

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This section assessed the County Commissioners by asking residents to what extent they agreed with four statements.



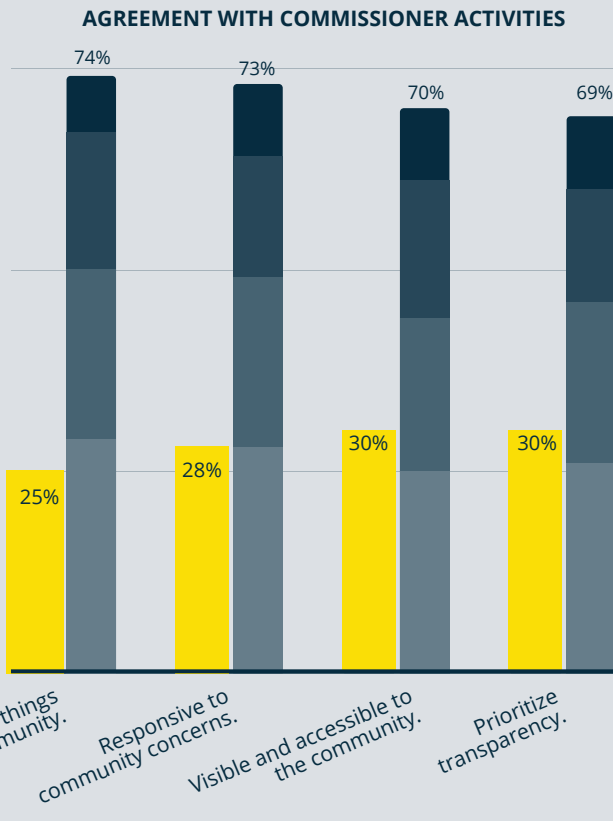
As income rises, so does the strength of agreement that the Commissioners are responsive and accessible.

Overall, 72% of residents agreed to varying degrees that the County Commissioners are responsive, accessible, transparent, and spending time on things that will help the community.

The most notable difference in rankings between groups within Mesa County was by political affiliation, where Republicans (77%) and Independents (73%) were more likely to agree with the four statements, and Democrats less so (61%). **Notably, Democrats agreed more that the Commissioners “spend time on things that will help our community”** than they did that the Commissioners are transparent, responsive, or accessible.

More than one in six respondents opted out of these questions, a higher percentage than any other question set in the survey.

While there were few substantive differences between their responses, **rural residents were more likely to respond to this question than residents living in municipalities**, perhaps signaling more overall familiarity with the work of the Commissioners.



NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Read pages six and seven to learn more about the data methods used in this report.



To increase perception of accessibility and responsiveness among low-income residents, **consider introducing email and mail forms of communication - highly desired but not often used formats for this group** (see page 16 for more information on communication outlets).

Since Democrats are more likely to approve of the efforts than the communication of the Commissioners, **consider messaging with themes preferred by Democrats** as identified in the County Priorities section (page 18).



“I love the way the city government is having venues to talk to its citizens. I would like to see the county commissioners do the same.”

Female, 70+ Years Old