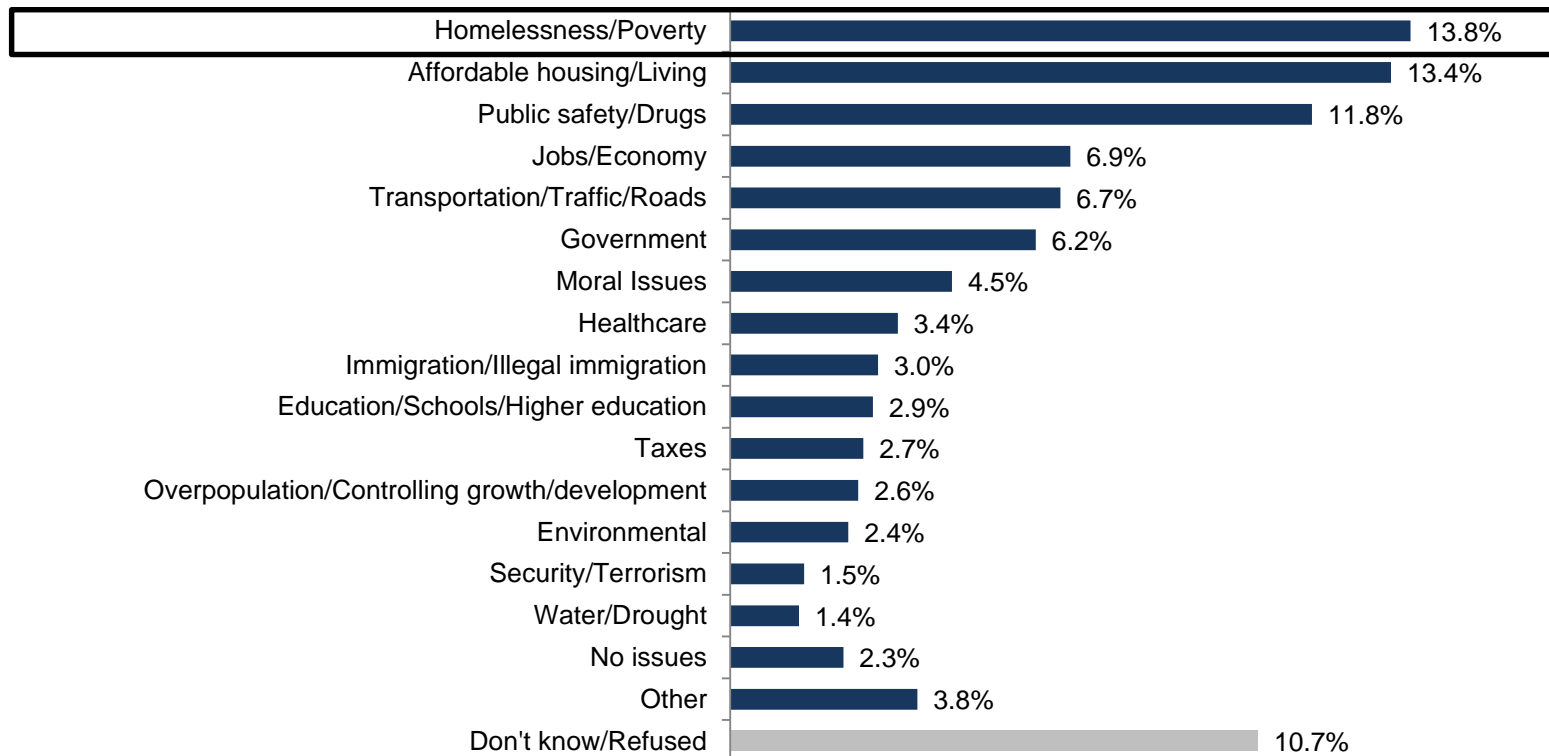


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# Poverty/Homelessness is the Most Important Issue among California voters

Question: What is the most important issue facing your community today?

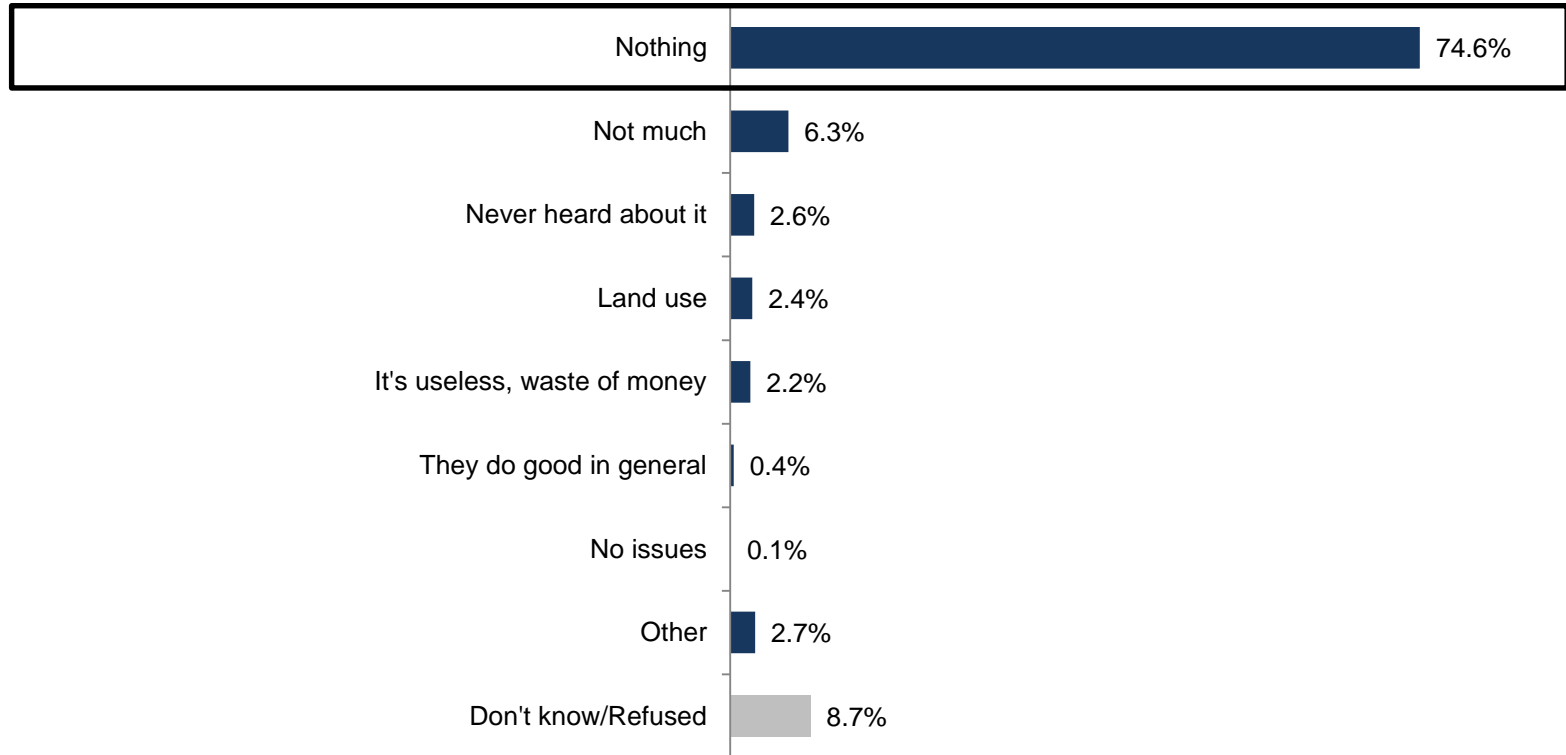


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# Majority of Respondents Know Nothing of Their county's Local Agency Formation Commission

Question: What if anything do you know about the [COUNTY] Local Agency Formation Commission?



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# What If Anything Do You Know about the [COUNTY] Local Agency Formation Commission?

Female, 55-64, Democrat, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Latino/Hispanic, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: I'm Sure It's A Bunch Of Rich People Who Don't Care One Bit About Actually Helping Anything.*

Male, 40-54, Republican, \$25,000 - \$50,000, White/Caucasian, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: Crooked*

Male, 18-29, Democrat, Under \$25,000, Latino/Hispanic, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: That It Does Not Protect Or Care For The Poor, The Sick , Or The Minority.*

Female, 55-64, Republican, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Northern CA, Inland Counties

*Answer: Works With Local Government To Support Issues Affecting The County As A Whole*

Male, 18-29, Democrat, Under \$25,000, Latino/Hispanic, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: Planning Group*

Male, 30-39, Democrat, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: They Approve New Cities, Annexations And Transfers*



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# What If Anything Do You Know about the [COUNTY] Local Agency Formation Commission?

Female, 55-64, Democrat, \$51,000 - \$75,000, Latino/Hispanic, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: Nothing, Sounds Big But Is Probably Not*

Male, 55-64, Republican, \$25,000 - \$50,000, White/Caucasian, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: That It's Run By The City Council Which Is Totally Worthless*

Male, 30-39, DTS, \$25,000 - \$50,000, White/Caucasian, Northern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: Bureaucracy That Breeds More Bureaucracy. Should Be Abolished.*

Male, 55-64, DTS, \$76,000 - \$100,000, Asian, Northern CA, Inland Counties

*Answer: Spread Money Around*

Male, 65 and older, DTS, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: They Screwed Rainbow Water District*

Male, 65 and older, Republican, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Southern CA, Inland Counties

*Answer: They Determine City Boundaries And Appropriateness Of Annexations To Cities  
And Special Districts.*



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# What If Anything Do You Know about the [COUNTY] Local Agency Formation Commission?

Female, 40-54, Republican, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Northern CA, Inland Counties

*Answer: I Am Unfamiliar With The Group Name, But Believe This Group May Be Responsible For The Homeless Shelter In Auburn And Proposed In Rocklin. Bad News!!*

Female, 40-54, Other, \$25,000 - \$50,000, White/Caucasian, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: It's A Fraud And Corrupt*

Male, 55-64, Other, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Northern CA, Inland Counties

*Answer: Useless Bureaucracy*

Female, 18-29, Democrat, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Northern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: I Do Not Trust The County And Local Agency They Do Not Think About People, They Think About Them Self How Big Their Income Would Be On Our Tax Money.*

Male, 40-54, Other, Under \$25,000, Latino/Hispanic, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: Is That Some New Commission That Will Take Tax Money From The Hard Working People*



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# What If Anything Do You Know about the [COUNTY] Local Agency Formation Commission?

Male, 40-54, Other, \$25,000 - \$50,000, White/Caucasian, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: It's Most Likely Corrupted By Special Interest Groups And Favors Non-U.S. Citizen Rights*

Unknown, 18-29, Democrat, \$25,000 - \$50,000, White/Caucasian, Northern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: They Attempt To Increase Voting Outcome*

Male, 40-54, Other, \$101,000 - \$200,000, Other, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: Nothing, I'm Sure It Is Also A Waste Of My Money*

Male, 55-64, Republican, \$51,000 - \$75,000, Black/African American, Northern CA, Inland Counties

*Answer: Politicians Or Want-A-Be Politicians*

Male, 65 and older, Republican, \$25,000 - \$50,000, White/Caucasian, Southern CA, Coastal Counties

*Answer: Wastes Money*



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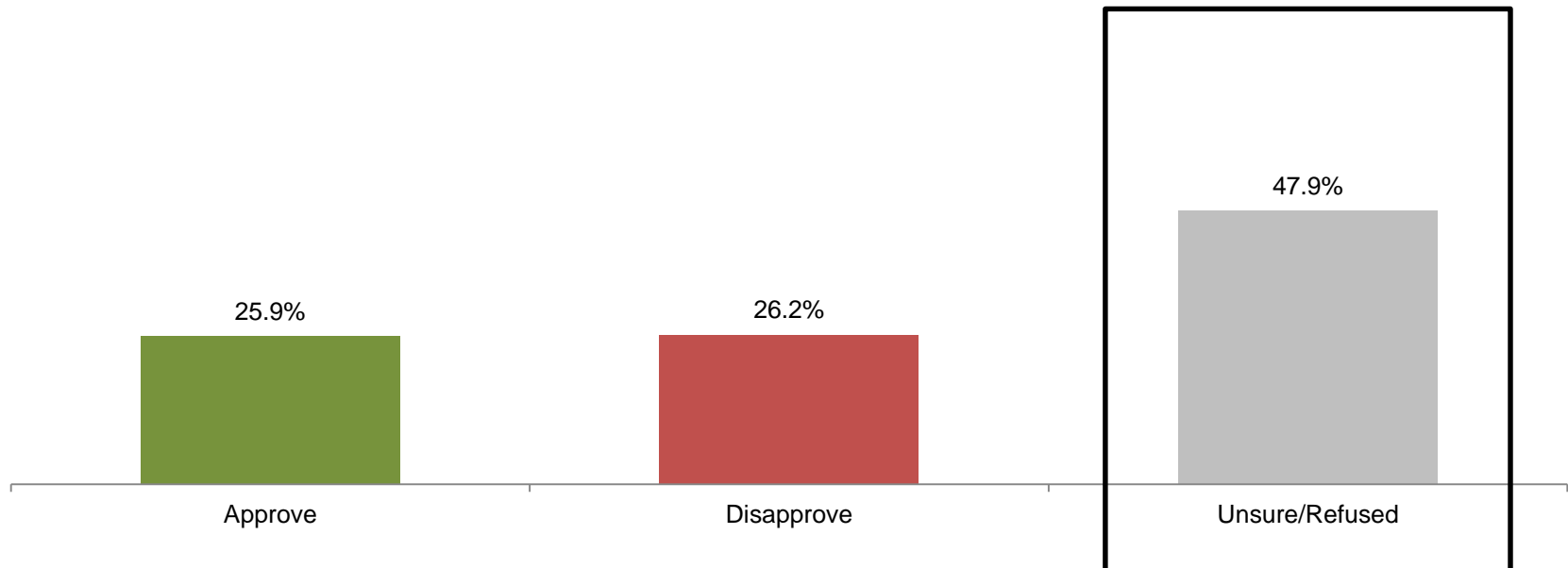
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# Majority of Respondents are Unsure of

Their approval/disapproval of the job their county's LAFCO is doing

Question: There are 58 Local Agency Formation Commissions in California – one in each county. They are known as L-A-F-C-O-S and are generally responsible for ensuring that cities and special districts are functioning efficiently, and they have final say over their boundaries. LAFCOs are also responsible for administering Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) of special districts and cities to help to them improve their performance. In general, LAFCOs are governed by five or seven commissioners that include two county supervisors, two city council members, and one public member and sometimes directors of special districts.

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that the [COUNTY] LAFCO is doing?



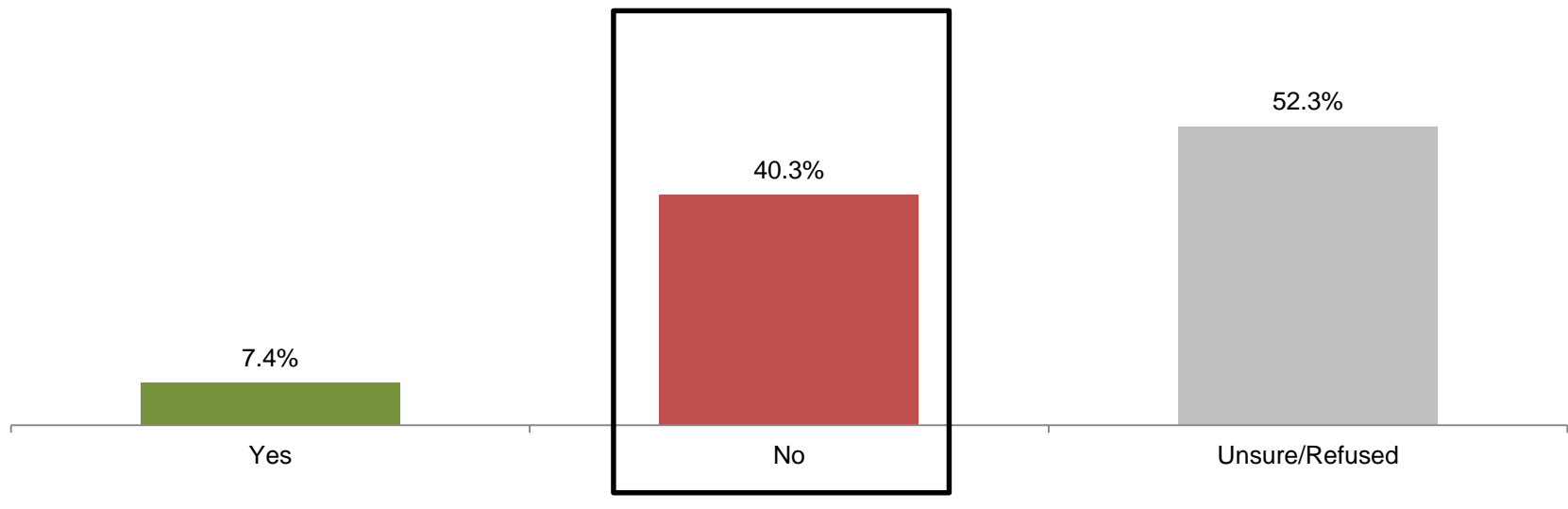
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# 40.3% Say There is No Community Issue

That they cared about where LAFCO was involved

Question: Has there ever been an issue in your community you cared about where LAFCO was involved?

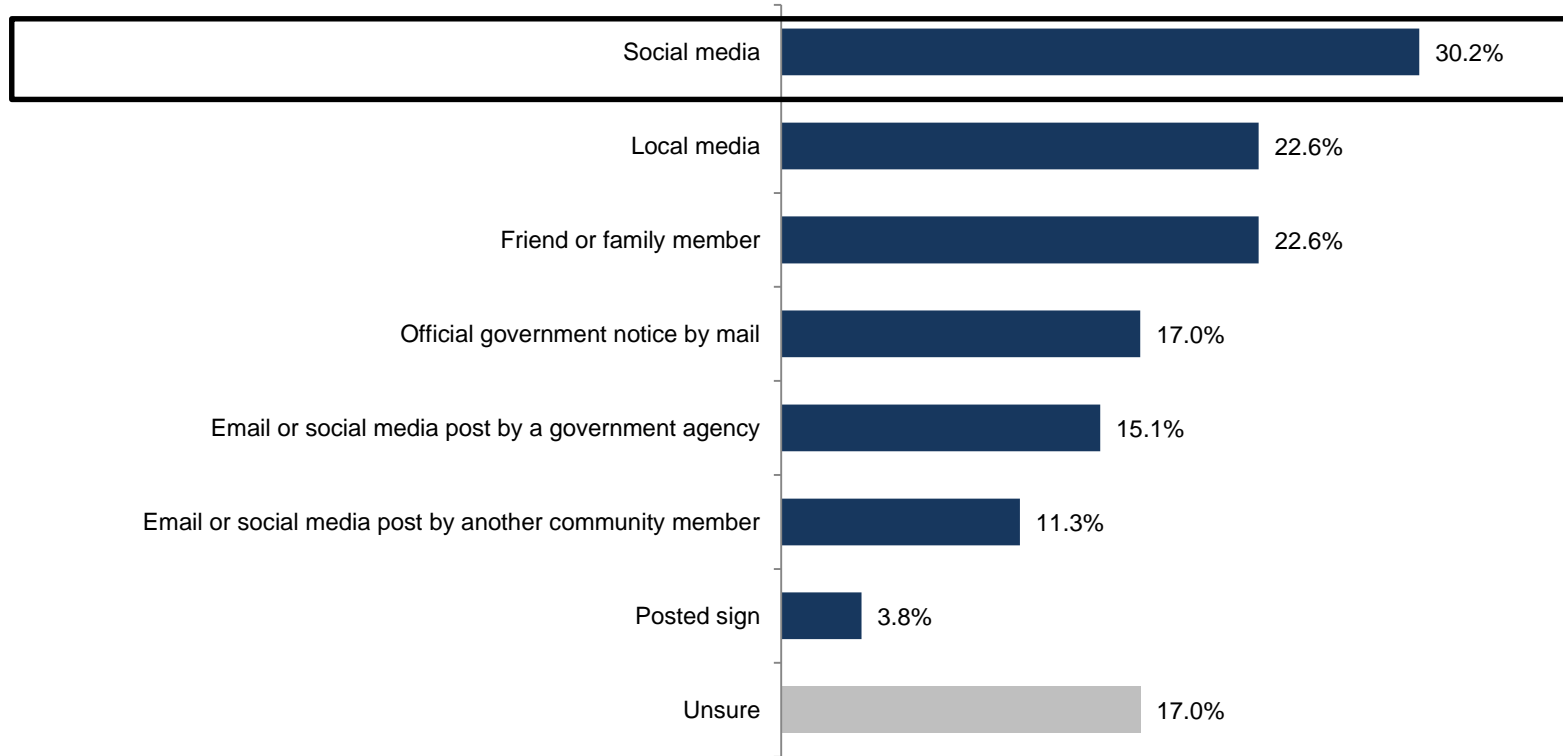


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# Social Media is How Most Respondents Learned about LAFCO being involved in an issue in their community

Question: Thinking specifically, how did you learn that LAFCO was involved in an issue in your community?\*



\*ASKED ONLY IF ANSWERED "YES" TO Q4

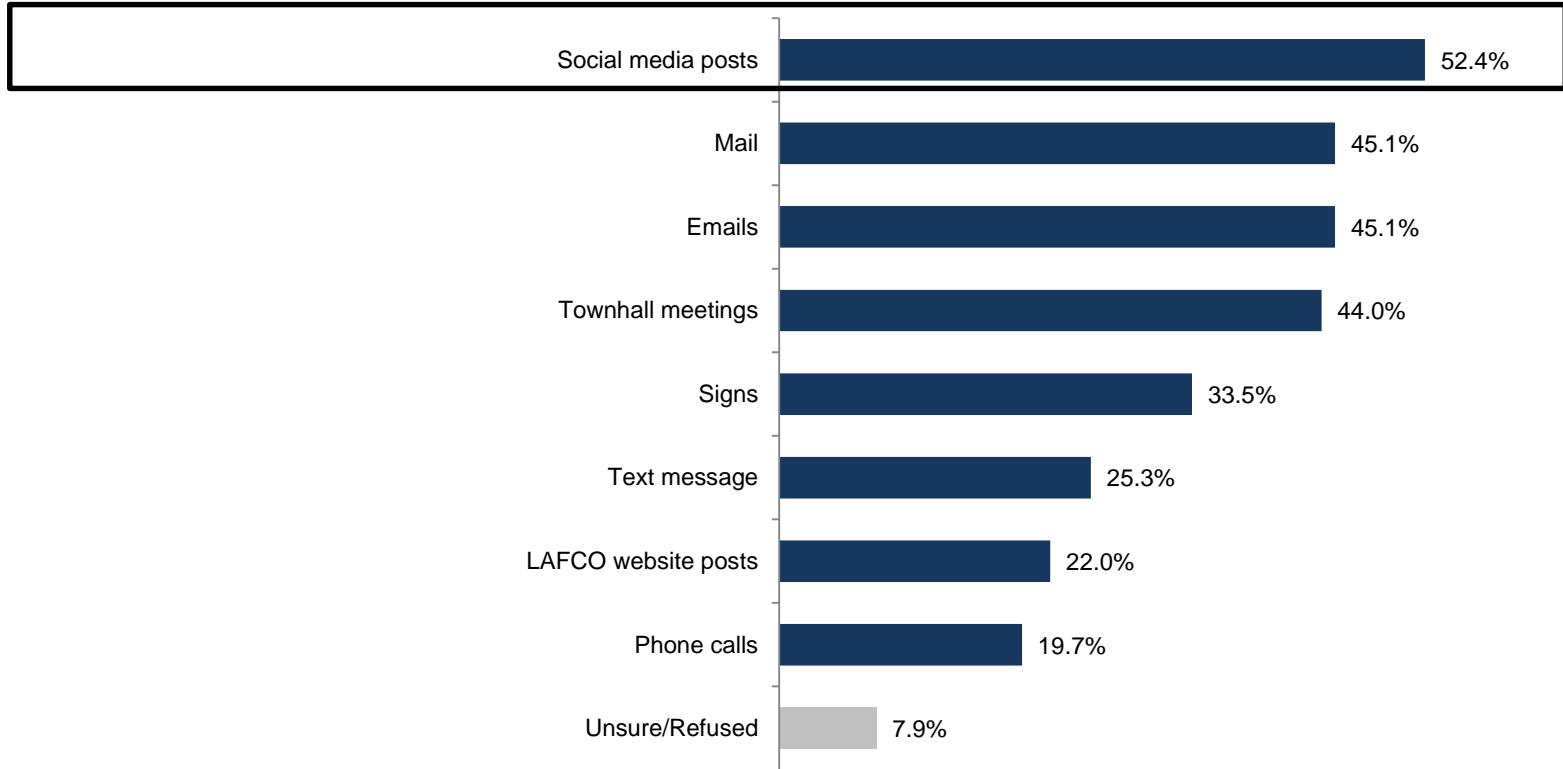


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# 52.4% Say Social Media Posts Would be Most effective way for LAFCO to communicate with the public

Question: If there was an issue in your community where LAFCO was involved, what would be the most effective way for LAFCO to communicate with the public and to encourage involvement? Choose as many as you like.



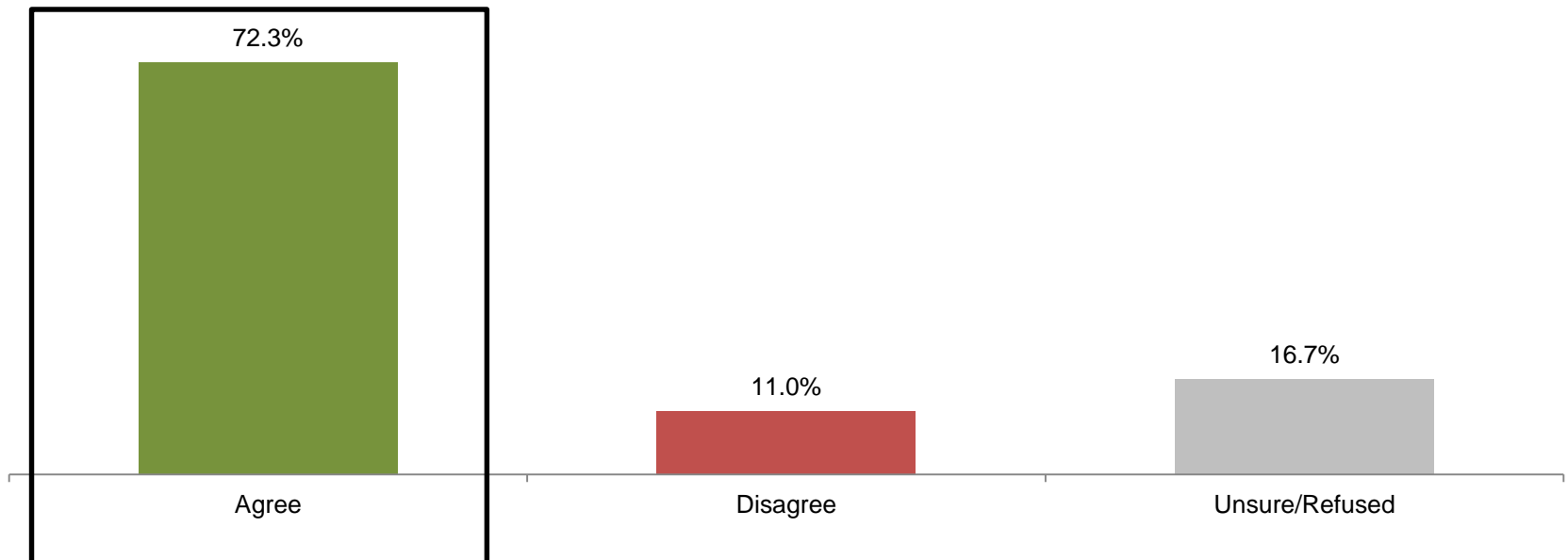
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# 72.3% Agree: LAFCO Does Not Seem to be A very transparent agency

Question: Now I am going to read you a statement. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:

“LAFCO doesn’t seem to be a very transparent agency because I never hear about what they are doing in the news or on social media.”

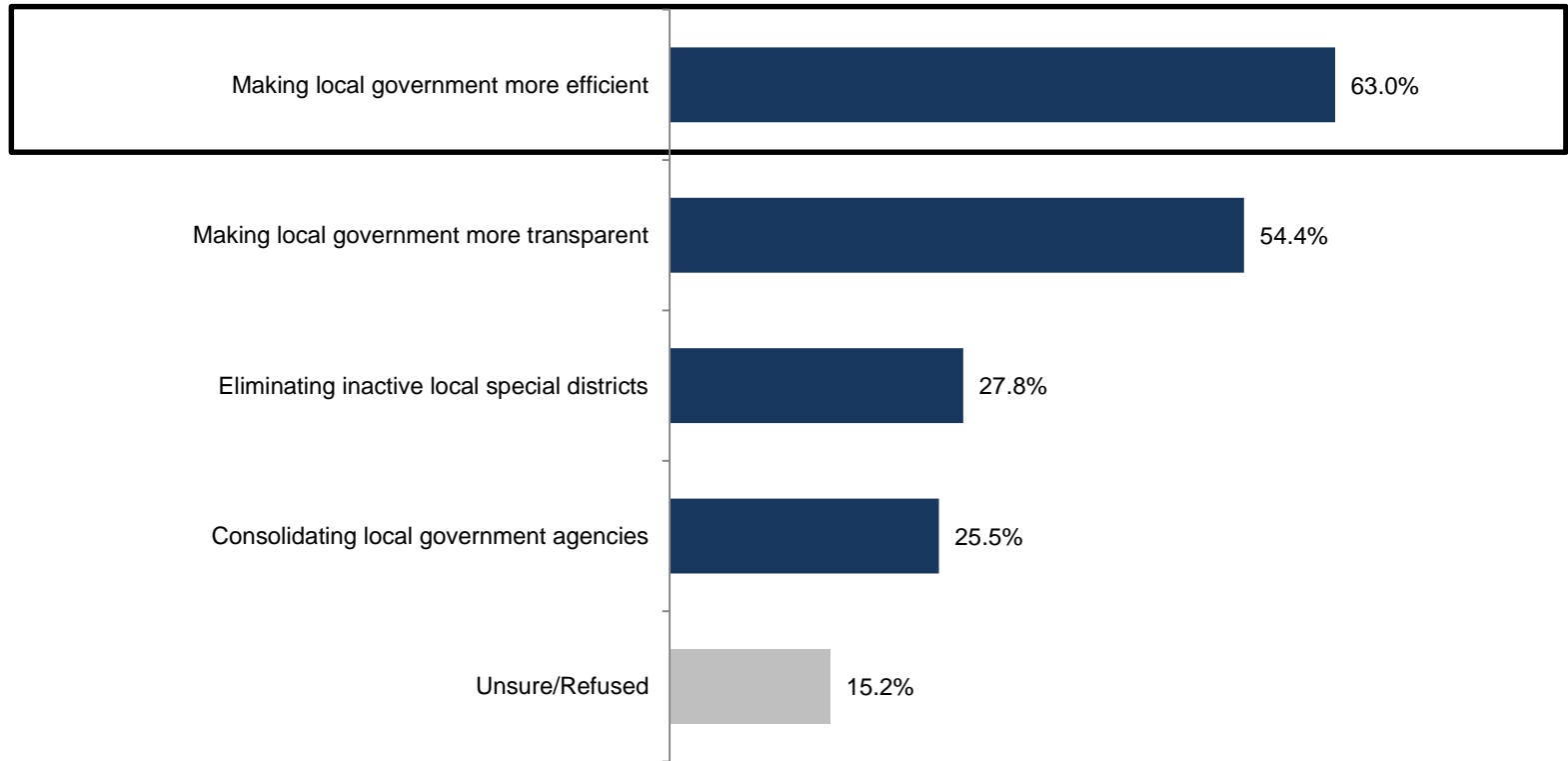


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# Local Government Efficiency is What County LAFCO's should focus on, respondents say

Question: Knowing what you know now about LAFCOs, which of the following do you think the [COUNTY] LAFCO should focus on?  
Choose as many as apply.



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