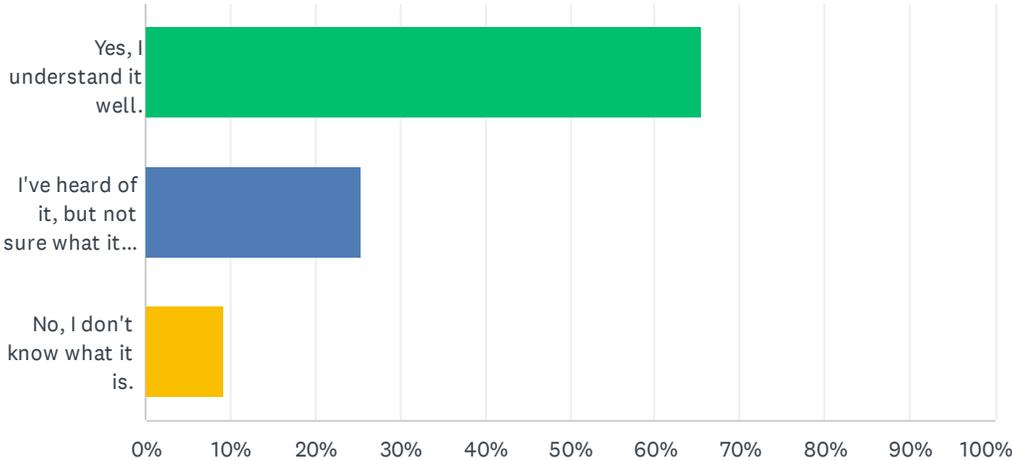


# Q1 Are you familiar with what a charter city is?

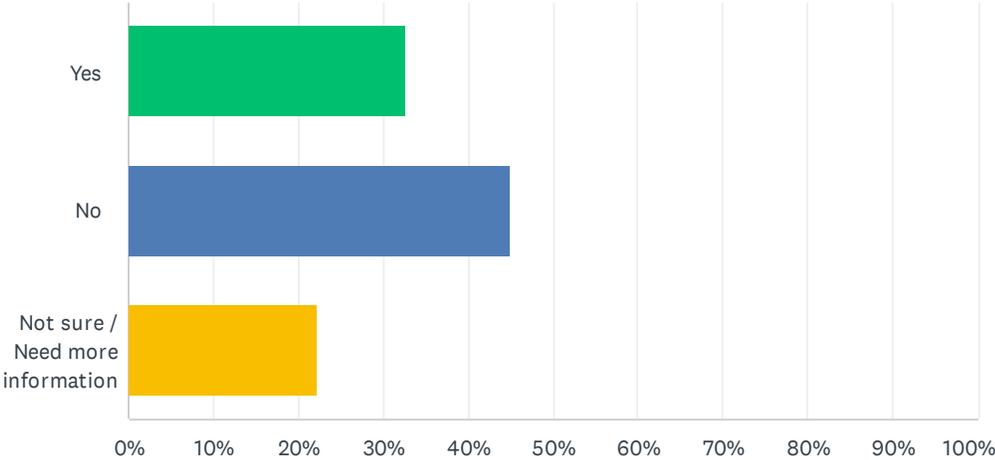
Answered: 162 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I understand it well.	65.43%	106
I've heard of it, but not sure what it means.	25.31%	41
No, I don't know what it is.	9.26%	15
TOTAL		162

## Q2 Do you support the idea of the City of Fountain Valley becoming a charter city?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.72%	53
No	45.06%	73
Not sure / Need more information	22.22%	36
TOTAL		162

## Q3 What are your main concerns or hopes about becoming a charter city?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 39

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A waste of money	10/29/2025 10:06 AM
2	There is no substantial benefit that would outweigh the cost associated with becoming a charter city.	10/29/2025 9:40 AM
3	Higher, unnecessary cost to maintain a charter city. Fountain Valley does not have the same level of tax revenue that Huntington Beach has. I'm afraid we would not be able to support such a structure. I would rather have our tax dollars go to maintaining our roads, events, community needs rather than paying for more staff in order to setup and maintain a charter city. The current structure has served us well.	10/29/2025 8:57 AM
4	Cost versus benefits, it's not worth the legal fees to set up and maintain.	10/28/2025 9:26 AM
5	Autonomy	10/28/2025 7:19 AM
6	I hope Fountain Valley will still remain: "A Nice Place to Live"	10/27/2025 5:21 PM
7	Not sure what the benefits and/or losses are included.	10/27/2025 3:11 PM
8	Freedom from Newsoms forced housing mandates for a non-existent and fabricated housing shortage. Shut down all developments and start to bring back trees and vegetation to our City..	10/26/2025 6:20 PM
9	It seems the only way to push back against Sacramento's overreach. I want to protect our residential zoning laws!	10/26/2025 3:20 PM
10	Why not?	10/26/2025 1:10 PM
11	It's wasting city tax dollars and giving too much control to the city council. Mayor Bui when you were first elected to city council the first thing on your agenda was to remodel your office at the expense of residents. Then shortly after you ran for a state assembly or senator I can remember which but you didn't make it out of the primary. This charter city idea is your idea and no doubt if successful will be slapped on your bio when you attempt to run for another political office. Being a charter city will not benefit residents it will only benefit Mayor Bui and the other useless council members that are in support of it.	10/26/2025 10:00 AM
12	Not being restricted by the state government of CA.	10/25/2025 7:40 PM
13	Wrongly leading people to believe the City will fight Sacramento. Cities have spent alot of taxpayer money fighting Newsom. It is wrong to lead people to believe we will do the same.	10/25/2025 4:02 PM
14	NO on Charter City! STOP wasting time & \$\$\$\$. NO!!!	10/25/2025 3:59 PM
15	To protect local control, although steadfastly against switch to OCPA	10/25/2025 3:29 PM
16	It would make it easier for extremists to get more power.	10/25/2025 2:48 PM
17	Not having to follow the ridiculous rules set forth by the governor	10/25/2025 1:56 PM
18	Since this survey is shared on social media and uses voluntary response sampling rather than random sampling, it only represents the opinions of those who respond, and cannot be generalized to a larger population, such as everyone in Fountain Valley.	10/25/2025 10:45 AM
19	Lawsuits. And becoming more like Huntington Beach, which is a disaster.	10/25/2025 9:07 AM
20	Hopes: some separation from Newsom's agenda, less dense housing, ability to do what makes sense for fountain valley	10/25/2025 7:50 AM
21	None	10/24/2025 10:38 PM
22	Go against Sacramento's orders	10/24/2025 8:33 PM

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23	As a charter city how far afield can we go. Don't want to turn into Huntington Beach	10/24/2025 8:15 PM
24	None	10/24/2025 3:52 PM
25	We take control of our destiny	10/24/2025 12:41 PM
26	It will cost a lot of money and not really help the city that much. It will not be worth the amount of cost and effort.	10/24/2025 12:18 PM
27	I like the fact of being more in control of State Infrastructure demands, but concerned with how the city will handle it on their own.	10/24/2025 11:22 AM
28	Could a pro/con list be published so I could see the key points? What provisions would change and what are the ramifications? I'm sure these have been discussed, but I would like to see it in writing.	10/23/2025 4:32 PM
29	My hope is that becoming a charter city would give us more local control to make decisions that truly serve our residents. I'm concerned that when the state dictates policies—especially those promoting high-density housing and over-building—it limits our ability to govern in a way that protects the character, safety, and well-being of our community. I believe our city should have the freedom to address issues like homelessness, drug activity, and responsible growth in ways that reflect what's best for our residents.	10/23/2025 4:08 PM
30	While not inherently good or bad, setting up a charter city is an extra expense, is unlikely to provide any benefit & could be a financial liability eg HB. "If it's not broken don't fix it" comes to mind! Show me what's broken otherwise I suspect that there are unspoken political motives that the last city council meeting should have made clear are not conducive to FV remaining "a nice place to live". Let's talk about it but don't put it on the ballot just yet!!	10/23/2025 1:28 PM
31	I think it gives too much authority to council members. Also, I'm afraid that this idea has developed from a wish to control state housing requirements and the city will end up in legal wrangling like HB. Is there any other reason for becoming a charter city?	10/22/2025 10:10 PM
32	Why not?	10/22/2025 9:42 PM
33	None, bad idea.	10/22/2025 9:23 PM
34	I do not want it to be private nor break away from being a compliant law abiding public government agency with due process.	10/22/2025 9:13 PM
35	That the state will not harass the city as they have with H.B.	10/22/2025 7:33 PM
36	Too costly. Allows for special interests to assert their will behind closed doors (like what happened in NB allowing so many houses to convert to rehab facilities. ) Can be very political and decisive and make FV not a nice place to live (similar to what is happening in HB).	10/22/2025 6:28 PM
37	More local government control!	10/22/2025 5:37 PM
38	By being a charter city, the city can have more control over its municipal affairs and autonomy over the state. The state is currently taking more local controls away from the city, the people, and eroding the democratic process. The city and the public should have as much oversight of how they want their city to be run, what local zoning is adopted and how much development should be permitted.	10/22/2025 4:28 PM
39	Extra costs for insurance, legal defense	10/22/2025 4:22 PM
40	Cost, and what the SPECIFIC advantages are.	10/22/2025 2:50 PM
41	Impact on our city. What is the advantages/disadvantages	10/22/2025 2:35 PM
42	No one at the city has be able to articulate what FV would do different to benefit with this change. This will cost the city money to change for this and annual costs to maintain it. Also I really do not want to put. Hat additional power into the councils hands. This is a small city and these are part time jobs with no prior qualifications necessary, just votes. there is a perception that we can push back more on state housing legislation and I believe that is just false hope. See how HB is doing in this area.	10/22/2025 2:23 PM
43	I am not sure that by changing to a charter city it will help FV. We are doing just fine now.	10/22/2025 2:21 PM
44	More cost to taxpayers, more opportunities for corruption.	10/22/2025 2:12 PM

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45	Like Huntington Beach more free to make City decisions without people like Gavin Newsom intervening at will!	10/22/2025 1:43 PM
46	To get out of the Democratic regime.	10/22/2025 9:38 AM
47	Want authority and flexibility to do what's best for OUR city vs what the state is forcing upon us.	10/21/2025 9:18 PM
48	Raising taxes and fees.	10/19/2025 3:48 PM
49	That we can get around the horrible mandates that the state says we must do.	10/19/2025 1:25 PM
50	After the council looked at this for 7 months and two town hall meetings. No one can provide a concrete reason why Fountain Valley should do this. If in the future there is a good reason we can revisit the idea.	10/19/2025 11:45 AM
51	The cost to litigate.	10/18/2025 9:46 PM
52	more local control and more local management	10/18/2025 8:35 PM
53	Costs. It won't change anything	10/18/2025 3:11 PM
54	Our current council is not adept enough to support the higher level.	10/18/2025 2:31 PM
55	Bad actors coming into the city and creating corrupt policies that are anti-American.	10/18/2025 7:36 AM
56	Seems too easy to ignore state guidelines	10/17/2025 4:07 PM
57	SB 9 and SB 79	10/15/2025 4:49 PM
58	I foresee endless expensive lawsuits if we go charter. It will drain the city's financial resources and lead to contentious debate and bad publicity.	10/15/2025 7:09 AM
59	To have the authority to limit extra building on residential lots so that Fountain Valley does not become a barrio slum.	10/14/2025 12:40 PM
60	mandated low cost housing by the State zoning regulation controlled by the State	10/14/2025 1:20 AM
61	City leaders will have more flexible authorities to decide what are bests for the city residences.	10/13/2025 7:05 PM
62	At minimum addressing the overdevelopment that is straining the city infrastructure and negatively impacting our quality of life.	10/9/2025 9:12 PM
63	Hope for more control for the city over the state government	10/9/2025 12:32 AM
64	Need more information	10/8/2025 2:36 PM
65	How well equipped is Fountain Valley to handle the undertaking and what it means to be a charter city.	10/8/2025 7:47 AM
66	FV is a great city, and has been since its inception. So I don't understand why we need to make this big change. What problem does it address? Our neighbors who are charter cities don't seem to benefit. In fact, they spend money on lawsuits and propositions. FV doesn't need that.	10/6/2025 4:07 PM
67	Ability to locally legislate land use and zoning for Fountain Valley.	10/6/2025 2:41 PM
68	Can't see the benefit	10/6/2025 1:43 PM
69	Funding for education	10/6/2025 11:57 AM
70	I've see what has happened to Huntington Beach and how off-the-rails the city council has become since becoming a charter city. I do not want to see Fountain Valley change and become an unhinged right-wing super conservative city like HB.	10/6/2025 9:03 AM
71	What do we lose and what do we gain- pros and cons	10/6/2025 8:28 AM
72	Housing!!!	10/6/2025 7:37 AM
73	I am concerned about the cost associated with becoming and maintaining a well run city under the charter city model.	10/6/2025 5:59 AM
74	Will become too confusing with different laws and rules. Too much government as it is.	10/5/2025 10:25 PM

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75	Regulate housing mandates. Have some control over our city. Sacramento shouldn't control local government.	10/5/2025 5:55 PM
76	We shouldn't be divided within our state.	10/5/2025 4:50 PM
77	Greater costs to the city?	10/5/2025 4:48 PM
78	Advantages vs disadvantages	10/5/2025 3:06 PM
79	State mandated programs could be "vetoed" locally, such as ADU's, multi-story apartments, sober houses, etc	10/5/2025 2:47 PM
80	Cost	10/5/2025 2:45 PM
81	Can't give concern need more information.	10/5/2025 1:22 PM
82	Who's the ones making the decisions in the oversight of the city	10/5/2025 10:35 AM
83	The governance.	10/3/2025 7:57 PM
84	Current city council do not listen to the public of FV and make decisions based on their own agenda. They make poor deacons already and they're rude to residents.	10/2/2025 6:37 AM
85	We have a lack of affordable housing all across the county and I'm afraid his is to avoid dealing with the problem.	10/1/2025 4:59 PM
86	Concentrated local power with limited public inputs and reduced oversight. Cost it takes to draft and adopt charter. Lack of benefit moving to charter. Why is s this up for discussion now? Look at HB being charter city and its legal fees fighting the state on affordable housing. Taxpayers will be paying for that.	10/1/2025 4:30 PM
87	Rules more relaxed for ADUs. Minority groups running the city without adequate immput.	10/1/2025 3:45 PM
88	Less state control. Not happy with all the mandated housing requirements . And also bad choices by the city council. Do not believe traffic surveys are incorrect.	10/1/2025 3:41 PM
89	Same old city council!	10/1/2025 2:32 PM
90	I have not heard of a good reason to become one	9/30/2025 10:22 PM
91	Too many to write here	9/30/2025 8:30 PM
92	After reviewing the minutes of the various city council meetings and study sessions on the topic of charter cities, I did not see a fiscal or practical comparative analysis of charter cities vs. general law cities. Furthermore, I did not see whether cities such as Anaheim and Irvine actually benefitted from becoming charter cities. Where is the Before and After comparison chart? Did Irvine's tax base improve greatly after becoming a charter city? Were Anaheim's property values abysmal before becoming a charter city? Did more people want to move to Fullerton because it became a charter city? Are Westminster's current political scandals due to their being a charter city? The City Council needs to do this comparative before/after fiscal analysis before it spends any more of its time and resources pursuing this idea of FV becoming a charter city.	9/30/2025 8:27 PM
93	Why change? The folks wanting the change MUST justify the expense. Tying our city to the craziness of HB is not in FV residents best interest. Do your due diligence	9/30/2025 7:54 PM
94	I am concerned that future city councils will not be fully transparent in making municipal decisions for the city.	9/30/2025 7:03 PM
95	Message to residents MUST include that the City of Fountain Valley DOES NOT intend to spend millions suing the State of California. We are NOT Huntington Beach!!	9/30/2025 5:52 PM
96	FYI Cerritos Long Beach Huntington Beach Newport Beach Irvine Carlsbad San Diego Are all charter cities. I lived in all above cities before.	9/29/2025 8:13 PM
97	Concern - Taking guardrails off city council to do whatever they want. Budget \$ being spent on things residents don't want or need. Residents having less say in what goes on in the city. City going bankrupt and asking residents for bailout or another tax increase on top of the one we already have.	9/29/2025 3:43 PM
98	Being a charter city will increase operating costs, especially legal costs. I would rather spend taxpayer dollars on improved services and facilities rather than on lawyers.	9/28/2025 3:20 PM

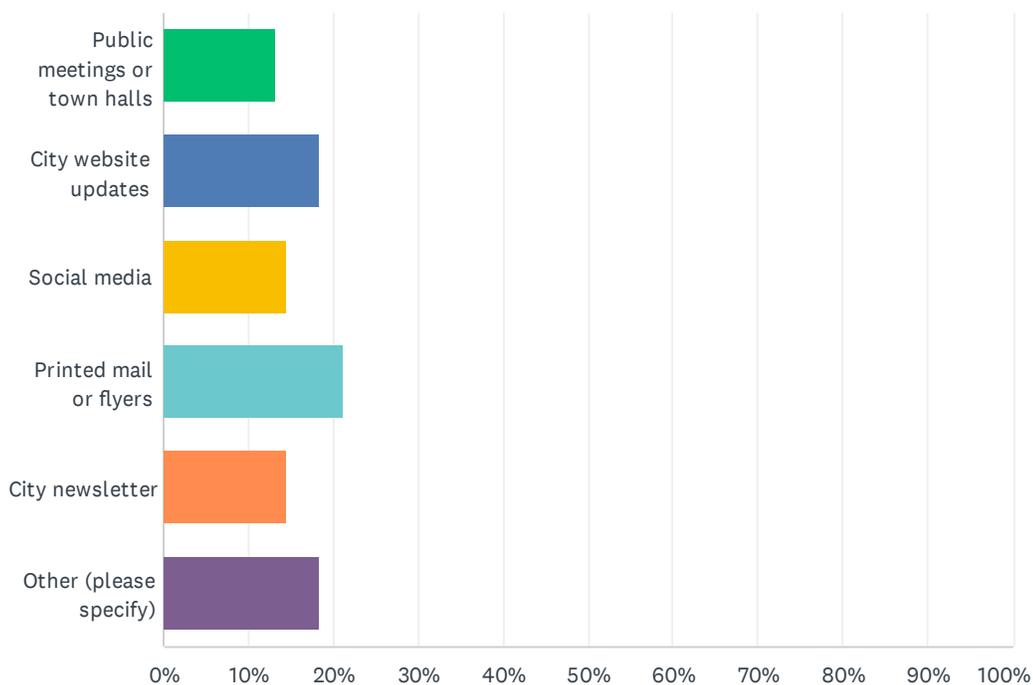
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99	Not necessary for our small city. The only way to get extra rights as a charter is to take legal action, which is expensive. Requires elections and a vote of the people to change a charter--another expense. FV has been a nice place to live for nearly 70 years as a general law city, and it should stay that way.	9/28/2025 3:02 PM
100	I have seen the mess in Huntington Beach being a Charter City. Lots of money being spent suing the state for things the elected officials feel they don't have to abide by because they are a Charter City.	9/28/2025 1:05 PM
101	Revoking voters authority	9/25/2025 8:38 PM
102	My concern would be if the masses would make changes that end up hurting certain populations in the city rather than helping them.	9/24/2025 12:30 PM
103	I prefer the way our city has run over the last 33 years that we've lived in the city	9/23/2025 3:46 PM
104	Litigation costs with no benefit to residents. The lawyers\consultants pushing this have an agenda.	9/23/2025 7:30 AM
105	We don't want to be Huntington Beach.....No need Fountain Valley a great place to live!	9/22/2025 7:13 PM
106	I prefer to follow California state rules & regulations , i believe in our democratic Governor in fighting for our freedom against dictator & discrimination	9/22/2025 4:38 PM
107	A small group of Representatives, deciding how our city will be run. At least with the state of California there is much more input.	9/22/2025 3:33 PM
108	Waste of money. FV is not HB. It does not have a City Attorney, nor does it have funds to pursue or defend legal action against the state when the inevitable happens and the grand ideas of those in favor of being a charter city fail. FV needs to get back to basics. Work with the state to make the city safe, including ending homelessness within FV borders and supporting robust police and fire departments. Charter city status is one of the worst ideas I've heard come from city leaders, and that's saying a lot.	9/22/2025 3:10 PM
109	More local control	9/21/2025 5:13 PM
110	Not all citizens will be heard	9/20/2025 7:45 PM
111	Would being a charter city mean we get no help from the state if we needed?	9/19/2025 10:29 PM
112	Don't fix what isn't broken!	9/19/2025 8:32 PM
113	Ability to govern as we need	9/19/2025 6:50 AM
114	Corruption, embezzlement, racial profiling, discrimination, and increasing unreported crimes due to duress.	9/18/2025 1:08 AM
115	We need to follow state rules. This is a very bad idea.	9/17/2025 8:02 PM
116	Too much power for the city and city council, lack of trust	9/16/2025 3:32 PM
117	I hope that we can take care of our needs as a city, outside of mandates of the state that doesn't care about our city. For example, mandatory HDH. This is going to cause congestion. A bigger drain on electricity and resources. Ever since EV cars showed up, we are having a LOT more power outages. Correlation is not causation, but still! We need to manage our resources as a CITY, not be managed by entities as far away as in another state (or country if in other parts of the world).	9/16/2025 1:53 PM
118	Greater control over local issues. But what are the costs?	9/16/2025 8:57 AM
119	Maintaining local control	9/15/2025 10:46 PM
120	Distrust of city leadership	9/15/2025 9:48 PM
121	Fighting back against the city ruining housing mandates that are being used to force stack and pack housing in every inch of open land with zero regard how it impacts existing residents and the city's infrastructure	9/15/2025 7:48 PM
122	Not confident in city's ability to manage costs and complexity.	9/15/2025 5:05 PM
123	Tremendous effort by staff with very little if anything to gain	9/15/2025 4:47 PM

it will cost money in the long run & we will not benefit as a city.

## Q4 How would you like to receive more information on this topic?

Answered: 152 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public meetings or town halls	13.16%	20
City website updates	18.42%	28
Social media	14.47%	22
Printed mail or flyers	21.05%	32
City newsletter	14.47%	22
Other (please specify)	18.42%	28
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>152</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Facebook	10/26/2025 1:10 PM
2	Email	10/25/2025 7:40 PM
3	Reach the whole city as people should know	10/25/2025 4:02 PM
4	all of the above	10/25/2025 3:29 PM
5	Email	10/24/2025 8:15 PM
6	email	10/23/2025 1:50 PM
7	As many of the above as possible.	10/22/2025 4:28 PM
8	All of the above	10/22/2025 2:50 PM

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9	All of these.	10/22/2025 2:09 PM
10	All of above- let's make change happen	10/21/2025 9:18 PM
11	I think you need to need to promote via multiple sources	10/19/2025 1:25 PM
12	All above	10/15/2025 4:49 PM
13	Face boo,	10/13/2025 7:05 PM
14	A combination of the above; meetings, social media and website updates	10/8/2025 7:47 AM
15	For some reason, you don't allow us to pick more than one choice. I pick Social Media, Printed Mail and City Newsletter.	10/6/2025 9:03 AM
16	Someone who really knows the difference	10/6/2025 8:28 AM
17	All of the above.	10/5/2025 4:48 PM
18	Email	9/30/2025 10:22 PM
19	All of the above	9/30/2025 8:30 PM
20	Drop the effort	9/30/2025 7:54 PM
21	All of the above	9/30/2025 7:03 PM
22	All the above, especially mail to residents.	9/30/2025 5:52 PM
23	All above	9/29/2025 8:13 PM
24	Why don't we have a city newsletter?	9/21/2025 5:13 PM
25	Email	9/19/2025 6:50 AM
26	Mail	9/16/2025 1:53 PM
27	Public meetings, emails, printed mailers, city newsletters	9/15/2025 10:46 PM
28	Email	9/15/2025 7:48 PM