



SAN FRANCISCO SAFE INJECTION SERVICES FOCUS GROUP

JULY 2017 • 3:30PM-5:00PM
25 VAN NESS AVE RM 330A



SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HARM REDUCTION

- Public health philosophy that promotes methods of reducing the physical, social, emotional, and economic harms associated with harmful behaviors that impact individuals and their community
- Free of judgment and directly involve clients in setting their own health goals

HARM REDUCTION

EXAMPLES IN SF:

- Syringe Access & Disposal
- Naloxone
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine)
- Sobering Center

SAFE INJECTION SERVICES

- Promote safer drug injection practices
- Enhance health-related behaviors among PWID
- Connect PWID with external health and social services
- Attract hard-to-reach populations of drug users
- Reduce morbidity and mortality
- Reduce drug use in public
- Improve public spaces in areas surrounding urban drug markets

SAFE INJECTION SERVICES

BENEFITS

- Effective in attracting the most marginalized PWID
- Promoting safer injection conditions
- Enhancing access to primary health care
- Reducing overdose frequency
- Not found to increase drug injecting, drug trafficking or crime in the surrounding environments
- Associated with reduced levels of public drug injections and dropped syringes
- Provide greater opportunities for health workers to connect with injectors



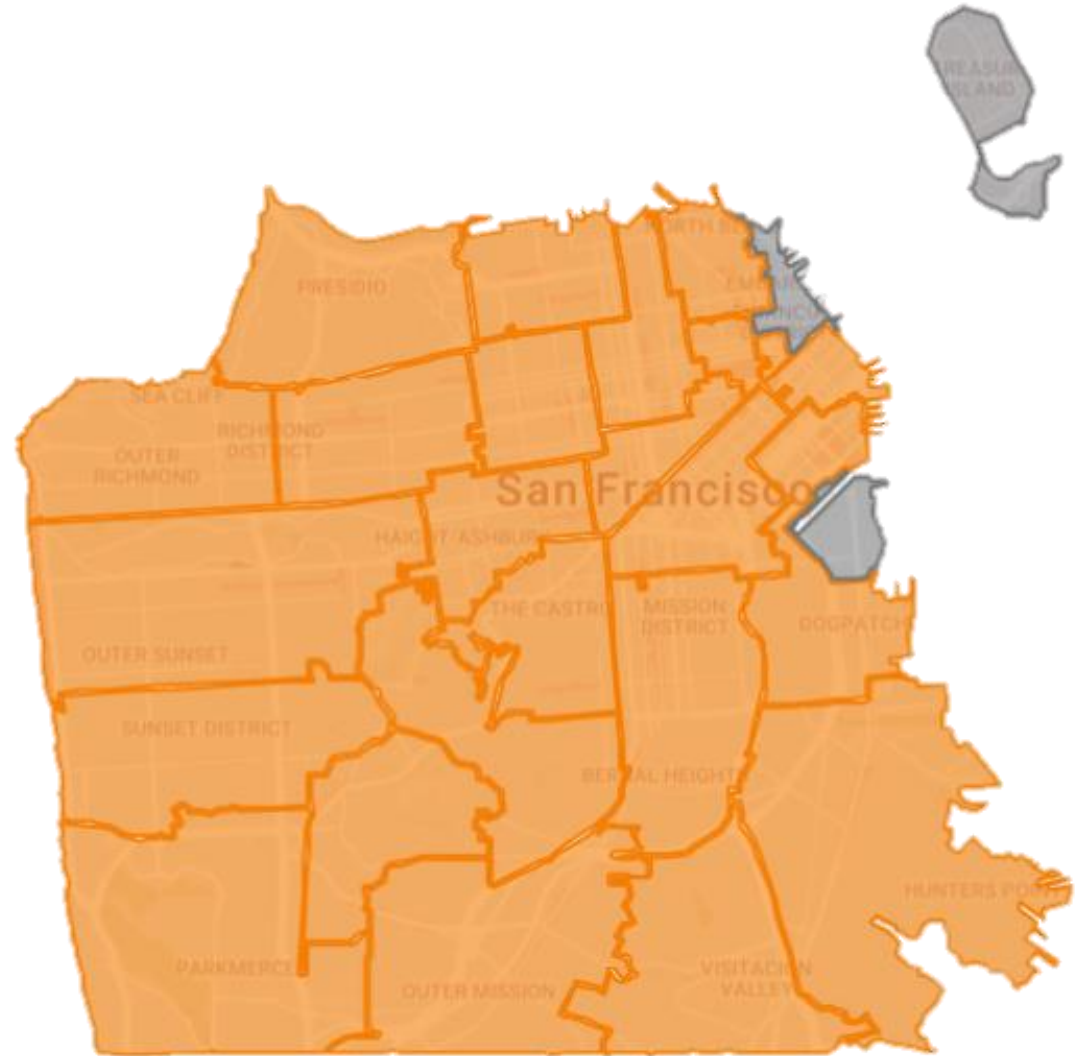
INTRODUCTIONS

- NAME
- NEIGHBORHOOD YOU LIVE OR WORK IN

SURVEY RESPONSES

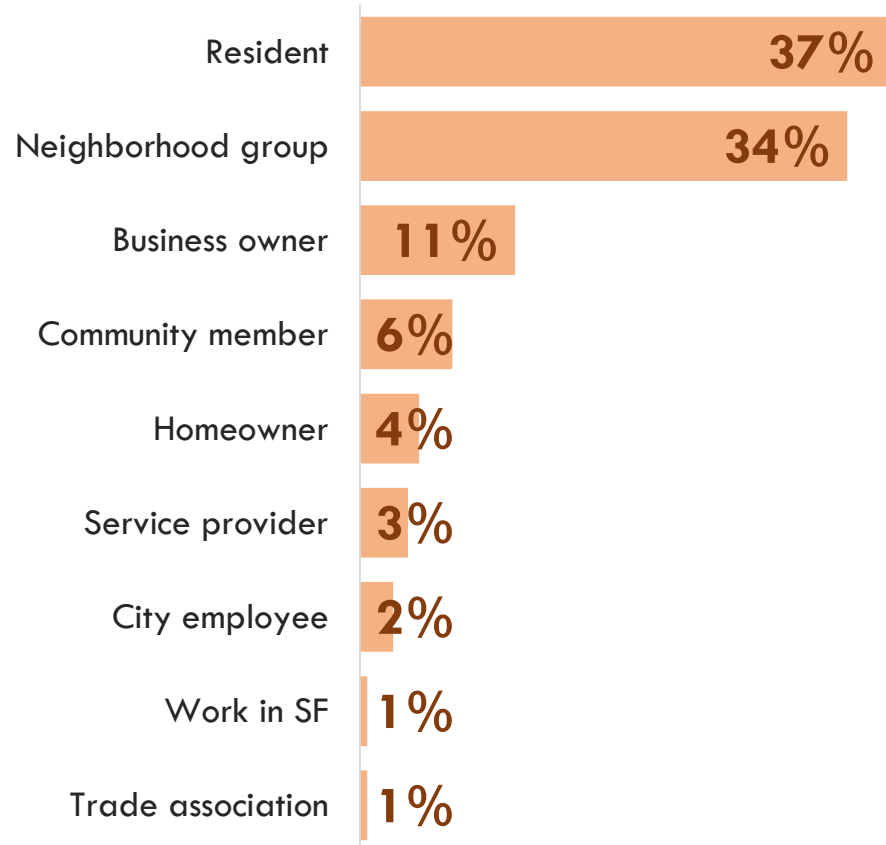
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REPRESENTED

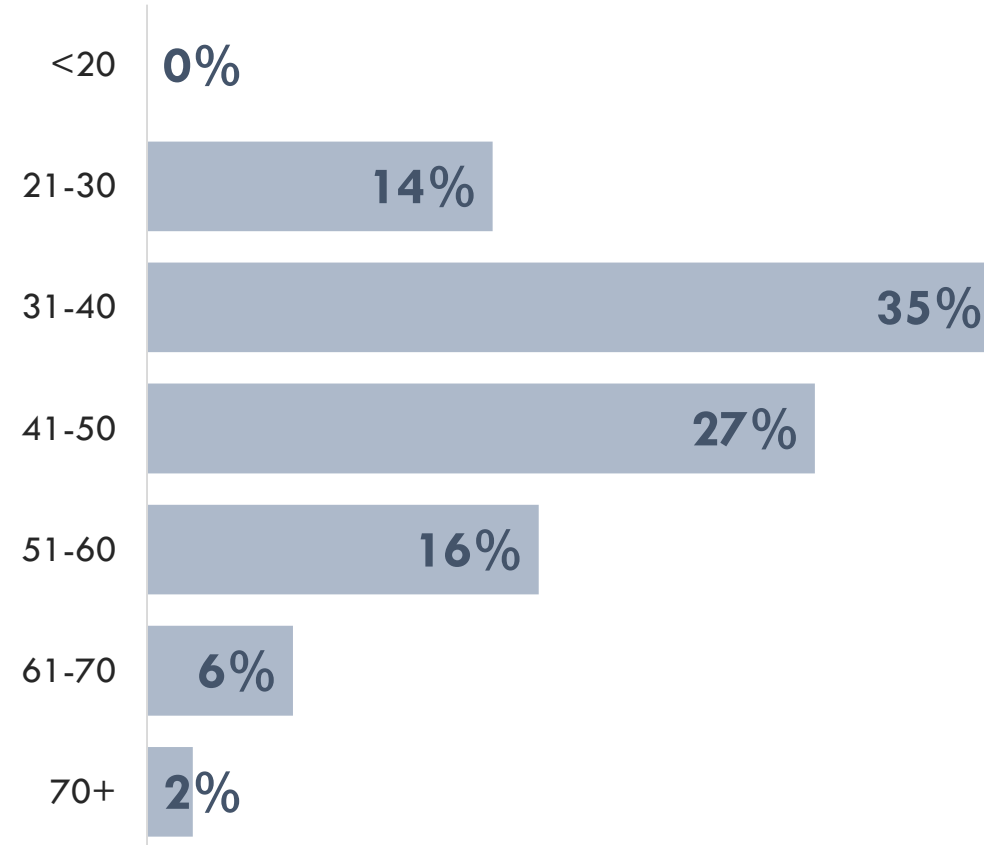


SURVEY RESPONSES

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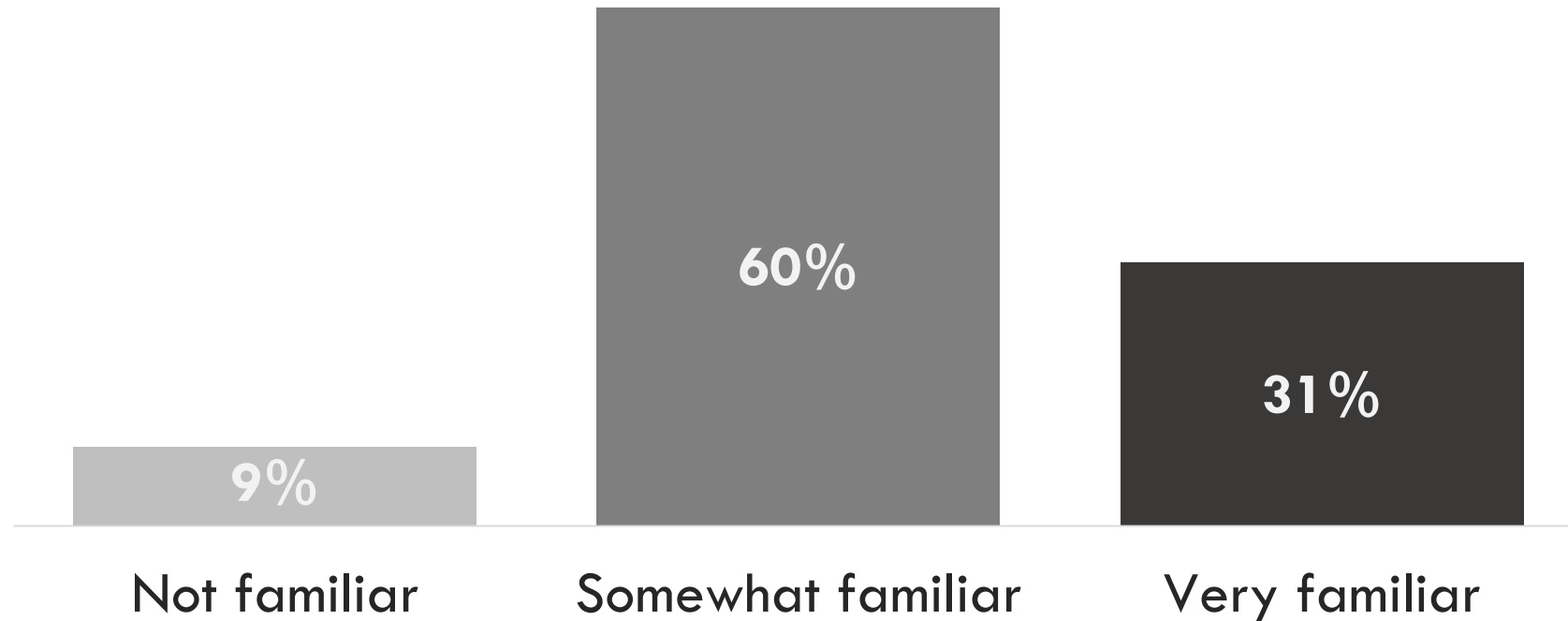


AGE RANGE



SURVEY RESPONSES

FAMILIARITY WITH SAFE INJECTION SERVICES



QUESTION 1

**INJECTION DRUG USE IS AN ISSUE
IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD.**

QUESTION 2

**IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, I REGULARLY
OBSERVE SOMEONE INJECTING DRUGS
IN PUBLIC.**

QUESTION 3

**IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, I REGULARLY
OBSERVE DISCARDED SYRINGES ON THE
GROUND.**

QUESTION 4

**WHAT COULD BE DONE TO ADDRESS
PUBLIC INJECTION DRUG USE AND
DISCARDED SYRINGES?**

QUESTION 5

96%

SURVEY RESPONSES INDICATED
AT LEAST ONE BENEFIT

IF YOU THINK THERE ARE
**BENEFITS TO PROVIDING
SAFE INJECTION SERVICES,**
WHAT MIGHT THEY BE?

QUESTION 6

90%

SURVEY RESPONSES INDICATED
AT LEAST ONE CONCERN

IF YOU THINK THERE ARE
**CONCERNS TO PROVIDING
SAFE INJECTION SERVICES,
WHAT MIGHT THEY BE?**

QUESTION 7

COULD THESE CONCERNS BE ADDRESSED? IF SO, WHAT WAYS WOULD YOU SUGGEST?

QUESTION 8

**IF SAN FRANCISCO WERE TO EXPLORE SAFE
INJECTION SERVICES, WHAT SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING A
LOCATION?**

QUESTION 9

IF SAN FRANCISCO WERE TO EXPLORE SAFE INJECTION SERVICES, WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN DETERMINING A LOCATION?

QUESTION 10

**IS THERE ANYTHING WE DID NOT ASK
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?**

QUESTION 11

**WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SHARE
INFORMATION AND UPDATES ON
FUTURE EFFORTS?**

NEXT STEPS

TASK FORCE MEETINGS

JULY 21ST, 2017 • 9AM – 11AM • 25 VAN NESS AVE RM 610

AUGUST 10TH, 2017 • 9AM – 11AM • 25 VAN NESS AVE RM 610

FINAL REPORT TO MAYOR & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SEPTEMBER 2017