

# Community Survey Results Submission Letter

Letter submitted to the Edgartown Selectboard regarding the CIA community survey results and CFSC recommendations.

**Footnote Regarding Question #9 (Version #2):** Question #9 was excluded from the attached survey result summaries because the survey question did not originally provide respondents with a “No” answer option. Question #9 stated: “I support the CFSC recommendation that the Select Board designate Chappaquiddick community members to review confidentially the information requested by the Board from the applicant for transfer of the ferry license in conducting the Board's due diligence in assessing the fitness of the transferee for the purpose of advising the Board thereon.”

May 8, 2026

Edgartown Selectboard  
Town of Edgartown  
70 Main Street  
Edgartown, MA 02539

RE: Submission of CIA Community Survey Results Regarding Chappy Ferry License Transfer and CFSC Recommendations

Dear Members of the Edgartown Selectboard:

For the Selectboard's consideration in its review of the pending application for transfer of the Chappy Ferry ground lease and operating license, the Chappaquiddick Island Association ("CIA") respectfully submits the attached summary of community survey results regarding recommendations discussed by the Chappaquiddick Ferry Steering Committee ("CFSC").

## **Summary of Chappaquiddick Ferry Community Survey Results**

The Chappaquiddick Island Association conducted a community survey regarding recommendations discussed by the Chappaquiddick Ferry Steering Committee in connection with the proposed transfer of the Chappy Ferry license.

The survey was released at approximately 1:00 PM on May 6, 2026, and the following results reflect responses received through approximately 12:00 PM on May 8, 2026.

The survey results demonstrate strong and consistent support — both among CIA members and among the broader responding community — for updating and modernizing the ferry license framework prior to any transfer being finalized. The results also suggest that many respondents believe these updates are fully compatible with supporting qualified future ownership and continued reliable ferry operations.

The survey results were analyzed in two ways:

- All respondents combined (community-wide results)
- CIA member responses only

## **Survey Participation**

- Total survey respondents: 341
- Respondents answering CIA membership question: 336
- CIA member respondents: 166

- Non-member respondents: 170
- Question 12 asked respondents to provide written comments regarding the proposed ferry license transfer and CFSC recommendations. We received 117 written comments, which are attached as part of the survey results materials.

## **Overall Results**

The results were remarkably consistent between the overall community responses and the CIA-member-only responses, with most questions receiving support levels in the 70% range or higher.

## **Key Survey Results**

### **Selectboard approval of all fare increases, not just maximum fares**

- 78% support among all respondents
- 80% support among CIA members

### **Establishing standards for ferry “ready service” and operational expectations**

- 75% support among all respondents
- 75% support among CIA members

### **Written policies for residential fare discounts**

- 76% support among all respondents
- 82% support among CIA members

### **Requiring Selectboard approval for transfers of control within the licensee**

- 76% support among all respondents
- 80% support among CIA members

### **Requiring periodic public review hearings on the ferry license and operator performance every five years**

- 73–74% support among all respondents
- 77–78% support among CIA members

## **Public disclosure of organizing and operating documents for Chappy Ferry LLC**

- 72% support among all respondents
- 71% support among CIA members

## **Allowing additional time before final approval of the transfer for further public input, due diligence, and review of financial/background materials and CFSC recommendations**

- 72% support among all respondents
- 74% support among CIA members

## **Conclusion**

Overall, the survey results indicate broad and consistent support — among both CIA members and the broader responding community — for modernizing and strengthening the Chappy Ferry license framework before any transfer is finalized.

The results further suggest that many respondents believe these updates can and should occur alongside support for qualified future ownership and continued dependable ferry operations for the Chappaquiddick community.

We respectfully ask the Selectboard to consider the CFSC recommendations and the substantial level of public support reflected in these survey results as part of its review of the pending transfer application.

Respectfully submitted,

Chappaquiddick Island Association

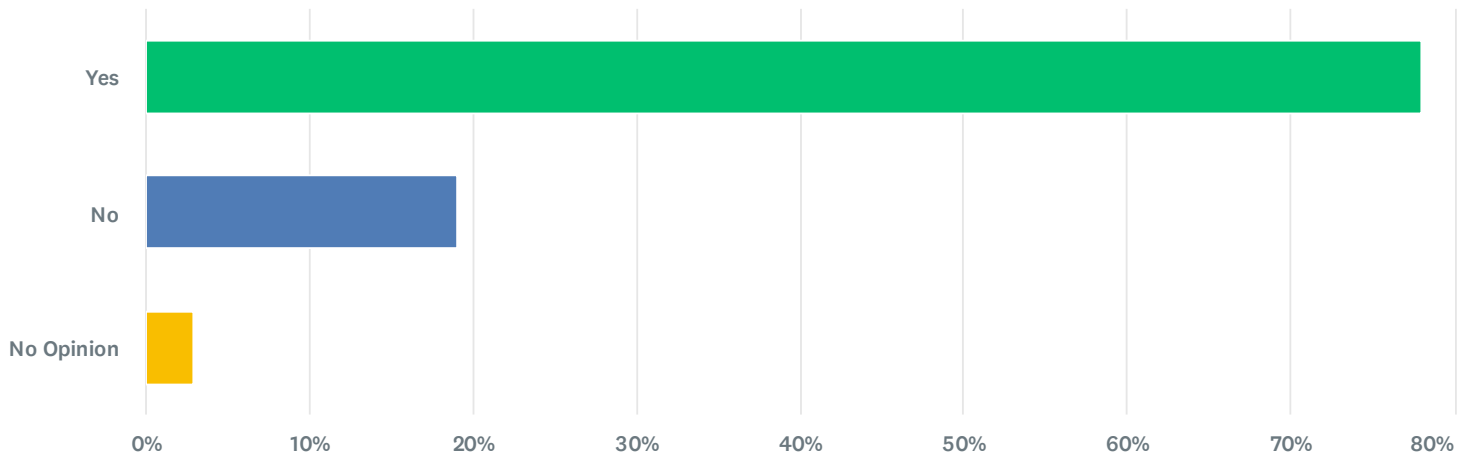
# **Survey Results – All Respondents**

Community-wide survey results including all respondents.

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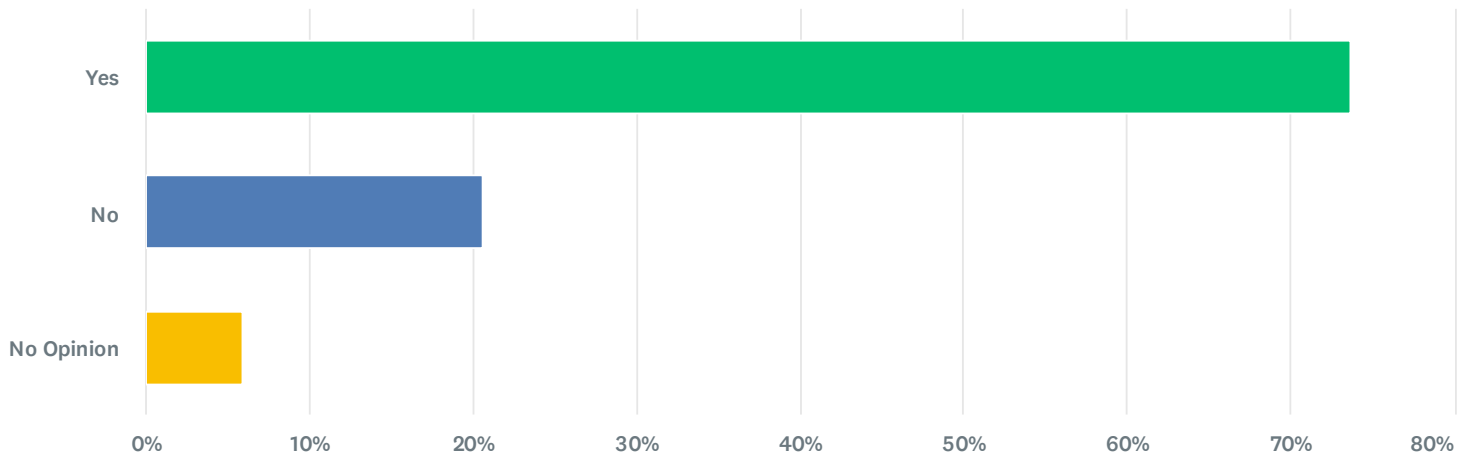
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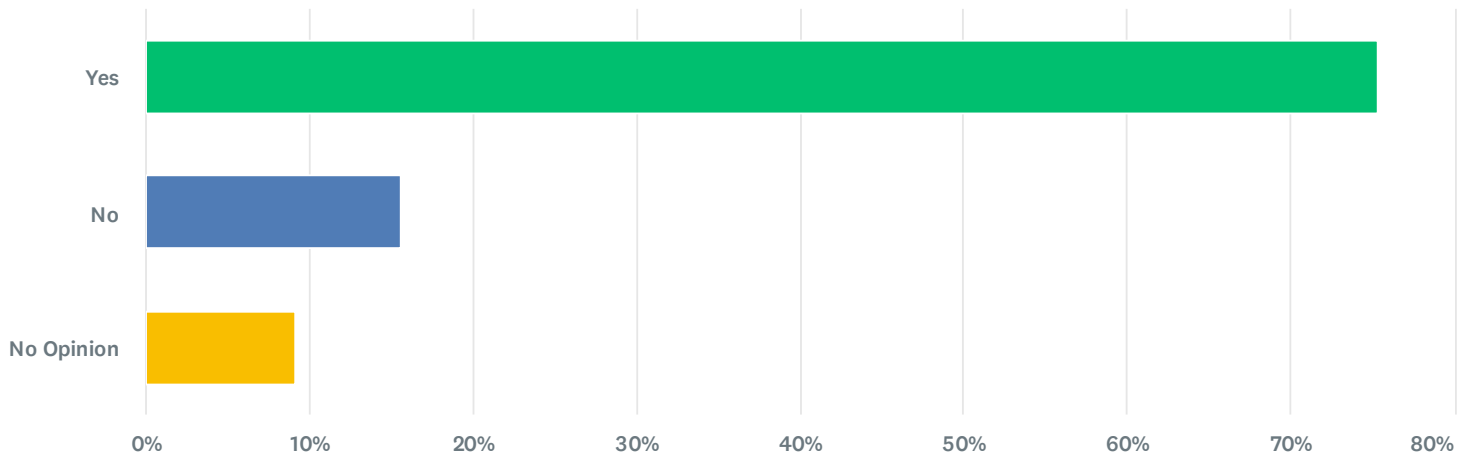
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341 responses

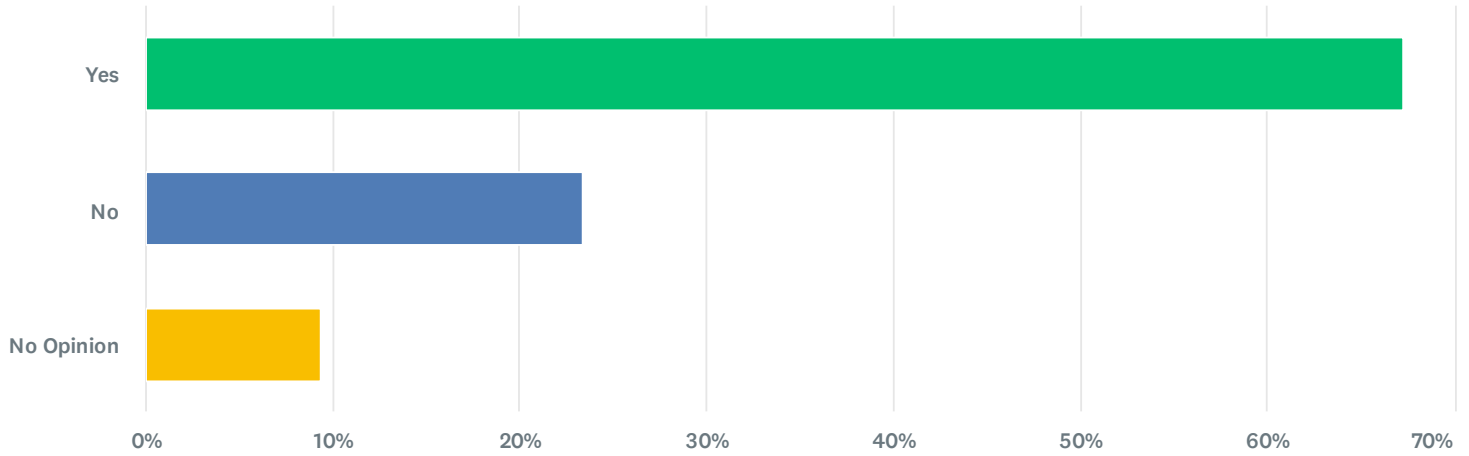
I support the CFSC recommendation that the Select Board work with the ferry operator to establish standards for “ready service” by the ferry and incorporate those standards in the license or a memorandum of understanding.



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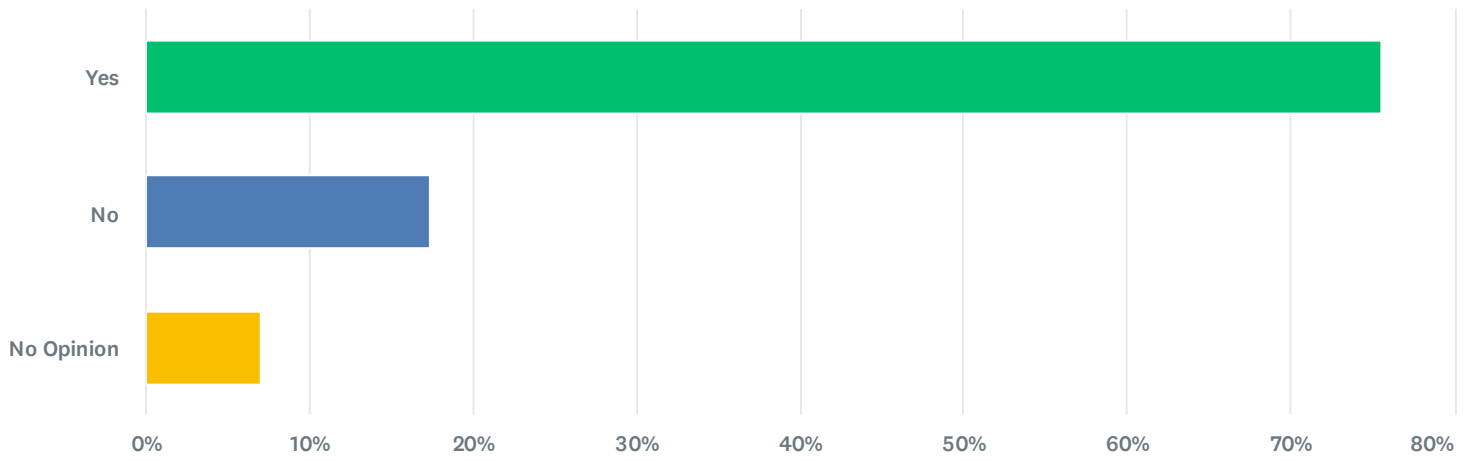
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340 responses

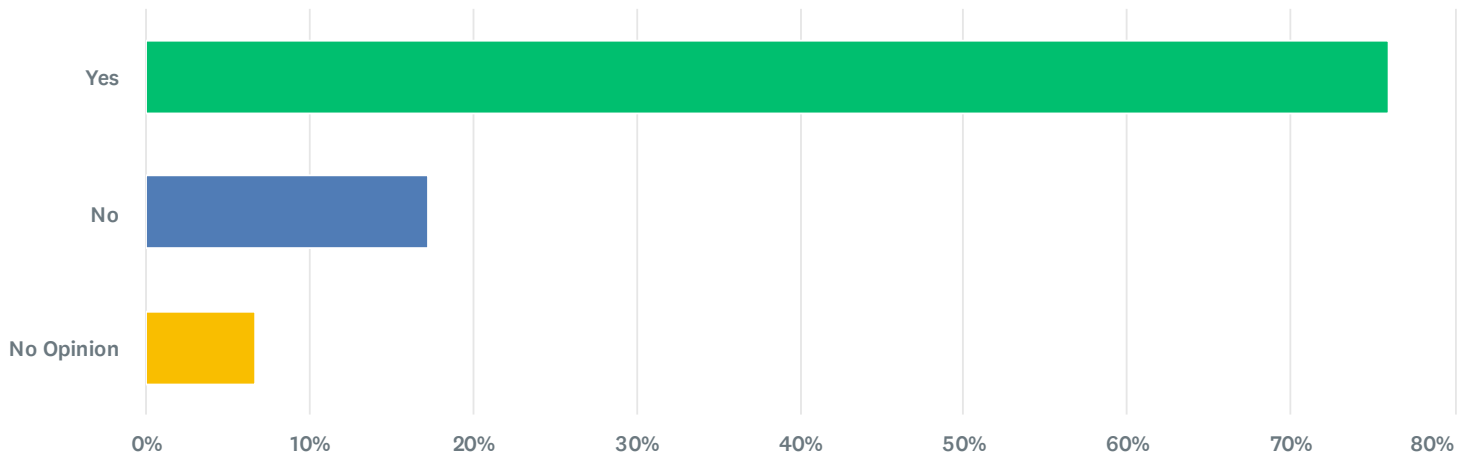
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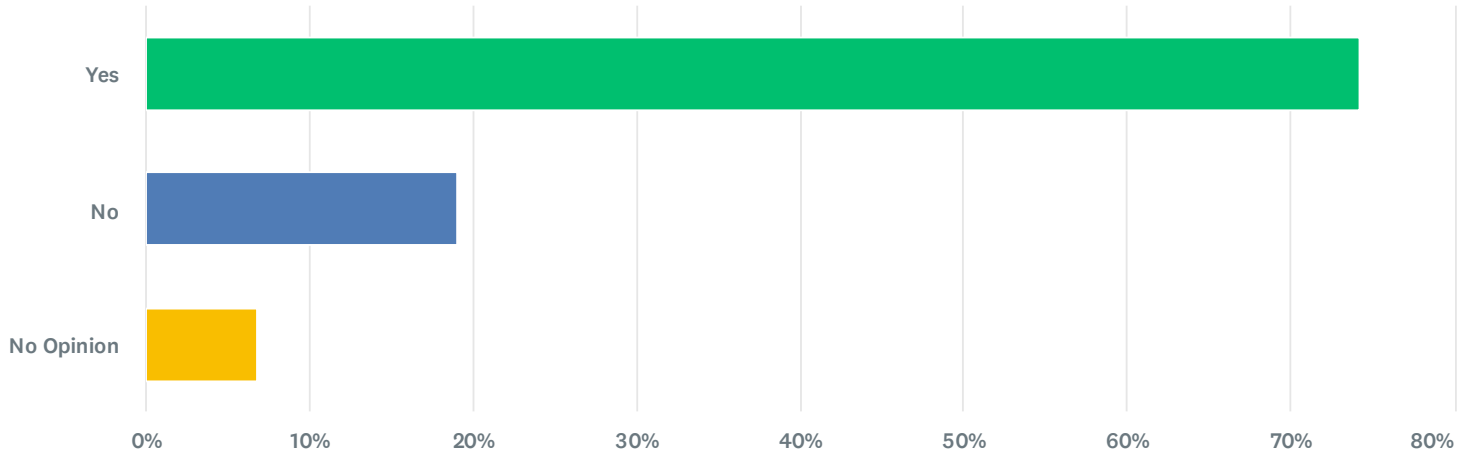
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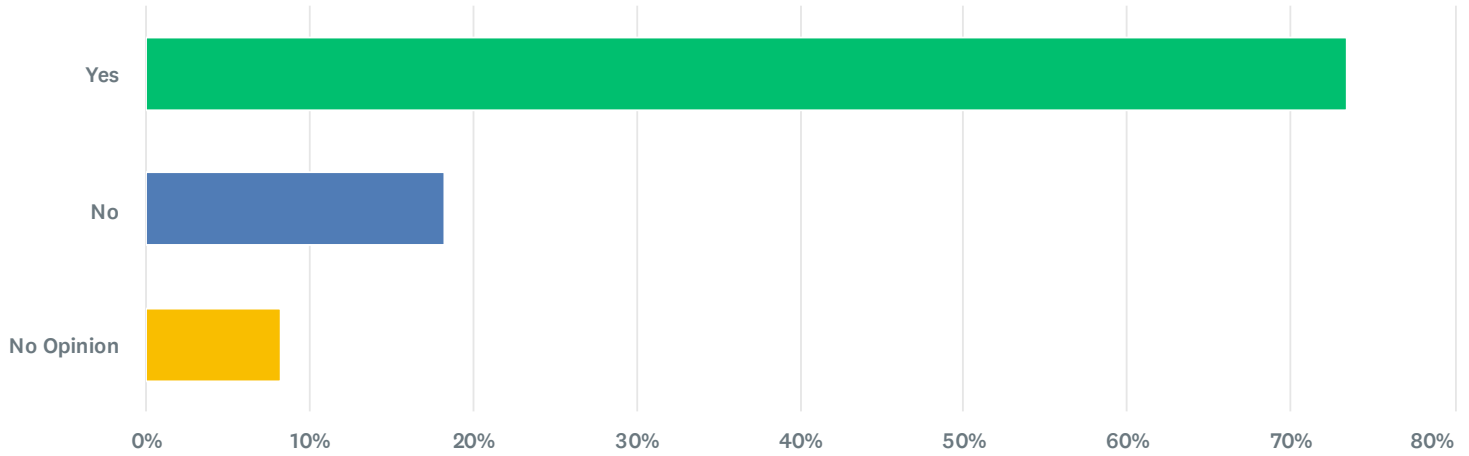
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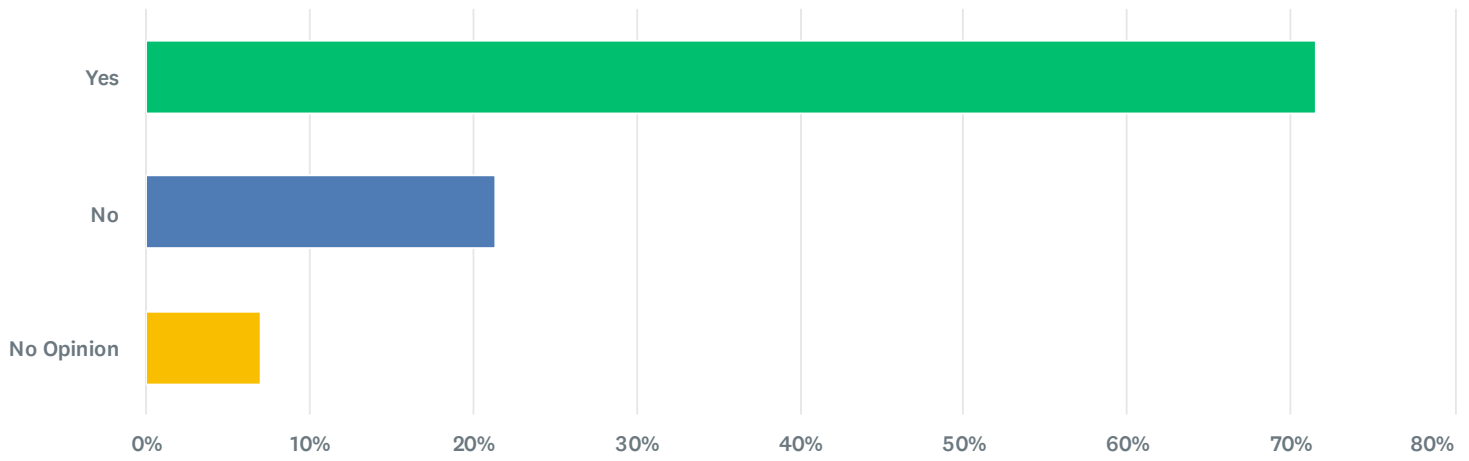
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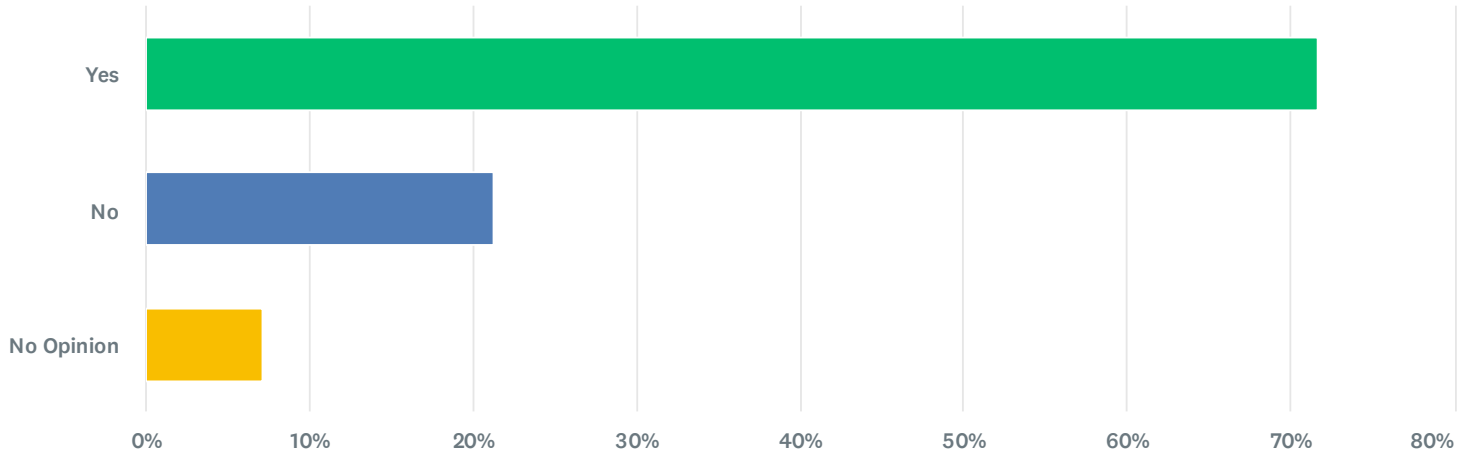
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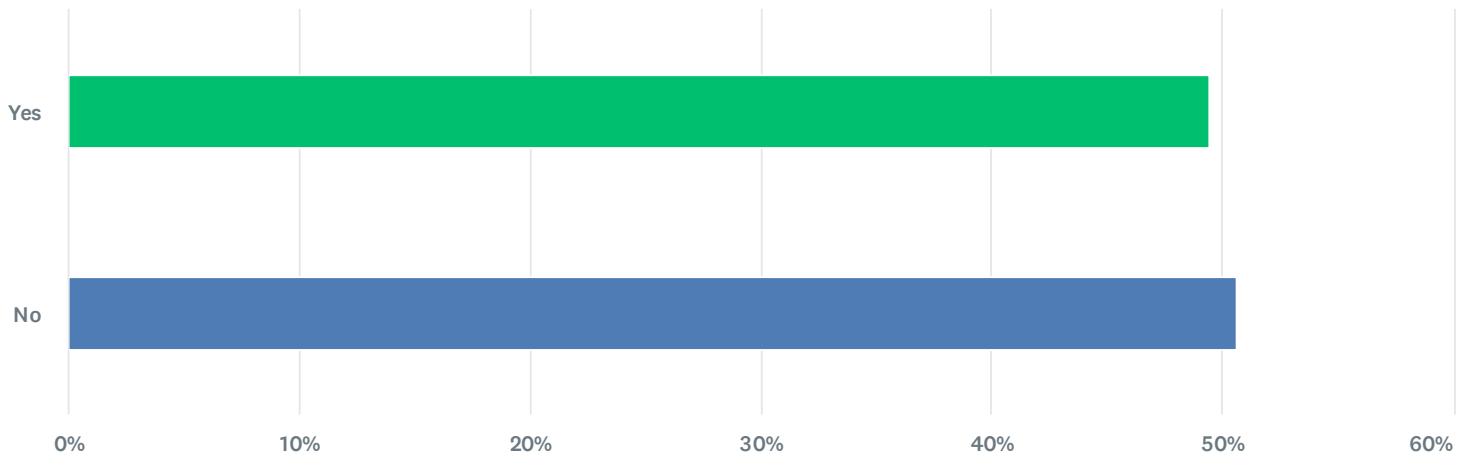
## Q12 Do you have any comments or feedback?

Answered: 117 Skipped: 228

Q13

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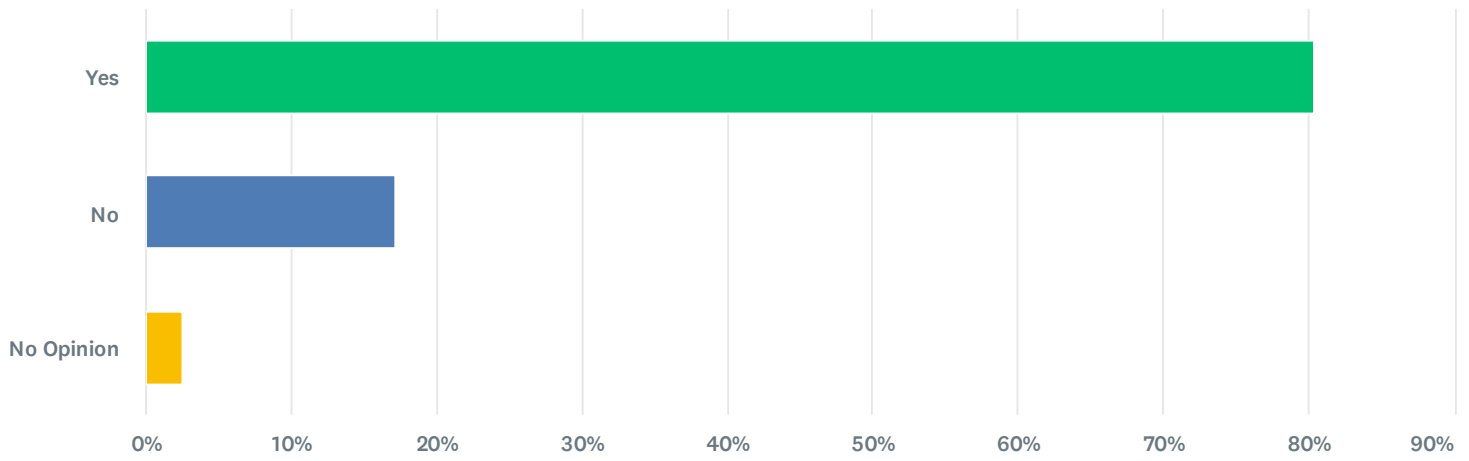
## **Survey Results – CIA Members Only**

Survey results limited to respondents identifying as CIA members.

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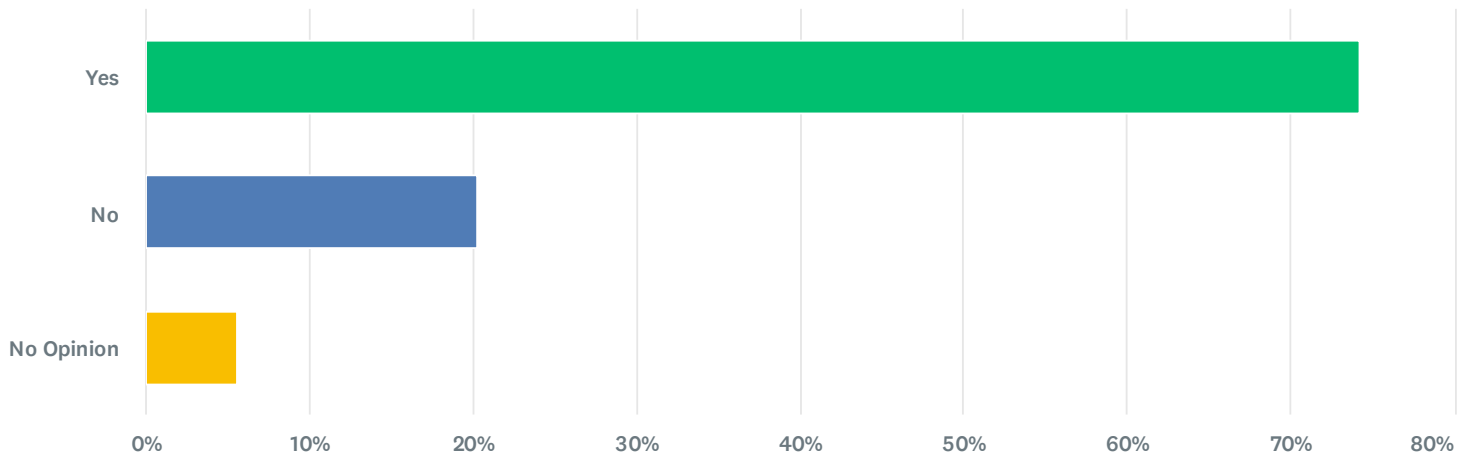
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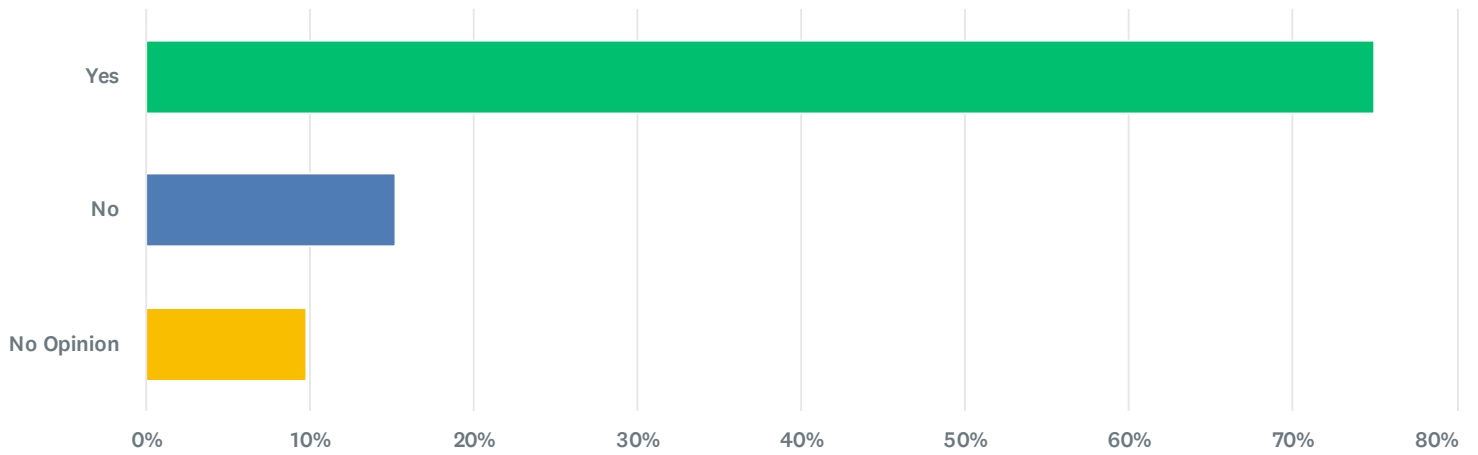
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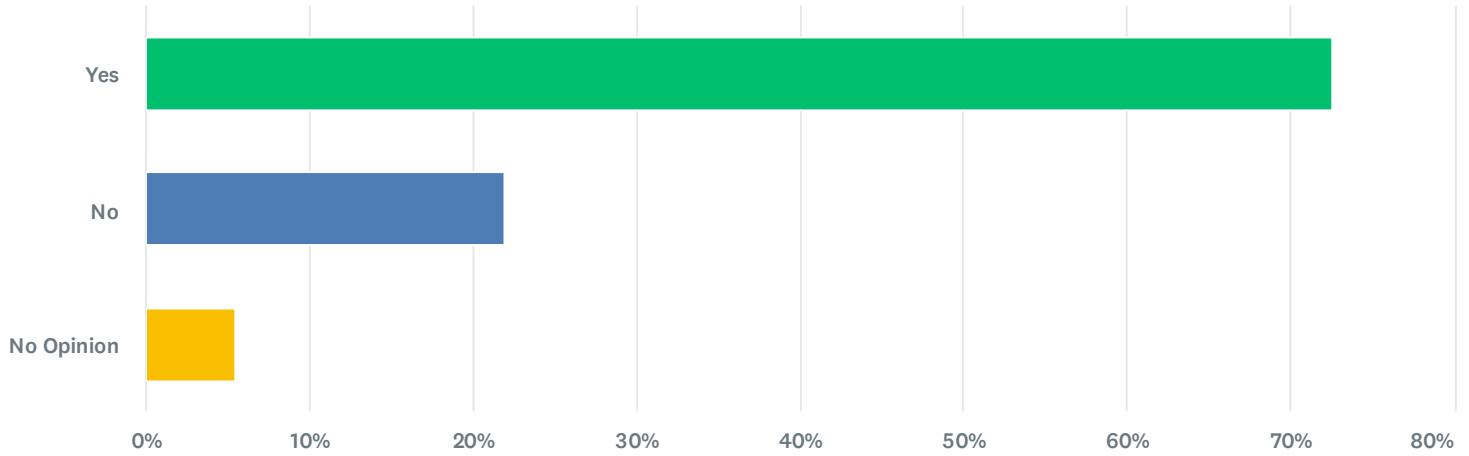
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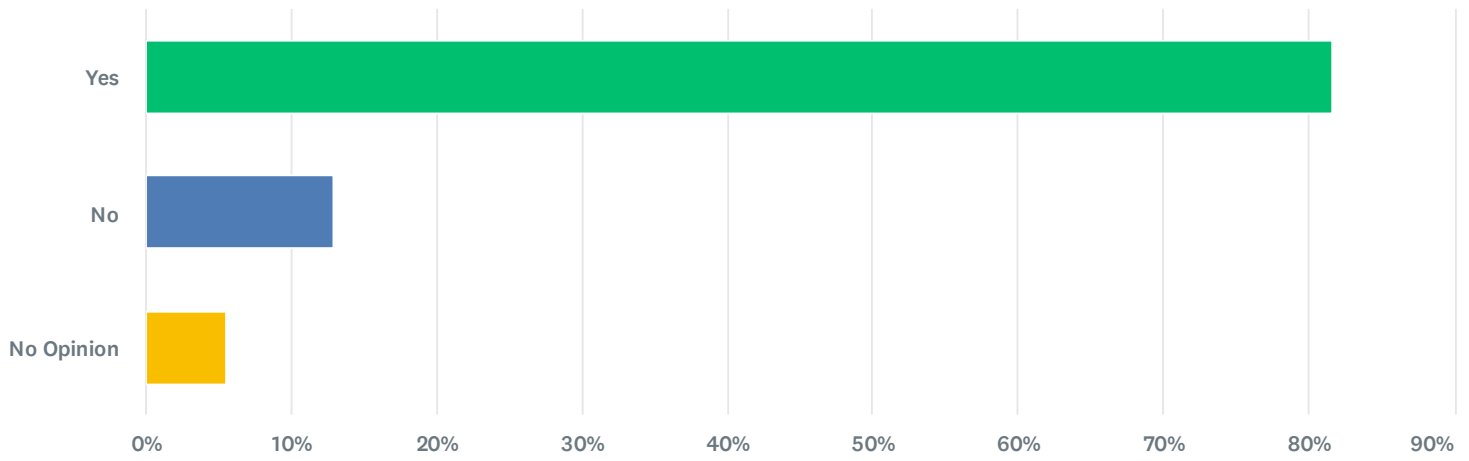
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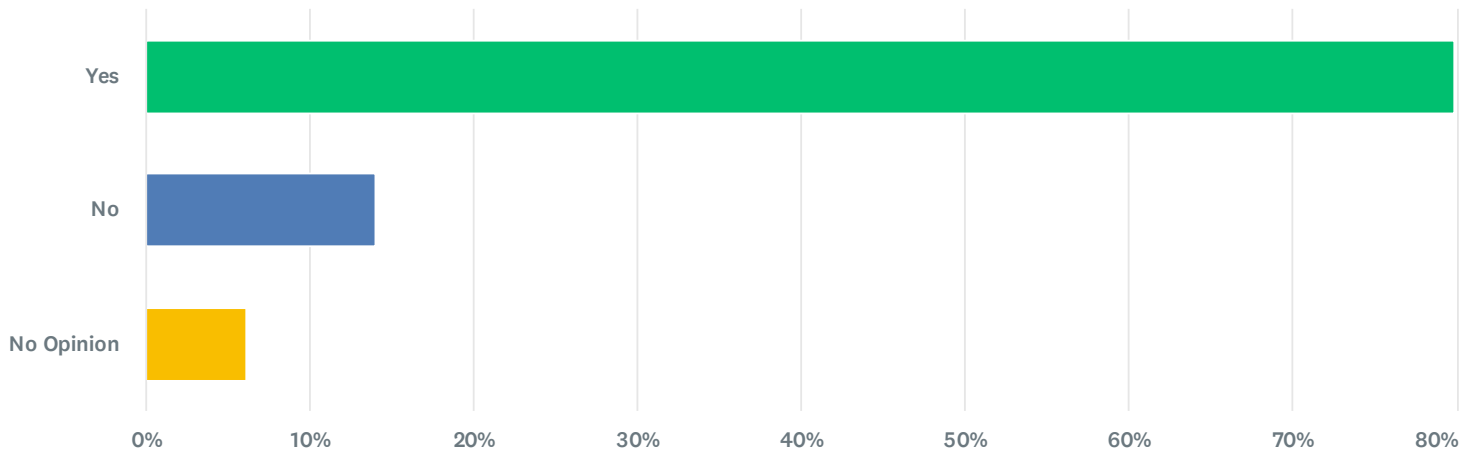
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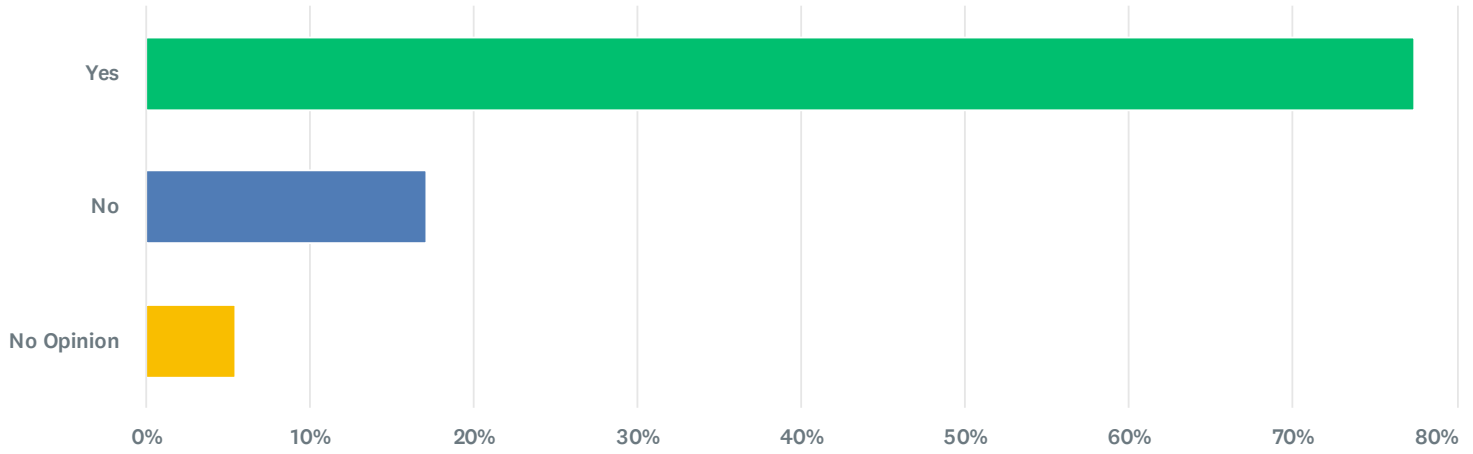
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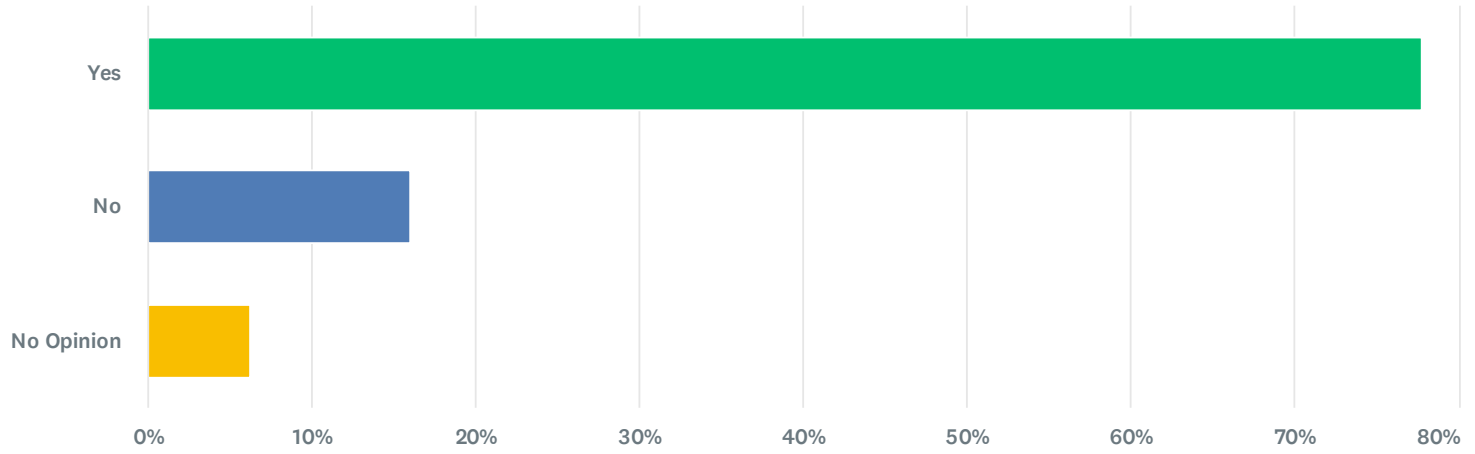
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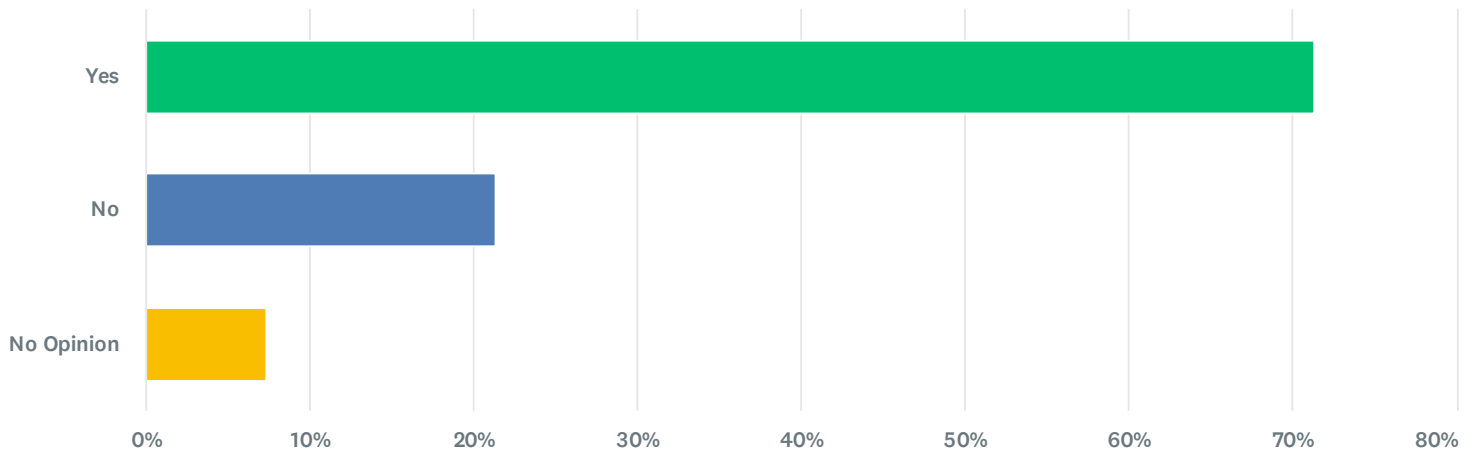
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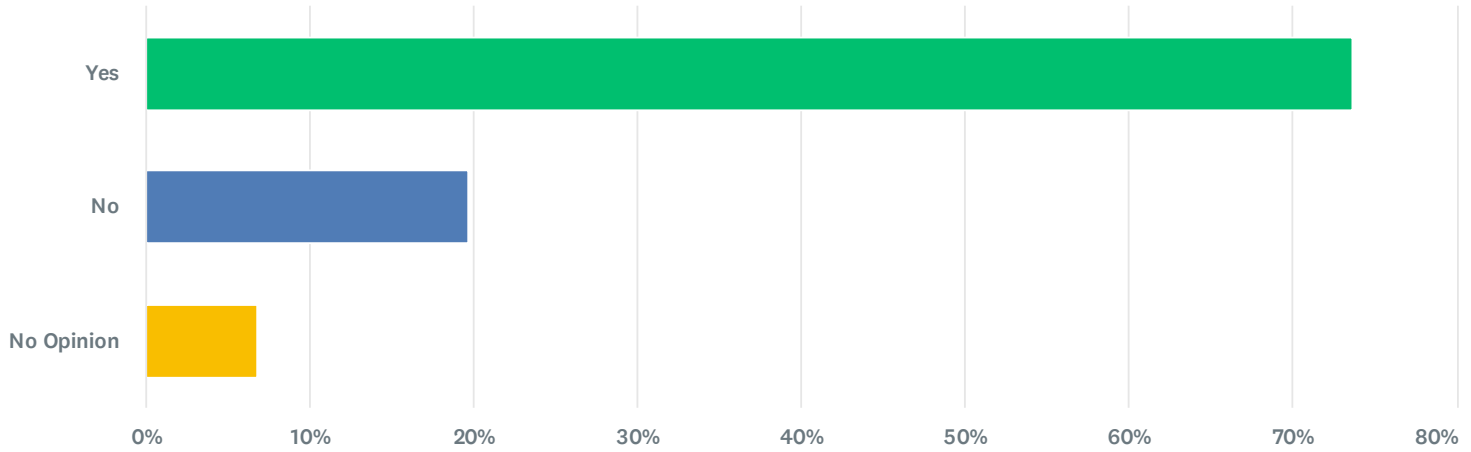
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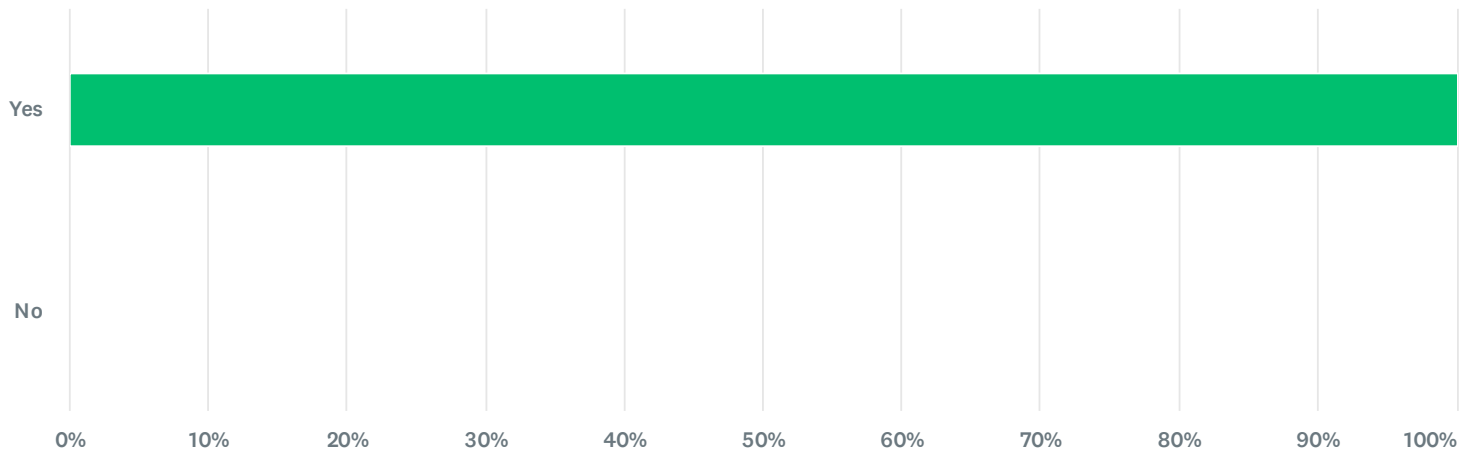
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## **Written Comments and Feedback**

Collected written comments submitted in response to Question 12 of the survey.

## ChappyCIA Survey on the Recommendations from the Chappy Ferry Steering Committee CFSC) on the Ferry Transfer to the New Owner

### Do you have any comments or feedback?

Answered 117  
Skipped 228

Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses	Tags
119115143481	May 08 2026 09:39 AM	Chappy is a PART of Edgartown, there is a HIGHWAY on Chappy, thus anyone who travels from Edg to Chappy(fire, police, ambulance,etc) should NOT be charged. Also it would be helpful for Chappy to have firefighters, drs, rns, etc on island..if there were emergencies, or if the island shutdown due to weather,etc.... Is there a way to give Chappy fire, police, first responders,etc a discount on ferry tickets? I'm not sure how many of those folks live on Chappy, but the ferry tickets don't make it 'less expensive' to live there and it would be a way to help encourage some new folks to move there, or to keep any there to stay.	
119115099662	May 08 2026 08:34 AM	In reviewing the Ferry operators performance, this should not be limited to purely to financial metrics but should also include metrics on operational efficiency to minimize the ferry lines while decreasing the time it takes to make the trip. Too often the ferry operator reduces the number of ferries (one boat) in operation and the line unnecessarily builds up. This is financial improvement with a strong negative impact on public.	
119115084585	May 08 2026 08:07 AM	I support an "as-is" transfer of license.	
119115011674	May 08 2026 05:16 AM	Definition of resident should be in the policy mentioned. Should not be the current definition which punishes, among other things, necessary absences for extended medical treatments, and temporary stays with family (for example, to assist after grandchild is born). Also, that it not be inconsistent in application, which it is currently, unfortunately.	
119114860721	May 07 2026 09:36 PM	While I applaud these changes to improve oversight, we need public or collective ownership of the ferry. No one should be profiting off a public good or service, and the profit motive clearly factors into the lack of transparency from existing ownership. The ferry is a lifeline to Chappy residents and visitors and should be treated as such.	
119114854516	May 07 2026 09:20 PM	I support the transfer of the current license to Brian Scall 'as is'.	
119114847454	May 07 2026 09:02 PM	These questions are relevant only to people who have time to study and follow the proceedings. While I am generally in favor of transparency and affordability, it seems that one needs a degree in public management to navigate these questions.	
119114804960	May 07 2026 07:27 PM	The ferry should NOT be privately owned. It ought to be operated by the Town as the Town is in charge of all other public roads/bridges	
119114797069	May 07 2026 07:10 PM	IF it is determined that greater input from people on Chappy is needed on ferry issues, the select board should make that known, ask for volunteers willing to serve and create that organization. from scratch. Ticket pricing is the least of our worries with the ferry.	
119114778356	May 07 2026 06:29 PM	I agreed to #11 but it shouldn't be just a delay without action steps to be accomplished to end the delay. In my opinion, the only reason to delay the vote would be to allow for community comment on the changeover. If the May 11th meeting would allow an adequate time for public comment then no delay would be needed.	
119114747199	May 07 2026 05:26 PM	Very important for transparency and for the town to do their job and represent the residents of Chappy.	
119114735580	May 07 2026 05:05 PM	None	
119114731890	May 07 2026 04:59 PM	I believe this is an extremely important issue and should not be rushed. It is my opinion that the vote on 5/11/26 be postponed to ensure all due diligence is done in each decision and questions that arise.	
119114727026	May 07 2026 04:50 PM	This a private business and should be able to sell it to anyone he want just like any business or your house. They should worry more about the SSA. The dramatic increases in ferry fares compared to CPI, as presented in the CIA report, tells me all I need to know about Select Board oversight. It is woefully, and unacceptably, lacking. It's time for the Select Board to step up and exercise their substantial rights to diligently oversee the operation of the Chappy Ferry.	
119114714351	May 07 2026 04:29 PM		

119114671693	May 07 2026 03:23 PM	I urge the Select Board to move quickly in their review of the financial and background materials in fairness to Capt. Scall
119114662950	May 07 2026 03:11 PM	Brian will be a tremendous operator of the ferry. However, the town needs to revise the license prior to transferring it.
119114647082	May 07 2026 02:49 PM	I didn't feel I had enough information to have an opinion on most of these questions. Given that ALL Edgartown residents subsidize this ferry in some form or another, I believe the rate structure should reflect that and ALL full time Edgartown residents should pay the same rates. I. e, no discounts for Chappy residents. An alternative to this should provide for compensation to Edgartown
119114610450	May 07 2026 01:59 PM	
119114582380	May 07 2026 01:24 PM	We do not need another cluster that mimics the SSA. This is a private enterprise that needs to operate profitably and independently.
119114580455	May 07 2026 01:21 PM	Transparency is important. While we understand this is the way the ferry operates, i.e. privately owned, why can't other ownership/operational options be (again) seriously considered, and then let the residents of Chappaquiddick all have a say in the options available. It is after all, the one and only lifeline for the residents of Chappy.
119114572281	May 07 2026 01:11 PM	
119114550194	May 07 2026 12:42 PM	More oversight from town! Given the ferry's importance to daily life on Chappaquiddick, the Select Board should move carefully and deliberately before approving any transfer of control. Greater transparency, clearer performance standards, protections for residents, and periodic public review are reasonable safeguards for an essential service, and an island community with no alternative deserves no less.
119114521935	May 07 2026 12:05 PM	
119114511309	May 07 2026 11:53 AM	I think it is unfair and discriminatory to charge a lower rate for Chappy residents. There should be one fair price for all. As a commercial user it has become so incredibly unfriendly. We used to bring the bobcat on the trailer for one fares now you pay two for example. Understand all of these expenses are then marked up 15 to 30% and passed on to the Chappaquiddick resident. The idea that they will gouge. The commercial user doesn't make any sense because that is just passed on to the resident as well. On top of all that some of the captains could not be ruder to the largest paying customer, the commercial vendor.
119114505057	May 07 2026 11:46 AM	
119114500139	May 07 2026 11:40 AM	No
119114497949	May 07 2026 11:37 AM	The only way the ferry will survive is as a business venture unencumbered by over regulation
119114476596	May 07 2026 11:12 AM	Transfer the license As-Is. Allow the new operator to run it as it is being run before any changes (only with his input) are considered
119114465329	May 07 2026 11:01 AM	This is a monopoly and needs to be treated as an essential public resource. There should be an ability for the town to take it over and operate it as needed.
119114464580	May 07 2026 11:00 AM	It's a small matter but I don't see the need for on-demand service to/from Chappy after a reasonable hour, such as 9:30, and thereafter at half-hour intervals. Constant traffic at the Chappy slip discourages squid from a once great squidding spot, drawn no doubt by the lights.
119114459299	May 07 2026 10:53 AM	I live in Edgartown and spend most of my leisure time on chappaquiddick fishing, and beaching, with the breaches this is my only access
119114458100	May 07 2026 10:52 AM	The delay should be for no more than 60 days.
119114449175	May 07 2026 10:41 AM	Just a thank you for all your hard work.
119114441433	May 07 2026 10:31 AM	I think all of the provisions are a must considering th entity that is buying the ferry. It will no longer be an island business owner. But a corporation out of NY.
119114427235	May 07 2026 10:13 AM	The ferry is a necessary means of safely navigating to and from Chappy for all (residents, public safety, visitors) and operation needs to be transparent, without hindering the safe operation of the ferry.

119114426532	May 07 2026 10:12 AM	suggest that property owners, not just 6 month plus residents realize discounted fares
119114418903	May 07 2026 10:02 AM	The Select Board has a duty to act in the Public Interest to provide prudent professional oversight of the Ferry service, and this requires careful consideration of the applicant's identity and business structure , and ongoing diligence.
119114408635	May 07 2026 09:49 AM	This proposal is so typically bureaucratic and ill conceived. You are concerned about the cost of the ferry and your response is to increase the bureaucratic regulations. That will significantly increase the costs for the operator who will have no choice but to pass the increased cost for compliance on to the ferry customers. You should instead be focusing on how to decrease costs for the operator.
119114398454	May 07 2026 09:34 AM	The VTA should have taken it over many years ago why is there no talk of this now
119114386412	May 07 2026 09:19 AM	If the ferry is a private business, I do not agree that the town or state has control over the operation.
119114362285	May 07 2026 08:43 AM	I think there should be more transparency with the Chappy Ferry. It's a privately owned yet public mode of transport. It is not a charter service but a community service
119114360739	May 07 2026 08:41 AM	Residential discounts yes but not being funded by non home owners
119114328614	May 07 2026 07:43 AM	I feel resident rate should be discontinued or at decreased significantly.
119114309300	May 07 2026 07:01 AM	Would like to see the Select Board take a greater interest in the Chappy Ferry and its operations.
119114292019	May 07 2026 06:20 AM	The nonprofit that was created should be the owner and operator of the ferry, not a private entity. Although the ferry may not technically be defined as a public utility, it serves that role in many ways. As a Vineyard resident, with parents who have been year-round residents on Chappy for many years, I cannot watch our access slowly be taken away by private entities without meaningful oversight.
119114186419	May 07 2026 01:29 AM	Would like to see discount tickets for homeowners and they would be open to it for all homeowners who this is their primary residence
119114161127	May 06 2026 11:58 PM	The select board and the operator must develop and publish a capital improvement plan for ferry replacement, ramp improvements and mitigatuin
119114100511	May 06 2026 09:10 PM	Eliminate the grossly oversized "year round resident" discounts. It is patently unfair to other legal residents who are also regular and frequent users of the ferry. It also results in a significant financial burden to the ferry operator. Any discount based on residency should be equalized across all residents.
119114099999	May 06 2026 09:09 PM	Strong yes on #11. This is moving very quickly. NO DECISION SHOULD BE MADE MONDAY. Due diligence needs to be done by the Select Board. CFSC recommendations should weigh heavily on Select Board. Decision has great impact on Chappy residents. We need to know who is buying the ferry.
119114095013	May 06 2026 08:57 PM	how do you define a "resident". who is a "resident"? Please be specific. Land owners and very different from year round residents who use the ferry 5 days a week all year.
119114090074	May 06 2026 08:45 PM	This is a private business and should operate without community and government involvement, it's the difference between capitalism and socialism.
119114082148	May 06 2026 08:28 PM	There can be public response at the May 11th meeting. Time is of the essence to get the sale done before the busy summer season. Brian has spent a lot of time with Chappy people discussing issues and he seems like a godsend as a new owner.
119114080888	May 06 2026 08:25 PM	I support an "as is" transfer of the chappy Ferry
119114065779	May 06 2026 07:51 PM	You need a working definition of "Chappaquiddick resident" ... those of us who commute daily for work on the ferry have different concerns, expectations, etc than seasonal users.
119114065165	May 06 2026 07:50 PM	I support Brian Scall's purchase and transfer of the license as is
119114064291	May 06 2026 07:48 PM	Questions 7 and 8 appear to be the same. Establishing and posting lower ferry rates for renters, in addition to residents, would be helpful.

119114056457	May 06 2026 07:33 PM	Get off of your high horses. Please, please stop over-managing. If I had seen any evidence over the past 40 years that any operation by committee was healthy amend productive, I might feel differently. I would prefer that a few self-appointed residents don't make decisions for the whole. You're way over stepping here, and jeopardizing an opportunity for the ferry to smoothly change hands (not to mention, dissuading future individuals from expressing interest). Stay in your lane.
119114055828	May 06 2026 07:31 PM	
119114049829	May 06 2026 07:18 PM	Steering committee meetings during work hours exclude an important demographic of the chappy community Who are the investors? The value of all our Chappaquiddick properties is at risk if this deal goes badly. This is serious business demanding careful deliberation.  Has the Town Finance committee been given the opportunity to review and make any recommendations?  Make the Resident Discount program definition action a priority. Nothing has ever been defined or recorded. Is has been an affront to many of us for years.
119114023858	May 06 2026 06:26 PM	
119114014018	May 06 2026 06:09 PM	this shouldn't even be a survey Multi ticket books should have the same percentage fair increase as resident ticket books. Understandably a higher rate, but they should not be increasing at a higher percentage. Also residence with an income level over a certain amount such as 150,000 a year should not be entitled to a discount. People who own a \$5 million home should not be entitled to a discount. The Island resident discount are for people living year-round working locally year-round.
119114014237	May 06 2026 06:09 PM	I support transferring the license "as is" at this time and then have the CFSC work with the community to come up with recommendations that are vetting with the community, not just the committee. They were rushing to come up with suggested license changes less than a week before the hearing. Do it right and spend the next two years fine tuning the requests both with respect to how Brian adapts the service to meet concerns and how the community responds after a more comprehensive sharing of suggested changes and the reasoning/data behind them
119114009026	May 06 2026 06:00 PM	One of the most important issues for the ferry operation and the Chappaquiddick community is transparency of ownership of the ferry. The Chappy community needs to know who are the silent owners/financial backers of this vital life link to MV. Without that information there will be NO trust.
119113997014	May 06 2026 05:38 PM	Finally, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Department of Transportation) should have a seat at the decision-making table regarding this important service. The lack of professional oversight of an essential and statutorily mandated ferry service must be addressed. The recommendations of the CFSC after 5 years of attentive study, dialogue and research are necessary steps for improvement. The Selectboard has historically rubberstamped whatever the licensee requested to the detriment of protecting the public interest. It is time to change this and provide conscientious oversight of all aspects of this essential service.
119113995526	May 06 2026 05:36 PM	
119113976876	May 06 2026 05:04 PM	I appreciate the time and commitment CFSC members have put into this issue. However, the way the survey is written one could reasonably infer that the Select Board has little to no oversight of the ferry license and operation. My understanding is that the Select Board can enact the majority of the oversight issues mentioned in the survey either on demand or on a periodic basis. I trust the Select Board's management of the ferry. I do not feel the need to demand that the oversight issues above are made on the CFSC's timeline and not at the Select Board's own discretion.
119113968251	May 06 2026 04:51 PM	I have been a homeowner since 1986. I am a permanent resident of Edgartown since 2010 and because I don't live there 11 months, have been paying the same ticket prices as regular visitors to the island. I think that is grossly unfair. I pay property taxes and someone who rents but lives there all year can get discounted rates. TOTALLY UNFAIR. Thank you for listening and attention to this important issue.
119113960351	May 06 2026 04:39 PM	The Chappy Ferry Steering Committee is taking their responsibility seriously and thoughtfully. Please give their recommendations your serious consideration.
119113956536	May 06 2026 04:34 PM	nope. Well done!

119113954241	May 06 2026 04:31 PM	I think the CFSC's suggestions make a lot of sense. By setting some parameters and making information more public, it will eliminate the suspicion of underhandedness that is unavoidable in the current closed-door processes.
119113950557	May 06 2026 04:25 PM	Property owners should receive the same discount as year round people -we all pay the same tax rate. I live on Chappy 7 months a year and pay the same rate as a visitor...
119113947123	May 06 2026 04:21 PM	I fully support the transfer of the current license to Chappy Ferry LLC. I do not support any of the recommendations made by the CFSC. The ferry has served us well over the years but is ready for new ownership. Brian Scall is a breath of fresh air and I don't think there is anyone more qualified to own the Chappy Ferry at this time.
119113934936	May 06 2026 04:04 PM	I feel the current discount for year rounders is deeply unfair to homeowners on Chappy and is arbitrarily administered. More transparency is needed and I believe these recommendations address that.
119113933515	May 06 2026 04:02 PM	Would be great to recommend they become a cashless business. This would increase transparency and speed up the boarding process.
119113929455	May 06 2026 03:56 PM	Sell the ferry to Brian as is. I have been a year round resident of Chappy for almost 30 years, working in island businesses. I believe the Current offer to buy the ferry should go thru asap. It is my belief - and that of many other yearround elderly & working residents of Chappy - that the CIA & the Steering Committee do NOT represent our opinions & needs.
119113924281	May 06 2026 03:49 PM	I encourage the Select Board to expedite the sale.
119113919879	May 06 2026 03:44 PM	I oppose delays to the process that is already underway. I also oppose the 5-year reviews. 7-10 years is better - and any urgent needs can be addressed by the Select Board in the interim.
119113918970	May 06 2026 03:43 PM	Transparency is the most important issue, I think. The proposed new owner having undisclosed investors is totally unacceptable to me, as is his abrasive attitude towards public reporting.
119113917619	May 06 2026 03:41 PM	There should be a specific date so this does not drag on for another six months.
119113910440	May 06 2026 03:32 PM	The CFSC has done an excellent job on this-- thank you all for your heroic effort on behalf of all the Chappy residents (and those many from Edgartown proper who come to our primitive island).
119113906722	May 06 2026 03:27 PM	The people on Chappy are 100% dependent on the cost and mangemnet of the the ferry - the need for oversight and checks and balances cannot be underestimated. Last night's meeting was a total disgrace. Some of these recommendations are totally ridiculous and very insulting to Brian. Let's get on with this, transfer the license over to him and work with him over the next two years when the license expires two come up with something that works for everyone.
119113897925	May 06 2026 03:16 PM	
119113872475	May 06 2026 02:44 PM	I wish there was a "no" option in number 9. My response would be NO
119113863550	May 06 2026 02:33 PM	The CFSC should recommend adoption of a Town-nonprofit joint venture, which was selected as the best alternative by the consulting firm the town paid MANY THOUSANDS to study alternatives...
119113852124	May 06 2026 02:18 PM	The options for answers on question 9 did not include NO, which is what I would have chosen. Instead I chose NO OPINION, but the fact is I feel very strongly that I am opposed to that recommendation.
119113851329	May 06 2026 02:17 PM	Is there any way for a season pass option for vehicles and passengers- similar to oversand permit- maybe more expensive for pass holders, however I think many will opt for it as they are not being charged every time. Not for commercial but for homeowners.
119113848770	May 06 2026 02:14 PM	Q 9 doesn't have a "no" response option
119113844961	May 06 2026 02:09 PM	The CFSC should spend less time trying to inflate their power beyond the original mission statement and stick to addressing actual problems with realistic and legal solutions.
119113843589	May 06 2026 02:07 PM	Questions 7 and 8 seem to be the same
119113843330	May 06 2026 02:07 PM	I think until the town or a nonprofit takes over the oversight needs to balance letting a private owner manage the business and adding more oversight without overly regulating. Ultimately, town or nonprofit needs to take control of the ferry.... Just my opinion. Thanks for all yall are doing!

119113836328	May 06 2026 01:58 PM	I would like to see an effort to secure funding from the town or other municipal entities, similar to funding flows for the MV transit bus, for operating and capital expenses of the Ferry
119113829924	May 06 2026 01:51 PM	Thank you for this thoughtful questionnaire that allows community members to weigh in. Do not sell to a private syndicate. I favor a hybrid model: A Non Profit and town ownership as recommended in the 2024, (\$50,000) Edgartown sponsored study by Marine Associates. BTW: State law requires the Select Board to review all rates since they assumed local control of the ferry. This has been in effect since 1962 when their petition for local control was approved by a special session of the state legislature. Unfortunately, the select board has never done their due diligence and therefore is at risk for a class action suit.
119113830610	May 06 2026 01:51 PM	
119113824470	May 06 2026 01:44 PM	This process does not appear to address the need for substantial capital reinvestment. I agree that there needs to be further review as outlined in the proposed recommendations. This review, however, should occur quickly so that the process can move quickly. The current owners clearly want to be out of running the ferry and any and all obstacles to this happening should be streamlined. Due diligence as suggested above should not overly burden the process at this point. Also, having read the full 55 page report, the ultimate goal may well need to be for the ferry to be part of the public transportation system, much like the bus system. However, that will likely take more time to happen and the current owners are not in the position, nor should they be made to, wait that long. This LLC model seems to me to be one last effort at ownership of the ferry which as I read the consultant's lengthy report, should be a publically owned and operated entity.
119113824439	May 06 2026 01:44 PM	
119113820148	May 06 2026 01:39 PM	I favor a full review of the 2024 Town authorized study completed by Marine Consultants which favored a NON PROFIT and TOWN Ownership over private ownership. This study should be formally reviewed in public prior to a transfer to the proposed financial syndicate ownership.
119113818991	May 06 2026 01:38 PM	This is too important an issue to rush to judgment. Please take the CFSC's recommendations into account. The Steering Committee should hold an election, with only Chappy Property owners and residents voting and eligible to serve, to establish a renewed membership of this advisory board. Terms should be three years, with a revolving start and finish schedule for each of the seven positions. Thanks to the CIA board for working on this high priority issue.
119113817713	May 06 2026 01:36 PM	
119113817158	May 06 2026 01:35 PM	I fully support the CFSC recommendations. The town has abdicated its responsibility to the people of Chappy for too long. These steps will help.
119113809759	May 06 2026 01:27 PM	Private Business
119113808389	May 06 2026 01:26 PM	I would favor more frequent review and renewal of the license and the operations -- every 3 years.
119113807151	May 06 2026 01:25 PM	Rumer of a lawsuit from the CIA against the town may screw up this sale which would be a shame. Poor timing!
119113805687	May 06 2026 01:23 PM	it will be a melting ice cube until the town takes it over and gets federal funding to replace ferry boats and docks I believe the intent of #4 I support the CFSC recommendation that the Select Board designate 2/3 CFSC members to confidentially review underlying ferry financial materials solely for the purpose of advising the Board, with all reporting limited to summary conclusions.... was really to add expertise from the CFSC and/or the community to review the financials. 2/3 of CFSC would create a quorum therefore violate open meeting laws
119113804760	May 06 2026 01:22 PM	
119113777599	May 06 2026 12:49 PM	I think making the ferry beholden to shareholders would be a massive mistake.
119113758816	May 06 2026 12:26 PM	As part of the every five year review process, there needs to be some evaluation of the operators ability to fund capital projects and major improvements to the ferries
119113749796	May 06 2026 12:16 PM	It is time that regulations/rules are written and not just arbitrary (ie: resident fares)
119113737920	May 06 2026 12:02 PM	This is an exceptionally flawed survey. Question 9 has Yes or NO Opinion. No one forced anyone to live on Chappy. The sense of entitlement is overwhelming. I miss the people of Chappy well before there was the CIA and its overinflated sense of itself.
119113699919	May 06 2026 11:20 AM	This asks many questions I don't understand or am unqualified to answer. There is not a no option on #9.

119113677060	May 06 2026 10:54 AM	Let the ferry be the ferry this ain't charity work it's a private business
119113675865	May 06 2026 10:53 AM	I live on Chappy all year round and do not feel those who are on Chappy for the summer or a few months only should be making decisions about the Chappy Ferry
119113650707	May 06 2026 10:24 AM	What is the rush? This is too important not to review this change of control carefully.
119113629619	May 06 2026 10:00 AM	I support greater Town oversight of the ferries and would like the town to explore grants to pay for capital improvements.
119113598751	May 06 2026 09:23 AM	Thank you for the third time (testing)
119113582479	May 06 2026 09:01 AM	Another thank you
119113577132	May 06 2026 08:53 AM	Thank you for the survey