



Our Gahanna

TODAY. TOMORROW. **TOGETHER.**

Welcome

Agenda

1. Round 1 Engagement Report Out
 - a) Who did we hear from?
 - b) What did we hear?

Round 1 Participation

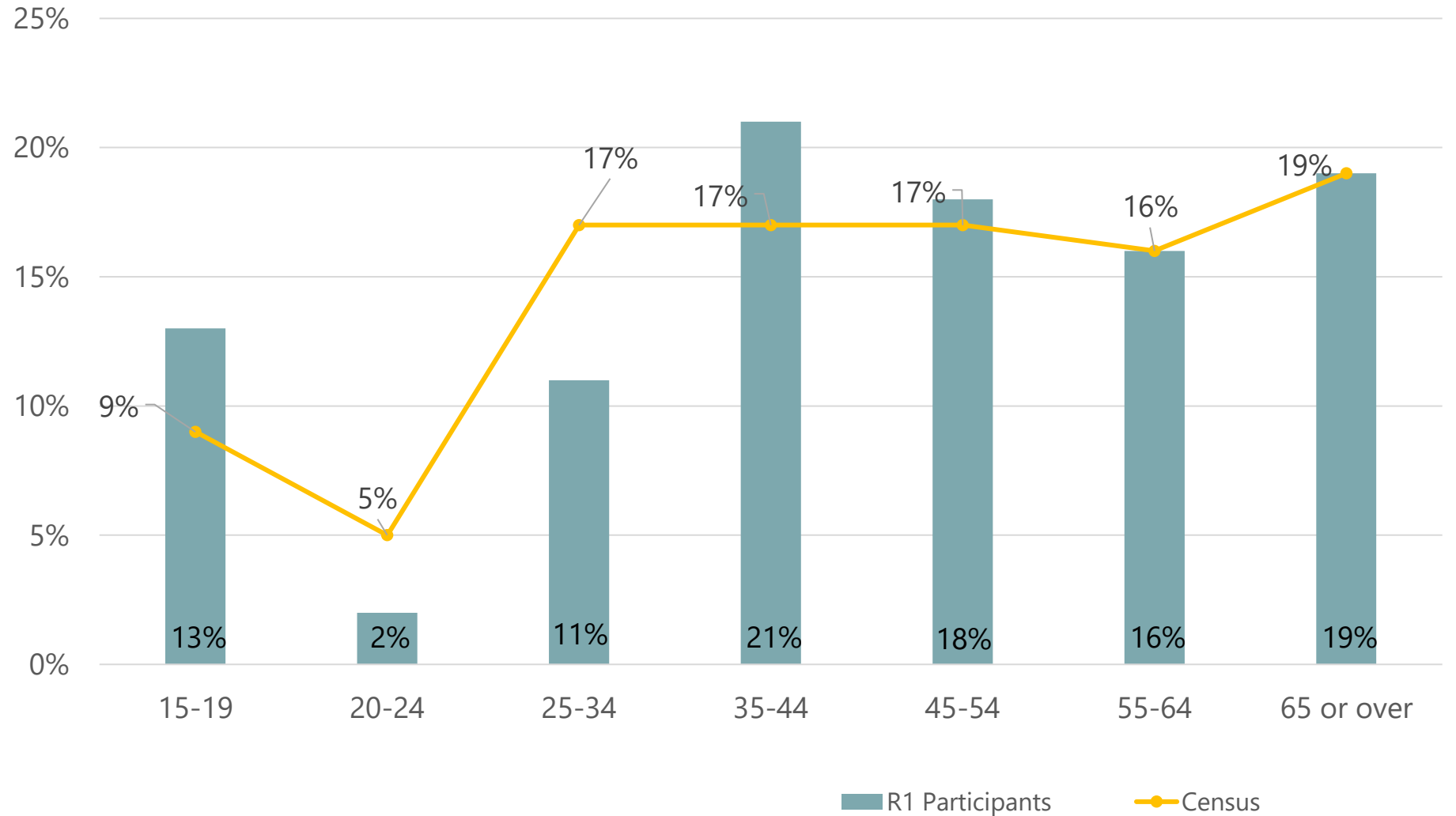
Who did we hear from?

- 1000+ participants
- 86 meetings-in-a-box completed
- 400+ online survey participants
- 2400+ love inputs
- 1200+ unique inputs
- 900+ postcards



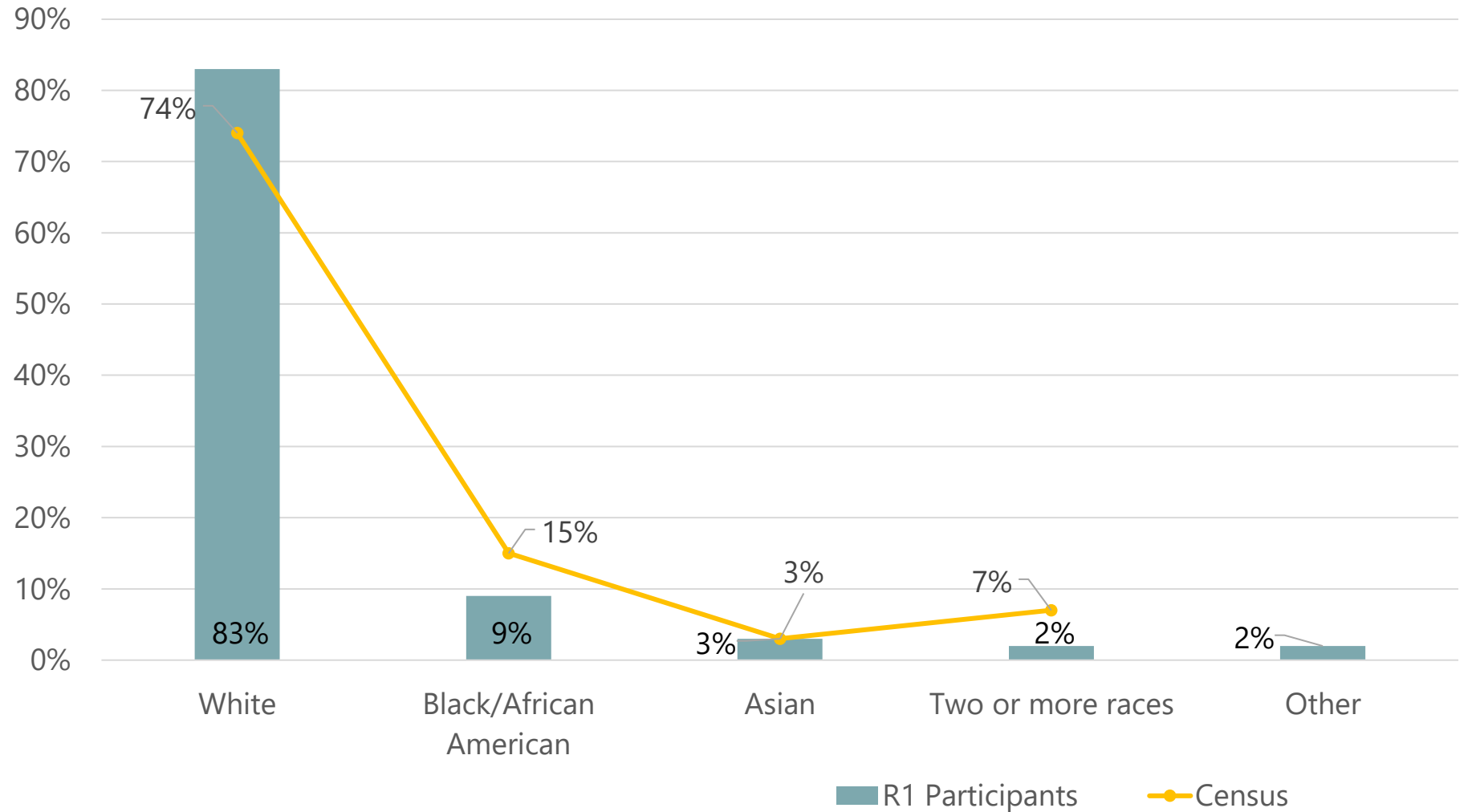
Who did we hear from?

Age



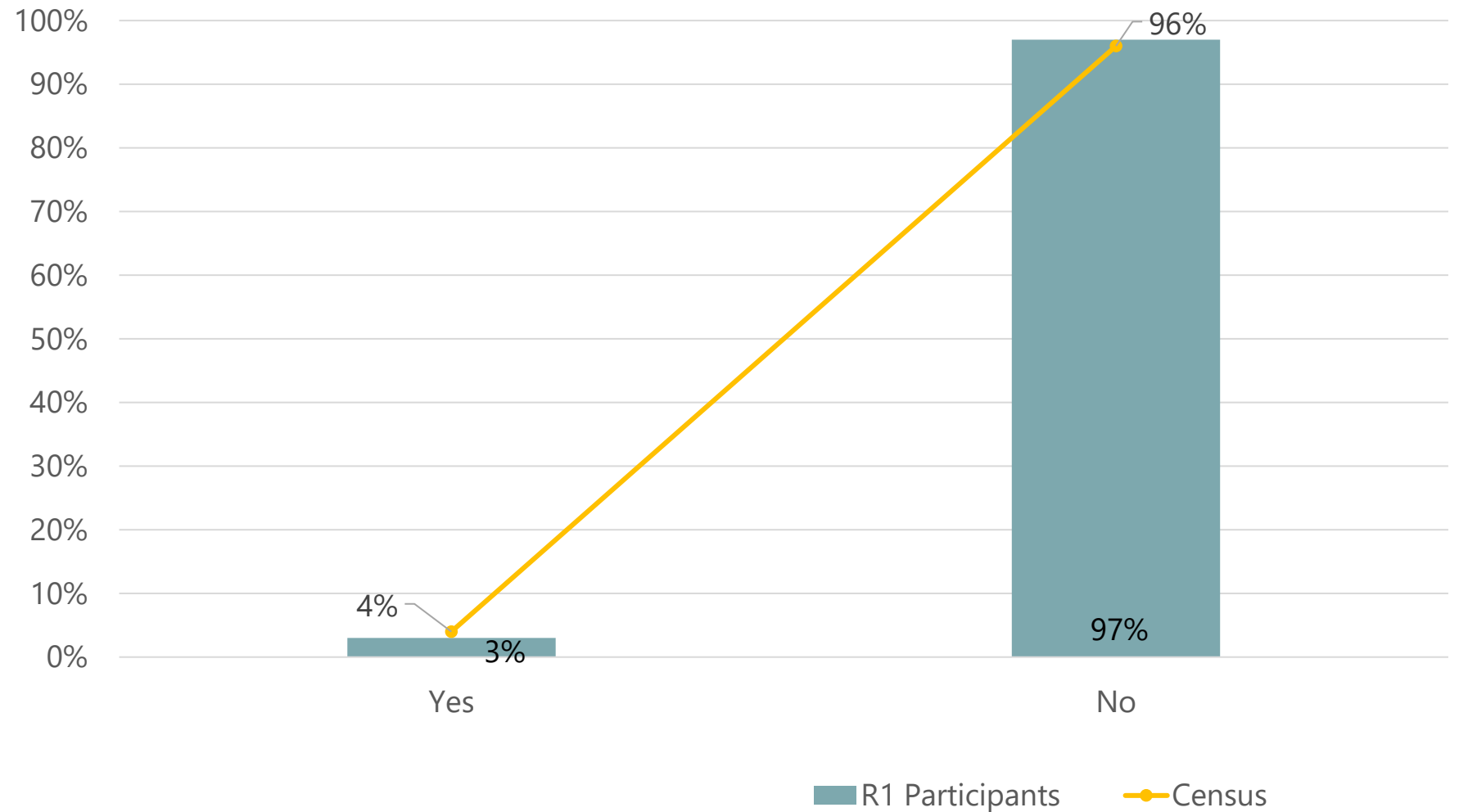
Who did we hear from?

Race/Ethnicity



Who did we hear from?

Hispanic/Latino



Round 1 Themes

Round 1 Activities

- 1. Love Gahanna**
- 2. Unique Gahanna**
- 3. Future Gahanna**

Plus Tell us about yourself online survey

"Love Notes" Themes

What do you love about Gahanna?

1. **The People:** Sense of Community, Culture, Neighborhood, Diversity
2. **Things to do:** Amenities, Events, and Assets
3. **Outdoor recreation:** Parks, Nature, Trails, and Recreation
4. **Location:** Access within the region, and ease of living within Gahanna
5. **City Services:** Leadership, Resources, and Safety

"Unique Gahanna" Themes

What makes Gahanna unique compared to other Central Ohio suburban communities?

1. Focus on preservation and sustainability, pride in green and natural spaces
2. Creekside as a gathering place, with potential to become a more vibrant social space
3. Welcoming community and neighbors with strong bonds, inclusive
4. Convenient access to Columbus, highways, and other areas of interest
5. High-quality schools, teachers, and educational programs

"Future Gahanna" Themes

How do you hope Gahanna has improved 10 years from now?

1. **Creekside:** Vibrant, Lively, Walkable, More Robust
2. **Connected:** Walkability, Trails, Public Transit, Car is Optional
3. **Vibrancy:** Amenities, Events, Entertainment
4. **Education:** Strong schools, Education, and Programs
5. **Engagement:** Community Organizations, Government, Planning and Growth Management

"First, the paths and biking lanes have expanded all over the city. I could bike on the trail all the way down Clark State! Creekside has expanded and become more dense, so many local shops and unique restaurants! A rapid bus line runs down Hamilton making it easy to get to Kroger. The Farmers Market rivals Worthington's, I could easily get a whole week's worth of healthy, local food for the family. The best part is to see how many people are biking, it is so great for the community to be less dependent on cars. Maybe I should move back"

"Our downtown has been expanded and there are apartments and shops nearby so folks can live, works, play, and shop around the same place. The trails have been increased and they are all connected. I am so thrilled, I can get all my steps in uninterrupted! There are bus lanes, bike lanes, and the sidewalks have been redesigned to increase safety! I can't wait for you to come visit! The recreational activities such as swimming and other things to do have also been added, and it's so much fun to live in Gahanna! Come visit us!"

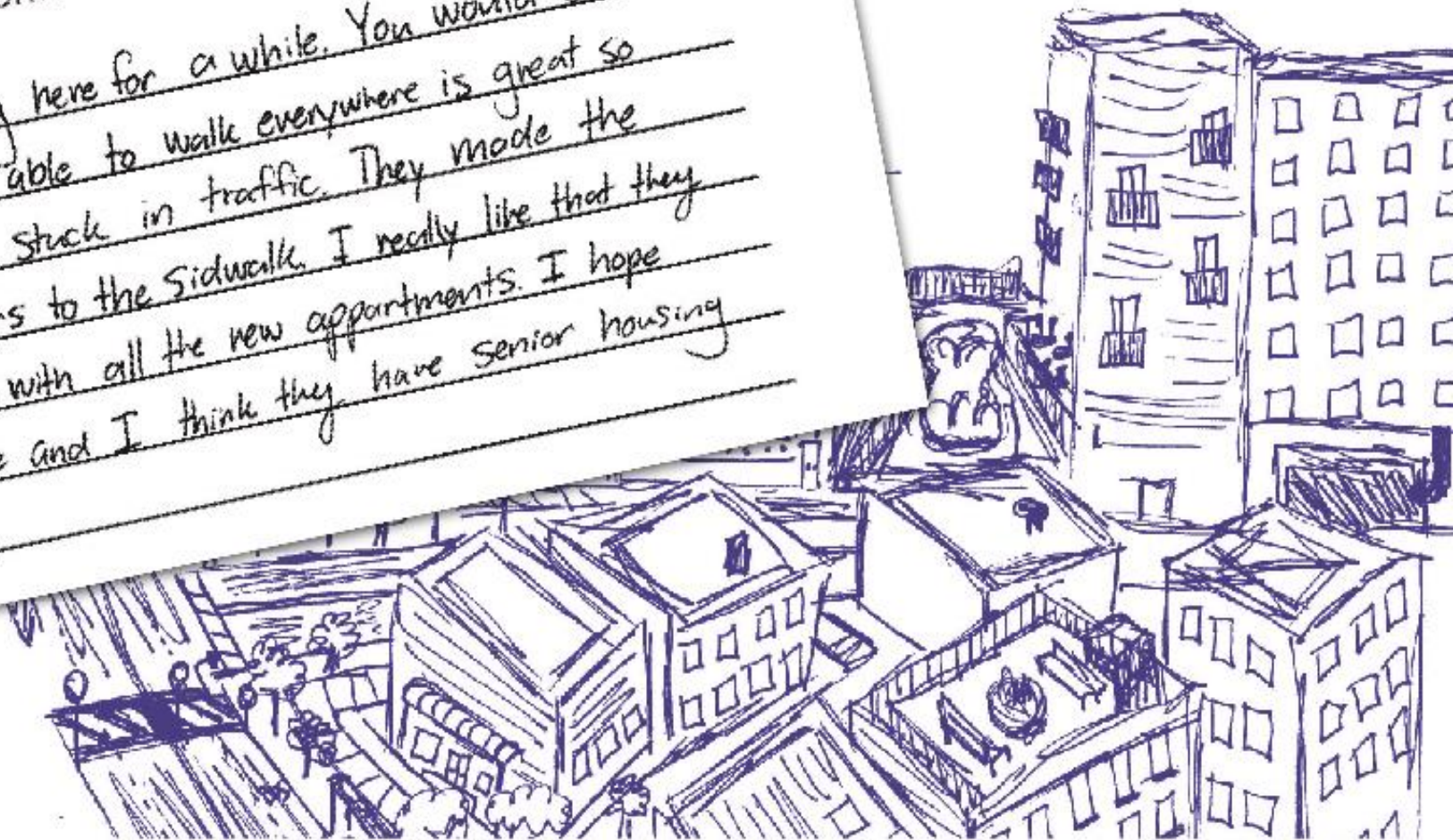
"The city now has robust engagement opportunities. We support female leaders, young professionals, and other diverse populations. Our schools are updated and meeting the changing U.S. and local work force's needs. Our youth are prepared to lead our future. The city is vibrant with parks and a connected trail system. We have focused on green spaces and community development."

Dear Mom

It's 2035 and it has been 10 years since I've been to Gahanna. So much has improved ... Let me tell you about my favorite changes!



I moved to Gahanna after working here for a while. You would be surprised how walkable it is. Being able to walk everywhere is great so I don't have to spend so much time stuck in traffic. They made the crossings safer too by adding buffers to the sidewalk. I really like that they kept all of the green space even with all the new apartments. I hope that all my friends can move here and I think they have senior housing too! (Sorry for calling you old)





Dear Family

It's 2035 and it has been 10 years since I've been to Gahanna. So much has improved ... Let me tell you about my favorite changes!

pool facility, rec center, more trees, new school facilities,
better landscaping, more understanding between city and community,
new businesses (restaurants, smaller markets), better sidewalks,
more trails, more underground utilities



What's Next?

- Plan Framework development
 - Public Input ➡ Consultant ➡ Steering Committee ➡ Staff ➡ Council update
- Round 2 Engagement
 - May 6-8 (promotion will start with State of the City)
 - Testing of the Plan Framework
 - Stations with input gathering on the major strategic focuses for the plan
 - Online Survey during the month of May

THANK YOU!

