

**Post Harborside Chat Event Report**  
*Ocean Shores, WA – March 9, 2024*

The Harborside Chat, held on March 9, 2024, at the North Beach Junior Senior 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 Ocean Shores (93.33%), with a single attendee from Hoquiam (6.67%)
- The majority (80%) of attendees were over 60 years old. Thirteen percent were between 50-59. 7% of attendees were less than 49 years old.
- 73% of attendees responded to the demographic survey, 45% identified as female, 45% as male and 10% non-binary.
- The ethnic composition was 80% White, 10% Black/African American, with 10% of respondents identifying as two or more mixed ethnicities.
- Fifteen community members attended, 50% of the intended capacity.

*Participant Responses and Top Interests*

Community Member Responses	Number of Votes
Mental Health Resources	5
Consideration and oversight by city government to future of environment through ordinance against fertilizer and pesticides use	4
Public Restroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome Center</li> <li>● Cultural Information</li> <li>● Tourist</li> </ul>	3
DEI/Diversity Equity and Inclusion Initiatives	3
Healthcare Resources - expanding growth	3
Affordable Food Access	3
Increase accessible walking and biking paths to improve community members’ health	3
Medical resources	3
Housing - local workers - affordable - allow AIRBNB	2
Sidewalks	2
Underground Utilities	2
Marina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ferry boats</li> <li>● Dining</li> </ul>	2

● Fresh Seafood	
Levy Police Station	2
Increase Community Engagement	2
Increase programs and incentives to increase environmental awareness	2
Increase traffic and natural resources enforcement	1
Increase pedestrian safety through improved city roads	1
Increase Mental Health and Behavioral Health resources	1
Repaint lines and widen roads for community safety	1
Tsunami Tower	1
Tapping into lobbying resources	1
Increase programs and incentives to increase community pride	1
Community Communication - Reduce Social Discourse	0
Air Quality Monitoring	0
Alternative Methods for Fuels	0
Bike Lanes	0
Residential and Commercial Appearance - upkeep - tourism draw	0
Access to resources for low income	0
Sharing resources within the community	0
Maintain a sense of community	0
Improve emergency preparedness with additional lanes	0