



## Shared Objectives: Planning for Community Improvements

Thank you for participating in our Digital Workshop. Your feedback is important.

This workshop will gauge the importance of nine themes that arose during previous public engagement efforts and ways to measure success towards addressing them. This may take approximately 30 minutes to complete, depending on the level of detail and the amount of input you wish to provide.

### Providing Your Input:

Responses to the questions in this digital workshop may be submitted online through [www.SurveyMonkey.com/r/SharedObjectives](http://www.SurveyMonkey.com/r/SharedObjectives) or to the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department via email at [Planning@Talgov.com](mailto:Planning@Talgov.com) or mailed to:

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Tallahassee, FL 32301



### **Project Overview**

The Land Use Element Update Project is an effort to update the public policy related to land use and transportation in our community. This public policy addresses how and where development occurs, how natural resources are preserved and protected, and how places are connected together with roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails. Other portions of the comprehensive plan will be updated in the future.

More information about the project is available at <http://www.talgov.com/LandUseUpdate>

### **Built Upon Public Input**

#### Community Values

In 2016, public input from recent planning efforts was reviewed to help identify broad community values.

Between April and November 2017, the community provided input on these values through an online survey and a series of public workshops. The community values identified through this process are:

1. Equity
2. Livability
3. Stewardship
4. Opportunity
5. Choice

#### Land Use and Mobility Goals

Based on the public input received on the community values, the following goals were developed:

1. Places Where People Want to Live, Learn, Work, and Play
2. A Healthy Community
3. A Robust Economy
4. Housing Options for Our Diverse Population
5. A Balanced Transportation Network

#### Objectives and Policies

The public provided input on the goals through a series of public workshops in April and May 2018. This input was used to develop a series of objectives to address major themes in the community and help accomplish the goals. This survey and upcoming public workshops will help refine the objectives and provide the feedback needed to develop draft policies to accomplish the objectives. Additional public engagement will occur to gain input on the draft policies that are developed through this process.



# Workshop Themes

These themes will be addressed on the following pages:

1. Affordability
2. Improved Access
3. Environment
4. Housing
5. Community Character
6. Safety and Comfort
7. Global Challenges
8. Energy and Environmental Efficiency
9. Human Interaction
10. You Decide



## Theme #1: Affordability

Address the affordability of:

- Housing
- Transportation options
- Office and retail spaces for small businesses

### Tell us what you think...

- \* 1. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

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2. Why did you choose this level of importance?

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### Ways to accomplish this...

The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:

Affordability:

Expand affordable housing opportunities and options for people with varying income levels, including those not adequately supplied by the market.

**Family Heir Subdivisions:**

Provide a hardship provision by which owners of property outside of the Urban Service Area who meet defined eligibility requirements may have the ability to create smaller parcels of land for family members for use as homesteads.

**Transportation for the disadvantaged:**

Coordinate transportation options to empower the transportation disadvantaged, including seniors and individuals with disabilities.

**Lean Urbanism:**

Reduce barriers that disproportionately burden small-scale developers, entrepreneurs, and builders, such as local regulatory requirements, costs, and complexities to promote incremental infill development and economic growth in Urban areas.

**Innovation, Industry, and Manufacturing:**

Provide land uses in sufficient quantities and in appropriate locations that allow for entrepreneurship and job creation through technology, industry, manufacturing, and similar activities.

**Southside Investment Strategy:**

Encourage quality land development and redevelopment, retain and increase employment opportunities, and attain an income mix in the southern part of Tallahassee’s urban area comparable to the remainder of the County’s urbanized area.

**In your own words...**

**3. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**

**4. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**



## Theme #2: Improved Access

Improve access to the places people need to meet their everyday needs.

### Tell us what you think...

\* 5. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

6. Why did you choose this level of importance?

### Ways to accomplish this...

**The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:**

**Public Infrastructure:**

Provide public infrastructure, public facilities, and public services that are necessary for public health, safety, and wellbeing efficiently, effectively, and equitably.

**Equitable Distribution of Land Uses:**

Provide for the geographic distribution of land uses in a manner that meets the needs of a growing and diverse population while ensuring that the benefits and burdens of different land uses are shared across the community equitably.

**Southside Investment Strategy:**

Encourage quality land development and redevelopment, retain and increase employment opportunities, and attain an income mix in the southern part of Tallahassee's urban area comparable to the remainder of the County's urbanized area.

**Access and Opportunities for Parks and Recreation:**

Provide equitable public access and opportunities for active and passive recreation, open spaces, greenways, and parks.

**Transportation for the Disadvantaged:**

Coordinate transportation options to empower the transportation disadvantaged, including seniors and individuals with disabilities.

**Land Use and Transportation Coordination:**

Coordinate transportation and land use systems that foster vibrant communities with compact urban forms and a mixture of uses to minimize travel distances, reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gases, and to enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility and transit accessibility. Coordinate land use and transportation to improve access to recreational opportunities, active transportation, healthy food options, and health services, while ensuring safe neighborhoods, and the meaningful involvement of all people in regards to creation and enforcement of environmental laws.

**Connectivity and Access Management:**

Reduce vehicle trip demand, increase access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, and preserve the integrity of the transportation system with effective connectivity and access management programs.

**Network Connectivity Improvement:**

Effectively improve balance, connectivity, and capacity of the multimodal transportation network.

**Multimodal Transportation District (MMTD):**

Facilitate the use of multiple modes of transportation and urban design standards to develop and maintain healthy neighborhoods and thriving businesses where travel by foot, bicycle, and transit will be easy and practical to reduce automobile use and vehicle miles traveled.

**Aviation:**

Provide airport facilities to meet the demand for Commercial Service, cargo, military, and General Aviation services and to enhance aviation and airport development opportunities, with sensitivity to protecting existing residential and natural resources adjacent to the airport.

**Airport Access:**

Provide access to the Tallahassee International Airport to ensure the movement of people and commerce while maintaining the safety and security of the airport.

**Freight and Cargo:**

Provide a network of transportation facilities that are coordinated across different modes of travel to support the movement of freight and cargo.

**Transit:**

Ensure that the community is well-connected via transit to major activity centers, transit stops and waiting areas are safe and comfortable, and transit is coordinated with other modes of transportation.

**Transit Oriented Development (TOD):**

Encourage compact, mixed-use communities near transit where people can enjoy easy access to jobs and services.

**Transit Adjacent Development (TAD):**

Encourage connectivity between transit facilities and developments in the vicinity of transit facilities.

**Trail Oriented Development (TrOD):**

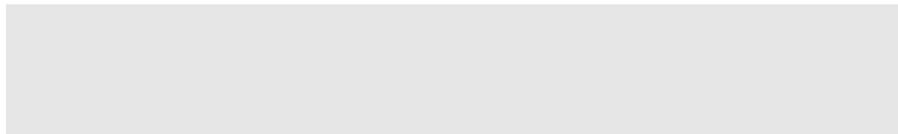
Encourage compact, mixed-use communities near trails where people can enjoy easy access to jobs and services.

**Intergovernmental Coordination:**

Effectively address and manage transportation systems that extend beyond jurisdictional boundaries in ways that reflect the importance of context and scale at the neighborhood, city, county, and regional levels by coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions.

## **In your own words...**

**7. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**8. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme #3: Environment

Protect natural areas and natural features that enhance our quality of life.

### Tell us what you think...

\* 9. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

10. Why did you choose this level of importance?

### Ways to accomplish this...

**The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:**

**Identification of Natural Resources and Geographic Features:**  
Identify natural resources that contribute to human well-being and community character and other features that could impact human health.

**Prioritization of Natural Areas:**  
Prioritize the preservation of natural areas (including conservation areas, environmentally sensitive features and water resources) when making decisions regarding land use, transportation, and infrastructure extension.

**Preservation of Natural Areas:**

Preserve natural areas, including conservation areas, environmentally sensitive features, and water resources.

**Restoration of Habitats and Sensitive Lands:**

Restore, connect, and protect natural habitats and sensitive lands.

**Urban Forests:**

Based on best available data, ensure proper urban forest management. Urban forest management shall include preservation of significant trees, planting of new trees, removal of unhealthy trees or trees in unsuitable locations for that species, maintenance of existing trees, and minimization of infrastructure conflicts.

**Preservation of Rural Areas:**

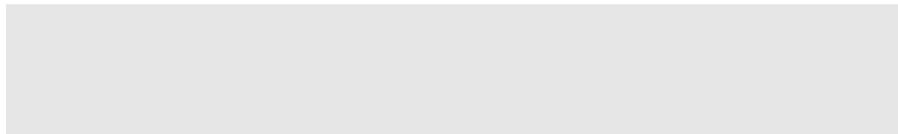
Preserve rural areas of the community and prevent the conversion of rural lands into low density, single use districts. Protect agricultural and silvicultural uses, natural resource-based activities, ecosystem functions, ecosystem services, scenic vistas, and pastoral landscapes

**Intergovernmental Coordination:**

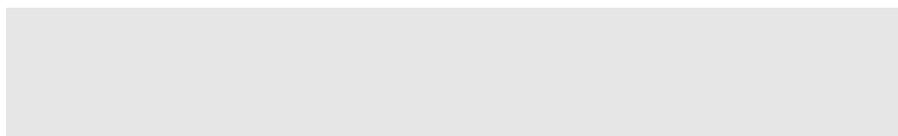
Effectively address and manage natural resources that extend beyond jurisdictional boundaries in ways that reflect the importance of context and scale at the neighborhood, city, county, and regional levels by coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions.

## **In your own words...**

**11. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**12. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme #4: Housing

Allow different types of housing to meet the needs of people in various stages of life.

### Tell us what you think...

- \* 13. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

14. Why did you choose this level of importance?

### Ways to accomplish this...

**The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:**

**Affordability:**

Expand affordable housing opportunities and options for people with varying income levels, including those not adequately supplied by the market.

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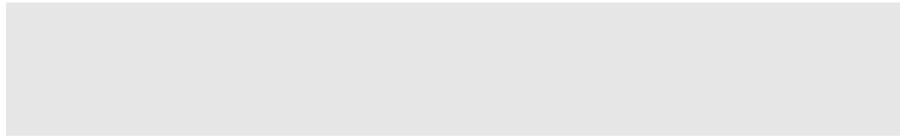
Allow and encourage diverse housing options along a spectrum of affordability in residential areas to support walkable communities, locally-serving retail, and public transportation options and to provide a solution to the mismatch between the available housing stock and shifting demographics and growing demand for walkability.

**Southside Investment Strategy:**

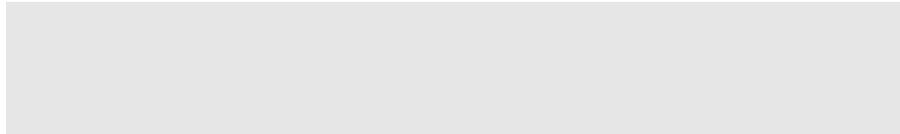
Encourage quality land development and redevelopment, retain and increase employment opportunities, and attain an income mix in the southern part of Tallahassee's urban area comparable to the remainder of the County's urbanized area.

## **In your own words...**

**15. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**16. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme #5: Community Character

Maintain the character of our community and neighborhoods through design and local architecture.

### Tell us what you think...

\* 17. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

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18. Why did you choose this level of importance?

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### Ways to accomplish this...

The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:

**Viable Neighborhoods:**

Provide greater housing diversity, while protecting the character of existing, viable residential areas.

**Recognizable Places:**

Foster and protect distinctive, attractive places that are recognizable and important to the community.

**Urban Design:**

Incorporate urban design standards and design guidelines that serve as predictable guides for change into the Land Development Regulations for the City of Tallahassee and Leon County

**Community Context:**

Identify natural, rural, sub-urban, and urban context areas based on distinguishing characteristics of the different locations across the community. The distinguishing characteristics used to identify the context areas may include existing development patterns, future development patterns based on land use and zoning, natural features, and other physical factors. The context areas shall be used as the basis for planning and design in the City of Tallahassee and Leon County.

**Context Based Mobility:**

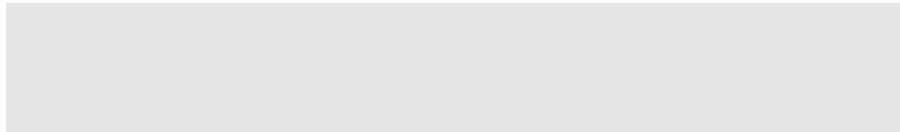
Plan, design, and build the transportation system to reflect the physical setting in which the specific transportation facilities are located.

**Bradfordville:**

Define types and levels of development, establish timing and sequencing for development, define and prioritize necessary capital improvements, provide effective stormwater and water quality management, and preserve the rural qualities of the Bradfordville Study Area.

## **In your own words...**

**19. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**20. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme #6: Safety and Comfort

Increase safety and comfort on our streets, in our neighborhoods, and around the community.

### Tell us what you think...

\* 21. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

22. Why did you choose this level of importance?

### Ways to accomplish this...

**The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:**

**Safety:**

Improve the safety of the public realm by incorporating urban design principles in land development regulations and designing and operating streets for users of all ages and abilities.

**Land Use and Transportation Coordination:**

Coordinate transportation and land use systems that foster vibrant communities with compact urban forms and a mixture of uses to minimize travel distances, reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gases, and to enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility and transit accessibility. Coordinate land use and transportation to improve access to recreational opportunities, active transportation, healthy food options, and health services, while ensuring safe neighborhoods, and the meaningful involvement of all people in regards to creation and enforcement of environmental laws.

**Complete Streets:**

Design and operate streets and roads to provide safe, convenient, and context-sensitive access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation users of all ages and abilities.

**Bicycle Facilities:**

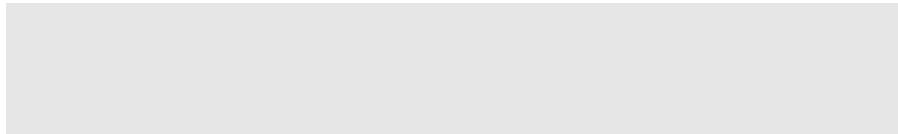
Develop a network of bicycle facilities that provides safe, comfortable, and direct connections throughout the community.

**Pedestrian Facilities:**

Improve walkability by designing and providing facilities that create an environment where walking is useful, safe, comfortable, and aesthetically interesting.

**In your own words...**

**23. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**24. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme #7: Global Challenges

Plan ahead for how to address global changes and challenges at the local level.

### Tell us what you think...

\* 25. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

26. Why did you choose this level of importance?

### Ways to accomplish this...

The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:

Climate Adaptation and Community Resilience:

Plan for the resiliency, including mitigation and adaptation, of natural and human systems based on projected increases in the frequency of extreme weather events, increased air and water temperatures, and long-term shifts in precipitation levels, growing season length, and associated changes in native vegetation and wildlife populations.

**Economic Health:**

Initiate community planning, urban development, and redevelopment strategies that prepare businesses, production facilities, trades, and related activities that provide the livelihoods of the population to withstand positive and negative changes in the economy and to continue providing jobs and incomes to support the community.

**Post-Disaster Recovery:**

Plan for post-disaster economic recovery to help resume economic activities following damage or destruction by a natural or human-made disaster

**In your own words...**

**27. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**28. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme #8: Energy and Environmental Efficiency

Use energy, land, and other resources in our community more efficiently.

### Tell us what you think...

\* 29. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

30. Why did you choose this level of importance?

### Ways to accomplish this...

The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:

**Efficient and Financially Feasible Development:**  
Promote efficient and financially feasible development patterns that maintain distinct natural, rural, sub-urban, and urban areas.

**Fiscally Responsible Growth:**

Promote fiscally growth and development in the community that utilized existing infrastructure. Growth and development in the community that requires new public facilities will recover the cost of providing and maintaining these facilities by generating increased taxable value, increasing sales tax, and/or creating new jobs.

**Fiscal Sustainability:**

Provide a balanced land use mix for fiscal sustainability and economic robustness.

**Growth and Population Accommodation:**

Tallahassee and Leon County will accommodate our population growth in a responsible manner. To support the population growth, infrastructure shall be provided economically and efficiently while protecting surrounding forest and agricultural lands from unwarranted and premature conversion to urban land uses. A growth and development strategy that provides for well-managed, orderly growth that preserves natural resources and promotes fiscal responsibility shall be leveraged to maximize economic and environmental stewardship while accommodating the increased population.

**Land Use and Transportation Coordination:**

Coordinate transportation and land use systems that foster vibrant communities with compact urban forms and a mixture of uses to minimize travel distances, reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gases, and to enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility and transit accessibility. Coordinate land use and transportation to improve access to recreational opportunities, active transportation, healthy food options, and health services, while ensuring safe neighborhoods, and the meaningful involvement of all people in regards to creation and enforcement of environmental laws.

**Network Connectivity Improvement:**

Effectively improve balance, connectivity, and capacity of the multimodal transportation network.

**Public Infrastructure:**

Provide public infrastructure, public facilities, and public services that are necessary for public health, safety, and wellbeing efficiently, effectively, and equitably.

**Disconnected Development:**

Leverage transportation connectivity and urban design principles to mitigate the impacts of automobile-oriented, single-use development. Strategies to mitigate these impacts shall focus on reducing environmental impacts and improving mobility, especially for people walking, people riding bikes, and people using transit.

**Multimodal Transportation District (MMTD):**

Facilitate the use of multiple modes of transportation and urban design standards to develop and maintain healthy neighborhoods and thriving businesses where travel by foot, bicycle, and transit will be easy and practical to reduce automobile use and vehicle miles traveled.

**Transportation Demand Management:**

Leverage transportation demand management strategies to promote efficient modes of travel and to spread the travel demand across more hours of the day.

**Transit Oriented Development (TOD):**

Encourage compact, mixed-use communities near transit where people can enjoy easy access to jobs and services.

**Transit Adjacent Development (TAD):**

Encourage connectivity between transit facilities and developments in the vicinity of transit facilities.

**Trail Oriented Development (TrOD):**

Encourage compact, mixed-use communities near trails where people can enjoy easy access to jobs and services.

**Green infrastructure:**

Implement green infrastructure strategies as a cost-effective, resilient approach to reduce and treat stormwater at its source while delivering environmental, social, and economic benefits.

**Southside Investment Strategy:**

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**Innovation, Industry, and Manufacturing:**

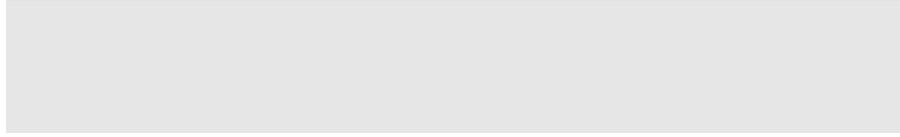
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**Intergovernmental Coordination:**

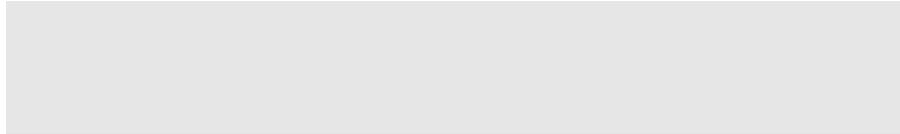
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**In your own words...**

**31. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**32. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme 9: Human Interaction

Foster places where people interact to reduce social isolation and promote a sense of community.

### Tell us what you think...

\* 33. How important is this issue? (0 being not important and 10 being very important)

Not important      Neutral      Very important

34. Why did you choose this level of importance?

### Ways to accomplish this...

**The following objectives are based on previous public input and are intended to address this theme:**

**Viable Neighborhoods:**

Provide greater housing diversity, while protecting the character of existing, viable residential areas.

**Recognizable places:**

Foster and protect distinctive, attractive places that are recognizable and important to the community.

**Downtown:**

Promote revitalization, reinvestment, and redevelopment characterized by pedestrian-friendly site design with a mix of land uses that are designed to achieve compatibility.

**Transit Oriented Development (TOD):**

Encourage compact, mixed-use communities near transit where people can enjoy easy access to jobs and services.

**Transit Adjacent Development (TAD):**

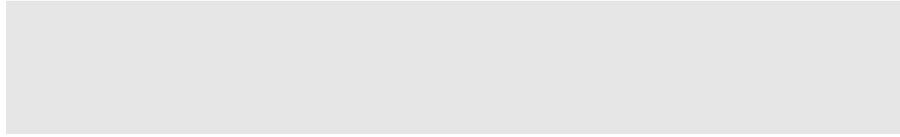
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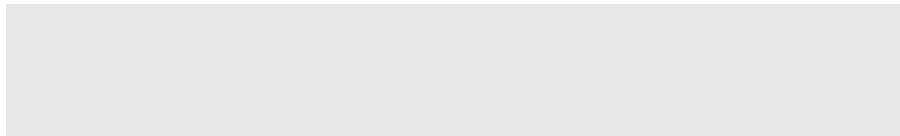
Encourage compact, mixed-use communities near trails where people can enjoy easy access to jobs and services.

## **In your own words...**

**35. Is there anything you would change, remove, or add to these objectives?**



**36. How would you measure success towards addressing this theme?**





## Theme 10: You Decide

**37. What other land use and/or transportation issues are important to you?**



## Optional Demographic Questions

The Planning Department would like to gain input from all parts of the community. The following optional questions will help ensure that the community is broadly represented.

### Geographic Location

38. In what zip code is your home located? (Optional)

### Age

39. What is your age? (Optional)

### Race and Ethnicity

**40. What is your race? (Optional)**

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

**41. What is your ethnicity? (Optional)**

- Hispanic or Latinx or Spanish Origin
- Not Hispanic or Latinx or Spanish Origin
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

**Gender & Transgender Status**

**42. What is your gender? (Optional)**

**43. Transgender is an umbrella term that refers to people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth.**

**Do you identify as transgender? (Optional)**

Anything Else

44. Are there any other aspects of your identity you wish to share? (Optional)

