

# Chicago Community Tree Equity Working Group

February 11, 2025



# Agenda

- Welcome (Angela/Jared)
- 2024 urban forestry highlights (foresters?)
- Member survey results (Jared)
- Upcoming events (Jared)
- Partner updates



# Welcome

Angela Tovar

Chief Sustainability Officer

Commissioner, Department of Environment

Jared Patton

Project Manager, Department of Environment

# ★ 2024 urban forestry highlights

18,000 trees planted

38% in priority communities

Arbor Day celebration

Social media posts

Tree health flyers



# Survey results

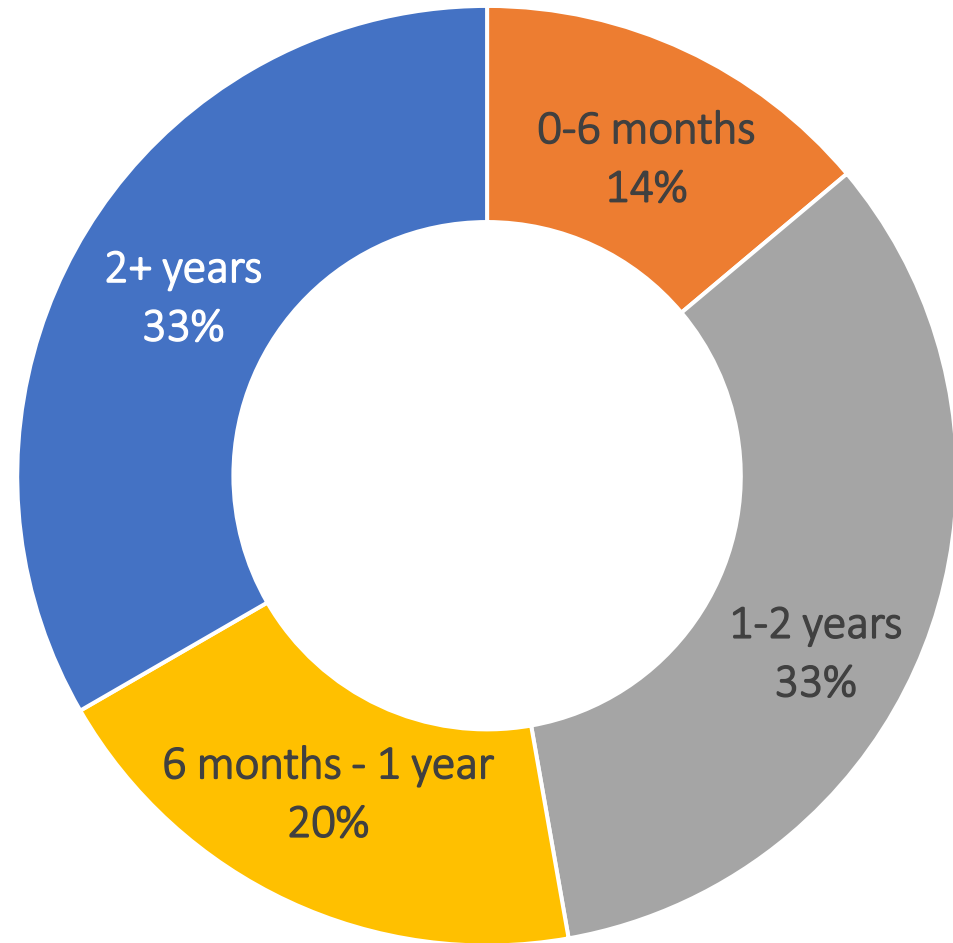
Jared Patton

# ★ Survey participation

36 responses

23+ organizations

78% non-profits



# ★ **Why do you attend the working group?**

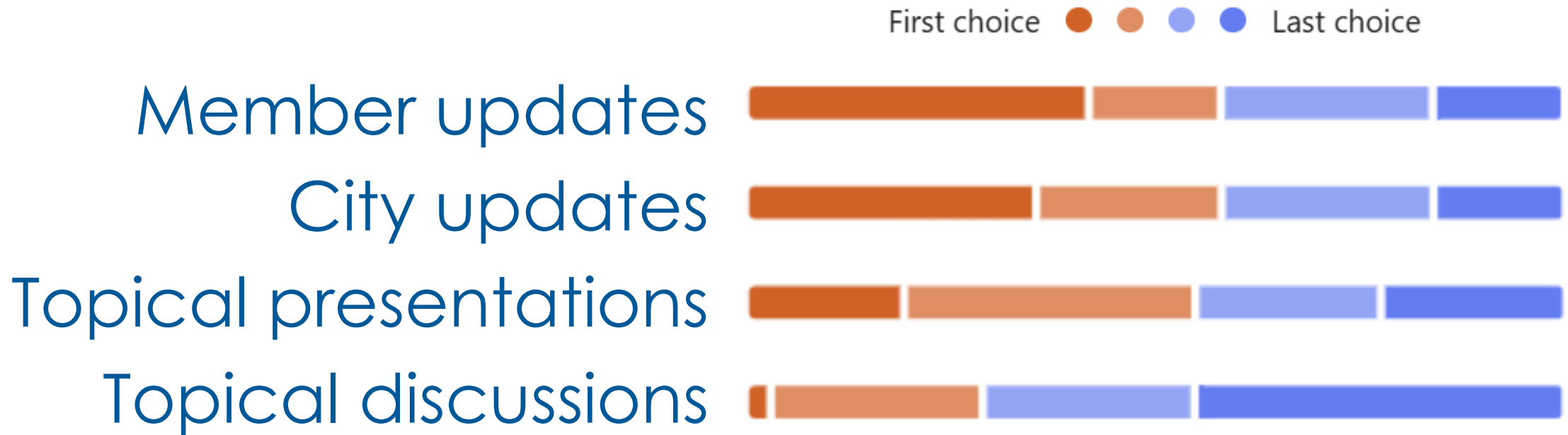
Updates from City and other groups

Upcoming events/initiatives

Building community

Improve equity in the urban forest

# ★ Most beneficial meeting elements





## ★ **Most important topics to explore**

Equitably expanding the tree canopy

Education and messaging

Updates, resources, new initiatives, etc.

Improved efficiency and efficacy

Case studies

# ★ What do you like most about the group?

Community

Collaboration

Diversity of perspectives

Education

## **Positive outcomes**

Networking and partnerships

Knowledge and capacity building

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## **Who is missing?**

Elected officials and aldermanic staff

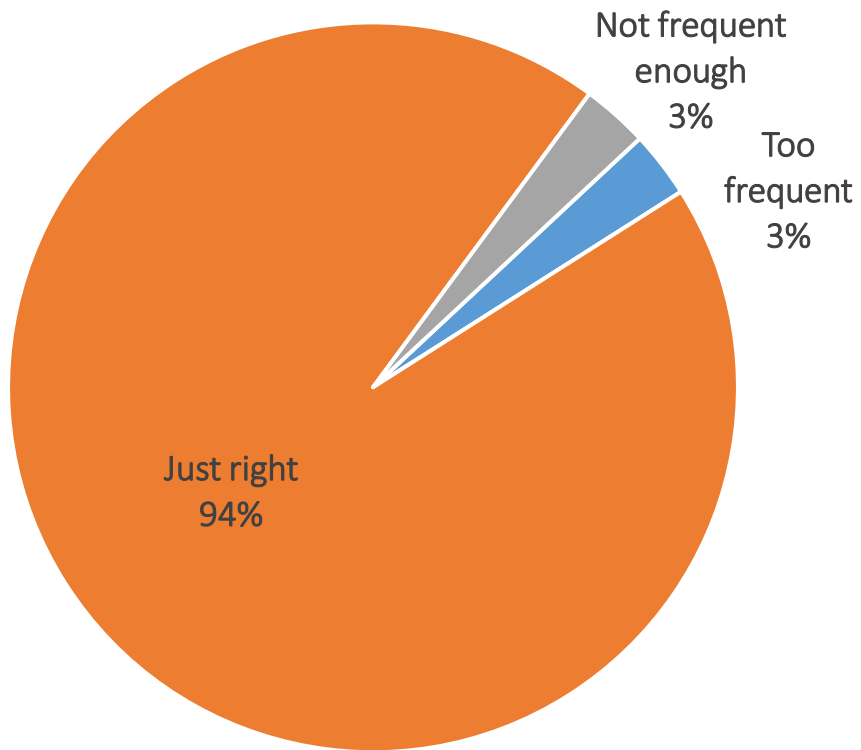
Diverse City/government staff

Contractors

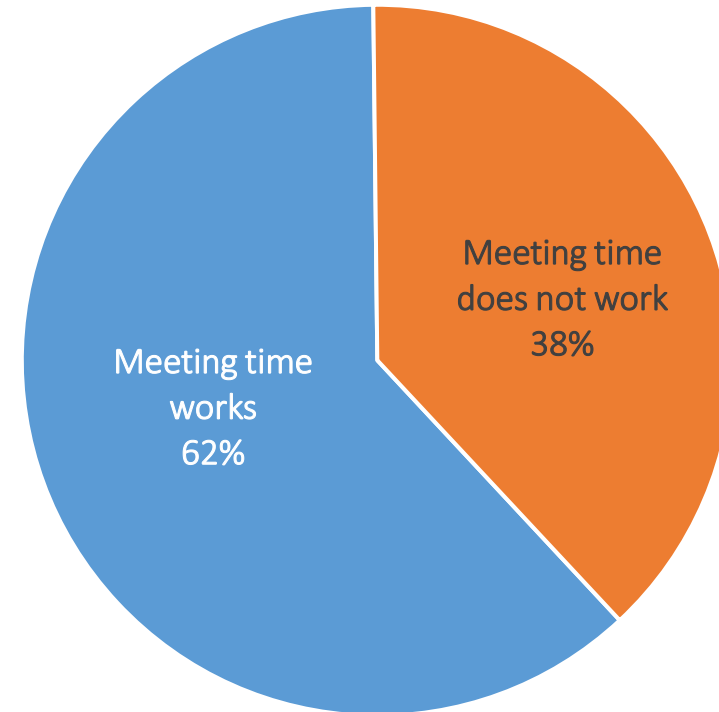
Residents and orgs in priority areas

# ★ Meeting timing/frequency

Frequency



Timing





# ★ How can the City support your work?

Plant more trees

Maintain trees

Education and data

Continue and expand existing  
policies/programs

# **Survey takeaways**

Diverse meeting times/topics – TBD

Member spotlights

Member events/updates (pre-meeting)

Member highlights (timed, during meeting)

TEWG mission statement

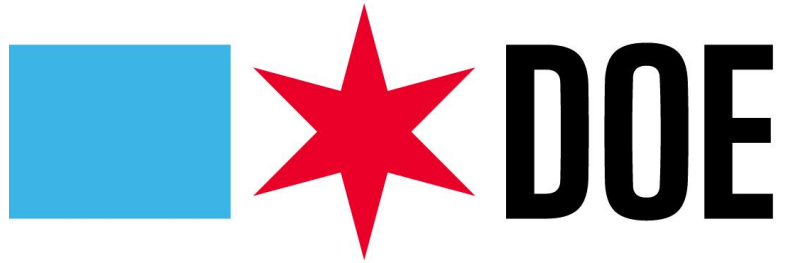
# **Upcoming events**

TBD

## ★ Partner updates

Please keep updates to under 90 seconds

Send future updates to Jared Patton  
2 weeks prior to meeting (January 25)



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