



Civic Electoral Reform Survey Preliminary Results

Presentation to Mayor and Council
and Parks Board

City of Vancouver

March 25-26, 2010



Think City: Who Are We?

- Founded in 2002.
- Non-profit, policy and citizen engagement organization based in Vancouver.
- Bring citizens and stakeholders together to discuss the challenges facing cities to develop practical policy solutions.
- Think City has expertise in producing large-scale citizen participation exercises and grassroots policy development.
- Over 7,000 citizens have participated in Think City projects in past two years.



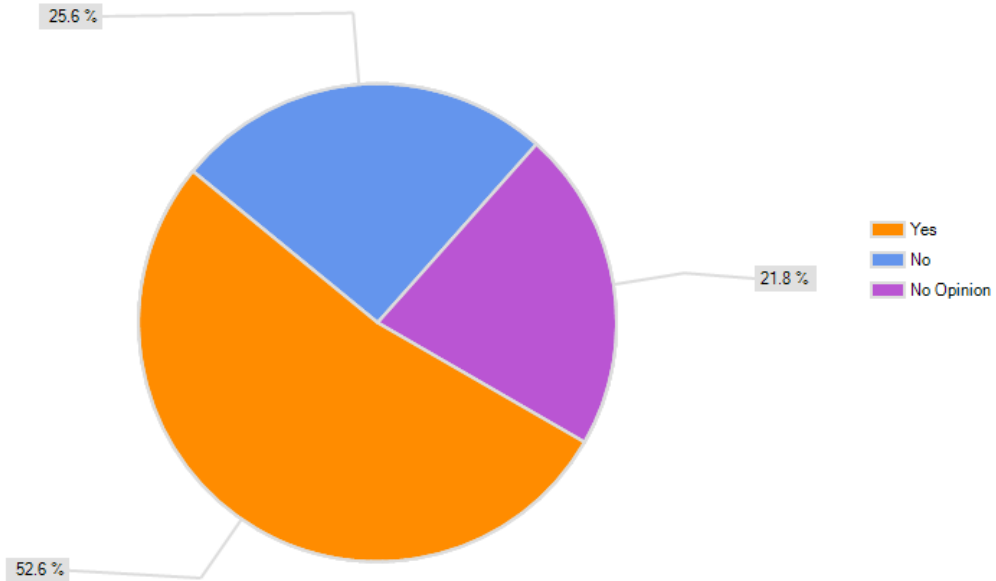
Survey Overview

- Conducted in partnership with Fair Voting BC
- Available online
- Survey period from Feb. 4 to March 25
- 3,412 surveys in total sample
- 2,054 from Vancouver or 60% of total sample



Answer Highlights

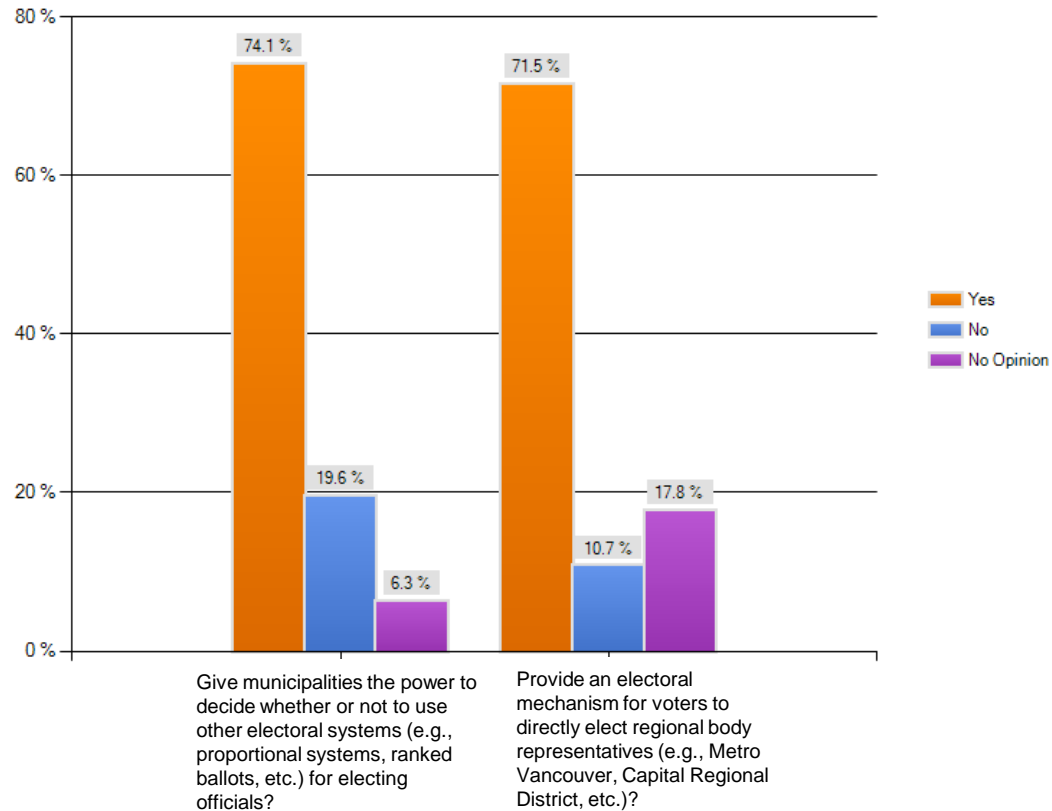
Election Administration - Part 1 Local elections are currently managed by the municipality's administration. Do you think the Province of British Columbia should place the administration of elections under the control of Elections BC to ensure uniformity of administration and arms' length supervision?





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Electoral System - Part 2 When it comes to choosing our elected officials, do you think the Province of British Columbia should:

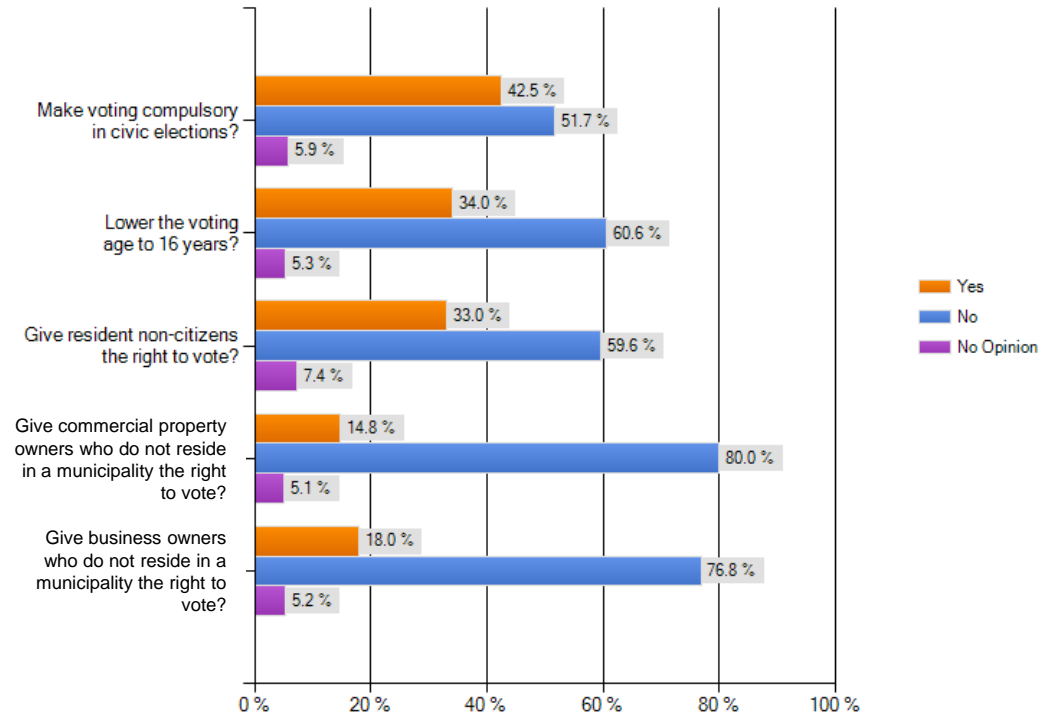


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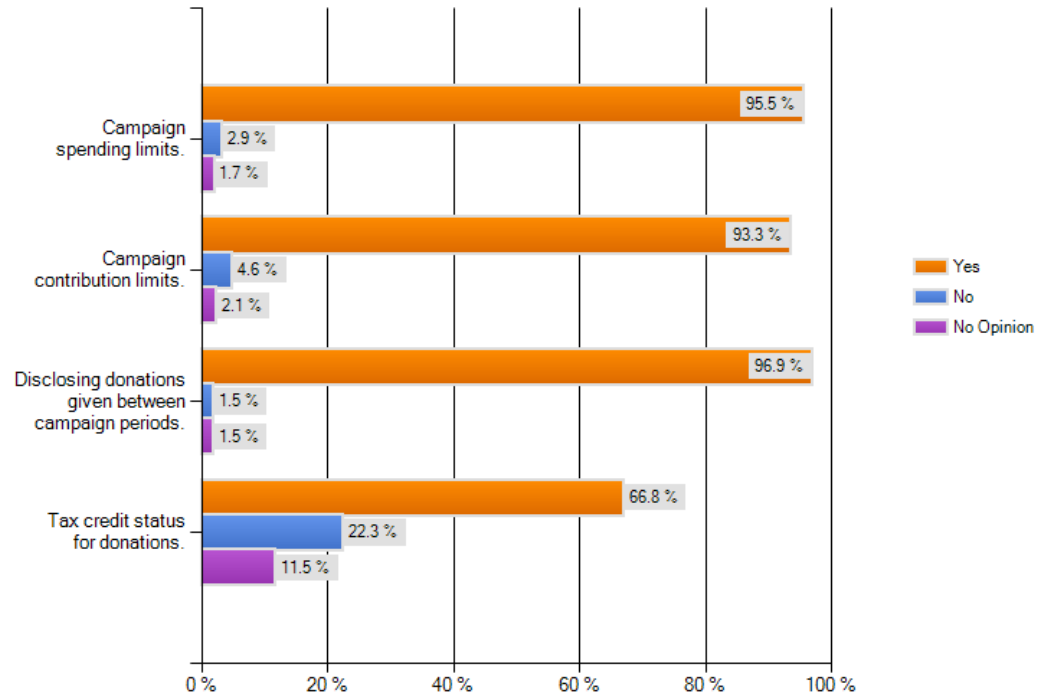
Electoral System - Part 3 When it comes to who votes, do you think the Province of British Columbia should:





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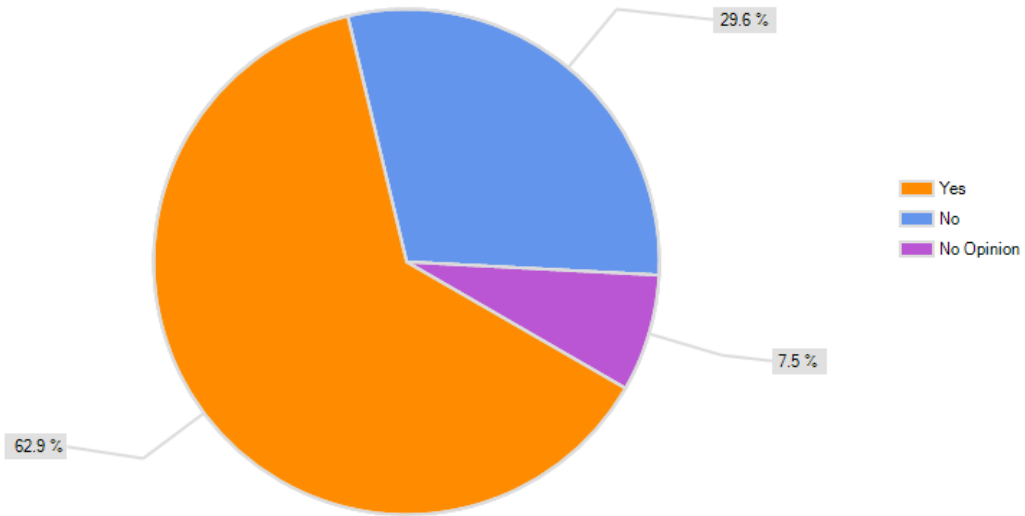
Financing - Part 1 Currently federal and/or provincial political parties are subject to a number of financing regulations. Do you think local political parties contesting elections should be subject to:





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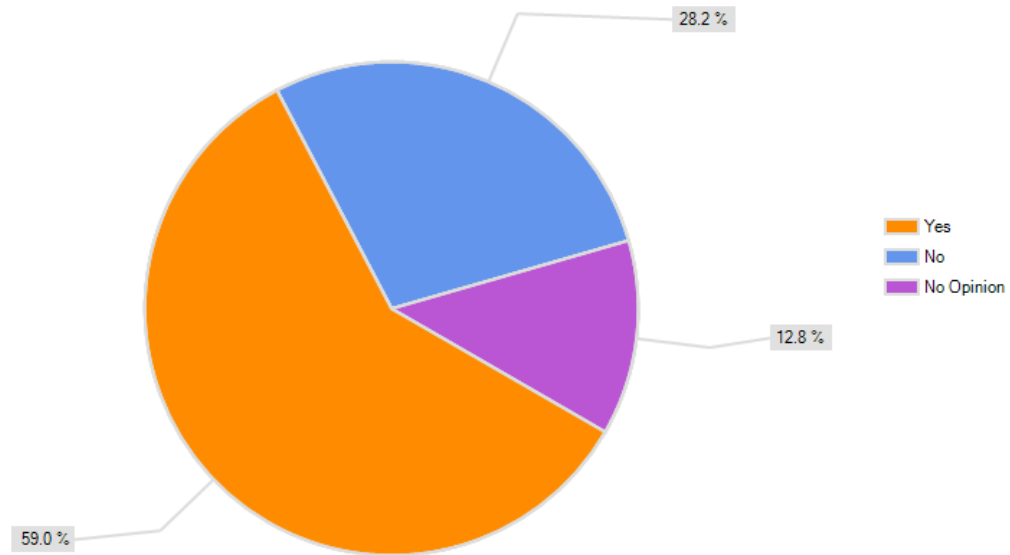
Financing - Part 2 Do you think donations that do not come from individuals (e.g., corporations, non-profits, labour unions) should be banned?





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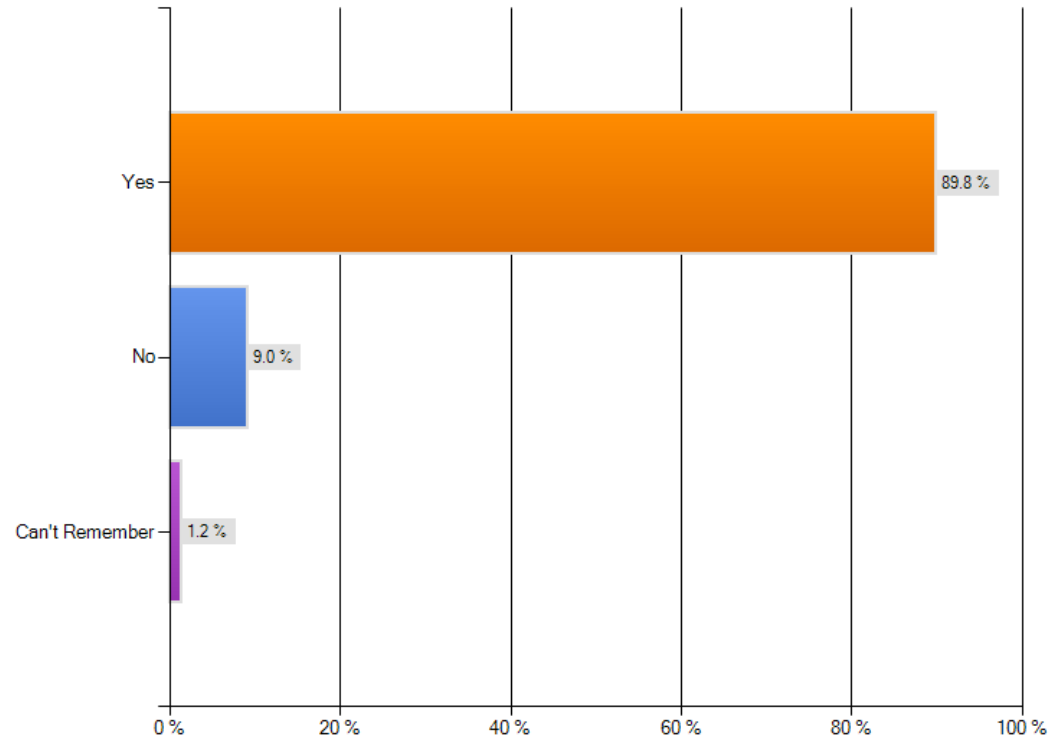
Financing - Part 3 Some argue that public funding can level the playing field for political parties and reduce their dependence on vested interests. Do you support public funding for the campaigns of local parties that is based on the share of votes cast?





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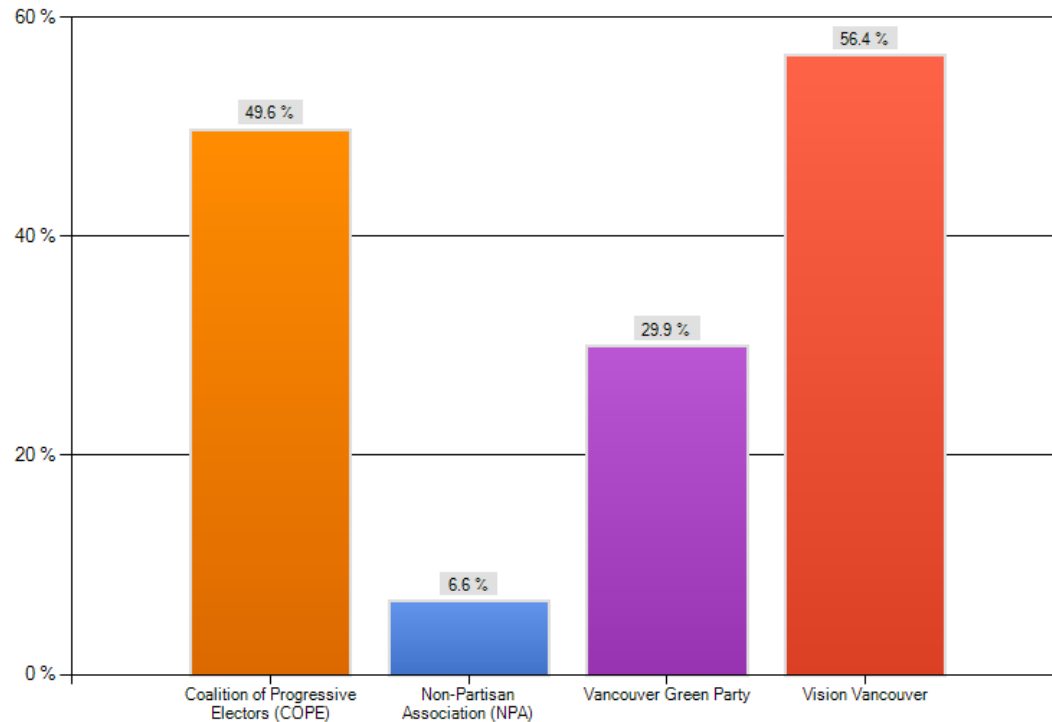
Did you vote in the 2008 civic election?





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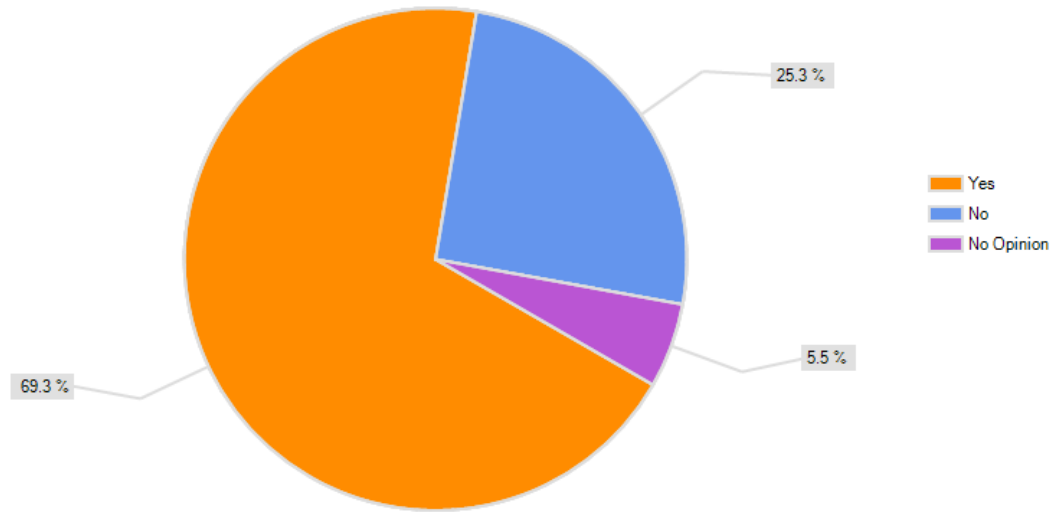
If you are a Vancouver resident, which local political party or parties most closely reflected your views in the 2008 Vancouver civic election (select as many parties as you like)?





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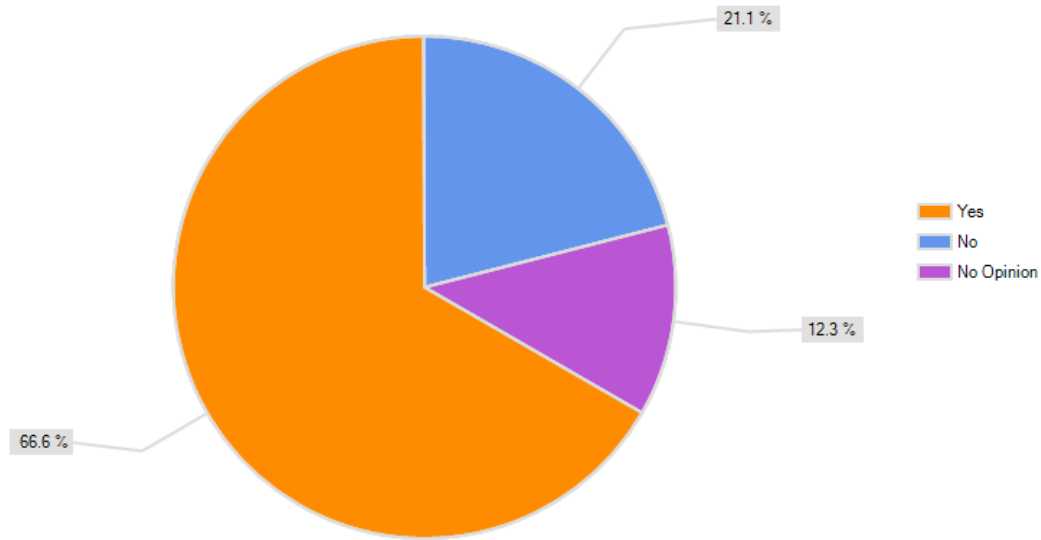
Election Administration - Part 1 Should the City make multi-lingual election ballots available?





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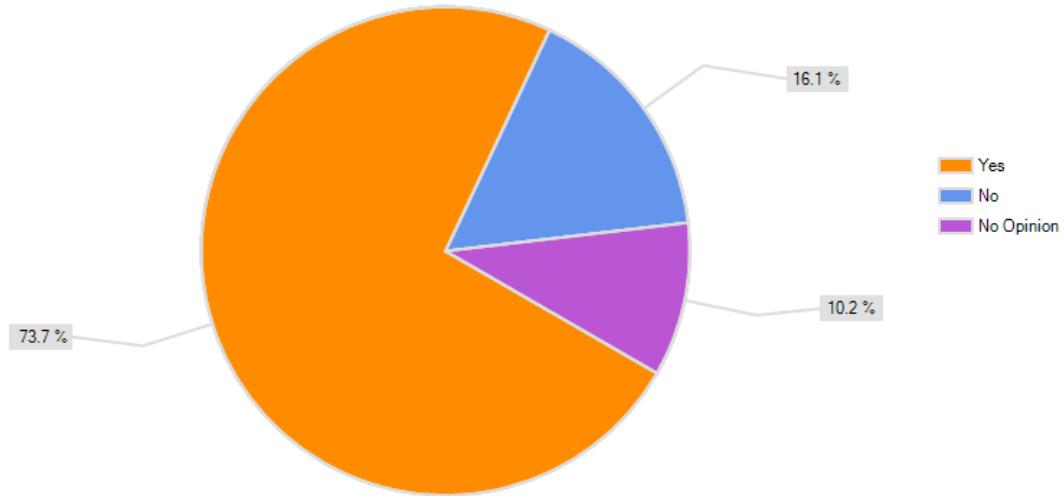
Election Administration - Part 2 Do you think the City should reinstate door-to-door voter registration drives?





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Electoral System - Part 1 Are you in favour of Vancouver City Council changing from the current at-large electoral system to a neighbourhood constituency (ward) electoral system?





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Electoral System - Part 3 Do you think that Vancouver's Board of Parks and Recreation should be disbanded and its responsibilities given to City Council?

