

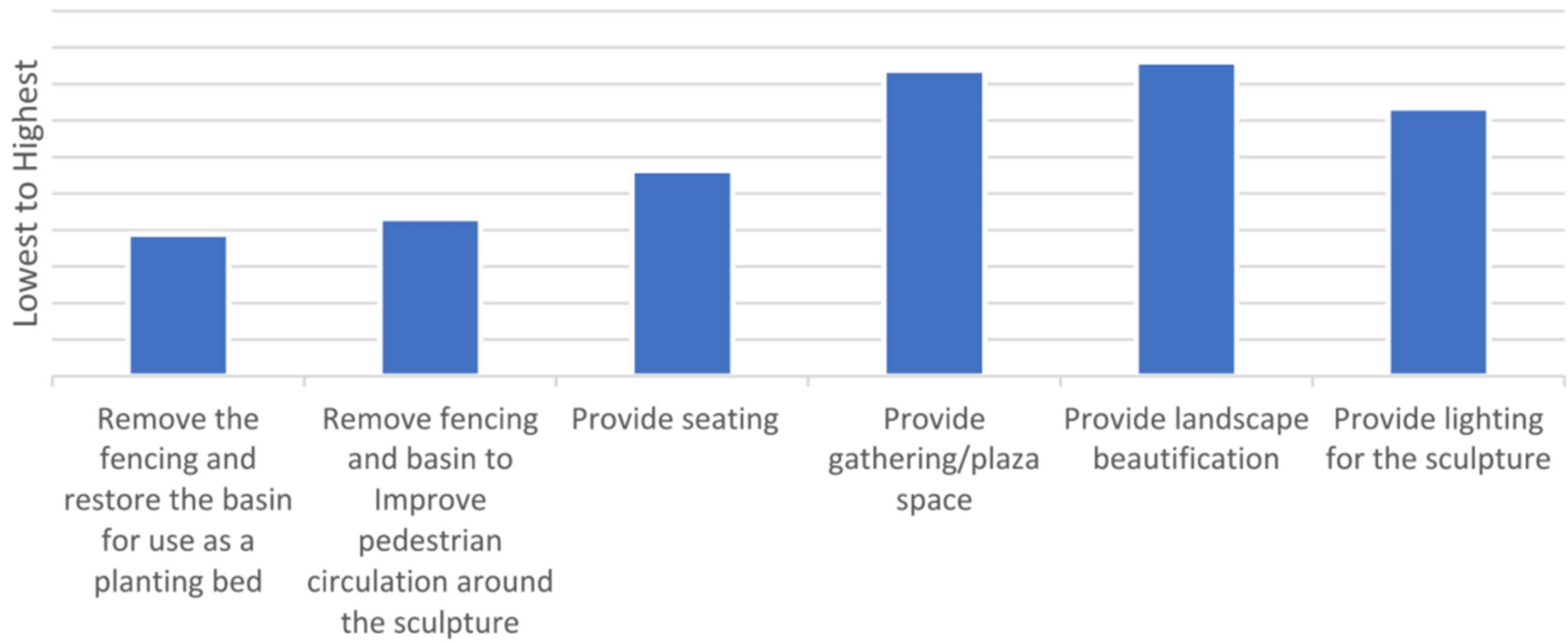


INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARDS IMPROVEMENTS

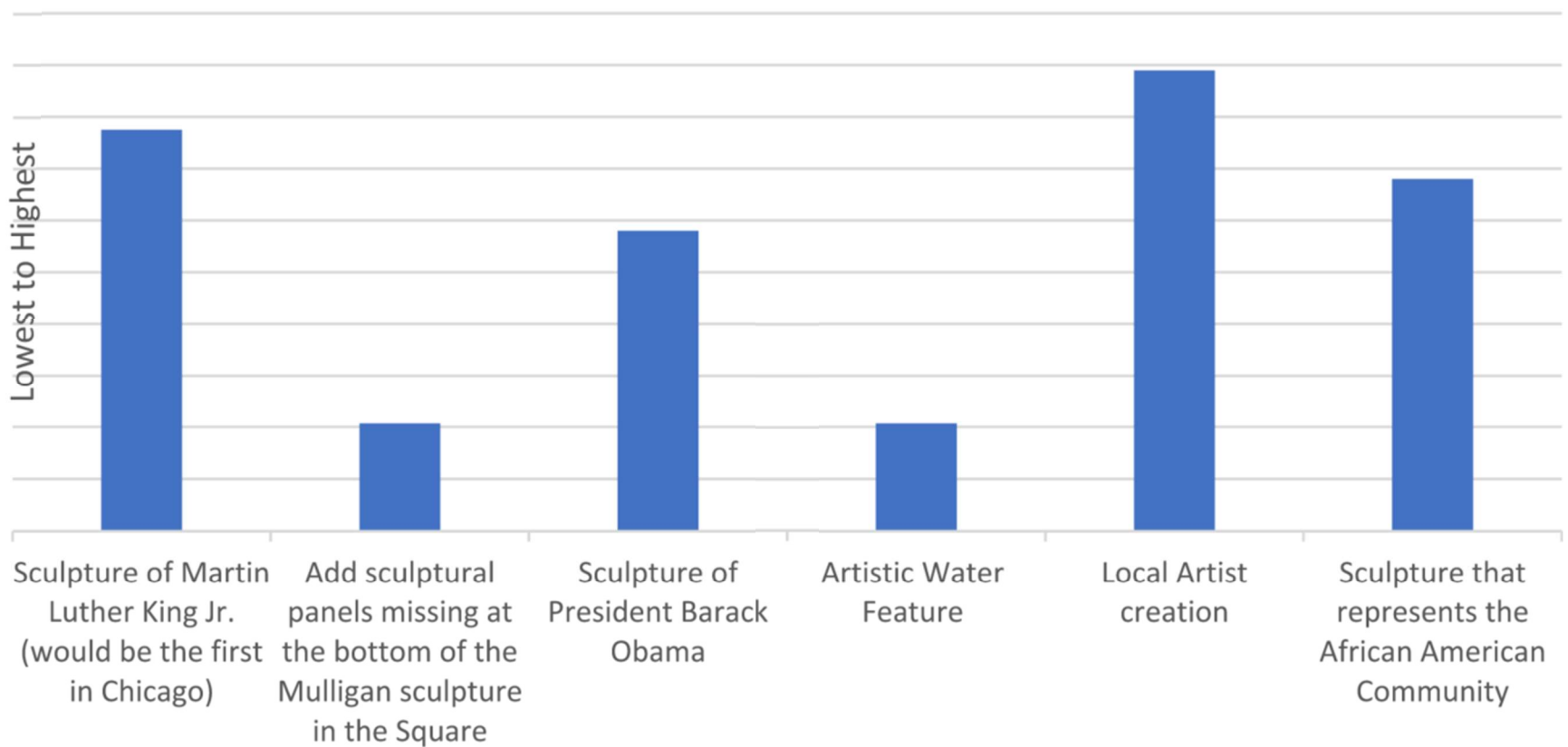


OPEN BOULEVARDS EVENT – HELD ON DOUGLAS BLVD AND INDEPENDENCE BLVD ON OCT. 16, 2022 - 73 SURVEY RESPONSES

Ranked Independence Square Results



Ranked Boulevard Art Results



NEXT PUBLIC MEETING FOR INDEPENDENCE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE HELD IN WINTER 2023



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Chicago Department of Transportation

Independence Boulevard Renovation

Community Open House #2

Oct. 16, 2022

Independence Square Re-Imagined

Independence Square Sculpture is listed as a contributing factor to Independence Boulevard National Register of Historic Places designation and therefore, the sculpture cannot be removed from its current location. The fountain in the Square was originally designed to be NON-recirculating. Unfortunately, this means that there are no pumps and the water flows through the fountain on city pressure and immediately drains out to the sewer. The existing condition of the fountain and the re-design necessary to get it to function as a recirculating fountain is cost prohibitive. CDOT is looking for community input on what you would like to see implemented at Independence Boulevard.

Let's take this opportunity to re-imagine Independence Square by celebrating the Charles J. Mulligan sculpture itself. Please fill out the survey below to provide input on how to improve the square.

1) Rank by importance to you 1-7. (1 would be of most importance 7 being the least)

____ Remove the fencing and restore the basin for use as a planting bed

____ Remove fencing and basin to Improve pedestrian circulation around the sculpture

____ Provide seating

____ Provide gathering/plaza space

____ Provide landscape beautification

____ Provide lighting for the sculpture

____ Other _____

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Independence Boulevard Art

At the August 31, 2022, public meeting, there was an interest in providing public art that better represents the community on Independence Boulevard. These items would be included at one of the gathering spaces in the new design of the Boulevard (Note: That all public art would be coordinated through the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. CDOT would provide the placement infrastructure only.)

2) Please rank what would be of most importance to you 1-7. (1 would be of most importance 7 being the least)

___Sculpture of Martin Luther King Jr. (would be the first in Chicago)

___Add sculptural panels missing at the bottom of the Mulligan sculpture in the Square

___Sculpture of President Barack Obama

___Artistic Water Feature

___Local Artist creation

___Sculpture that represents the African American Community

___Other_____

3) Share any additional input on public art or Independence Square

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