

Post Harborside Chat Event Report

Westport – February 10, 2024

The Harborside Chat Virtual Edition, held on February 10, 2024, Ocosta Jr & Sr High School and organized by The Dialogue Project of the Dispute Resolution Centers of Grays Harbor and Pacific County, facilitated discussions on vital local issues. This document reports the event’s outcomes and the participants’ expressed interests and needs.

Highlights

- Participants hailed from Westport (56%), Aberdeen (33%), and Grayland (11%).
- The majority (50%) of attendees were between the ages of 40-49. 22% were 60-69, and 11% were 70 – 79 years of age.
- Nine community members attended, 30% of the intended capacity.

Participant Responses and Top Interests

Community Member Responses	Number of Votes
Housing and Health Solutions	6
Youth and Multi-family Advocacy	6
A community center with accessibility for community members of all ages to connect and engage in activities (art, games, etc.).	4
Affordable housing within the community	4
Non-religious or secular childcare	1
Emergency Preparedness Community Tsunami Tower	1
Cost of living for Senior Citizens and families sustainable growth + services	1
Model Empathy and support safety	1
Hold parent workshops for parents/guardians to have resources for the youth	1
Community events that are accessible to the Spanish-speaking population	1
Transportation for accessibility to services	0
Increase greater community care and connection	0
Location and resources that address mental health needs for young people	0
Creating access to higher education and career education	0

Thinking outside the box	0
Encourage Dialogue for change with vulnerable populations	0
Resource growth and navigation	0
Awareness + Education around vulnerable populations needs discussion	0
Childcare Options	0
Increase in community activities for retirees/elderly population	0
More enrichment opportunities for youth	0
Trustworthy elder support services (groceries, etc.)	0