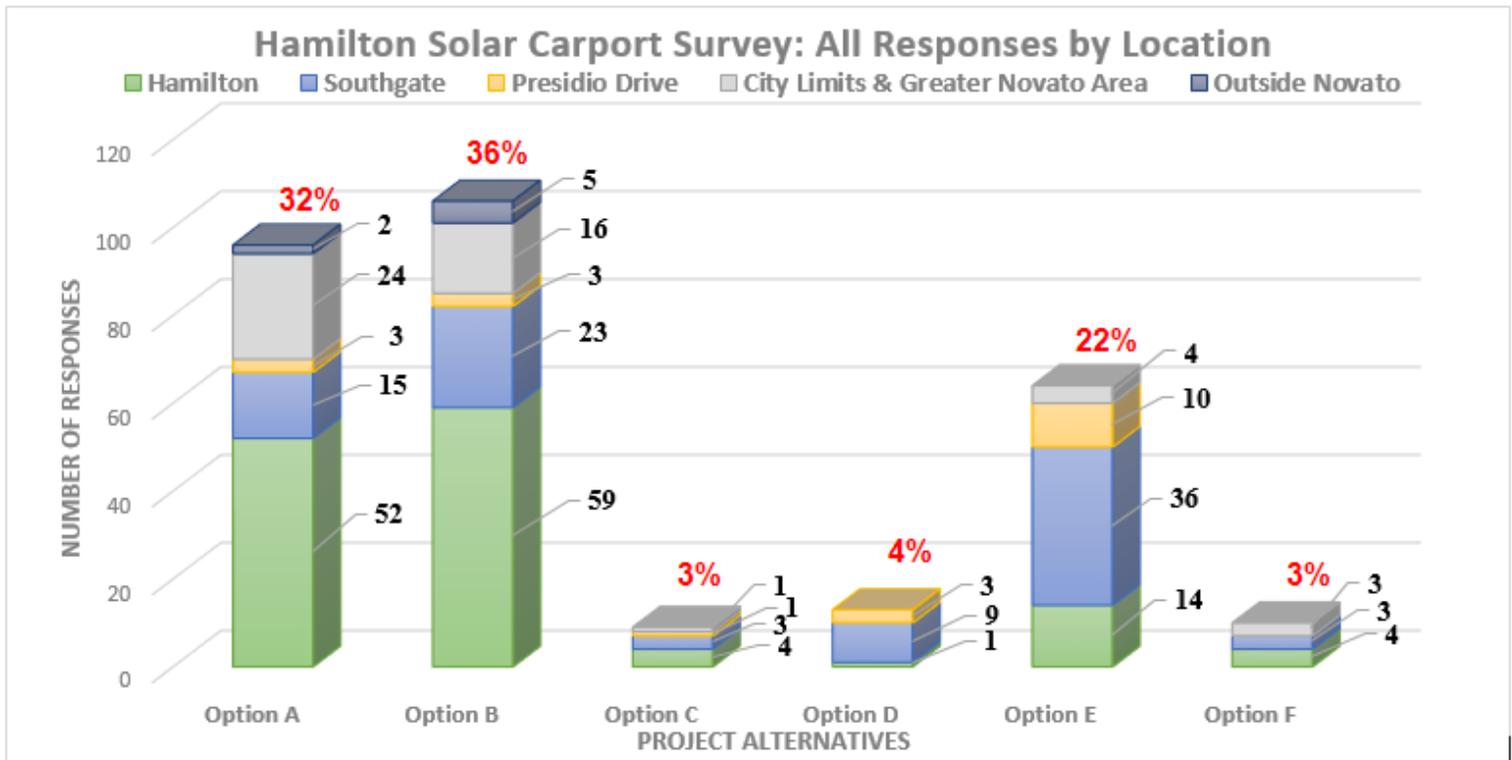


Hamilton Solar Carport Feedback Survey Results

In response to neighbor concerns, the City asked for feedback from residents on proposed project alternatives for the Hamilton Solar Carport project. The feedback survey, open from May 5-22, 2016, will provide the City Council with input from Novato residents, as well as all other feedback received regarding this project in their decision-making process

This report includes a summary of all responses by location and raw data from the Hamilton Solar Carport Feedback Survey with the exception of all names, addresses and e-mails. As mentioned in the survey, this information will remain confidential and has been excluded from this report. The City Council will review the Hamilton Solar Carport project at their June 21, 2016 meeting.

For more information on the Hamilton Solar Carport project, please visit novato.org/hamiltonsolar.

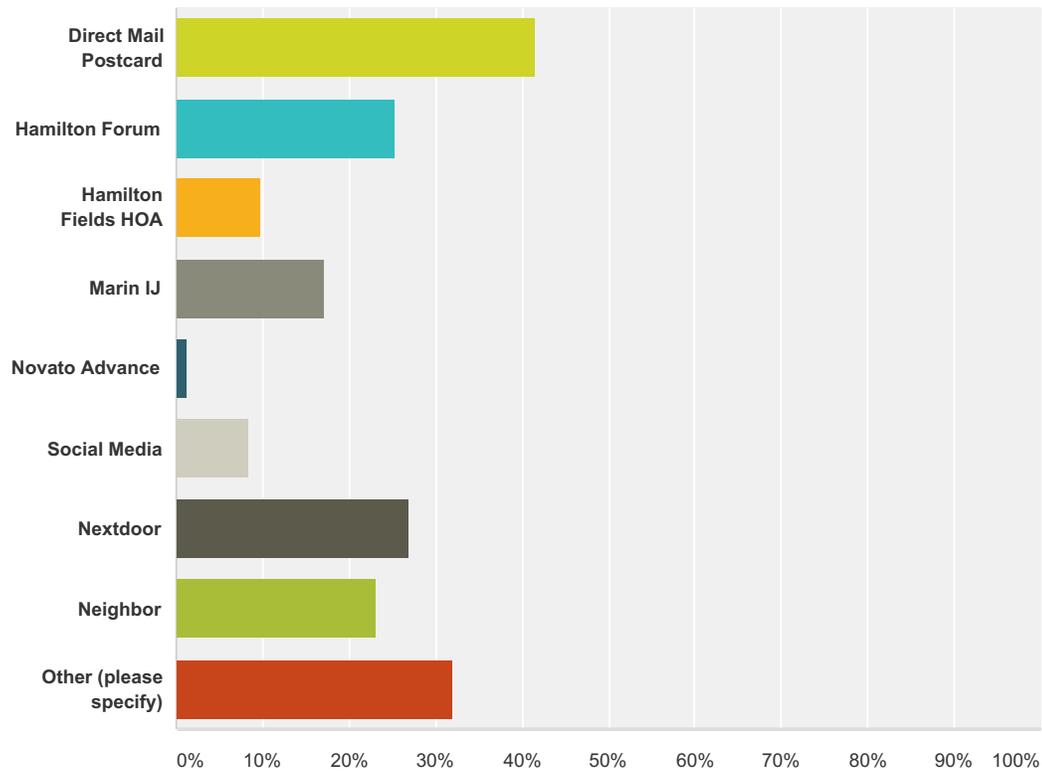


Project Alternatives	Number of Responses by Location					Total	%
	Hamilton Neighborhoods (excluding Southgate & Presidio Drive)	Southgate	Presidio Drive	City Limits & Greater Novato Area	Outside Novato		
Option A – Original Project w/paint	52	15	3	24	2	96	32%
Option B – Original Project w/paint and add trees	59	23	3	16	5	106	36%
Option C – Original Project w/paint, add trees and flattened roof	4	3	1	1	0	9	3%
Option D – Relocate solar carport to City’s Maintenance Yard (Feed-in-Tariff System)	1	9	3	0	0	13	4%
Option E – Relocate solar carport to Hamilton Pool Upper Parking Lot (Feasibility Study Sites #1-7)	14	36	10	4	0	64	22%
Option F – Remove solar carport structure and abandon project	4	3	0	3	0	10	3%
Total	134	89	20	48	7	298	100%

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Q4 Please tell us how you heard about this project? (check all that apply)

Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Direct Mail Postcard	41.61% 124
Hamilton Forum	25.17% 75
Hamilton Fields HOA	9.73% 29
Marin IJ	17.11% 51
Novato Advance	1.34% 4
Social Media	8.39% 25
Nextdoor	26.85% 80
Neighbor	23.15% 69
Other (please specify)	31.88% 95
Total Respondents: 298	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Asked what project was about.	5/22/2016 9:18 PM
2	I drive or walk by it several times per day.	5/22/2016 3:16 PM
3	Walked by it and saw the construction	5/22/2016 2:38 PM

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4	saw it being built	5/22/2016 9:27 AM
5	I can see it from my house	5/20/2016 10:13 PM
6	member of Mrin MOCA	5/20/2016 4:15 PM
7	Visit the park daily and watched the construction from the beginning	5/20/2016 2:58 PM
8	I live in Hamilton	5/20/2016 1:42 PM
9	signs	5/20/2016 1:24 PM
10	Saw it	5/20/2016 10:50 AM
11	live very close by and see it daily!	5/19/2016 4:22 PM
12	City of Novato web page	5/19/2016 8:23 AM
13	Email from Sustainable Novato	5/18/2016 8:31 AM
14	email from "Sustainable Novato"	5/17/2016 9:44 PM
15	email from Sustainable Novato	5/17/2016 9:16 PM
16	email	5/17/2016 5:31 PM
17	After construction began	5/17/2016 4:56 PM
18	Sustainable Novato	5/17/2016 1:09 PM
19	Council Meeting	5/17/2016 1:01 PM
20	email	5/17/2016 12:08 PM
21	email from Sustainable Novato	5/17/2016 11:24 AM
22	Sustainable Novato flyer	5/17/2016 11:20 AM
23	sustainable novato	5/17/2016 10:55 AM
24	Facebook	5/16/2016 7:00 PM
25	I live in Hamilton Field	5/16/2016 11:40 AM
26	emails	5/16/2016 11:02 AM
27	Saw the structure being built without being notified.	5/15/2016 10:39 PM
28	Was a resident of south gate	5/15/2016 2:23 PM
29	It showed up in our backyard	5/14/2016 5:13 PM
30	I receive city of Novato emails notifications	5/14/2016 2:49 PM
31	I occasionally check the web site	5/13/2016 4:20 PM
32	I attended the May 12, 2016 public meeting	5/13/2016 3:06 PM
33	I live here...how do you NOT see this thing	5/11/2016 7:15 PM
34	Direct mail after project stopped due to lack of notification	5/11/2016 5:29 PM
35	Walked by and thought "What is that?"	5/11/2016 1:54 PM
36	I saw the structure being built	5/11/2016 9:09 AM
37	One day the construction started and now we know the rest of the story.	5/11/2016 8:35 AM
38	At work.	5/11/2016 7:53 AM
39	I have attended all of the Hamilton Solar Carport meetings	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
40	Never heard about it until it was constructed	5/10/2016 11:47 AM
41	I came upon it mid-construction while walking in the neighborhood last November	5/10/2016 11:22 AM
42	Advance notification was not received. Learned about the installation once construction was underway.	5/10/2016 10:46 AM
43	I watched the carport being built	5/9/2016 11:18 PM

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44	Similar projects are planned at my three children school's parking lots and am concerned that Hamilton Elementary will not receive same attention to request painting and to consider historical appearance.	5/9/2016 9:57 PM
45	I live across the street from the project.	5/9/2016 8:27 PM
46	live nearby and saw construction	5/9/2016 8:18 PM
47	Drove by and saw the structure	5/9/2016 6:33 PM
48	saw it	5/9/2016 3:18 PM
49	direct email from City of Novato	5/9/2016 12:37 PM
50	Friend in South Gate neighborhood.	5/9/2016 9:13 AM
51	Public Works Department mailing	5/8/2016 3:01 PM
52	Word of mouth	5/8/2016 2:43 PM
53	Email	5/7/2016 9:33 PM
54	Saw the project being built. Also, Hamilton Forum.	5/7/2016 2:39 PM
55	I did not "hear" about this project until it was already being built.	5/7/2016 10:30 AM
56	Seeing it every day when leaving my home	5/7/2016 10:11 AM
57	Drive by daily	5/7/2016 9:33 AM
58	walking past the structure	5/7/2016 9:12 AM
59	First saw it before hearing about it	5/7/2016 8:13 AM
60	I learned about the project after construction began. I did not receive any type of advance notice.	5/7/2016 7:29 AM
61	Been there to see it in person	5/7/2016 5:37 AM
62	Saw it	5/6/2016 10:00 PM
63	City of Novato City Council Meetings	5/6/2016 5:51 PM
64	We park there to use the park	5/6/2016 2:54 PM
65	Email	5/6/2016 2:19 PM
66	Email list	5/6/2016 1:23 PM
67	Saw it being built and started discussion on NextDoor Hamilton	5/6/2016 12:47 PM
68	Rode my bike by it	5/6/2016 12:12 PM
69	city council public comments	5/6/2016 11:34 AM
70	I saw it being constructed.	5/6/2016 9:42 AM
71	Walk by it daily	5/6/2016 9:28 AM
72	I am a frequent visitor to Southgate	5/6/2016 9:20 AM
73	Saw project information online before construction began	5/6/2016 9:08 AM
74	I saw it.	5/6/2016 8:56 AM
75	City of Novato email	5/6/2016 7:39 AM
76	Can't miss it; I see it every day.	5/6/2016 5:50 AM
77	Friend in Hamilton	5/5/2016 11:43 PM
78	Inspected my self	5/5/2016 10:47 PM
79	I live in Hamilton and see it	5/5/2016 10:26 PM
80	Go by it every day!	5/5/2016 10:11 PM
81	Didn't hear a word about this project. I reside in Southgate and saw the project being built. I asked on NextDoor if anyone knew what was being built in the pool/park parking lot, that's when I learned of what was being constructed!	5/5/2016 9:34 PM
82	Live in Southgate--watched it go up	5/5/2016 7:41 PM

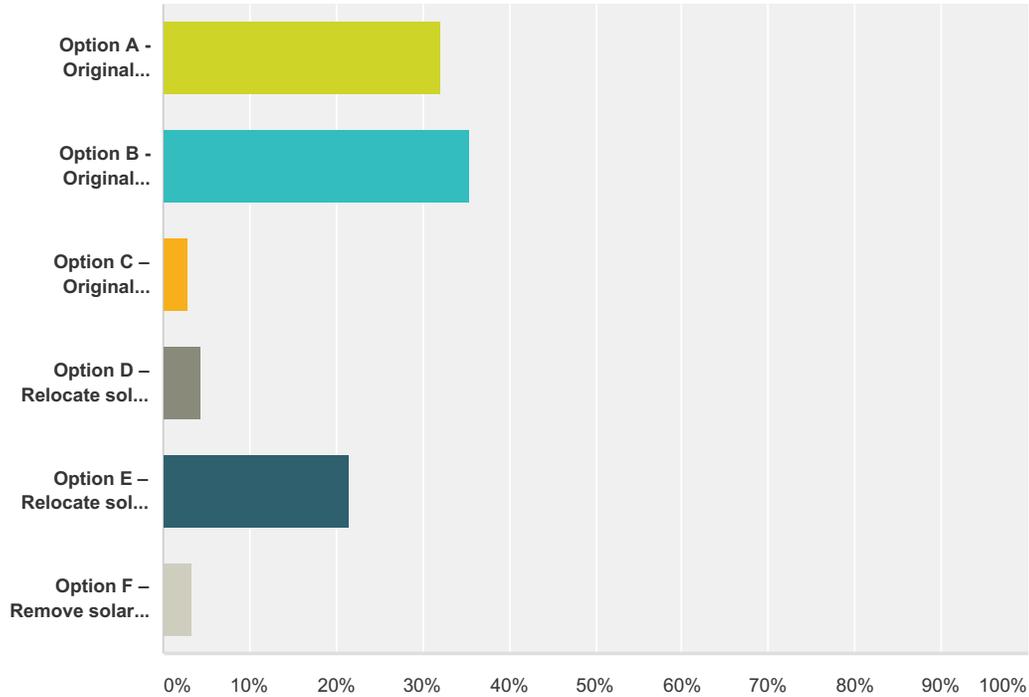
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83	Walking the neighborhood	5/5/2016 7:30 PM
84	I received an early notice from the city with proposed options	5/5/2016 7:24 PM
85	City update newsletter	5/5/2016 7:24 PM
86	Sign near project	5/5/2016 6:59 PM
87	When it was built at the wrong location.	5/5/2016 5:53 PM
88	walk by the project site daily	5/5/2016 5:16 PM
89	Drove by the suddenly erected monstrosity	5/5/2016 5:04 PM
90	Hamilton E-Groups Message Board	5/5/2016 4:46 PM
91	See it 5 or 6 times a week on walks	5/5/2016 4:42 PM
92	I walk by it every morning	5/5/2016 4:27 PM
93	Driving by	5/5/2016 3:55 PM
94	I did not know about it until I saw construction happening	5/5/2016 2:03 PM
95	I walk my dog and take my grandkids to the pool, so I have seen the project.	5/5/2016 12:48 PM

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Q5 Of the following project alternatives, which do you prefer? (please select one; additional details on project alternatives are available on the previous page.)

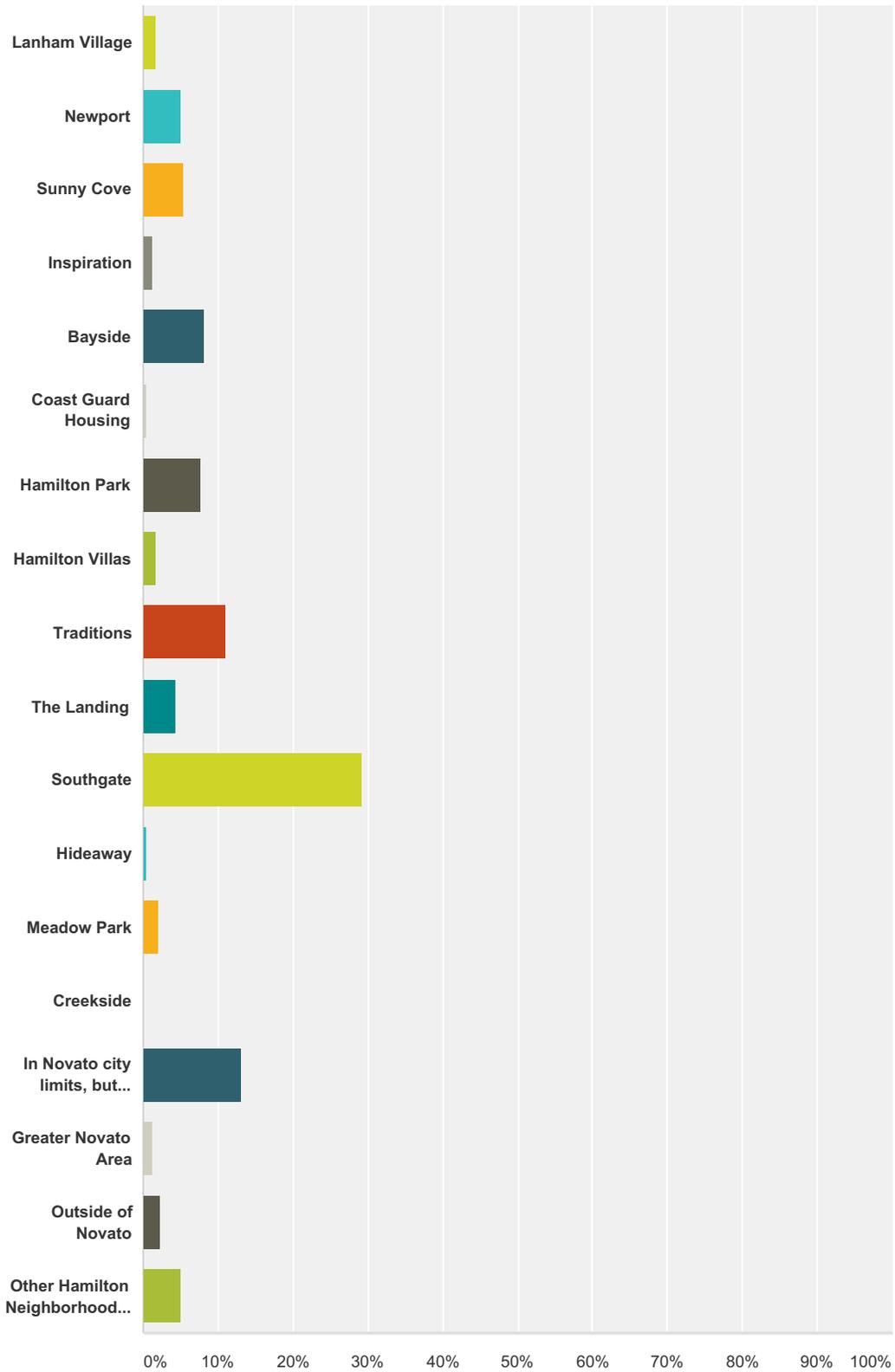
Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Option A - Original Project with Paint. Complete original project and finish painting.	32.21% 96
Option B - Original Project, Painted, and Add Trees. Option A above, plus plant ten new 36-inch box evergreen trees along Hangar Ave.	35.57% 106
Option C - Original Project, Painted, New Trees and Flattened Roof. Option B above, plus flattened roof.	3.02% 9
Option D - Relocate solar carport to City's Maintenance Yard (Feed-in-Tariff System). Relocate current structure to 550 Davidson Street.	4.36% 13
Option E - Relocate solar carport to Hamilton Pool Upper Parking Lot (Feasibility Study: Sites #1-7) at BOQ. Relocate the current structure and reconstruct at upper parking lot. Exact site TBD.	21.48% 64
Option F - Remove solar carport structure and abandon project.	3.36% 10
Total	298

Q6 Where do you live? (please select one)

Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



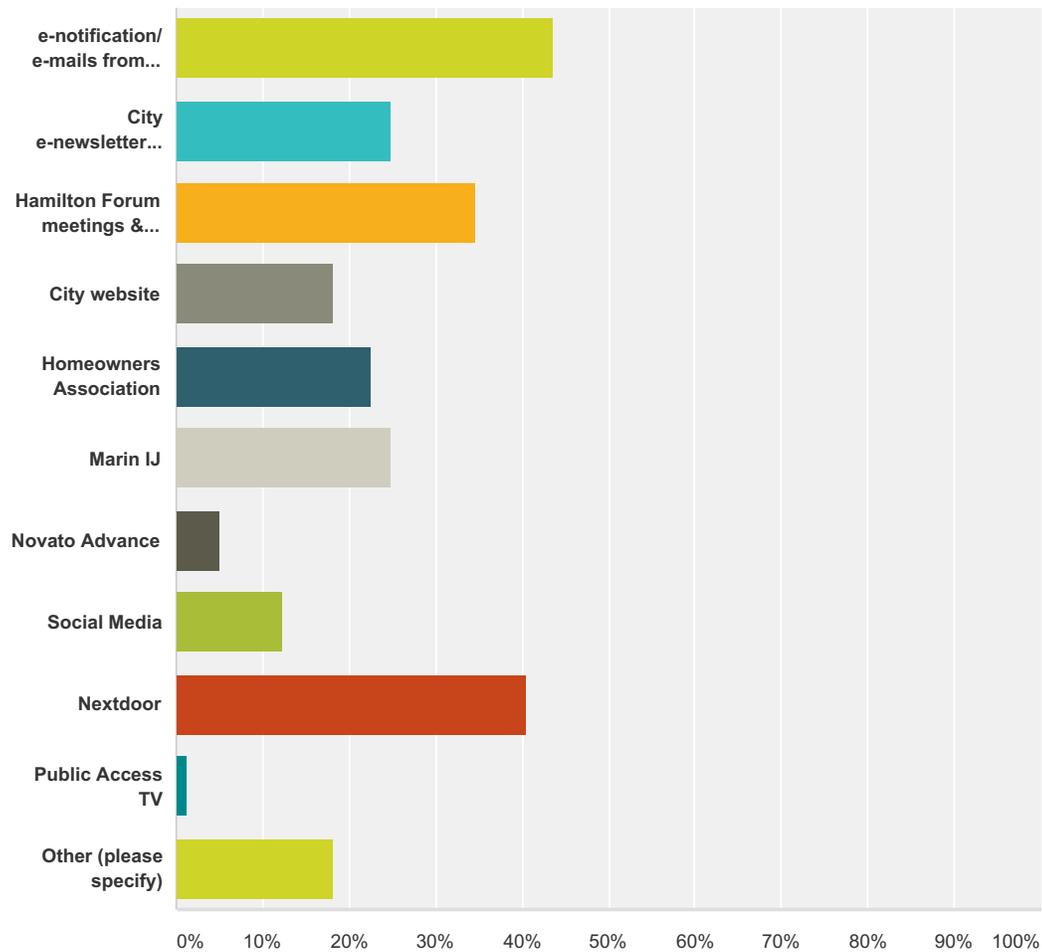
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Lanham Village	1.68%	5
Newport	5.03%	15
Sunny Cove	5.37%	16
Inspiration	1.34%	4
Bayside	8.05%	24
Coast Guard Housing	0.34%	1
Hamilton Park	7.72%	23
Hamilton Villas	1.68%	5
Traditions	11.07%	33
The Landing	4.36%	13
Southgate	29.19%	87
Hideaway	0.34%	1
Meadow Park	2.01%	6
Creekside	0.00%	0
In Novato city limits, but outside of Hamilton neighborhood	13.09%	39
Greater Novato Area	1.34%	4
Outside of Novato	2.35%	7
Other Hamilton Neighborhood (please specify)	5.03%	15
Total		298

#	Other Hamilton Neighborhood (please specify)	Date
1	Loma Verde	5/20/2016 2:58 PM
2	Commerical	5/20/2016 11:11 AM
3	Marin Valley Mobile Country Club	5/19/2016 4:42 PM
4	Ignacio	5/18/2016 8:31 AM
5	I walk this area once a week.	5/17/2016 1:01 PM
6	Ignacio	5/11/2016 3:38 PM
7	CG Housing	5/9/2016 9:57 PM
8	Meadow Park	5/9/2016 9:13 AM
9	The site is almost in my back yard	5/9/2016 8:05 AM
10	San Pablo Ct (right below pool)	5/7/2016 9:33 PM
11	Five houses away from structure	5/7/2016 10:30 AM
12	Hamilton - Meadow Park	5/6/2016 10:00 PM
13	Meadow Park	5/6/2016 12:09 PM
14	Hamilton, Meadow Park. Why is this Hamilton neighborhood not included in the survey?	5/5/2016 8:28 PM
15	Hamilton	5/5/2016 7:49 PM

Q7 How do you receive notifications from the City of Novato? (check all that apply)

Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
e-notification/e-mails from the City	43.62%	130
City e-newsletter "Our Town"	24.83%	74
Hamilton Forum meetings & e-mail	34.56%	103
City website	18.12%	54
Homeowners Association	22.48%	67
Marin IJ	24.83%	74
Novato Advance	5.03%	15
Social Media	12.42%	37
Nextdoor	40.60%	121
Public Access TV	1.34%	4

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Other (please specify)	18.12%	54
Total Respondents: 298		

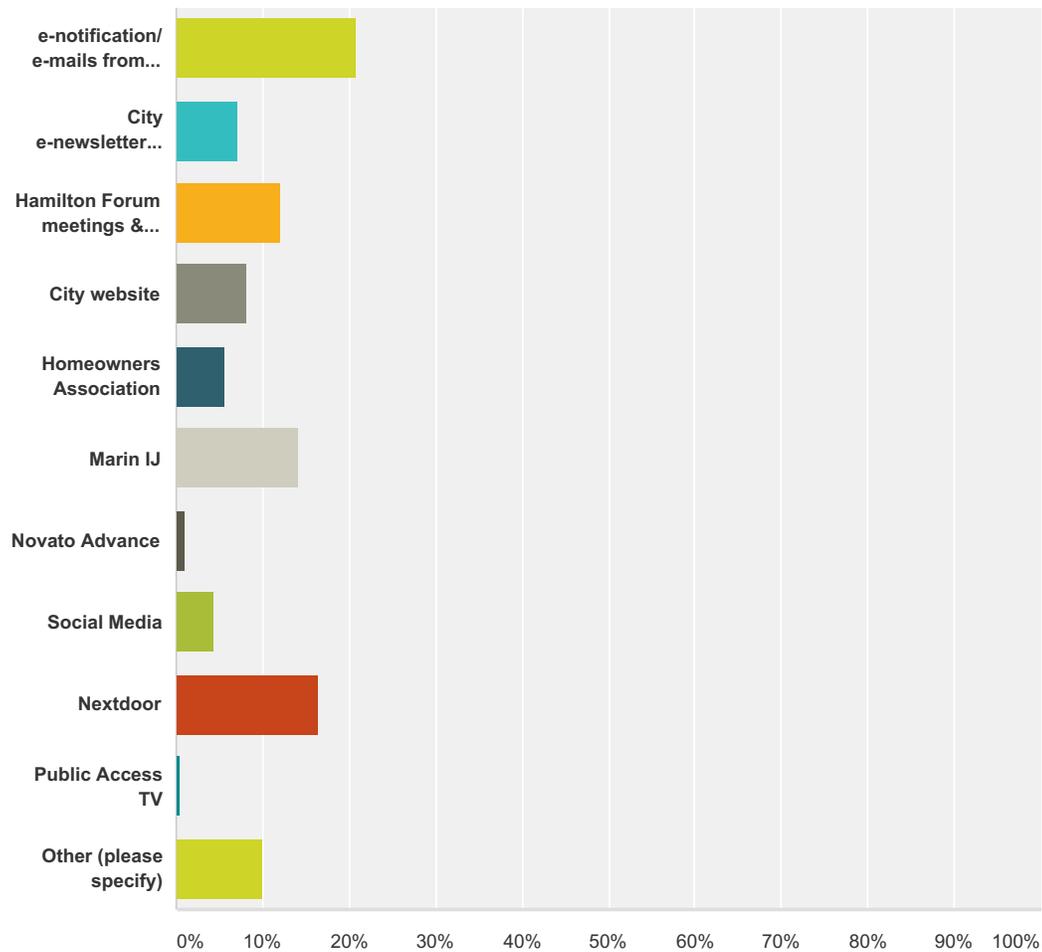
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	USPS mailings	5/22/2016 9:18 PM
2	Direct mail from City	5/22/2016 2:38 PM
3	mail	5/22/2016 9:27 AM
4	postcard	5/20/2016 4:51 PM
5	Neighbors	5/20/2016 12:38 PM
6	direct mail	5/19/2016 9:12 AM
7	Novato Patch	5/18/2016 4:52 PM
8	environmental organizations	5/17/2016 9:16 PM
9	email such as this one	5/17/2016 5:31 PM
10	Mailings	5/17/2016 4:56 PM
11	Sustainable Novato	5/17/2016 1:32 PM
12	sustainable novato	5/17/2016 10:55 AM
13	postcard in US mail	5/17/2016 7:36 AM
14	Mail	5/16/2016 7:00 PM
15	I don't receive any notifications from the city of Novato	5/16/2016 6:14 PM
16	US Mail	5/15/2016 10:39 PM
17	US mail	5/15/2016 9:42 PM
18	Direct mail	5/11/2016 5:33 PM
19	I do not receive notifications from the City of Novato	5/11/2016 12:01 PM
20	The email correspondence needs to be consistent with the city. The city clearly failed with the whole notification of this project. We need to post signs as well when neighbors are affected.	5/11/2016 8:35 AM
21	No consistent pattern yet	5/11/2016 5:34 AM
22	Post card	5/10/2016 11:27 AM
23	fliers via regular US Post	5/10/2016 11:22 AM
24	School e-news	5/9/2016 9:57 PM
25	Signs on local streets	5/9/2016 8:27 PM
26	mail	5/9/2016 6:46 PM
27	postal mail the city sends	5/9/2016 4:57 PM
28	Regular mail postcards	5/9/2016 3:18 PM
29	Mailings from City	5/7/2016 9:59 PM
30	Direct Mailing	5/7/2016 7:15 PM
31	Do not receive notifications. This postcard is our first.	5/7/2016 11:41 AM
32	mail	5/7/2016 11:23 AM
33	Sent in mail from City of Novato	5/7/2016 10:11 AM
34	Neighbor	5/7/2016 7:29 AM
35	US Mail	5/6/2016 7:31 PM
36	City Council Meetings	5/6/2016 5:51 PM

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37	Receive occasional postcards in the mail	5/6/2016 12:47 PM
38	Novato Patch	5/6/2016 12:15 PM
39	usps mail postcards	5/6/2016 11:38 AM
40	I rarely see any notifications from the city	5/6/2016 9:20 AM
41	no notification	5/6/2016 9:08 AM
42	Mail	5/6/2016 8:56 AM
43	in the mail	5/5/2016 10:26 PM
44	Mail	5/5/2016 9:51 PM
45	an occasional letter/postcard. we did not receive any information regarding the solar project prior to its construction and we live within 300 ft. from it.	5/5/2016 9:34 PM
46	Postal mail	5/5/2016 8:35 PM
47	Mail	5/5/2016 8:32 PM
48	mail	5/5/2016 5:53 PM
49	Snail mail	5/5/2016 5:10 PM
50	walking around neighborhood	5/5/2016 4:42 PM
51	neighbors, friends in the know	5/5/2016 4:27 PM
52	USPS	5/5/2016 1:46 PM
53	mailings	5/5/2016 12:48 PM
54	USPS Mail	5/5/2016 12:36 PM

Q8 What is your primary source for City information? (please select one)

Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
e-notification/e-mails from the City	20.81%	62
City e-newsletter "Our Town"	7.05%	21
Hamilton Forum meetings & e-mail	12.08%	36
City website	8.05%	24
Homeowners Association	5.70%	17
Marin IJ	14.09%	42
Novato Advance	1.01%	3
Social Media	4.36%	13
Nextdoor	16.44%	49
Public Access TV	0.34%	1

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Other (please specify)	10.07%	30
Total		298

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Neighbors	5/22/2016 3:16 PM
2	Direct mail from the City is preferred	5/22/2016 2:38 PM
3	mail	5/22/2016 9:27 AM
4	Novato Patch	5/18/2016 4:52 PM
5	"Pacific Sun" paper (and Sustainable Novato email)	5/17/2016 9:44 PM
6	Mailings	5/17/2016 4:56 PM
7	Marin conservation league	5/17/2016 1:32 PM
8	Almost all of the above.	5/17/2016 1:01 PM
9	Neighbors	5/16/2016 6:14 PM
10	Very knowledgeable resident; watch everything in the area	5/16/2016 11:40 AM
11	Checking the weekly council agendas	5/15/2016 10:26 PM
12	Word of mouth	5/11/2016 5:33 PM
13	Mail	5/9/2016 6:46 PM
14	postal mail the city sends	5/9/2016 4:57 PM
15	Regular mail	5/9/2016 3:18 PM
16	Mail	5/7/2016 8:42 PM
17	No source	5/7/2016 11:41 AM
18	Mail from the city and NextDoor online	5/7/2016 11:23 AM
19	As of the past few months, I have been receiving email notifications from the city. Prior to that, there was no consistency in the information that I received regarding city issues and projects.	5/7/2016 7:29 AM
20	usps mail postcards	5/6/2016 11:38 AM
21	direct mail	5/6/2016 9:32 AM
22	Mail	5/6/2016 8:56 AM
23	in the mail	5/5/2016 10:26 PM
24	again mail.	5/5/2016 9:34 PM
25	various	5/5/2016 7:24 PM
26	US mail	5/5/2016 4:46 PM
27	neighbors	5/5/2016 4:27 PM
28	concerned neighbors meetings.	5/5/2016 3:54 PM
29	USPS	5/5/2016 1:46 PM
30	mailings	5/5/2016 12:48 PM

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Q9 Please add any additional comments:

Answered: 157 Skipped: 141

#	Responses	Date
1	There are technical problems with this survey and the information it contains is misleading. City officials say they want to increase transparency and engagement, but efforts to date are clearly still not sufficient. Really disappointing that Measure F funds were used for this project and it was mismanaged from the start. No consideration was given to how it was communicated and what quality of life impacts it would have to nearby residential neighborhood and users of the park.	5/22/2016 11:19 PM
2	An "accessory" the size of a building need architectural review. This is not a well designed structure, "I know it when I see it", captures why. The downtown Novato doesn't show roof solar panels on aerial maps, if it hasn't already been installed, can the panels themselves be installed there instead?	5/22/2016 9:18 PM
3	This survey is a disappointment, both in content and usability. I am not confident it is recording my answers accurately as several times items not intended to be "checked" were selected. I intended to select Option E. As far as content, it does not adequately convey the "pros and cons" of each option as discussed at the city-sponsored meetings on this topic. It also uses questionable financial calculations, does not take into account quality of life concerns, and the illustrations do not accurately convey what the various options would really look like. Several of us offered to provide input in advance of the survey distribution, but were excluded from the process. This is counter to what is being said by city officials regarding a desire to increase transparency and community engagement. I do not feel the results of this survey should be relied upon for decision-making.	5/22/2016 8:44 PM
4	The City is wrong wrong WRONG on how they went about this without adequate notice. Completely and totally underhanded. But these are MY tax dollars and I don't want to see them wasted on a tear-down. Finish the project quickly and be honorable about future plans in our neighborhood.	5/22/2016 2:38 PM
5	In the summer, those shaded parking spots will be sought after.	5/22/2016 11:27 AM
6	Although the design of the solar panel is not good, the purpose to save energy is appreciated. I cannot believe that planting 10 trees will cost \$10,000. Otherwise I would vote for plan B.	5/20/2016 4:51 PM
7	I cannot understand the issue here - the panels are installed in a city park parking lot and are not in anyone's direct sight line. The trees that are already there obstruct the direct sight line to the houses across the street. Please proceed and start generating power.	5/20/2016 2:58 PM
8	Fully support initial project and process. The \$10k delay bill should be sent to the Insufficiently involved neighborhood complainers.	5/20/2016 1:10 PM
9	Stop wasting city tax dollars on re-hashing this, and paint and finish this project. Someone always is going to be unhappy about something.	5/20/2016 11:11 AM
10	I prefer Option A or B.	5/20/2016 9:40 AM
11	We have a design review board in Novato. Why shouldn't public works designs be vetted by that board? It would slow things down just the way they should be slowed down and you would have these dust ups.	5/19/2016 9:54 PM
12	I concur with the residents of Hamilton if they want the solar units re-located. Thanks, Eleanor Sluis	5/19/2016 6:19 PM
13	Please do not permit invented aesthetic concerns to obstruct an important energy-saving project.	5/19/2016 4:42 PM
14	I have no problems at all with this project and very much believe in solar power. A few extra trees certainly would be nice, though!	5/19/2016 4:22 PM
15	please don't waste anymore money taking this down. Complete the project	5/19/2016 3:48 PM
16	I have no problem with the solar panels, but I'm a civil engineer so I don't instinctively hate every single thing that gets built or proposed. Seems like it makes sense to put them where they are and they look fine to me. I don't live in Southgate so I don't see the carport daily, mostly just when going on walks and now when going to the pool. Might be nice to make the energy generated accessible to the public so we can see the benefit they create. Also, in retrospect, placing a project sign at the site for a couple months stating what was coming and providing a perspective rendering of what it will look like could have better prepared the community. I don't think I had heard anything about it beforehand, but we moved here less than 2 years ago and don't attend every HOA meeting. Ten years from now, nobody will think twice about it and there will be solar panels and solar carports all over the place.	5/19/2016 3:41 PM
17	I think the original solar plan is wonderful. We all need solar energy and stopping it is ridiculous. With paint it will become invisible in months.	5/19/2016 9:12 AM

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18	Stay with 'forward looking focus'. Consider adding more parking shelters as indicated on your maps - all good choices. Could add vehicle charging to one of the parking slots-and potentially use that as a revenue source as well. Only thing missing in the structure is water capture during the winter - consider it as an option for fire control - as the shelter is central to an area where this would be beneficial.	5/19/2016 8:23 AM
19	The structure is unsightly. Photographs do not present the ugliness of it. Trees will not only take years to grow but will provide shade diminishing solar energy. The structure should have been planned for a different location. This is a "no-brainer."	5/18/2016 4:52 PM
20	I approve of the solar carports. They are obviously going to save money and do not detract from the Hamilton neighborhood.	5/18/2016 3:23 PM
21	I submitted this before, but not sure it went through. So, I am doing it again. I love the solar carport. When I first saw it, I thought it was pretty. And, I am a great supporter of solar.	5/18/2016 10:52 AM
22	Ignacio may not be in Hamilton but it is very close by and I use the facilities there. I feel as though I am a member of the Hamilton neighborhood even if a freeway separates us.	5/18/2016 8:31 AM
23	If those neighbors most affected by the location of the structure had been consulted prior to construction, it would have been clear to the City that the upper pool area was the most appropriate place for it. I might add, were it not located so close to Hangar Avenue, and the South Gate neighborhood, evergreen trees might be an acceptable way to screen it, but unfortunately it isn't. Evergreen trees placed there for year-round screening would impact the limited openness we now have (due to the hill behind the structure).	5/17/2016 4:56 PM
24	There are many species of evergreen trees besides conifers. I hope you consider evergreen magnolia trees when selecting the trees.	5/17/2016 4:35 PM
25	The project as planned is a huge benefit for the the City of Novato and the smaller Community of Hamilton as well. To remove this project or relocate would be a terrible waste of City money, and set a precedent for Nimby-ism that should not be allowed to occur. I would also urge the City to consider using "BIPV" Solar Panels, which can be bifacial and therefore produce up to 30% more power, such as SunPreme or Prism Solar. http://www.prismsolar.com/photovoltaics.php They are architecturally and aesthetically superior. I would be happy to facilitate a discussion with either provider, as I am a developer with experience in this area.	5/17/2016 2:17 PM
26	Improve notification for public AND PRIVATE projects!!!!	5/17/2016 12:08 PM
27	Thank you for seeking opinions. Go solar, go green, and go for beauty!	5/17/2016 11:24 AM
28	"Brown is the new Green!"	5/17/2016 11:20 AM
29	I frequent that area for the new Bay Trail access so know it well. Please use option A for the best ROI so the city is able to do the most possible to minimize carbon output. The whole lot should eventually have sunshades generating power like the COM and Redwood HS lots. It has enough lovely young trees now, no more water using trees please. I used to live in Novato-this solar structure is an enhancement.	5/17/2016 10:55 AM
30	economy and sustainable are the new beauty.	5/17/2016 10:54 AM
31	Please Please Please relocate this solar carport, the southgate community was uninformed and completely misled (I live across the street from it!!!)	5/16/2016 10:29 PM
32	At this point I want the city to save money. I thought originally Plan E was the plan as the notice said Hamilton POOL. That is the plan that should have happen, but at this point Plan B is the financial prudent plan. Descriptions must be clear from the beginning!	5/16/2016 8:29 PM
33	Please move forward with project. Having it not completed is a greater eye soar than having it complete.	5/16/2016 7:00 PM
34	I think my neighbors need to embrace some growth and new things added to benefit the community. The structure only affects a few houses, tax payers monies have already been spent, why move it now! I believe they city needs to be more proactive in getting this out to neighbors in the pre-construction process, hopefully we will learn from this, but moving the structure in place now is an unnecessary tax payer expense.	5/16/2016 11:40 AM
35	I would like to see solar panels installed on top of every roof and parking space owned by the city. Removal of this structure would set a horrible precedent. Of all people, those who live in Hamilton should be very worried about the prospect of rising seas and should support each and every effort to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases, and if anyone among them simply denies the fact of climate change, they should be respectfully ignored. Please do not take down or alter those panels!	5/16/2016 11:02 AM
36	Survey and photoshop pictures are biased to keeping it in the current location. If this project would lower the value of city owned property what do you think it will do to the residential property next to the structure?	5/15/2016 10:39 PM

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37	The survey was not an accurate presentation of the various options. Community members met several times to give pros and cons of each scenario. The cons were not presented. I.e. additional screening might create a visual barrier to bad activities in the park; screening was only for the front, not the side views; the structures is prone to graffiti as reported in the Optony report page 7 of the Solar Feasibility Report. It seems the survey was structured to promote the mitigation efforts only and not the relocation. This has been very wearing on the community and has done a lot of damage in our trust in our local government and our city staff...the opposite of public engagement--public disengagement.	5/15/2016 10:26 PM
38	Must proceed with Option A. We need this project. Please don't plant more messy trees that are tomorrow fire hazards. Finish quickly. thank you.	5/15/2016 9:42 PM
39	Was a 17 year resident of Soyluth Gate and recently sold our family home. Wonderful neighborhood and solar project is a great addition. In total support of project.	5/15/2016 2:23 PM
40	This does not represent the impact to the homeowners it is all about the bottom line financially for the city. It does not account for maintenance of option A/B,C. The city says they care about the people but this is clearly just about money	5/14/2016 5:13 PM
41	You shouldn't even paint it if it will reduce solar power. People have to get over all of this. We are running out of everything and they need education. We should also have a project at the maintenance yard and anywhere else you can put them. Give apt. buildings a discount in something to put them in.Re survey, there should be an option for the original option.	5/14/2016 2:49 PM
42	It is very unfortunate that this very large structure was placed in such a visible place in our community. I am only voting to keep it because any other choice would be too wasteful. I hope this does not happen, ever, again. As one of our neighbors said, if we allow incremental negative changes to be implemented, the quality of the neighborhood and community will deteriorate.	5/13/2016 3:06 PM
43	I think the project is cool looking and am amazed that it's an issue at all. I don't believe it will have an adverse effect on property values, it shows forward thinking as far as I'm concerned. I hope our tax dollars will not be wasted because a few vocal folks don't feel like they were part of the decision process. Such a waste of time and money.	5/13/2016 2:06 PM
44	My son, who lives in San Jose, would drive his electric car to visit if more chargers were available.	5/13/2016 11:46 AM
45	Thank you for addressing the concerns of the community.	5/12/2016 10:56 AM
46	I would like to see it on the upper parking lot site 6. The structure would also provide shade for the cars while people are at the pool. Win win.	5/12/2016 6:39 AM
47	You guys just put this thing up with ZERO input from Hamilton. Take it down, do it right and swallow the cost of your errors	5/11/2016 7:15 PM
48	Project is great, plus a few trees would make it even better.	5/11/2016 5:33 PM
49	Details provided here are still vague, figures do not make sense to me as a CPA for 30 years. In my opinion survey is written to sway feedback towards the options with the trees. Additionally, the details currently outlined on Novato.org about how the project started, the approval process and appropriate communication seem evasive. Feels like there is information being withheld. The project should be scrapped and used as an example of what happens to projects that do not follow appropriate guidelines, Projects should bring the Novato community together not cause turmoil with the decisions about how our taxpayer money is spent.	5/11/2016 5:29 PM
50	We would appreciate the removal of this inappropriate structure to a more suitable site.	5/11/2016 4:52 PM
51	This structure is not an "accessory" as it has been called. An accessory is an adornment and I hardly call this an improvement or beautifier. It is grossly out of the place in size and style, and should not be visible by homeowners/visitors. The Hamilton pool upper parking lot location is acceptable. I understand it is expensive.	5/11/2016 9:09 AM
52	This project has been a hornets nest and must be moved to the upper pool area. Sorry but don't talk to me about ROI and cost of relocation and wasted \$\$\$. If you want to talk about wasted \$\$\$ lets talk about the wasted money spent on countless bus stop studies for that new project. I consider this boondoggle with the solar simply a learning lesson for the city and the cost of doing business. Please move it up the hill and imagine all the goodwill that will go around.	5/11/2016 8:35 AM
53	Much ado about nothing. It looks fine with the green paint, adding the trees in hopes the neighbors will be pacified by that. This is a great project to save energy and money and looks just fine.	5/11/2016 7:53 AM
54	This was an overtly one sided presentation of the circumstances that led to this solar array. The fact that the objecting parties were not permitted to have input on the survey all but nullifies its validity. The concept that people remote to the project will have just as much say as those immediately adjacent is also deeply flawed. You basically are just asking people that are unaffected by it whether they want to save money. What do you think they'll say? If this is city engagement, I'm deeply disappointed.	5/11/2016 5:34 AM
55	I support the project as planned	5/10/2016 8:40 PM

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56	I have attended all of the Hamilton Solar project meetings and I have heard all of the debate. The bottom line is that the City made a mistake (as acknowledge by numerous council members) and that the structure needs to be removed or relocated. Furthermore, during a recent meeting I brought up the fact that this survey if written incorrectly could be biased, one sided and misleading. I was assured that would not be the case, however, after reading the flyer/postcard, it only represents one side of the issue/argument (it does not highlight any of the mistakes that were made and/or the numerous issues that were pointed out at the community meetings/forums). In short, the public will look at this survey and lean towards "everyone loves solar - what's the problem" when in fact the negligent decisions by the City supervisors have tarnished the future of solar projects like this which is a shame. We had the opportunity to do this right (which would include public input) and instead, our governors created an environment of deception, mistrust and a potential eyesore that will be with us for 25 years.	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
57	I love the design the Southgate homeowner designed. It would match the entrance to Southgate and probably wouldn't be much more than Option B. I will send the photos to pw@novato.org in the event you haven't seen them.	5/10/2016 1:23 PM
58	I just want this finished. Tired of looking at it half done. I am frustrated that everything that happens in this town is met with resistance. Our town is going to not attract development (redevelopment) because we are developing a reputation for being against anything progressive. Please just finish it.	5/10/2016 1:07 PM
59	I found Nextdoor to be the most convenient, real-time method for e-correspondence from the city.	5/10/2016 11:22 AM
60	Similar projects are planned at my three children school's parking lots and am concerned that Hamilton Elementary will not receive same attention or even request painting and take consider historic context of its location. If deconstruction is selected, is the structure available for re-use at one of the other nused locations?	5/9/2016 9:57 PM
61	This is clearly a poorly planned structure without input from those most affected by the structure. . It reflects the City's lack of consideration. The current proposed soccer field is another example of the lack of including Hamilton in future plans. Recently at a Homeowners meeting the newly hired person for the City talked about Outreach. I am amazed that the City council is doing their own thing without outreach to the Hamilton community. The resolution of this issue (the carport's relocation) will certainly give Hamilton homeowners a sense of how the City does Outreach!!.	5/9/2016 8:47 PM
62	My second choice would be Option E move to upper lot.	5/9/2016 8:29 PM
63	I am comfortable with optionas a or b and don't feel that the city needs to spend additional money.	5/9/2016 8:00 PM
64	I am happy that the city is exploring solar energy. For me the main issue with this process is the lack of communication with the residents about what is going on. The proposals in this survey could have been sent out prior to any construction and saved the city money. As a resident of the hamilton area I currently get all of my news through Next Door, the privately owned email thread. Regardless of what happens with the carport, I would love to be more informed about what is going on in the community. ex: The sinkhole in the park. What caused it? What hasn't it been fixed? The fallen tree in Southgate park. Why hasn't it been cut and removed? Thank you for organizing this survey and reaching out. It is very much appreciated. Cheers!	5/9/2016 6:46 PM
65	Hamilton residents what to be part of the development process, decision making. Suggest work groups for planning.	5/9/2016 4:50 PM
66	Structure is hideous. No amount of trees, paint color, or flattened roof will take away its ugliness. #Eyesore	5/9/2016 3:18 PM
67	One must ask the question, if there was a disaster and power was out for a period of time, could the solar panels be used to produce power for other items besides the pool? Any power generating system would be helpful in a major disaster. That is the technology available and you have to use what is available, engineering does not always look pretty, it's the function in the end.	5/9/2016 12:37 PM
68	The solar carport looks fine, is a smart energy alternative, and is good for the environment. Thank you for keeping up with the times.	5/9/2016 9:25 AM
69	Moving the project to the corporation yard seems to be the most logical and economical solution.	5/9/2016 8:05 AM
70	The scale and design of the solar carport is inconsistent with the surrounding environment in its current location. The upper parking lot was always the logical location for this project. Placement in the upper lot would provide optimal power output alignment and shade in an area where a majority of pool goers park. Additionally, the upper lot is the least obtrusive location to the surrounding community and visitors to the area.	5/9/2016 6:44 AM
71	Obviously Hamilton residents were uninformed before the project began but the reaction is way overboard and potentially more of tax payer money. I think just paint the structure, camouflage with trees and be done with it. The more important quality of life issues by far are the proposed ball fields and the SMART train.	5/9/2016 4:30 AM

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72	In an area like Hamilton that has visual aesthetic rules the design of this solar installation was either arrogant or ignorant. Certainly no resident could break the visual aesthetic like this with their own solar installation due to HOA rules. Additionally all the corporate development to date has been sensitive to the visual aesthetic. Why is the city allowed to do something so out of character? The excuse for not putting it in the upper lot as it might discourage developers is ridiculous as well. There really is no excuse for something so out of character. The concept of solar and the location would have been fine if the city had paid attention to the aesthetic required of all the homeowners and corporate developers.	5/8/2016 7:36 PM
73	I support reducing the carbon footprint but the project, as it exists now, is industrial in its appearance and therefore incompatible with a residential neighborhood.	5/8/2016 3:01 PM
74	The benefits to the city and the environment are too great to not finish the project and once the white paint is covered, most will not notice the new "parking shade structures." Option B is another good option if folks want more screening. Solar panels are going to be ubiquitous in the coming years, so people should get used to it. The alternative is more pollution and going down the path to Earth's environmental destruction all that much faster. Removal of the project or relocation is also a waste of taxpayer dollars (as well as the lost savings over the years), so removal is fiscally irresponsible and I could envision some lawsuits stemming from that waste of taxpayer funds.	5/8/2016 2:43 PM
75	I think that the entire project is a waste of taxpayer funds and that the waste needs to be minimized...which unfortunately means completing the paint job; as the primer has already ruined the galvanization of the metal. This also means that regular painting will be necessary to keep it from becoming a peeling paint eyesore. I think the structure is aesthetically similar to the pergola's found thruout Southgate...including the neighborhood signage across from it...so it has never offended me. I think Novato & the IJ did an EPIC FAIL in their communications about this project but it was noticed by the HOA and I hope that ALL Hamilton owners are now paying more attention to Hamilton Forum / HOA communications than they were when notices about the project & council meetings approving it were circulated.	5/8/2016 1:48 PM
76	It is a good, solid idea. Easy to do with great upside. The structure is simple and in a good location,	5/8/2016 9:16 AM
77	Suggest painting structure with the final color (brown) to see if many objections might be withdrawn. The stark white of the undercoating overstates its presence.	5/8/2016 9:07 AM
78	Love the idea of an email	5/8/2016 12:20 AM
79	I am so impressed the attention and time the city is giving the complaints it has received about this project. I recall seeing and reading about the solar project prior to its installation, so have never had a problem with it. I have never felt out of the loop with the city. I can only imagine what the cost and energy it has taken to attempt to make everyone happy. The professionalism and patience has been noticed!	5/7/2016 9:33 PM
80	These solar car ports will become commonplace soon (they will be on 10 school parking lots soon and several businesses including the Buck Center) and it provides nice shade for cars and makes me feel good that we are taking steps to combat climate change.	5/7/2016 8:29 PM
81	If community involvement occurred PRIOR to construction much money and respect for the City would have been saved. Please learn from this lesson. Hamilton is not a dumping ground or the City's cash cow. We are part of the City and need to be respected in all ways.	5/7/2016 5:30 PM
82	If the structure remains as is in Southgate, please consider screening the electrical panels / inverter to the north of the structure along the road. This could be screened with hedges or a wall/trellis and would improve the appearance of the area. Thank you.	5/7/2016 2:39 PM
83	I like the idea of a solar carport and I'm ok with the original locations. I know these decisions were not made lightly. I get the sense that people just like to complain about anything new and will look to oppose anything that changes the status quo (Smart Train, Sports Complex). They may own their homes but they don't own all of the land around Hamilton. You move next door to anything and you run the risk that anything can be built.	5/7/2016 11:23 AM
84	I am furious that we were not told about this until it was already there. I live 5 houses away and it has hurt my homes value. It is an ugly eyesore and should not have been located there. The homeowners in Southgate like myself should have been told that the original plan, to have it on top of the hill by the pool were being changed. We are the people mostly affected by this. Do not tell me it is a "carport." I pay a great deal in taxes here and feel like the city of Novato really pulled one over on me. My neighbors do too. Move this ugly thing out of our park.	5/7/2016 10:30 AM
85	Option E, sites #1-7 is where this solar panel structure should have been put in the first place. Anyone who thought that the panels to heat the Hamilton Pool would be placed in the current location and that it would not have been controversial is an idiot. We have lived in Hamilton for almost 11 years. We often can not make meetings (we have a 6 and 7 year old) so we rely on the Hamilton Forum, city website, etc to stay informed. I do fill out surveys and I do email the city council. I am engaged. I think there will be a number of hot button issues coming forward in the next few years, like the sports complex. I encourage communication with the Hamilton neighborhood on these issues. Transparency is key. Thank you for taking the time to make this solar project right, whatever the outcome may be.	5/7/2016 10:13 AM

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86	The structure is hideous to look at and may takes away from my view of the hillside. It takes away from the natural resources of the Hamilton, i.e.; parks, bayshore, levy etc. This is why we moved here 16 years ago and pay so much to live here. Please do not destroy the natural beauty of Hamilton.	5/7/2016 10:11 AM
87	Put the money in PG & E stock at the end of 25 years you will have the stock and the dividends will have paid most of the electric bill.	5/7/2016 9:33 AM
88	Question 5 should have allowed for multiple choices. My preference would be to relocate the project to the maintenance yard or in the upper lot swimming pool parking lot where it isn't visible. The renderings that you have posted with trees and green paint are deceiving. There are already trees with high, full canopies. They don't block the eyesore. Adding redwood trees isn't an option because of the soil and the fact that they are deep rooted trees. In addition to it being an eyesore, there are many other factors that make this structure a potential safety hazard to people and to the endangered bird species that live within a few hundred yards of the structure. Dumping this structure in the middle of a park was a huge mistake and I am reminded of it every day. Also, this survey should have been distributed to Hamilton residents BEFORE a decision was made to build the structure in our park.	5/7/2016 7:29 AM
89	This will look just fine when painted. Do not waste public funds on moving it!	5/7/2016 6:47 AM
90	I think it looks fine and should be completed as planned.	5/7/2016 5:37 AM
91	This project seems like it should have been at the upper pool lot all along (sites 1-7). Because of a lack of forethought and poor communication the Southgate neighbors may have to look at this industrial structure for decades. I hope better consideration and communication occurs for the many other Hamilton projects in process. If this one relatively small project causes this much angst imagine the impact of a Hospital, Sports Stadium, senior housing, a train station, etc. and all relatively at the same time. Please keep future Hamilton projects to an appropriate scale and don't make Hamilton the dumping ground for every project in Novato.	5/6/2016 8:52 PM
92	I've walked passed the project many times. I don't see any problem with it.	5/6/2016 7:31 PM
93	The current structure is almost across from our house. Thank you for listening to affected citizens with this survey, Tim Johnson	5/6/2016 6:50 PM
94	I think it's important to create green alternatives whenever possible. Keeping the structure in it's current location makes sense and a slight modification to the roof line, finished paint, and additional street trees will make this a project that the City and Hamilton neighbors can be proud of.	5/6/2016 5:51 PM
95	I look forward to the project being finished	5/6/2016 5:39 PM
96	Living in Southgate, across from the project, I see no adverse or negative impact from it. The carport is set back and does not at all detract from our neighborhood's character. The most negative impact so far has been having it incomplete for the past several months. And it's shameful to waste all this taxpayer money on needless delays. Just finish it already.	5/6/2016 3:32 PM
97	It is fine. It will provide shade fire cars. The only thing there is a hill. Please don't let the loud voices of the few get in the way of making the pool more "green".	5/6/2016 2:54 PM
98	Options A and B do not incur substantial additional costs. The project is consistent with the need to use renewable energy. I find the design perfectly acceptable.	5/6/2016 2:19 PM
99	As recent (2+ year) Hamilton residents more affected by the outrageous MSA project than this solar project, I applaud the PWD for actually asking for the public's (or at least affected residents') belated input on this project. Because my family uses the pool, we support the concept, and we suggest adding the trees at this stage of the project, thereby minimizing the visual impact while retaining a solid ROI. I wonder to what extent that Hamilton residents perhaps feel that our neighborhood is an area to be heavily developed (SMART and its related noise and traffic, the outrageous MSA proposal, another proposal for "squeezed-in" senior housing, and this solar project) reflect a disregard for the Hamilton neighborhood and its residents, leading to distrust of the city council and development-oriented town staff. Kudos to Public Works for actually asking, albeit belatedly, for comments on the solar project. Now if only a similar "preliminary-type" approach were applied to other Hamilton projects, rather than seemingly "fait-accompli" projects are presented at council meetings, often leaving residents no option but to react distrustfully and negatively.	5/6/2016 1:39 PM
100	The upper parking lot should have been the original site for the structure. There is electricity available up there, so I don't know why the city thinks digging a trench would be necessary.	5/6/2016 12:47 PM
101	We walk in this area several time per week and think that the negative reaction to this new structure was unwarranted a waste of time and money. Look forward to seeing it completed soon.	5/6/2016 12:24 PM
102	By now you know that it was a royal screwup to not have involved the local residents in over 3 years of planning. Had you done so, you would have learned that nobody would have chosen any site in the lower parking lot, regardless of cost. At this point you just need to finish the project and not make the same mistake again. BTW, this online presentation of the options was excellent and well thought out. This is what should happen during the initial planning of every city project.	5/6/2016 12:15 PM

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103	Finally! Novato has become respectable because a handful of NIMBY's do not want to look at something. So Kentfield. It is not like we have to occasionally drive by Homer Simpsons Nuclear power plant. I used to see an ugly, weed infested patch of cement and now we have a structure that we can park cars under when we go to soccer and Little League games. PLEASE do not spend anymore of our tax dollars trying to fix what is not broken. Joyce	5/6/2016 12:12 PM
104	Option A would be my second opinion.	5/6/2016 12:09 PM
105	Thank you for allowing us to have input on this project	5/6/2016 11:38 AM
106	I also like the option of adding additional trees. However, doesn't that have a negative affect on the solar function if the trees shade it from the sun?	5/6/2016 11:34 AM
107	Much larger applications of this design are being used close to expensive areas in Larkspur and other places in the Bay Area without any problems or negative feedback.	5/6/2016 10:37 AM
108	any conversion to clean, renewable energy is a good one and the city has a right to get a positive return on it's investment in renewable energy. moving this carport would make zero sense.	5/6/2016 9:32 AM
109	The project ruins the atmosphere of the neighborhood and needs to be abandoned. I am disappointed re: the lack of hoa and neighborhood input prior to construction. An unfortunate waste of resources.	5/6/2016 9:28 AM
110	We need all the solar we can get as fast as possible. I regularly walk my dog in the park by the carport and have no objections to it. Paint it green, put the panels on and plug it in without further delay!	5/6/2016 9:20 AM
111	There benefits of this project are overwhelming. I voted option B to appease a few neighbors but would be fine with option A.	5/6/2016 9:08 AM
112	I think this project is a wonderful idea. We need more natural energy sources such as these to protect the earth and prevent catastrophic climate change. I am amazed that people would complain about a solar money saving solution. I hope you get to complete this project as originally planned.	5/6/2016 8:56 AM
113	Just get on with it...the neighborhood should have thanked the city for its exemplary example of using solar!	5/6/2016 8:23 AM
114	I am all for just completing the project as is or using one of the least expensive solutions. I would not choose any of the other options which cost much more. This would be so silly to do that just because a few folks got their feathers ruffled. They can grow up and deal with it.!	5/6/2016 8:03 AM
115	Plan A is an ingenious way to bring revenue to our schools and decrease our carbon footprint. It's a win-win in my book.	5/6/2016 7:39 AM
116	This doesn't have to be located near the pool for saving \$\$'s. Anywhere on the grid is fine - electrons don't care. Locations in neighbors should be the last utilized	5/6/2016 6:50 AM
117	The solar carport will save the City lots of money. Home prices near the car port have gone up since the unfinished structure was erected. Other car ports in Hamilton (without solar) have not drawn objections. More screening trees will avoid any possible neighbor objections.	5/6/2016 6:30 AM
118	Had the public been properly notified, I would have voted to place the structure in a much less obtrusive area. It really should have been put in the upper pool parking lot because that would not be an eyesore to anyone. The idea of solar and energy cost reduction is, of course, a wonderful idea, but the city needs to be much more informative and transparent in the planning process, and they need to involve the community directly, especially those of us who will be directly affected by it daily. It felt sneaky, and the unattractive structure just appeared one day. In the meantime, parking spaces for the park and baseball field have been impacted in an already too-small lot, and visitors are literally parking on the grass field when it's crowded. (Not to mention that a downed tree and a giant sinkhole have been sitting unaddressed for over a month now.) I am voting for Option B only because I don't want a ton of extra money to now be spent fixing a problem that shouldn't even exist. Please be more open, and allow neighbors and community members to have a voice in city decision-making! By the way, we should be getting a survey(s) about the Hamilton Sports Complex plans, too. I'd like to see an impartial reporting from the city as opposed to the marketing brochures from the for-profit group that is proposing the complex.	5/6/2016 5:50 AM
119	I am a frequent user of the parking lot to access the Bay Trail. I very much support solar panels for the pool.	5/5/2016 11:43 PM
120	It's SOLAR!...enough to said.	5/5/2016 10:47 PM
121	Please replace the pool heaters and pumps with energy efficient, better-regulating equipment. Reduce the use if the pumps during the 8 months the pool isn't in use. Reduce the energy requirement of the pool overall. And...THANK YOU for having the pool at all. It is a treasure.	5/5/2016 10:41 PM
122	I believe that people need to accept that the benefits of solar are critical to our quality of life in the very near future, even now.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM

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123	My wife and I don't really find a problem with the solar project. Darker/Neutral paint would be good. The trees that are there (when leaves are grown) seem to be plenty of masking, especially since it blends in fairly well with the parking lot.	5/5/2016 10:15 PM
124	In the very near future, solar carports will be so commonplace as to be hardly noticeable! I hope we can recognize the benefits of offsetting the electricity from our pool which will ensure we can continue to have that community treasure long-term.	5/5/2016 10:11 PM
125	We need to go solar at every opportunity and our town should be proud to see solar go up. Plan A is sufficient. But, Plan B would be "neighborly." The added benefit of these solar panels is the shade for the cars. My old high school: Westmont High School in Campbell - has solar panels in the school parking lot that I'm very proud to see when I visit home: https://goo.gl/maps/ZW98fMpdJ32 I though Novato was more progressive about climate change - but all the fuss about the look of solar seems to say otherwise and speaks of NIMBYism. Novato needs to "walk" the "talk" on climate change and go solar at every opportunity.	5/5/2016 9:26 PM
126	This is a solid project that needs to be done ASAP	5/5/2016 9:11 PM
127	1. What were the original cost differences between the existing and the Upper Area options? 2. How do the solar maps compare between the Upper Areas and the lower, original area...? I would think you would have higher solar energy potential on top of the hill, especially in the winter months....	5/5/2016 9:04 PM
128	I totally support the solar carport project. We need to combat climate change otherwise Hamilton will be underwater! (It might be too late to change that anyway.) Honestly, I think all this fuss about the carport is petty and unnecessary. I applaud the project and its goals.	5/5/2016 8:41 PM
129	Stick with the original plan. Since it will contribute to 90% of the cost of running Hamilton pool that is a great thing. Adding trees would incur maintenance, and possible interference with the solar panels If neighbors don't like it too bad - no one has to live right next door to it or under it. For goodness sake if it helps relive the demand on the electrical grid it should continue to move ahead to completion	5/5/2016 8:35 PM
130	Very problematic the City excluded Meadow Park as a Hamilton neighborhood in this survey! Do moderate income homeowners in Hamilton not count? We are homeowners here too, and invested in our Hamilton neighborhood and community!	5/5/2016 8:28 PM
131	Go for solar renewable energy is the future for our kids!!	5/5/2016 8:17 PM
132	Not sure what all the fuss was about... the original plan seems great!	5/5/2016 8:13 PM
133	I strongly regret the tone of those opposed to the solar panels. They have intimidated many of us who find no fault with the project.	5/5/2016 8:00 PM
134	We are in a climate crisis. Please complete the project as fast as possible and please put up more solar projects on city property as fast as possible.	5/5/2016 7:56 PM
135	The site above the pool is by far the best location given lack of residents up there. Not sure why that site wasn't chosen in the first place.	5/5/2016 7:48 PM
136	I was thrilled to see this going up. We have installed solar panels on our, so we are huge proponents. When the tiles go up, it will also provide shaded parking for the cars parked under it! I don't think it's ugly at all!	5/5/2016 7:41 PM
137	we should be supporting the efforts towards a greener utility. That structure isn't even going to matter once that train to no where and the sports complex goes in, no one will want to live here.	5/5/2016 7:35 PM
138	More solar!	5/5/2016 7:30 PM
139	I don't believe the solar project should be viewed as a problem but as an opportunity for our community to embrace clean energy and fight climate change. I would like to see the project completed as proposed rather than make changes such as flattening or adding new trees that are out of character with the neighborhood. I would not be surprised If the most vocal opponents of the project are outnumbered by those who have no complaints and haven't yet made their opinions known. I hope the results of this survey are publicized before the City Council decides which option to follow. The sooner this gets completed the better. Thanks.	5/5/2016 7:24 PM
140	If there was more exact information : FULL Disclosure, a more decisive choice could be provided. By not disclosing the exact location or the exact color the city is continuing its lack of transparency to the citizens.	5/5/2016 7:24 PM
141	Tearing it down is a mistake and wasted cost. Times are changing and people should be concerned with the environment.	5/5/2016 7:17 PM
142	Keep project as is!! Why waste more time and energy, this is good for our city!	5/5/2016 7:17 PM

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143	Shame on you city of Novato. You don't come into OUR community and start bulldozing without asking our permission first. If you wanted to be a "good neighbor" you would have discussed first--with us-- the Hamilton Community. Now how much is this project costing you?!?!?! Sorry, I mean Novato residence? BTW it's taking 10 years to receive any return after paying \$174,000 for the project doesn't sound like a good investment to me to begin with. So disappointed in Novato city planning. This is not the only example of the City of Novato going rogue, doing what they want without public notice. It's about time you are called out on your lack of public notice.	5/5/2016 6:55 PM
144	The solar structure currently painted white looks similar to the two trellis' at the entry to South Gate at Maybeck Street, so not sure what the issue is. Now that the leaves are on the adjacent trees the structure is filtered from view. At least three homes across the street have solar panels which is becoming a common improvement in the neighborhood. Glad the City is doing this solar project. The original project with paint is my preference and I hope the project goes forward without further delay or additional costs.	5/5/2016 5:16 PM
145	I am happy that city of Novato communication with residents is being improved. I also hope that just a few neighbors will not be able to stop this project nor cause it to be too costly...it was a great idea. Finally, it seems foolish to put evergreen trees so close to the solar carport since they will block the sunlight. Once it is painted a with color that will enable it to blend in with the surroundings, I don't think anyone will notice it. Plus, it is cool to utilize the space for solar panels. There should be more in other parking lots (like at the hamilton hangars!)	5/5/2016 5:10 PM
146	The renditions of the options in this survey are totally mis-leading and so are your revenue projections. At our last meeting it was brought to attention that the costs of maintenance were completely underestimated and not incorporated into the "keep as is options" and it seems it still hasn't changed. The drawings are incorrect as well. The leaf line of the trees that are actually on the property are much higher and don't block anything. In addition, with the trees in full bloom there is no room for adding "more trees" for a cover-up. This survey is completely mis-leading and obviously geared to ensuring an option A vote. I'm absolutely furious about the way this is being jammed down our throats. After seeing this propaganda fairytale piece, of course anyone outside of Hamilton or anyone who hasn't seen the actual monstrosity would choose to keep it as is. This bias designed survey should not be the deciding factor on how the council votes . The car port monstrosity impacts the Southgate/Hamilton neighborhood therefore the council should be responsive to our voices not hide behind a carefully crafted piece of propoganda.	5/5/2016 5:04 PM
147	Cost benefit is hardly beneficial given that houses there are now selling for over \$1M and you could have put solar panels on the roof of e new pool house much more cheaply.	5/5/2016 4:58 PM
148	In trying to cram the whole planned array onto one structure, the result was an unnecessarily large and obtrusive carport. It may have cost more, but multiple small structures in two or more sections of the parking lot - similar to most typical solar carports - would have been more desirable.	5/5/2016 4:46 PM
149	We need to finish this project asap. Frankly, the opposition is ridiculous.	5/5/2016 4:42 PM
150	I am strongly in support of the solar panel as it is, however hopefully planting trees will suffice for those that are against it. I find it a shame that all this effort and cost has to now go into what is such a "small" structure. I hope it remains where it is, I walk by it daily and never thought it was an eyesore, it is the waive of the future and they should be everywhere!	5/5/2016 4:27 PM
151	The paint color is really important. I know this will sound funny, but go for an oil-rubbed bronze color (see Restoration Hardware for example).	5/5/2016 3:55 PM
152	I feel it's out of place, upper pool parking lot out, better site, of sight out of the way, more direct sun!	5/5/2016 3:54 PM
153	Don't spend any more money on this project. I have driven by it and think this is much "adeu about nothing" and a waste of time and money to change it. Great idea to go solar and very well done!	5/5/2016 2:37 PM
154	Putting trees in front of the current structure doesn't solve the issue with it since there are already trees in that location.	5/5/2016 2:03 PM
155	Conversion to solar power is critical to combat climate change, which is an issue of far greater concern than aesthetic concerns about a utilitarian structure.	5/5/2016 1:41 PM
156	We walk in that area often and don't understand the opposition to this project. I actually like seeing solar structures like that. I voted for adding some trees to make people happy but I certainly don't want the city to put any more money into it other than that. I think we have a small group of neighbors in Hamilton who are reactionary and have lots of time. We should focus instead on stopping the construction of the sports complex, which would have a real effect on Hamilton residents.	5/5/2016 1:32 PM
157	I think this is the usual Marin "Tempest in a Teapot"! Clearly, the benefits of this project outweigh the so-called aesthetic complaints of people with little else to do! Paint, plant and lets get on with it!	5/5/2016 12:48 PM