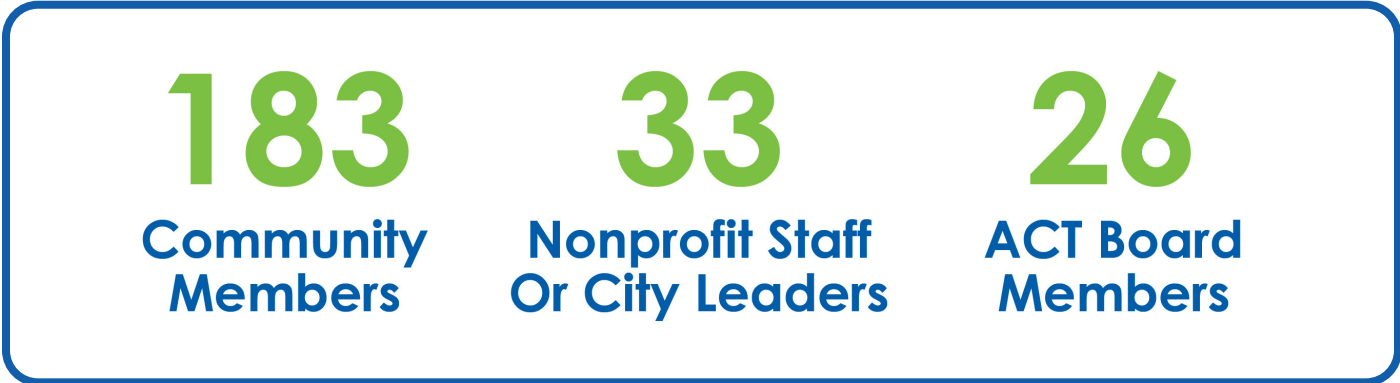


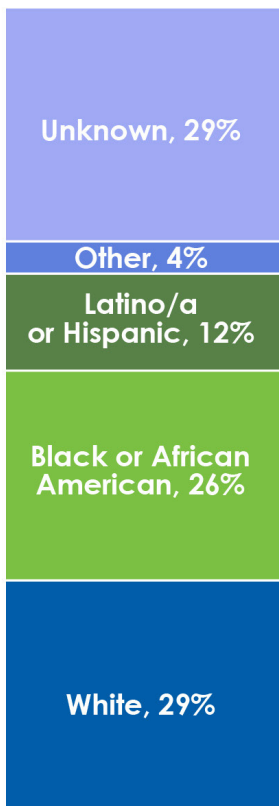


# Results of Community Engagement

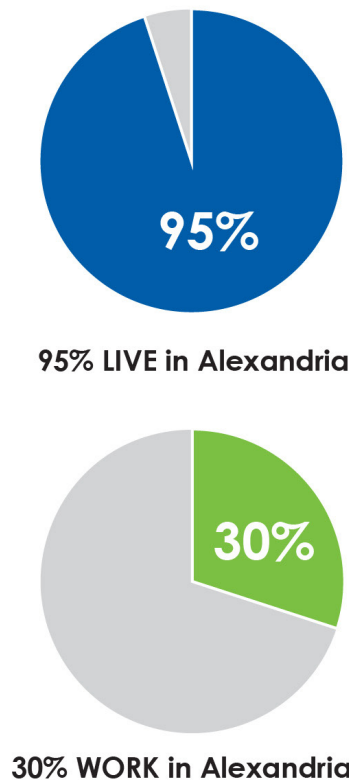
In the first phase of Community Engagement, from October – December 2022, the Community Listening and Strategic Planning Team engaged 242 Alexandria residents in interviews, focus groups and a survey to understand their vision for the future of Alexandria and how ACT can help. Here's a closer look at who they are:



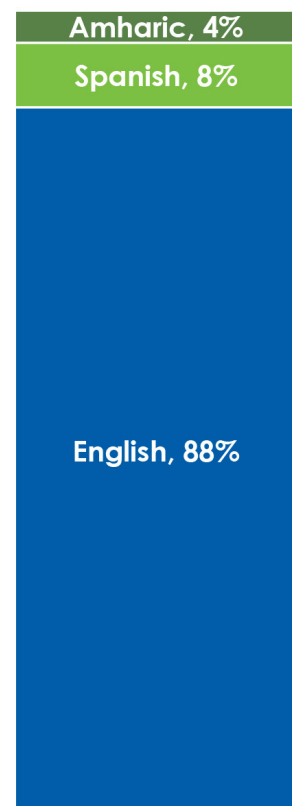
## Racial Identity



## Connection To Alexandria



## Language Used

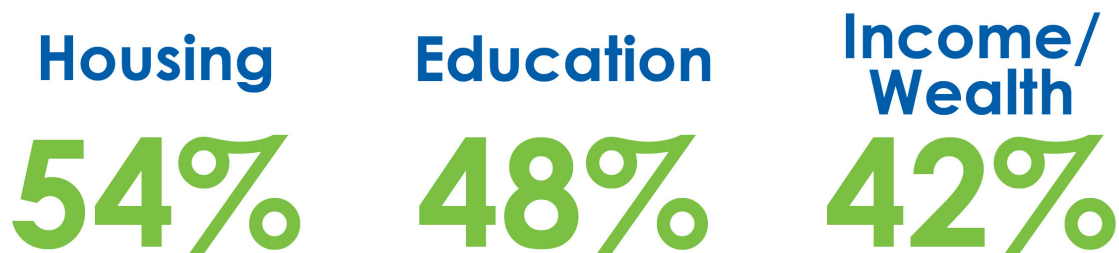


The biggest priority by far was housing, followed by education, income and cost of living, and racial equity:



*"I hope that Alexandria can prioritize affordable housing to keep the diverse communities who live here intact...especially with the Amazon headquarters and new Virginia Tech campus coming, I worry that low-income residents will be pushed out of the City."*

When asked what issues were most important when it came to Racial Equity, we heard familiar themes:



*"There are some really good programs out there, especially through like ACPS and other organizations like Casa Chirilagua but the cultural and also language barrier to get that information across to parents can sometimes be difficult."*

*"At one time, Alexandria was an affordable place; now it's being taken away from working people and people of color."*