St. David's United Church

EGDE Committee Report

January 23, 2019

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Prayer

Loving God, you are the provider of all that is good. We thank you for your blessing for the success of the EDGE study, for our staff, our volunteers and our congregational members – that we should see and understand the future of our church.

We ask that you bless this gathering, so that we can seek your collective wisdom, guidance, courage and strength. Be with us in our work and help us to be wise in our analysis, insight and decision making.

Amen.

What Must I DO ?

Image Courtesy of Ottawa Presbytery 2014

What is the EDGE mandate?

- To Study the work of Presbytery and other Churches
- Look into our past for evidence of what we have done well
- Look at the present to see we are doing well
- Look into the future to predict what we can become
- Make recommendations
- TAKE ACTION

Why do I know that we can do this?

- I have spent the last 20 weeks visiting some of you and having a heart felt conversation about the past, present and future of St. David's
- I have asked 120 people 9 questions
- I received 727 comments containing 8800 words of sincere and thoughtful observation and recommendations
- These resulted in 25 ++ comment groupings
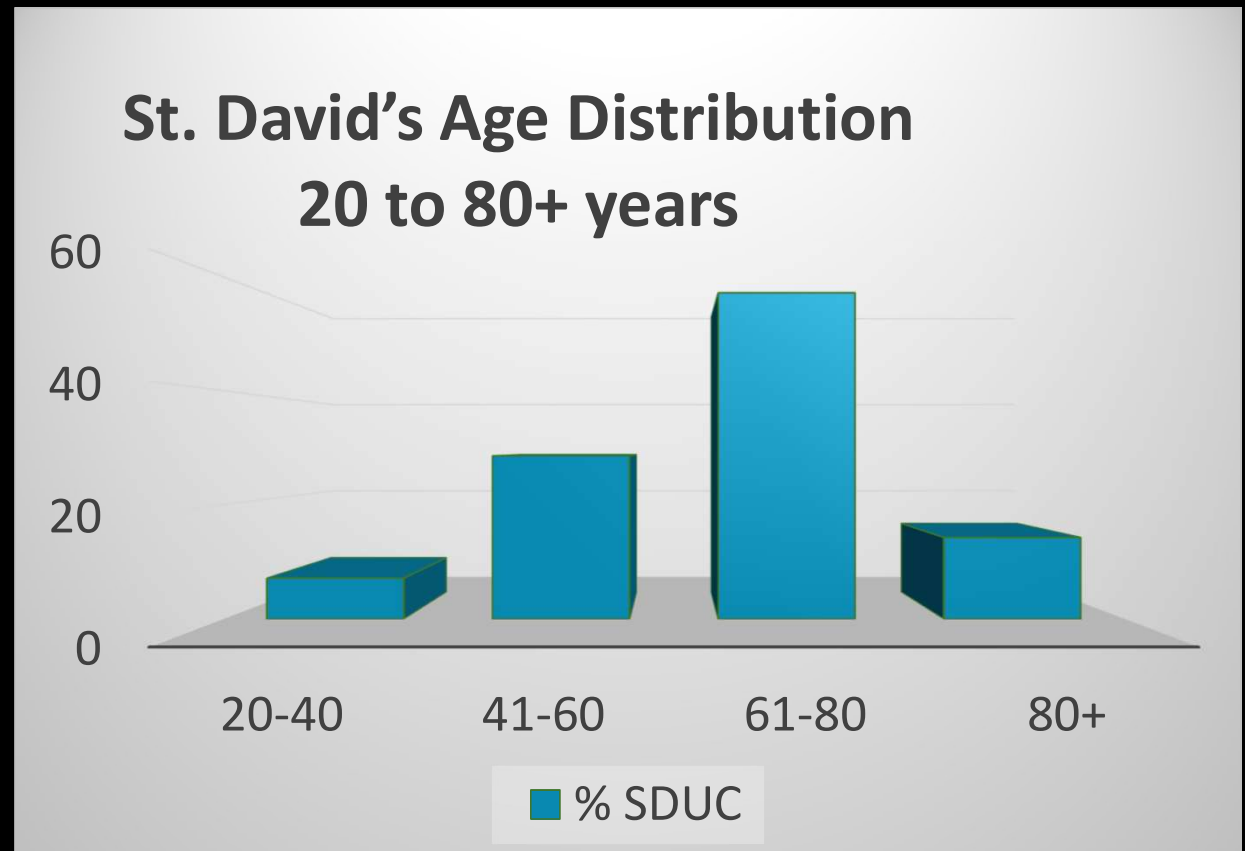- Today I will illustrate a few of the findings

Firstly   - Who are we?

The individuals interviewed are believed to be a cross-section of our adult congregation
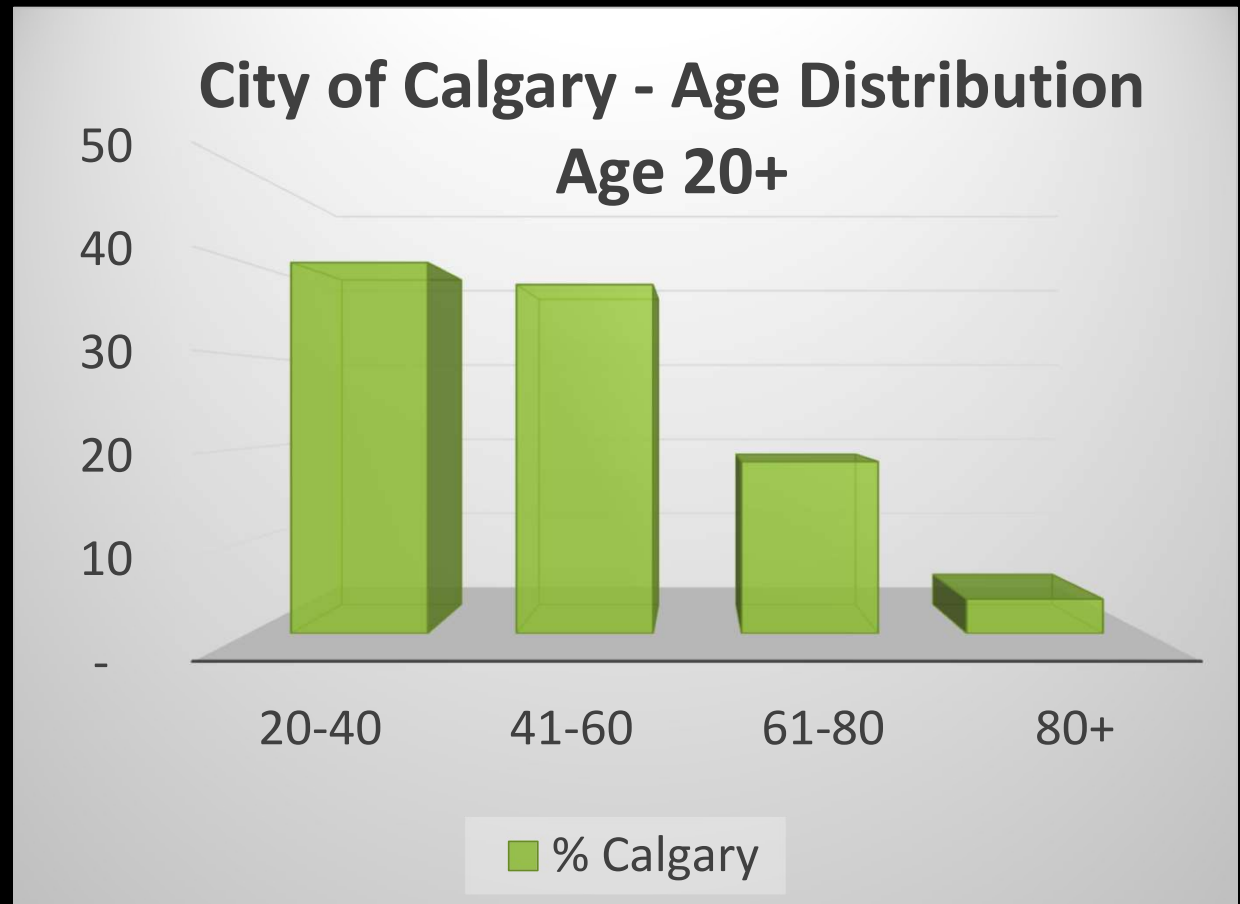
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St. David's Age Distribution 20 to 80+ years

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- City of Calgary Mean age (20+) is 46.7 yrs.

City of Calgary - Age Distribution Age 20+

	20-40	41-60	61-80	80+

Y-axis: 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, -

Legend: ■ % Calgary

Comparing SDUC with the City of Calgary

Could this be a problem?

- SDUC Mean age is 63.7 years
- City of Calgary Mean age is 46.7 yrs.
- A difference of 17 years

Comparison - Age Demographics %
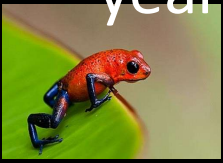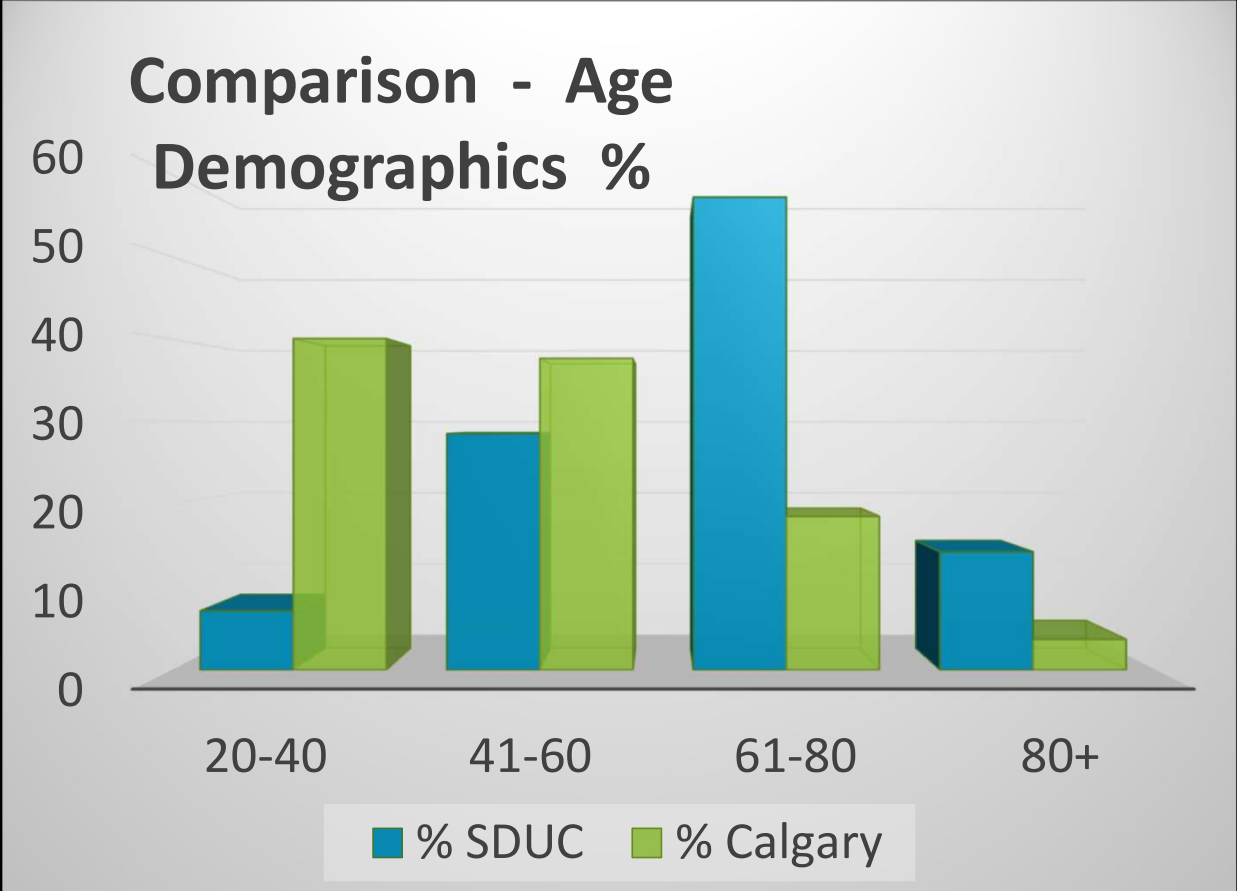
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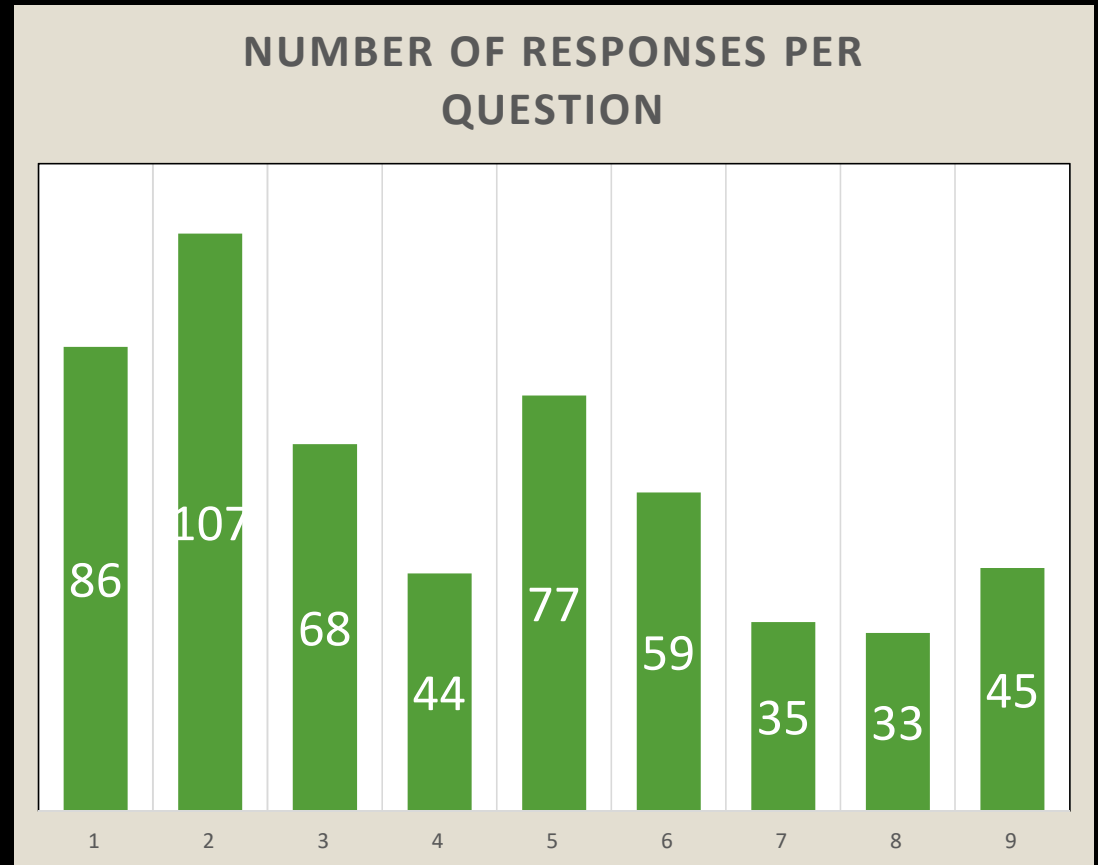Each answer was ranked on a 5 point scale where the level of support:

1 = LOW
2 = MOD.LOW
3 = MODERATE
4 = MOD.HIGH
5 = HIGH

Results for 9 questions

- resulted in 530 responses

- With 757 ideas, recommendations and directions

- The average response was 12 words

- Resulting in a database of 8800 words

NUMBER OF RESPONSES PER QUESTION

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Responses	86	107	68	44	77	59	35	33	45

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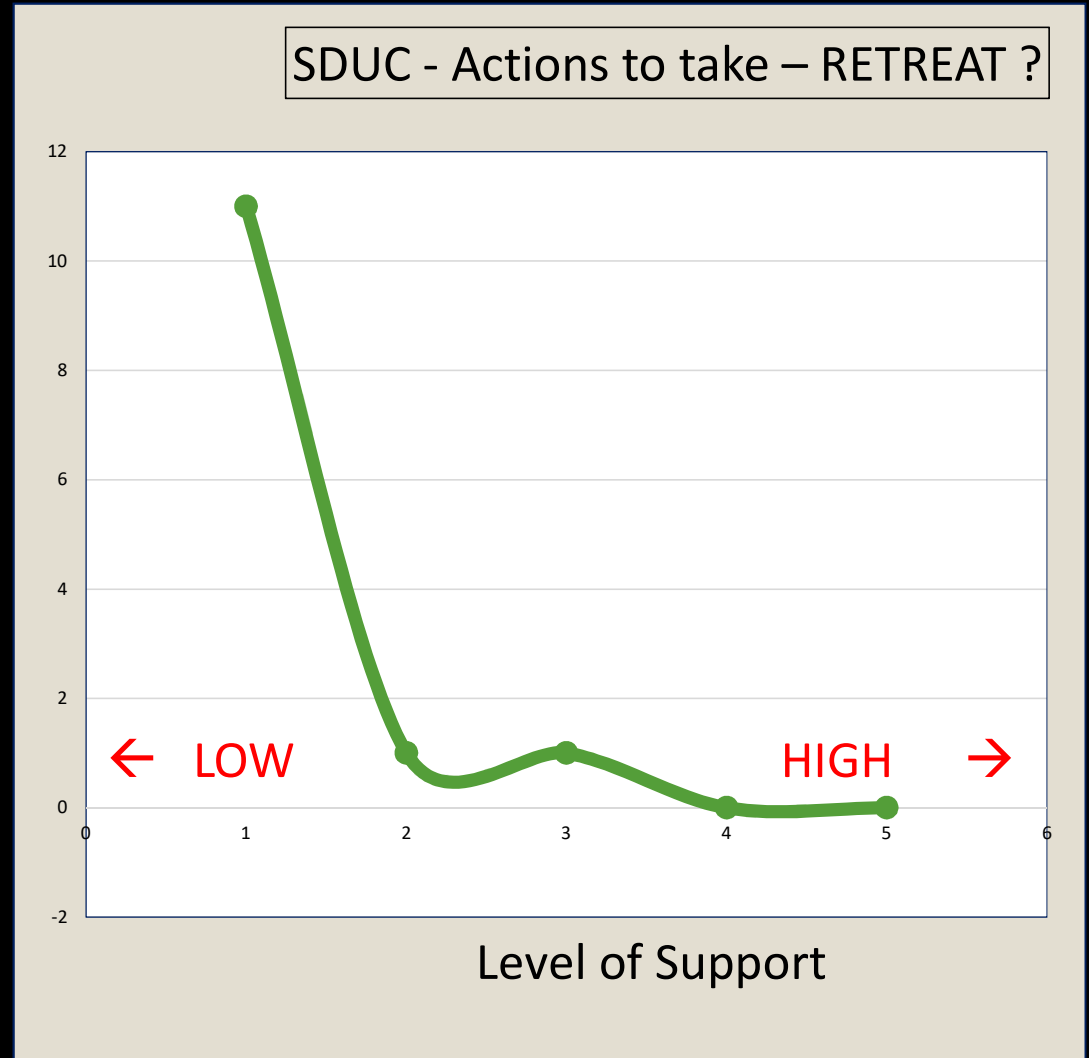
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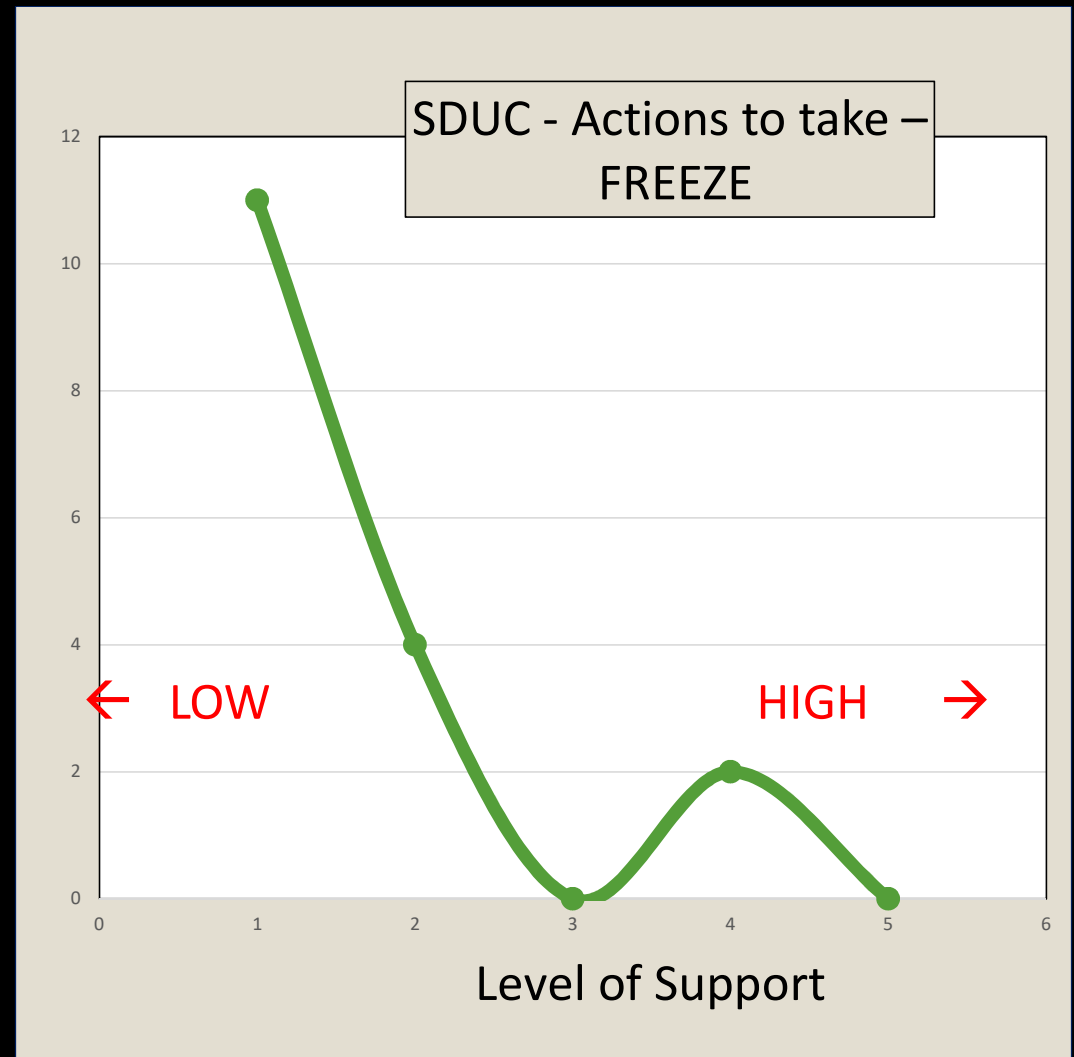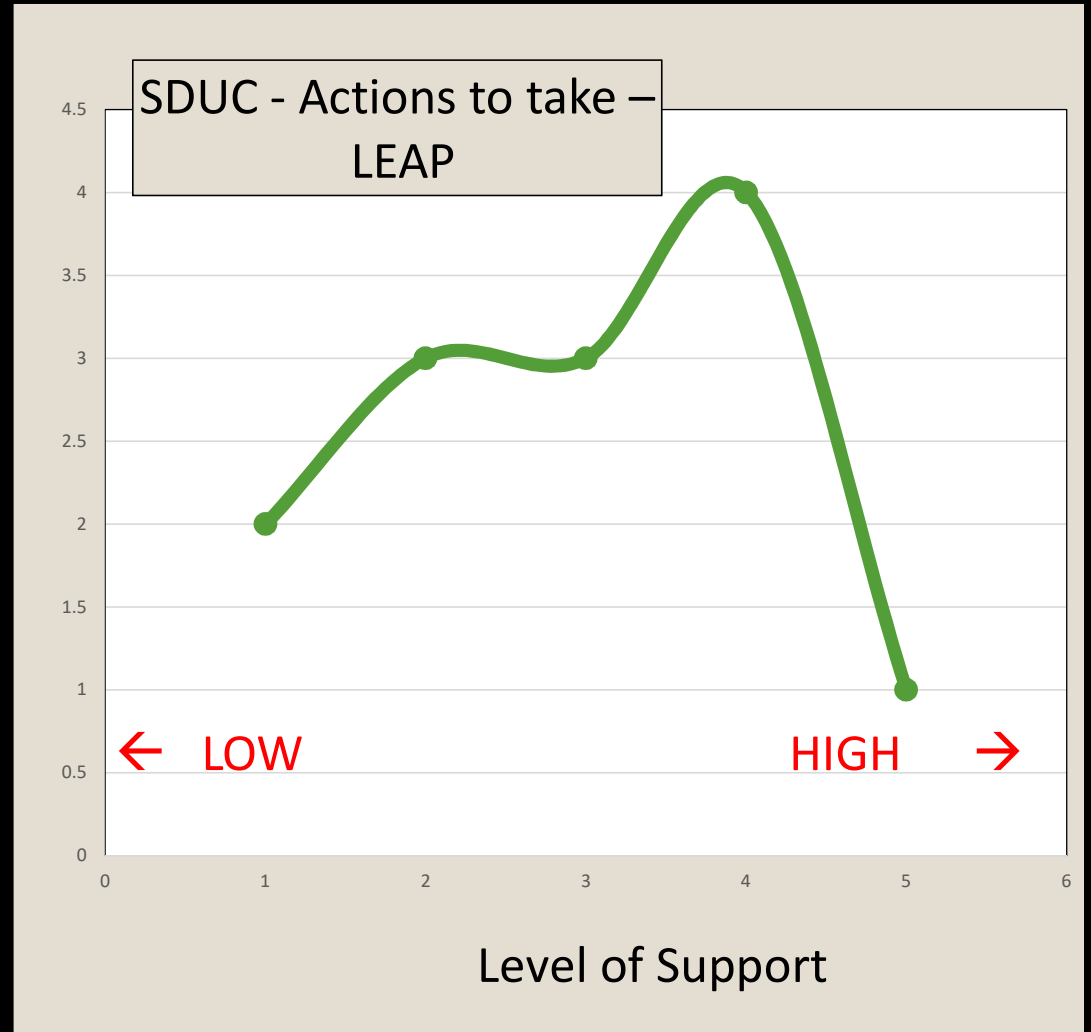
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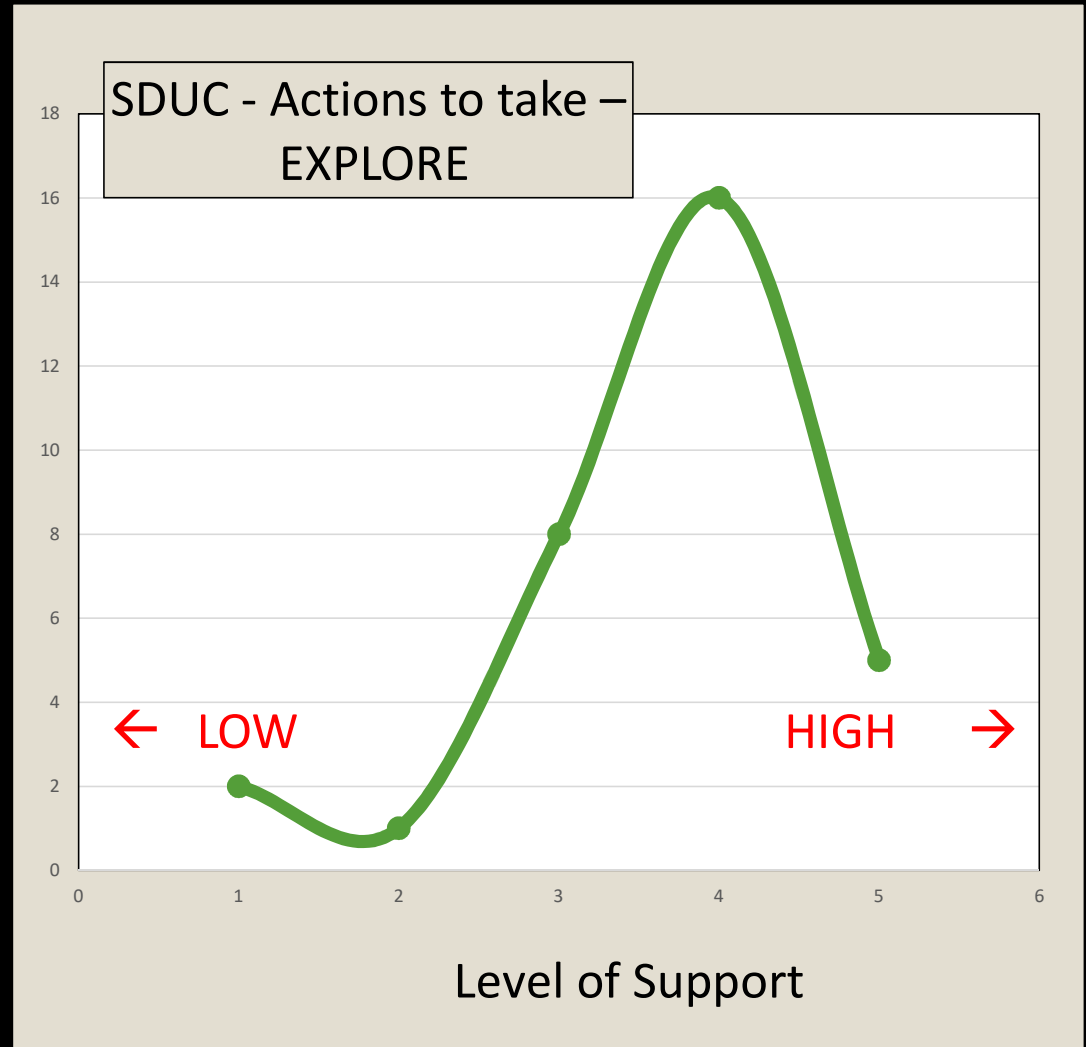
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- There are several findings identified so far

- Nothing is too scary - the direction you have given EDGE with your responses is quite clear.

- Early in 2019 you will be hearing from your council as some of the initiatives are implemented

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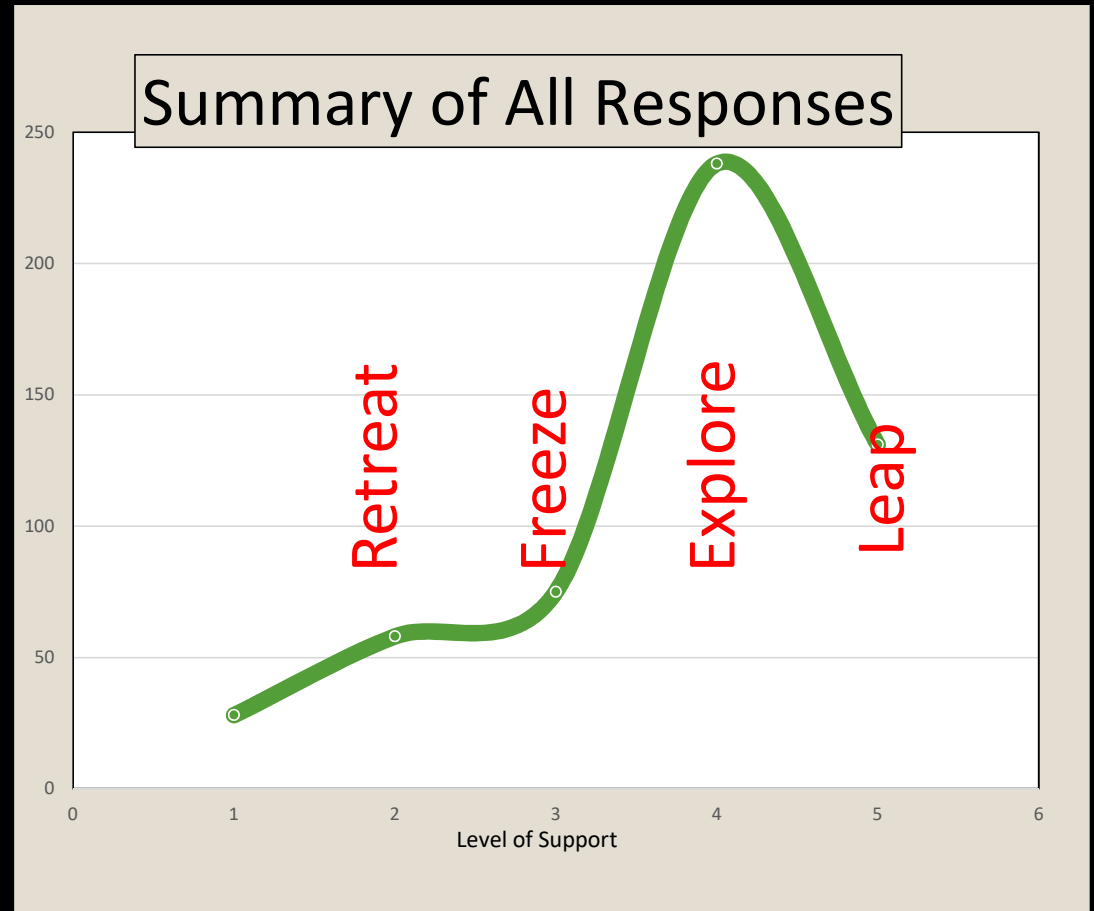
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8. Peggy   41

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These are AREAS where we can TAKE ACTION

We've Just Begun!

Questions Please