



OVERRIDES: PARACHUTES FROM THE FISCAL CLIFF

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

- What was learned in the process.
- Future improvements to process-engagement strategies with the community.
- Relationship building with Select Board and Finance Committee + relationships among tri-boards (School Committee, Select Board, and Finance Committee).

Did your district pursue an override for FY25 or plan to pursue one for FY26?

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Yes



No

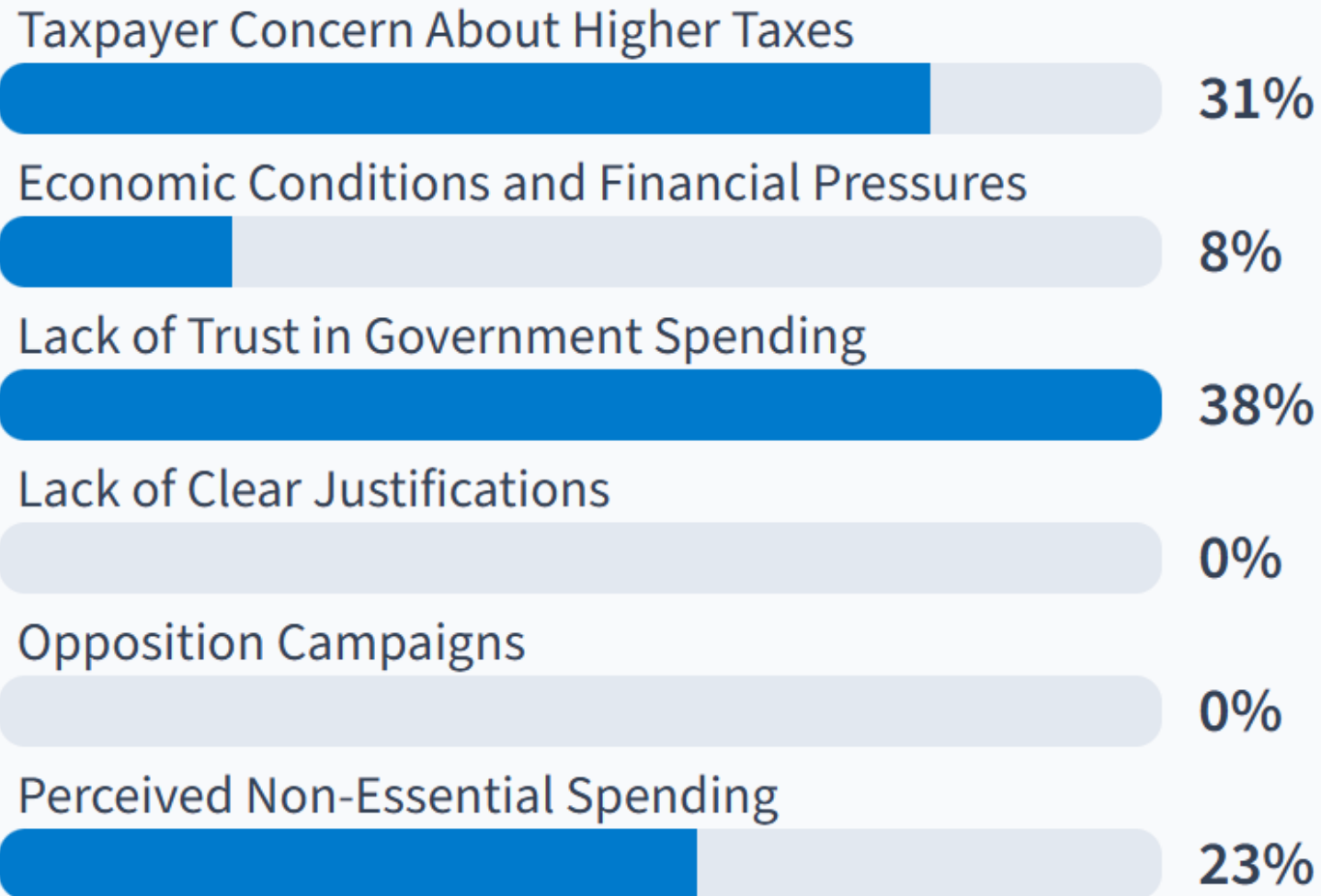


Due to technical difficulties, this poll did not take place during the session through the use of technology and instead through raising of hands

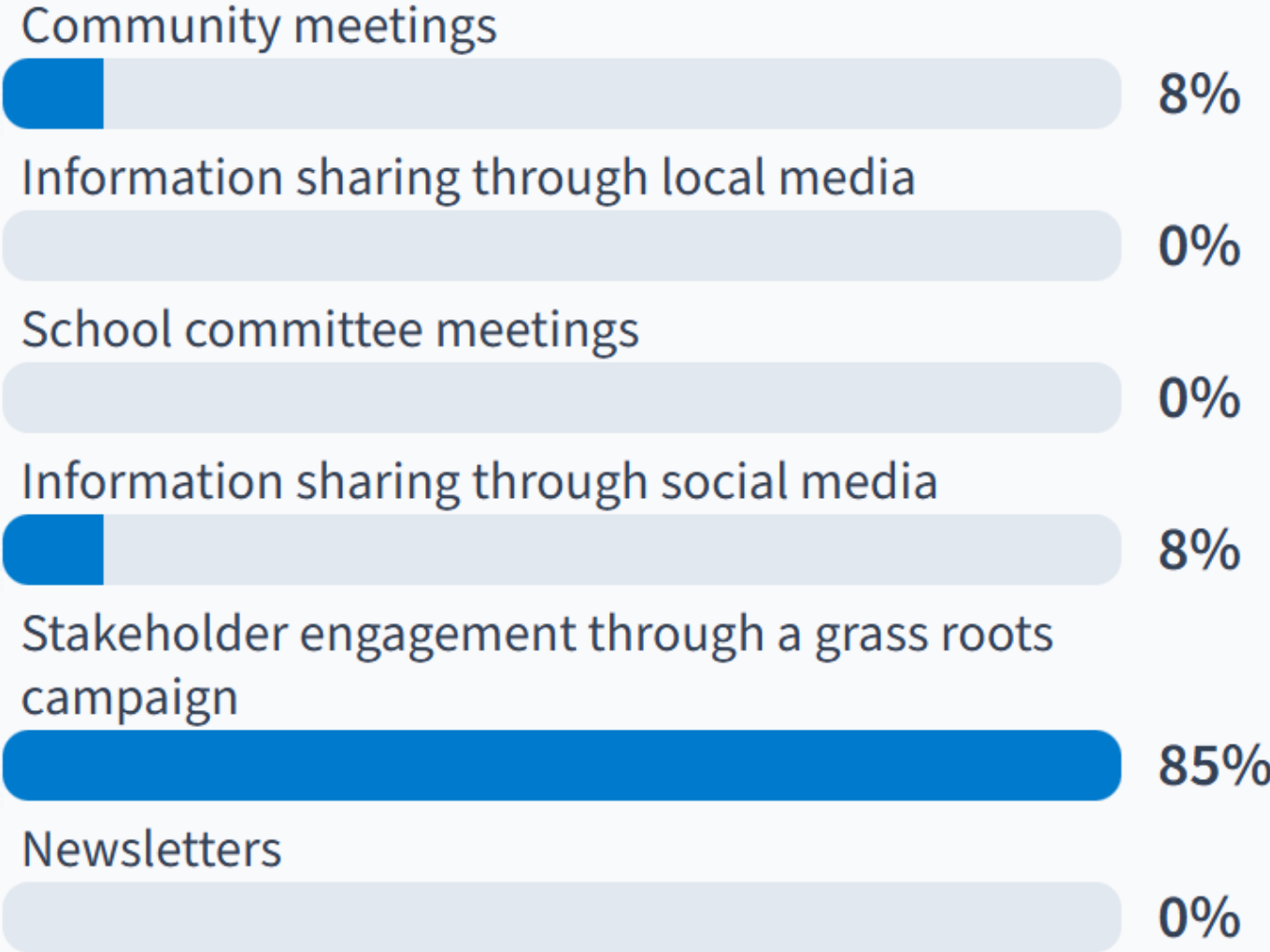
If your district did pursue an override, were you successful?



What do you think is the most common reason overrides fail?



What do you think is the highest leverage engagement strategy to successfully pass an override?



GENERAL OVERRIDE RESOURCES



- Prop 2 ½ Overrides and Exclusions (MA): <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/proposition-2-12-overrides-exclusions>
- Prop 2 ½ Ballot Questions, Requirements and Procedures: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/proposition-2-12-ballot-question-requirement-and-procedure/download>
- Prop 2 ½ Override and Underwrite Votes (DLS):
https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Votes.Prop2_5.OverrideUnderwrite&tblProp2_5Votes-PageNr=1&rdDataCache=2794640710&rdShowModes=&rdSort=&rdNewPageNr=True1&rdRequestForwarding=Form
- Tax Calculator (DLS): <https://dls.gateway.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Analysis.TaxImpactCalc>
- “A Practical Guide” (KP Law): <https://k-plaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Proposition-2-1-2-Part-I-A-Practical-Guide.pdf>
- “Contingent Appropriations (KP Law): [https://k-plaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Proposition-2-1-2-Part-II-Contingent Appropriations.pdf](https://k-plaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Proposition-2-1-2-Part-II-Contingent_Appropriations.pdf)

TOWN/DISTRICT OVERRIDE RESOURCES



➤ Acton information

- Town site - <https://www.acton-ma.gov/813/FY2025-Override-Information>
- Yes campaign - <https://togetherforacton.org/>
- No campaign - <https://actonoverride.com/>

➤ Braintree information

- Yes campaign - <https://www.voteyesbraintree.com/>

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