



The Community Center Restoration Committee

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Community Center Restoration Committee Survey Results and Methodology

The Survey

On Saturday, November 2, 2002, the Community Center Restoration Committee (CCRC) polled 205 Warren and West Warren residents of voting age regarding the West Warren Community Hall (WWCH), representing 4.3% of the total population and 8.7% of the voting population of Warren/West Warren*. The survey was conducted to measure the town's support for this project and to validate the project elements as envisioned by the CCRC. Surveys were conducted at each village post office and at the town landfill.

The survey asked town residents to give their opinion on potential tenants in, and uses for, the WWCH. The survey also measured the support for continued research into the feasibility of the project, as well as the level of willingness to vote for the actual purchase and renovation of the building.

The survey participants were as follows:

- 75% were already familiar with the building despite the fact that it's been closed for about 20 years
- 48% of the respondents were from Warren
- 27% were from West Warren
- 25% did not provide their Warren/West Warren zip code

Survey highlights

- The results of the survey indicate *overwhelming support for this project*.
 - 91% support advancement of this project and even more impressive, 77% approved of the purchase and restoration of the building (at the town meeting) *even without the specifics of a feasibility study*.
- Each potential tenant presented to respondents received a 72% or higher vote of support.
 - 95% supported restoring the community aspects of the WWCH: civic, adult, and youth activities.
 - 89% support returning library services back to the Community Hall.
 - The Police Station received a "yes" rating of 76%. It is interesting to note that it was approved with the understanding that other proposed tenants would also reside in the building. In fact, on a whole, the respondents indicated their preference for a multi-use facility.
 - By comparing the results from the "private business" category to all other functional categories, it may be inferred that *the town is interested in a community-centric facility*, housing community and town-based tenants.

Background

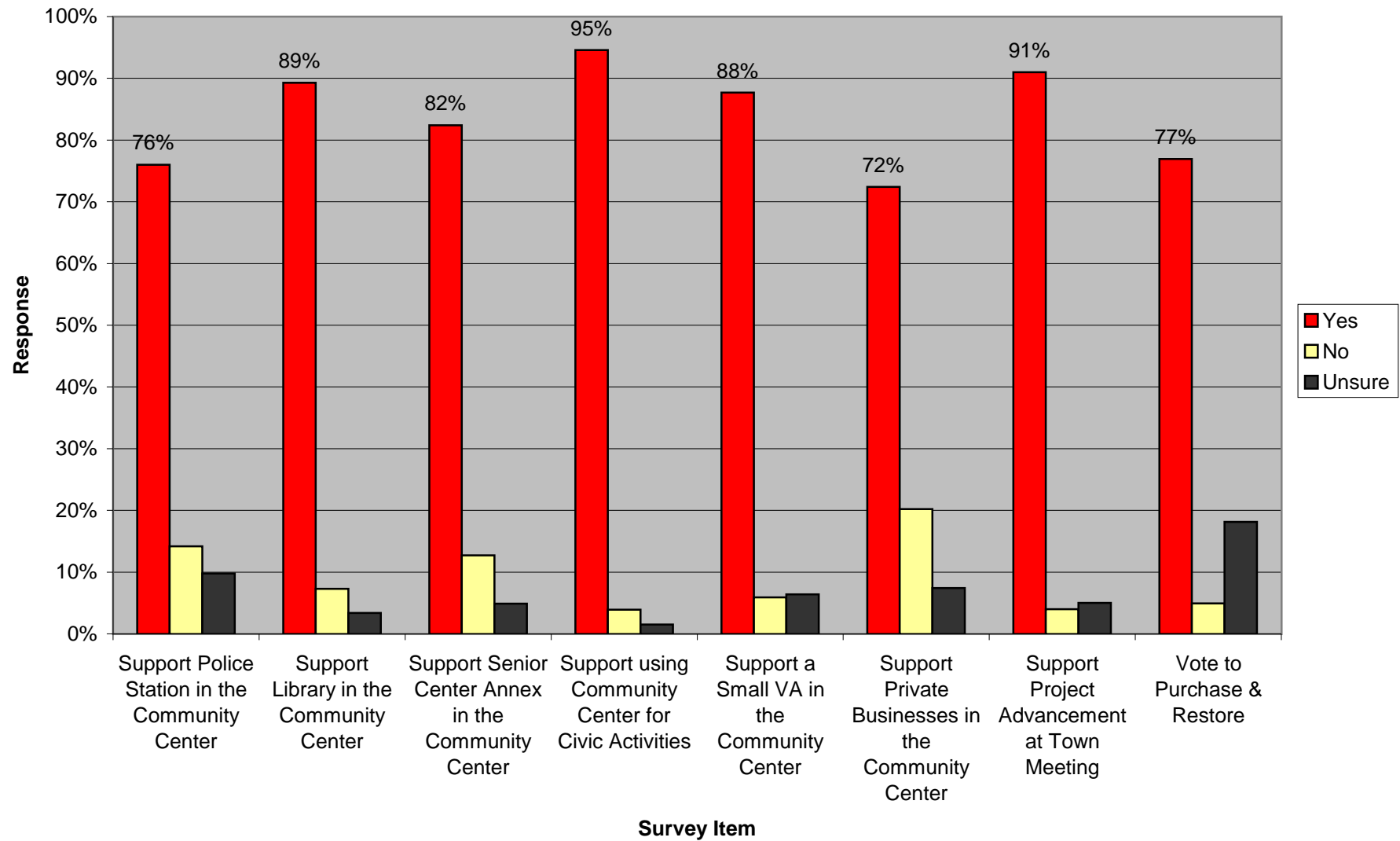
The CCRC's vision is to not only revive the community center's community activity and performance hall, bowling, and billiard facilities for civic and social activities, but to use the greater part of its space to house key functions/departments that currently need to relocate or expand: Warren Police Station, Warren and West Warren Libraries, and the Senior Center.

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*5% is statistically viable

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Summary Sheet

N=205*

Question #	Survey Question	Yes		No		Unsure		# missing
		# Responded	Valid %	# Responded	Valid %	# Responded	Valid %	
	Are you from Warren or West Warren	98	64.10%	55	35.90%	0	0%	52
1	Are you familiar with the Community Hall in West Warren?	156	76.5%	40	19.6%	8	3.9%	1
2	Would you support the Police Station as a tenant in the West Warren Community Center?	155	76.00%	29	14.2%	20	9.8%	1
3	Would you support a library expansion project in the West Warren Community Center?	183	89.3%	15	7.3%	7	3.4%	0
4	Would you support an annex for the Senior Center as a tenant in the West Warren Community Center?	168	82.40%	26	12.70%	10	4.9%	1
5	Would you support using the West Warren Community Center as a community hall for civic, adult and youth activities (enjoying the use of the bowling alley and pool tables)?	193	94.6%	8	3.9%	3	1.5%	1
6	Would you support a Veterans Administration Clinic as a tenant in the West Warren Community Center?	178	87.7%	12	5.9%	13	6.4%	2
7	Would you support private businesses as tenants in the West Warren Community Center (examples: Doctor, Dentist, Lawyer, Accountant, Coffee Shop, etc.)?	147	72.4%	41	20.2%	15	7.4%	2
8	Would you support the advancement of this project at the annual town meeting?	181	91%	8	4%	10	5%	6

9			1=do not support-----5=strongly support					Missing
			1	2	3	4	5	
	If the purchase and restoration of this building came up for a vote a town meeting , would you support it?	# Responded	2	7	33	53	87	23
		Valid %	1.1%	3.8%	18.1%	29.1%	47.8%	na

* Statistical Significance: 5% is statistically significant.

205 respondents represent 4.3% of the Warren/West Warren Population.

205 respondents represent 8.7 % of the VOTING population of Warren/West Warren

Total population = 4776 Total Voting population = 2364.**

**This information was obtained from the 2000 Census Demographics, off the State of Massachusetts webpage.