

Richmond's Stop Illegal Fireworks Public Education Campaign

2026 Survey Results Summary

The 2026 survey received 25% more responses than 2025's. The majority found illegal fireworks between June 1 and July 15 to be intolerable and said that they were negatively affected by them. Yet there has been some progress. 34% found them to be quieter this year than last on July 4 and the early morning hours of July 5, and 54% found them to be quieter between June 1 and July 15, a significant improvement over last year.

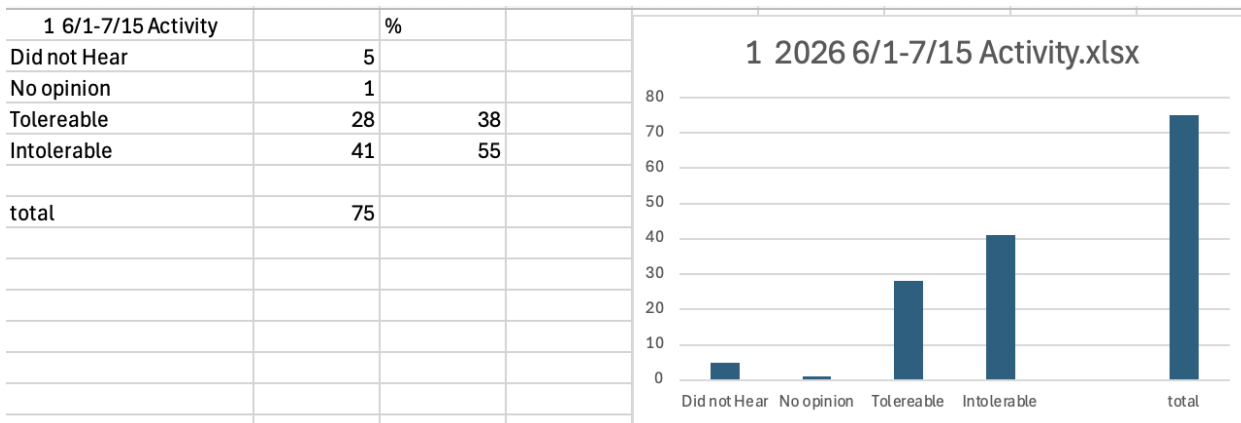
The public education campaign encouraged residents to report the fireworks' *location*. 83% of callers were able to answer some or all of the questions asked by dispatch.

Even though more District 5 residents responded to the survey, the most intolerable fireworks and calls to dispatch were reported in District 6.

See charts below for more detail.

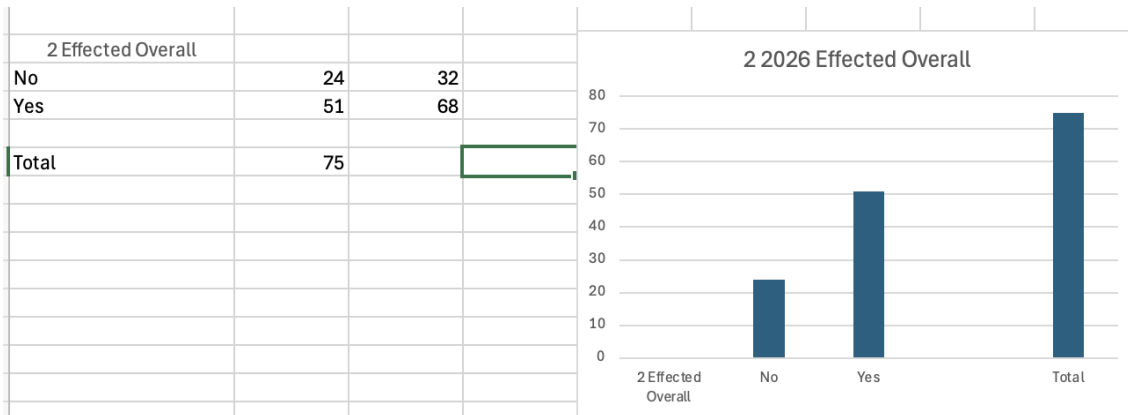
1. How would you describe fireworks **activity** between June 1 and July 15 of 2026?

55% Intolerable. 38% Tolerable.



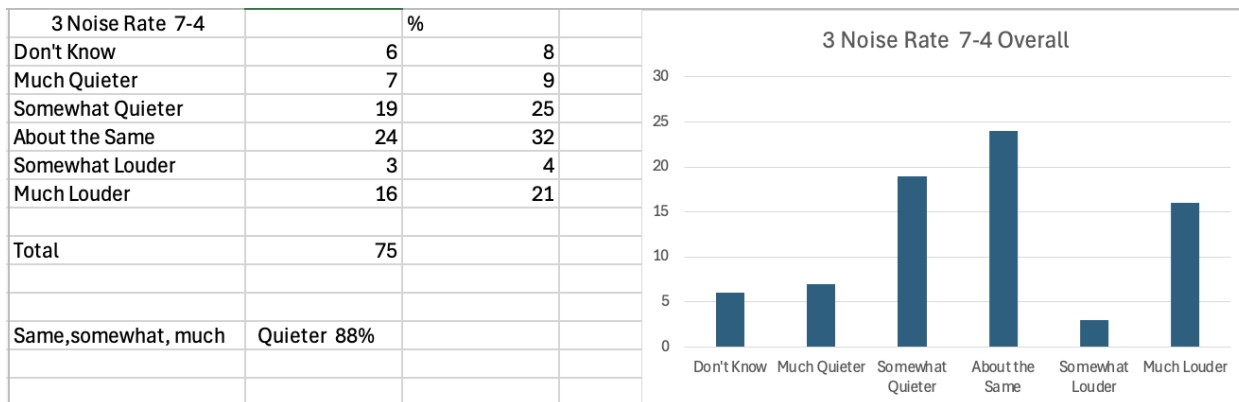
2. Were you, your family members, pets or property **negatively affected** by illegal fireworks in Richmond between June 1 and July 15 of 2026?

68% yes, 32% No.



3. How would you rate the noise level of illegal fireworks on **July 4 and early morning hours of July 5** this year compared to the same time period last years?

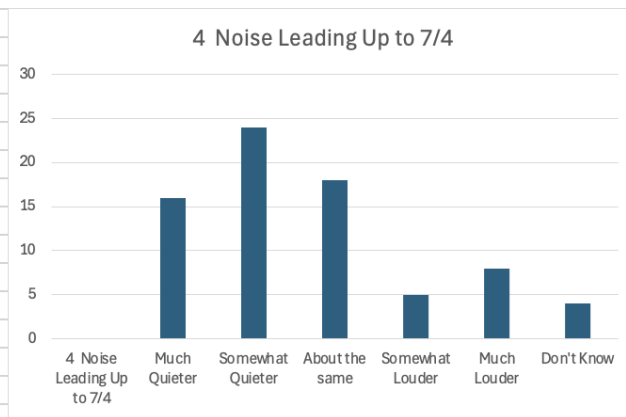
34% somewhat quieter or much quieter



4. How would you rate the noise level of illegal fireworks during the weeks **leading up to July 4** compared to the same time period last year?

54% some or much quieter

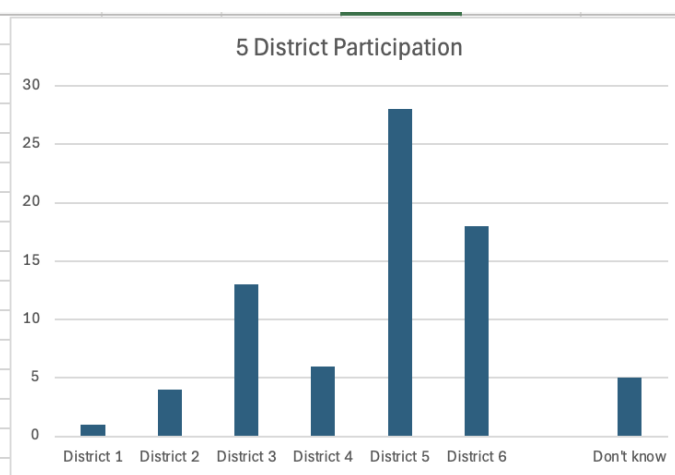
4 Noise Leading Up to 7/4		
Much Quieter	16	21
Somewhat Quieter	24	33
About the same	18	24
Somewhat Louder	5	7
Much Louder	8	11
Don't Know	4	
Total	75	
Same, some, much	Noise 78%	



5. In which **City Council District** so you live?

Districts 5, 6 & 3 had the most survey respondents, respectively

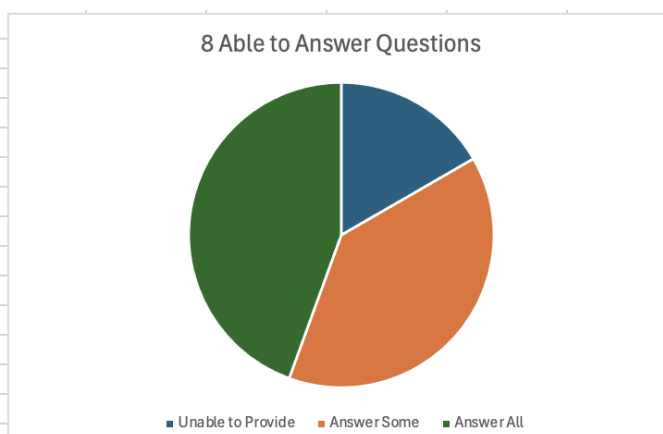
5 District Participation	
District 1	1
District 2	4
District 3	13
District 4	6
District 5	28
District 6	18
Don't know	5
total	75



8. If you talked with dispatch, were you able to provide the information requested, such as the location of the firework activity?

83% said all or some of information requested was provided

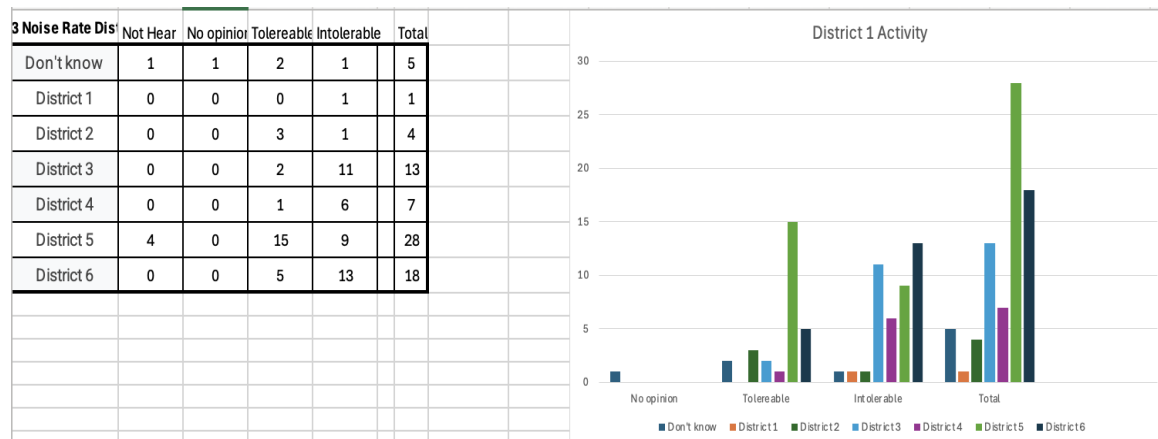
8 Able to Answer Questions		
	#	%
Unable to Provide	3	17
Answer Some	7	39
Answer All	8	44
Total	18	



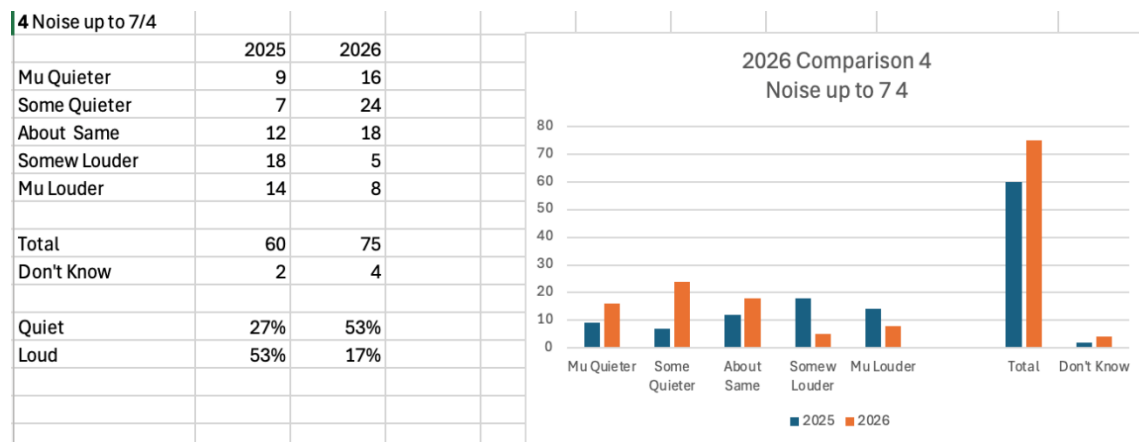
District Detail.

1. How would you describe fireworks **activity** between June 1 and July 15 of 2026?

Districts 6, 3, and 5 had the most Intolerables, respectively. District 5 had the most tolerables

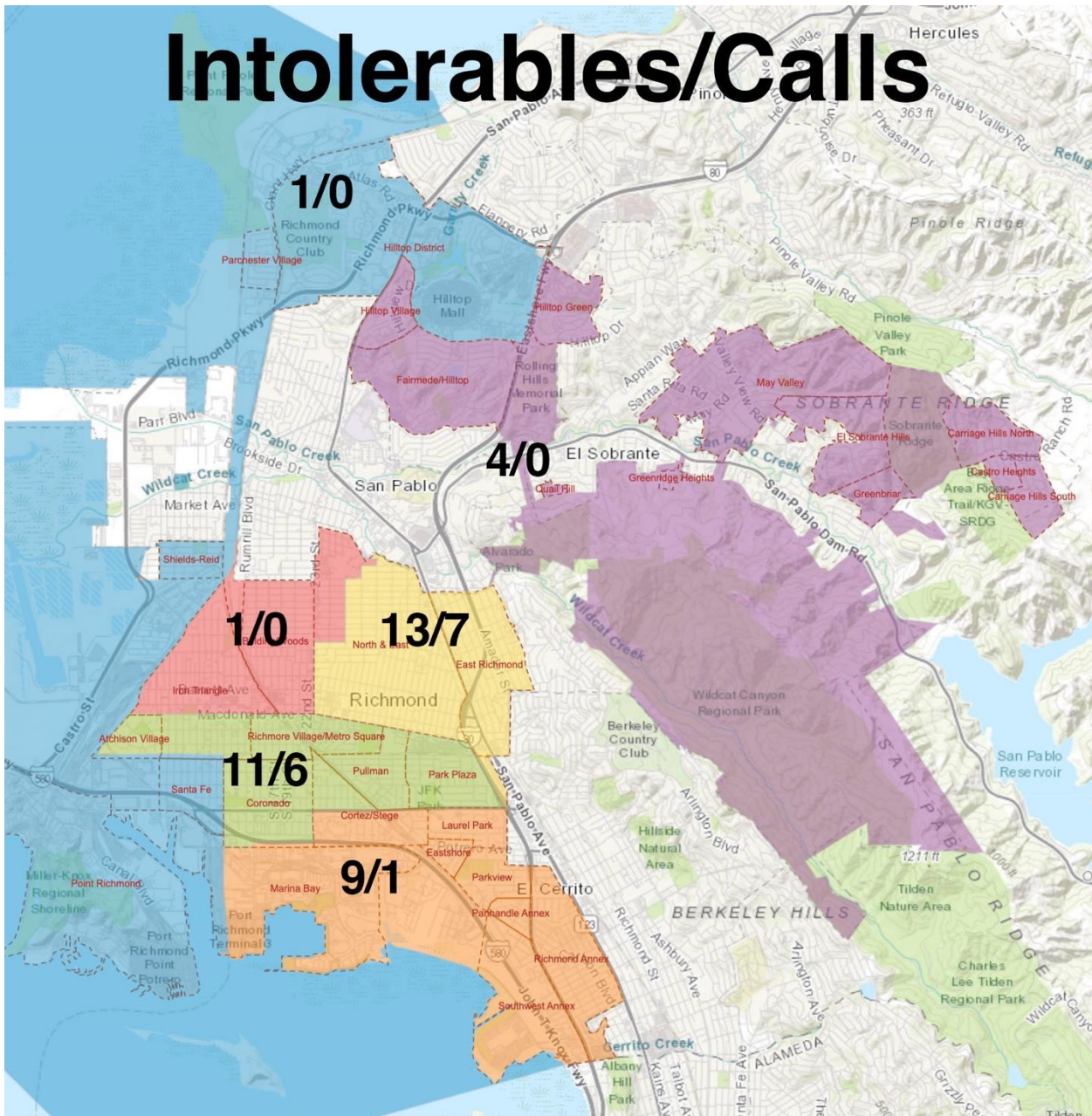


4. How would you rate the noise level of illegal fireworks during the weeks **leading up to July 4** compared to the same time period last year? 2026 was 14% quieter than 2025. 19% fewer reported louder



Number who described fireworks as intolerable / number of calls to dispatch from each city council district. District 6 had most of both.

Intolerables/Calls



The most response was from District 5. Five of the 75 respondents didn't know their council district number.

