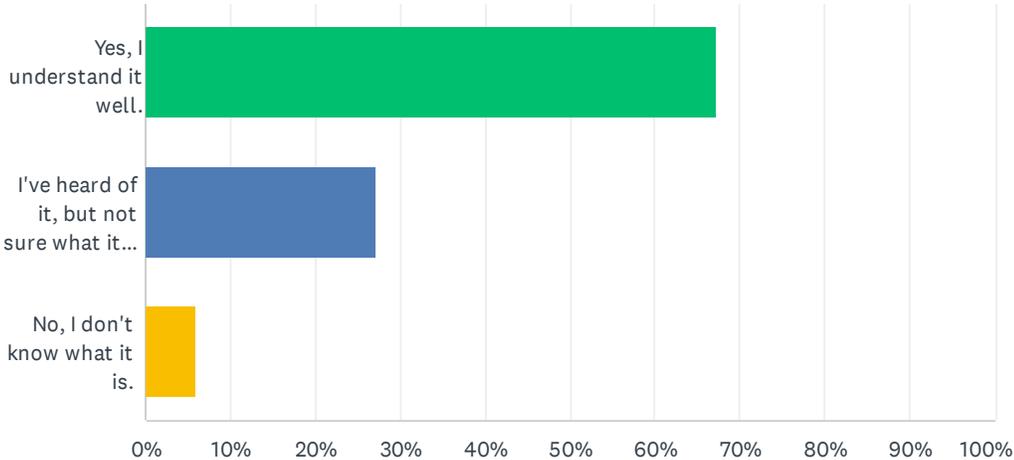


# Q1 Are you familiar with what a charter city is?

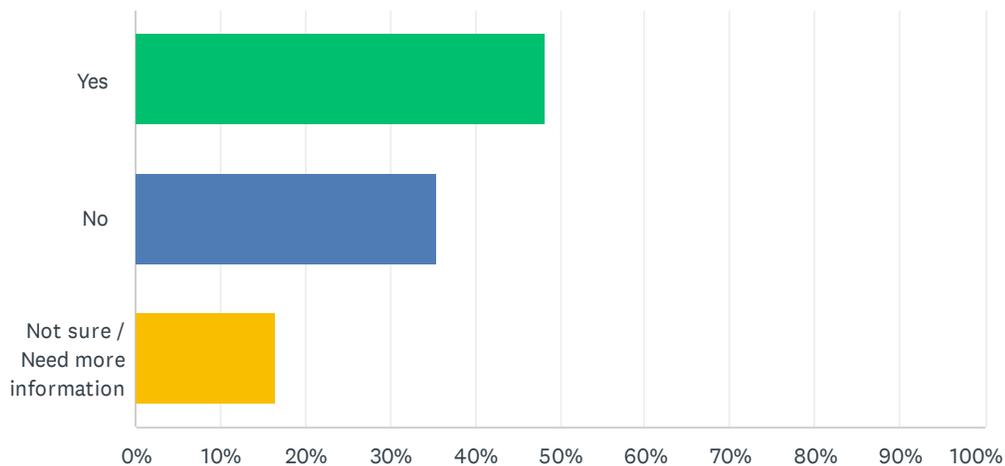
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I understand it well.	67.06%	57
I've heard of it, but not sure what it means.	27.06%	23
No, I don't know what it is.	5.88%	5
TOTAL		85

## Q2 Do you support the idea of the City of Fountain Valley becoming a charter city?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.24%	41
No	35.29%	30
Not sure / Need more information	16.47%	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>85</b>

## Q3 What are your main concerns or hopes about becoming a charter city?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 20

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more city council control for their own interests and biases	10/29/2025 4:44 PM
2	It seems smart, but HB is having problems and financial issues.	10/29/2025 4:42 PM
3	Fountain Valley	10/29/2025 4:14 PM
4	Possible expenses incurred as a result of the effort to become a Charter city, as well as subsequent expenses. Additionally, there may be additional legal fees incurred which the citizens of FV may be responsible for.	10/29/2025 4:08 PM
5	What are the pros and cons besides we can do our own thing- how does that work	10/29/2025 3:47 PM
6	We can choose our actions.	10/29/2025 3:06 PM
7	Becoming a charter city can save money but it can also open up FV to lawsuits and other legal issues. FV should continue to operate with good faith and should not become a charter city, which would allow them not to pay prevailing wage for projects and would affect the bidding process. If one of the reasons for exploring the issue is the state's housing laws, becoming a charter city would not help negate our responsibility to find and build more affordable and dense housing.	10/29/2025 2:58 PM
8	That we the people are in control more	10/29/2025 2:41 PM
9	Too many to list.	10/29/2025 2:15 PM
10	Not needed	10/29/2025 2:15 PM
11	Could Fountain Valley NOT be a Sanctuary City? We need to Stop preferring illegals and just take care of tax-paying, law-abiding citizens .	10/29/2025 1:38 PM
12	help eliminate unlawful mandates by Newsom and Dems	10/29/2025 1:07 PM
13	Way too likely to become political..	10/29/2025 10:27 AM
14	Ability to self manage	10/29/2025 9:23 AM
15	To much single responsibility	10/28/2025 6:01 PM
16	It's a small city, live with it! We aren't Huntington Beach or Anaheim. The current mayor has big dreams and aspirations.	10/28/2025 4:59 PM
17	Joining with HB/. Putting much power in the hands of CC	10/28/2025 4:05 PM
18	The costs to challenge State legislation in order to achieve city-level changes will be exorbitant and ultimately be passed on to FV residents. There are other ways to achieve city goals beyond Charter.	10/28/2025 1:23 PM
19	Money and history of local cities who have become charter cities (ie Huntington Beach)	10/28/2025 12:48 PM
20	Slow demand housing and focus on infrastructure problems that the demand has created.	10/28/2025 12:15 PM
21	Cities should follow established laws and not leave room for lawlessness to take over.	10/28/2025 11:05 AM
22	This is not necessary. Anything done will require money spent in legal fees and staff time, without a clear long term benefit to the city and its residents. Also, the change to a charter city can be undone by future council bodies, creating a situation where this is nothing more than a moment in time decision based off of current political priorities. We elect our council members to consider the long term impacts of decisions, and not the flavor of the month. Let's focus on things that matter more.	10/28/2025 9:27 AM
23	Litigation costs. CA will push back on any meaningful provisions of the charter and will	10/28/2025 9:01 AM

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probably win like they always do. We will be stuck with legal bills. Also, I don't think the Mayor is being transparent about his intentions, as he would not answer direct questions about this during the first town hall.

24	This let's the city voters have a voice vs being controlled by the state. I'm in favor of this.	10/28/2025 8:48 AM
25	All Asians running city. English not being required. Hope gender and education issued handled locally	10/28/2025 8:09 AM
26	What laws will change	10/28/2025 7:47 AM
27	GIVING MORE FALSE HOPE TO THE COMMUNITY. RESIDENTS ARE VERY CONFUSED ABIUT THE MAYOR SETTING THE APPEALS MEETINGS FOR THE EUCLID AND WARNER DEVELOPMENT AND THE WARNER AND MAGNOLIA DEVELOPMENT. HE ALSO KEPT SAYING HE DIDN'T WANT TO DERAILED OR STOP THE PROJECTS, SO THAT'S WHY RESIDENTS ARE CONFUSED. FIGHTING NEWSOM IS USELESS AND COSTLY.	10/23/2025 10:57 AM
28	How much local bureaucracy will be layered into getting things done in our city. But I like that it could render FV more independent from CA State restrictions like HB is.	10/23/2025 10:35 AM
29	Rent is going to go up and prices on everything yet the amount of homelessness is ridiculous. There's not enough parking, and everything is getting worse. This is not the same fountain valley and "safe place to live in" as it was 5 years ago or from 2016.	10/19/2025 8:28 PM
30	More control for our local government. We will be able to decide what is best for our city, regarding to municipal matters.	10/19/2025 1:51 PM
31	I don't support becoming a charter city because I value consistency with state law and accountability.	10/18/2025 12:35 PM
32	Our own city is better. We want to make our own decisions	10/18/2025 12:20 PM
33	More local control.	10/18/2025 11:57 AM
34	Maintaining the character of Fountain Valley and not let the state tell us what to do	10/18/2025 11:55 AM
35	Maintaining the character of our city	10/18/2025 11:54 AM
36	More local control	10/18/2025 11:45 AM
37	My hope is that we will be able to stand by our city's values of law and order, and support our national guard, local police officers, and ICE. I hope that it will allow Fountain Valley residents to have more of a voice in our local affairs, just as it has for cities like Huntington Beach.	10/18/2025 11:13 AM
38	Why is this necessary?	10/17/2025 2:25 PM
39	Not needed in Fountain Valley. There are other ways to deal with proposed laws that the city may be opposed to. Work through state representatives to seek a compromise. I feel that this move is politically motivated and not in the best interest of Fountain Valley	10/17/2025 10:25 AM
40	1. Better handle transient matters	10/16/2025 11:47 PM
41	1. It's pointless; 2. The path as proposed (the "cheap and quick" route) is lacking community input and has no relation to the city's values or strategic plan; 3. There continues to be zero indication why the advocates of adopting charter status want to convert the city to a charter city, how doing so would somehow improve the strategic operations of the city, how much additional cost would be shouldered by the city by making the change, and why we should pursue the abbreviated "just adopt a paragraph" approach advocated in the study sessions and first town hall; and 4. See #1, above.	10/15/2025 3:06 PM
42	Wasting monies on lawsuits. Don't want to emulate Huntington Beach	10/15/2025 8:50 AM
43	Safety and quality of life in Fountain Valley City	10/14/2025 7:55 PM
44	We need to live under the laws of our state of CA not necessary to become a charter city.	10/14/2025 3:43 PM
45	It gives too much power to the city council. Although most major changes would need a vote, the cost of those elections is ridiculous. City councils change and this might result in more power similar to what is happening in HB. I wish I could attend the town hall meeting but have other obligations. I wanted to make sure my voice was heard.	10/14/2025 8:46 AM

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46	What is expected to be accomplished by becoming a charter city? What is driving the change?	10/12/2025 8:39 AM
47	Why is becoming a charter city under consideration? What is the cost vs. benefit? It appears that there is an opinion that the City can avoid state mandated housing laws. However, litigation has not been concluded to support that opinion. The City of Huntington Beach is a charter city and the base legal budget is \$4.5 million. What is the legal budget for Fountain Valley? How much is it projected to increase if FV is a charter city? There does not appear to be a rationale for FV to become a charter city. If there is, it should be clearly stated as the cost vs. benefit.	10/11/2025 1:27 PM
48	Unrealistic expectations. Charter cities still must comply with most state laws.	10/10/2025 6:39 PM
49	If HB is any indication, NO on charter city. Feels like elected officials can go in directions not good for the residents on their own without resident input.	10/10/2025 1:09 PM
50	Benefits vs risks involved	10/10/2025 1:08 PM
51	Cost versus benefits.	10/10/2025 10:54 AM
52	School will have better flexibility to bring in more moral and traditions to kids.	10/10/2025 8:48 AM
53	Local control of the fate of our city. Sacramento is a mess. I hope and believe with honest local leadership we can manage our future much better than the current government in Sacramento.	10/10/2025 8:11 AM
54	FYI Cerritos Long Beach Huntington Beach Newport Beach Irvine Carlsbad San Diego Are all charter cities. I lived in all above cities. I guess the question is not which type of city Fountain valley should be. the question should be, given the size and the composition and attributes of Fountain valley, which type of city is more appropriate and beneficial for Fountain valley overall? In terms of, public security, quality of living, crowdedness, financial status, cost/expenses of living, taxes, traffic, education, environmental cleanliness, etc. how does a charter city affect or impact or improve or aggravate above in long term. What municipal affairs that the state government implemented are not good for Fountain Valley and can be resolved by becoming a charter city? Can a charter city process/implementation be a side project? I.e. prepare, and get ready and don't use it until we really need it? Kind of like a defense system. Cost analysis, budget, sources of the money/budget/expenses/capital/tax increments to citizens vs the benefits it brings in 5 to 10 years? Please provide more concrete, real and specific examples/scenarios/case studies. Also, is it a good timing right now? If it's a costly expensive process, would it save some money if doing this process when the interest rate is relatively low?	10/10/2025 7:53 AM
55	I support Fountain Valley becoming a charter city because it gives our community the ability to make local decisions that fit our unique character, instead of being limited by one-size-fits-all state rules.	10/10/2025 5:31 AM
56	Protect our neighborhoods	10/9/2025 8:31 PM
57	I want more information about what this change would mean.	10/9/2025 7:49 PM
58	More independence from California government	10/9/2025 11:58 AM
59	Becoming a charter city might give Fountain Valley more leverage and autonomy against California's blanket mandates.	10/9/2025 5:30 AM
60	We want autonomy and self-governance of our community independent of the state level who may not have the best interests for FV.	10/8/2025 10:53 PM
61	One of my main hopes for Fountain Valley becoming a charter city is gaining more local control over housing and zoning decisions including the ability to push back against state mandates like SB 9 and better regulate sober living homes, which have raised safety and neighborhood impact concerns for many residents. A charter could allow the city to create policies that reflect community values and preserve neighborhood character.	10/8/2025 12:56 PM
62	Need more information on what impact it would have on residents and businesses.	10/8/2025 12:25 PM
63	Possibility of increased costs for the city compared to the direct benefits.	10/8/2025 11:18 AM
64	Local control. I'm very concerned that state and/or federal laws & mandates have caused us to lose it.	10/8/2025 11:00 AM

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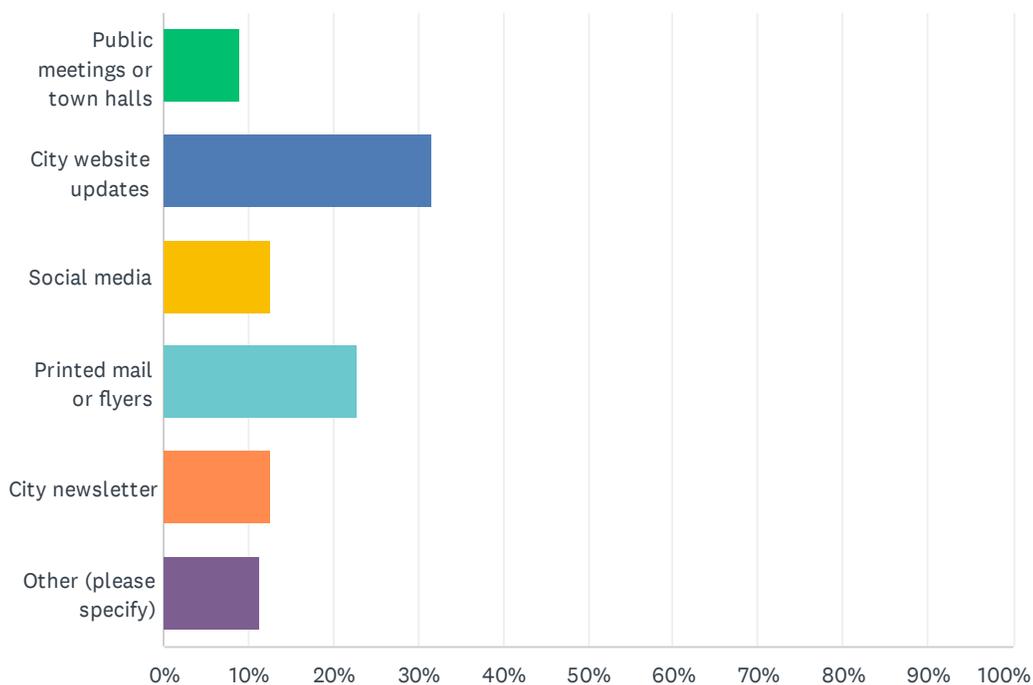
65 I want Fountain Valley to continue to thrive as its own municipality. I don't think it's necessary to become a Charter City. My concern is that it would waste a lot of time and money lobbying to have this approved.

10/8/2025 10:47 AM

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## Q4 How would you like to receive more information on this topic?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Public meetings or town halls	8.86% 7
City website updates	31.65% 25
Social media	12.66% 10
Printed mail or flyers	22.78% 18
City newsletter	12.66% 10
Other (please specify)	11.39% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	legal wording	10/29/2025 3:47 PM
2	Email like this one.	10/28/2025 1:23 PM
3	Email	10/28/2025 11:05 AM
4	all of those things	10/28/2025 9:01 AM
5	Email	10/18/2025 11:45 AM
6	Email	10/14/2025 11:51 AM
7	Online public meetings and town halls	10/12/2025 8:39 AM
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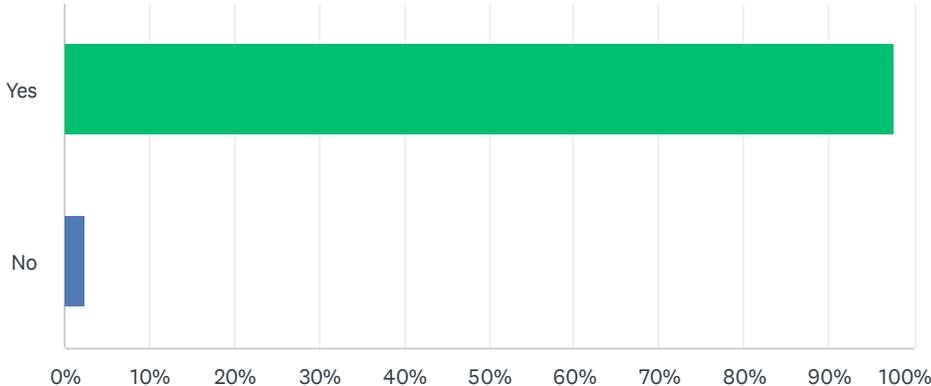
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9	All above	10/10/2025 7:53 AM
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### Q5 Are you a Fountain Valley resident?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.65%	83
No	2.35%	2
TOTAL		85