



# Local Issues Survey Results

Winter 2016

## **1. Do you feel included and informed regarding events going on in Bellingham?**

15- Most of the time

**39- Some of the time**

9- Rarely

2- Never

## **2. Do you experience parking problems where you live?**

11- Most of the time

16- Some of the time

**18- Rarely**

13- Never

## **3. Does the area where you live have adequate lighting?**

23- Most of the time

**26- Some of the time**

11- Rarely

4- Never

## **4. Did you have a positive experience with the following aspects of looking for a home in Bellingham?**

28- Researching units

22- Touring locations

20- Contacting Landlords/Property Owners

23- Finding affordable Housing

25- Does not apply

## **5. Have you had a positive experience dealing with your landlord?**

11- Extremely Positive

13- Somewhat Positive

16- Neutral

8- Somewhat Negative

3- Extremely Negative

25- Does not apply

**6. Do you feel comfortable approaching your landlord with the following concerns?**

34- Pests

29- Neighbor Problems

31- Rent

37- Maintenance

30- Mold/Unsafe Living Conditions

**7. Do you know what your Bellingham neighborhood is called?**

45- Yes

10- No

4- Unsure

8- Blank

**9. Do you feel confident in your understanding of your lease?**

40- Yes

9- No

11- Does not apply

**10. Are you interested in helping craft the local agenda?**

37- Yes

26- No

**11. Are you interested on lobbying the city and county government?**

30- Yes

33- No

**12. What do you think is the most pressing issue facing students in Bellingham?**

-getting taken advantage of by landlords

-not enough affordable and adequate housing

-good transportation

-living affordability (low wages, bad renting conditions) and white supremacy

-finding affordable housing

-food options within walking distance in South Campus

-landlords taking advantage of tenants because they are students

- intimidating landlord, makes me feel like I have something suspicious going on
- space
- learning how to rent and communicate issues with landlords, what is leasing law, etc
- tuition
- quality of living spaces and the ability to stand up against their crappy landlords
- finding jobs and finding homes with the right roommates, and paying for gas
- housing expenses
- lease agreements
- paying for college
- affordable low income housing for low income students off campus
- tuition and student debt, racism on campus, economic stress
- grades
- getting back your security deposit and landlords getting the apartments without asking

**13. Use this space to elaborate on any of your answers above:**

- Landlord illegally entered apartment
- Not enough parking, apartment has three people and only two parking spaces, horrible neighbors, landlord doesn't do anything about it
- Lakeway Realty is awful, so hold in house with heat on high