

Town of Erie Home Rule Voter Opinion Survey - Informed Verbatims

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Lived in Erie	Familiar with HR	Uninformed Ballot	Informed Ballot	Response
F	18-34	Dem	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I like Erie the way it is.
F	18-34	Dem	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I prefer our current form of government and what a board of trustees to be in charge of the town.
M	18-34	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie government hasn't shown the ability to rule itself and I would be more comfortable with the state doing it
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie is filled with idiots. I don't want them in charge of the town.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I believe a statutory system is the way to go.
F	35-44	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I feel like there would be too many people involved and it would interfere with getting anything done. By trying to make all people happy no one would be happy.
F	35-44	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Just looking at the nonsense that goes on within Erie Social Media Sites there is NO WAY the citizens of this town can make fair, unbiased, laws and statutes.
M	35-44	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Anyone that actually pays attention to town meetings and matters knows not to give the board/this town more ways to freely interpret whatever they feel like doing. Absolutely not.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie has had to many issues already with it's Mayor and elects. This will just add more issues to our community.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie needs to be within the normal government structure to participate in the system effectively.
M	35-44	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Greater chance for corruption and favoritism
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't trust anyone from Weld county doing anything in the interest of people; seems just like a way to allow more oil and gas to drill in people's back yards.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Look at the vast amount of corruption that has happened with Denver and their status as home rule. This is a horrible idea. Especially for a town that wired a million dollars to an offshore scam. Our town is too little to deal with making big decisions.

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Oth	35-44	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Bottom line I don't trust our leaders. They loath the citizens of our town, make it difficult to do business, take away freedoms, vote based on there personal opinions even if they do not represent the majority views of their constituents. Why would we want to give them any more power.
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Additional and unnecessary costs to the Town, and thus, its residents.
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't think the leadership and the town has diverse enough businesses to warrant home rule. We're not ready yet.
F	45-54	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I like our current form of governing.
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Our town is too divided and the town government is too unstable at this time to act successfully without state supervision.
F	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Prevents out of control local government from bypassing the collective good
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Unsure how a diverse and bipartisan committee is formed
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	We have lived in other areas with home rule and it is biased and one sided.
M	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Home rule is typically said to enable more local control and more local oversight of local issues when all it actually does is enable fringe elements to have a larger say in local government than they normally would when following the statutory process. I am not interested in increasing conservative viewpoints in the town of Erie. It is by far conservative enough. Thank you for allowing me to share my opinion call
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	I am in favor of state intervention. Given I live in Weld County I am not sure I would agree with local constituents on taxes (favor taxes) and other aspects of life in Erie.
M	45-54	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I think political forces are trying to push this through and am not confident there's not an alternate motive to change forms of government (I.e. oil and gas interests)
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	It is possibly the right direction, but absolutely the wrong leadership.

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Oth	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Quit moving here fuck you LA. YOU LEFT WHERE YOU WERE QUIT VOTING FOR THE SAME SHITY BS.
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Costly with no benefits
F	55-64	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Don't trust in this system.
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie is too divided. I've seen first hand in other Colorado towns how it stifles.
F	55-64	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	This town is not as politically diverse as it should be to effectively operate as a home rule town. In addition, there is much that can happen without citizen's voting for it.
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Too many stupid people
M	55-64	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Based on the materials presented, I do not trust that the citizens will be writing the charter -- I believe it's MUCH more likely that it will be written by a very expensive consulting firm that will make a huge profit while at the same time introducing nothing but chaos if successful.
M	55-64	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Gives political interest groups too much freedom from state supervision
M	55-64	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't trust that ultra conservative politicians of Erie and Weld county won't create a home rule charter with irrational right wing ideology of the current GOP that will result in an unsafe and regressive community.
M	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Leave things alone. They have warked
M	55-64	Dem	Less 2	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Small group trying to dictate how are community is run.
M	55-64	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The Erie Town Council has clearly demonstrated that they cannot be trusted with more power.
M	55-64	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	We are part of the state, and elect representatives to the state government. I would also reject any plan for CO to become a "home rule" state. It's just a way tontry to skirt laws and rules you don't politically agree with. I am vehemently opposed.
M	55-64	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	You guys can not even properly supervise payment of contractors you are not capable of managing a home rule charter

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F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Cost of changing to home rule; most residents don't vote in mid terms or are not educated as to affects of change to home rule. Politics would likely play a part in picking a board to oversee. No good reason for this change.
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I am fine with the way it is.
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I believe Erie would follow,Weld county in not following state mandates, such as requiring masks for covid .
F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't trust the town government, they have been clandestine about water, the Nine Mile Monster ...and the screwing of every homeowner surrounding it and Lafayette. it's about power, money and control, two counties are represented here. Stay with the state charter!!!
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I voted to oppose last time it was voted.
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Ok with present gov.
F	65+	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	This creates confusion for all
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Fear of abuse of the law
M	65+	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	If the existing commission is inept we don't need to expand the government. We need to find a better commission.
M	65+	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Please explain what issues you are attempting to correct before you ask us to spend money for this change. All items in the survey are very biased "for home rule". This is not the way to get my vote. No actual reason has been presented for this change. "If it is not broken, don't fix it."
M	65+	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	This change would make Erie much more like the Peoples Republic of Boulder than it is already becoming.
M	18-34	Oth	11-15	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Mostly our current administration.

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F	35-44	Oth	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Home Rule would eliminate the citizen's power in taxation and place it all in the hands of unelected bureaucrats. Statements made in this survey regarding what Home Rule would do or not do are incorrect, and are misleading to the survey responders. The survey questions are formulated to elicit a 'yes' response to Home Rule, and therefore is not neutral.
M	35-44	Oth	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Admittedly, I would like to read up on this. But immediately your survey questions were clear to push an agenda to get this done. The writing of the questions is unscientific, and it smells to me like the elitist left back at it again. You should toss the results of this survey, leave out all the adjectives, and post one that explains the real differences. For now I'm calling BS on this but will be doing my own reading.
M	35-44	Oth	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Our current town government doesn't represent the people and should not have any more authority.
Oth	35-44	Oth	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	We are not ready for Home Rule
M	45-54	Oth	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	This town is hardly functional as it is. The last thing we need is home rule.
Oth	55-64	Oth	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Lack of trust in Erie politicians.
F	35-44	Rep	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Because our current liberal administration would take the opportunity to destroy Erie with liberal policy.
F	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Giving any government more power is never the answer.
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Given the current Mayor and administration, I have zero faith in the community to actually put people in the seats that are fit for the job. In addition, the current board elected has nearly zero difference of opinions which has been evident over the past few years. In no way would I be comfortable passing more responsibility on to current administration or any elected individuals of the community.
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Home rule allows local political and interest groups increased freedom from state supervision and interference. I am happy with my county government and the elected officials.

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M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	No
M	35-44	Rep	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Stop lying. This is about control. I hope this fails miserably. Also, there are state laws regarding recall elections that town employees broke last fall. Something needs to be done about that!!!
F	45-54	Rep	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie doesn't need home rule
F	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't want the town to have more control and raise taxes. I know that an employee gave away \$1M dollars and this is a way to get more taxes
F	45-54	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Policies of this current administration hurts our businesses
F	45-54	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	The current town government has no idea what it is doing. I don't trust the mayor or the board
F	45-54	Rep	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	We aren't ready
M	45-54	Rep	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I DO NOT have faith in ANY of Erie's elected officials past, present, and future to equally represent the residents of the town. And WILL NOT give them more power
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I like how it's run now. I don't think we should change it.
M	45-54	Rep	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	It allows for too many opinions to make or change rules and to adopt rules that will continue to hinder responsible governance. Erie already has elected officials. Although I feel they have completely failed at creating a thriving commercial district and continue to build housing without putting in enough commercial properties, high school, pool etc statutory governance is much better than having a dysfunctional home rule system.
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	No
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	The commission would be formed by the current board and administration, neither of whom I trust. My feelings may change after the next election.
M	45-54	Rep	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	The sitting city council
F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Because too few Erie residents care and I don't like the idea of political mongers deciding everything.

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F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Don't trust the current leadership
F	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I am a small business and having to not only deal with Colorado Revenue sales tax returns and then an additional revenue sales tax return for Erie or Erie is just too much for a small business
F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I do not support Home Rule Charter
F	55-64	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	I think more unnecessary items would end up on our ballot and cost the tax payers more without state oversight and on years where there is lower voter turnout crappy things would get passed with the opinion of the few.
F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Not enough information to vote yes. Need to know the pros and cons. Not confident enough in understanding the benefit to the community.
F	55-64	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Statutory laws are sufficient.
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	This is a bad idea and will lead to bad governance.
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Based on Erie's past performance at making decisions. I don't think we are smart enough to make our own decisions. Our tax base is almost completely funded by new residential and property taxes. We botched 9 mile, and then the people re-elected the same loser mayor. God help us. We need businesses. Half of this town lives near a dump and want more drilling, I don't want them making decisions.
M	55-64	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Consistency betterment political subdivisions within the state is critical. Home rule would create more inconsistencies with more confusing laws across political subdivisions.

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M	55-64	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Government shouldn't be promoting this, it should come from the public at large. Government is essentially running a political campaign here, with a clear intended goal, and reaching that goal would mean making government bigger and able to do more things. I see this as a conflict of interests. There's enough government in our lives, just chill. Plow the streets, treat the sewage, arrest the bad guys and stop imagining what else you can do. If I'm wrong and there is a groundswell of ordinary, non-connected people calling for home rule, then let's see them and let's hear from them. All I have heard about this has come from government.
M	55-64	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Home rule adds costs to government, it usually creates wards which put us vs them, the current system works quite effectively and I have a general distrust of government. Especially one who loses a million bucks and brushes it off
M	55-64	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	HR creates more regulation, which means less freedom and more tax
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't see any issues with the way it's run. I don't see any issues how it's run currently.
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I dont trust government and this seems like more overreach
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	If I wanted live in Boulder I would move there.
M	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Particular liberal leaning existing government would not be favorable to those on the Weld county side of the city
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	The current board and committee is too onesided for me.
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	You are trying to skirt the tax laws so that you can allow the cannabis industry into our town and collect all the taxes it promises. There is NOTHING good that will come from allowing that industry into our town and it will increase crime and homeless issues in huge ways. It is unfortunate that many do not even know what your intentions are with this new home rule sell your pushing. This being said, I will educate as many as possible so that this will not happen.

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F	65+	Rep	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Cannot trust present board to make solid, logical, and reasonable choices.
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Do not trust the current folks and Home Rule is easier to get around and do whatever they want
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Don't change what has worked well.
F	65+	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Higher taxes to administer another layer of government and create more bureaucratic red tape
F	65+	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Leave things the way they are
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Like the way it is.
F	65+	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Not in favor of another layer of government
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	So don't think it is a good idea
M	65+	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Don't think it's the right time to move in this direction. Need a more bipartisan town officials in place.
M	65+	Rep	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	It's not broken, don't fix it.
F	18-34	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie is not ready to handle that responsibility.
F	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I have been very disappointed in the leadership of this town and find it difficult to trust this process. Additionally, the information give in this survey and regarding this rule seems very biased which honestly makes me pause and wonder more at the motive for the change.
F	18-34	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	It would hurt many people who believe in freedom and the nuclear family.
F	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	It'll be very costly for the residents and I don't believe the town can manage itself.
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie gov doesn't seem to be any more effective than state gov, probably less so.
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I do not trust the town to take the time necessary to draft a good charter.

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M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Our mayor and board of trustees have shown an inability to balance a budget and put money towards actual town needs. Infrastructure improvements are a decade over due and they just sit and spend money to virtue signal. More power and more spending us the last thing we need as a town and mayor Caroll is absolutely not the person to lead any changes let alone this.
Oth	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I am not interested in a form of government that allows fringe political voices equal representation to the popular voice.
Oth	18-34	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	We need less government, not more. This is way out of line!
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Because I don't trust Erie town government
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Because there is far too many extremes that could happen and people who can sit on this board.
F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Blatant corruption within administration.
F	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Board members should not have that much discretion. With the recent track record, no. They don't listen to constituents
F	35-44	Unaf	Ref	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Cannot imagine if the current board had more power what strict nonsensical rules they would force upon us and would do awful things with that much power
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Doesn't seem to be a good idea
F	35-44	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie can follow State laws. We do not need more micro government to create more strict laws than the State of Colorado.
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie is not ready.
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Home rule under our current administration is a death sentence for Erie. The mayor and trustees are incompetent.

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F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I do not trust the elected local officials and their reasoning for wanting to push the home rule. The home rule needs to be a grassroots citizens' initiative. Anything that the local government of Erie would try to do would be co-opted by the Democratic Party and serve the interest of the party, not the people.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't trust the current BOT to make wise decisions for the good of our community. There have been many questionable things in the last four years.
F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I feel it recreates stupid laws.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I trust the oil and gas regulations of the state. I DO NOT TRUST Erie ELECTED OFFICIALS TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE, SAFE decisions about oil and gas. PERIOD.
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	It is a costly endeavor that is not necessary right now. We are hemorrhaging money right now.
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Its not the right time under the current mayor
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	No
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Not needed
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Our town is not interested.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	The Town is split between two drastically different counties. We purchased on the Boulder County side specifically to avoid the horrible government that Weld County residents deal with and often support. A Home Rule would require the same uneducated and narrow minded me me me opinions to be involved in creating the charter. Just look at masking mandates or the approach to the pandemic. It's don't police my freedoms but let me use your resources and tax the health care system on your side of the fence when I make poor decisions. Why does Erie believe that would change? Can you imagine the meetings to set this up? No, thank you.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The way Erie is makes Erie special. Why do we need to change it? Why do people get into politics just to change everything people like? What is wrong with how Erie operates?
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	There's absolutely no chance I'd want our current administration to make all the decisions for my town.
F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	This town needs to get their act together and prove themselves first. I have never seen such a poorly run community.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	We are not a big enough town for Home Rule. This current administration is too too heavy with roles that should only be part time. Current mayor has only hired people that support her with no oversight.
F	35-44	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Who does home rule benefit? What is the motivation of other entities to gain membership in our town governing? Erie doesn't need more botched \$1M payments to fraudulent companies.
M	35-44	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Additional sales taxes required and the associated bureaucracy necessary to support it.
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Bad idea
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't believe this was educational at all. After the last two years I don't believe the town is ready to take this on. I have very little confidence in the Mayor and Board of Trustees who seem to be pushing this without providing any education of the pros and cons.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't trust Weld county folks to make the right decisions for themselves and our community. This is a very politically conservative area and the effects of giving those with extremist views more power in the community is not favorable.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I prefer to limit government authority
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I'm anti-home rule. I think we should follow the state laws and not add our own.

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M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I'm dissatisfied with local government as a whole. Our government addresses issues based on headlines and popular manipulated opinions, not actual issues facing our children today.
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Not needed
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The benefits to the residents have not been described.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The state makes decisions that are good enough. Adding extra layers of laws is cumbersome.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The town couldn't manage a million dollar scam they had been warned about one year earlier. I don't see us turning further finances over to the town. Property taxes could be changed along with sales and use taxes. The mixture of the commission is Usually a mixed group but not guaranteed. The one sided group running the town isn't conducive to a true balanced group. Lastly the first step is multiple in person meetings that were to take place over a 1 year process followed by the first vote. This was voted on by the board. No meetings have occurred so no vote is legal this November. I have talked to the person and town that warned us about the scam. A year in advance. This is not a biased, uninformed, unfounded statement.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	The town Government hasn't exactly built a level of trust with community finances.
M	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	The town of Erie has been corrupted and gentrified too much already. Allowing for home rule enables the criminals to make the rules. Until there is some semblance of accountability from our local leadership through existing statutory rule, there is no point in allowing a coucil to be either further corrupted or leveraged into expanding the already perverse corruption in local politics. Home rule would allow the communtists in Boulder county to gain a foothold outside their jurisdiction. I believe the push for home rule is a political manuver aimed at annexing portions of Weld county into Boulder county.

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M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Too large of a community next to a metropolis. If we were small farms it might make sense
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	What if I don't agree with the people on the board
Oth	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Home rule is absolutely the last thing this town needs!!!! The only thing that needs replaced is TA, the Mayor and and the BOT's that obey their every command!!!!
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Because I don't trust the people living in Erie to make reasonable decisions about anything. Their choices are emotionally charged for personal gain. No regard for everyone's safety.
F	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Current Town Board isn't capable of this process.
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I do not support this idea.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I'm on the Erie Facebook page. This town can't even decide the sun rises in the east. How are you ever gonna get a committee to make a set of rules this town can agree on? Waste of time and taxes. Nope! Nopity! Knope Knope!!!
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	It will be a s***show. However number of people live in Erie, that's how many opinions we'll have on every single issue. Our current govt is certainly flawed, but Home Rule is not the answer.
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Majority rule is essentially what this is. Or Mob mentally.
F	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Too much
F	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	We don't need Home Rule
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	All the reasons were previously answered in this survey with a opposition choice that I marked towards home rule charter.
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Based on observed actions by the Mayor and Board of Trustees over several years I do not trust in their ability to govern in the best interests of residents so I would not grant local parties more power.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Complexity
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Erie is split between politically conservative and progressive counties and home rule charter would create a greater divide amongst the residents of the community.

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M	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Government overreach.
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I wouldn't trust our current leaders to make a peanut and butter sandwich.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Our Board and Town Administrator are unqualified to make this decision.
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Serious lack of transparency from this government, which equates to a very serious lack of trust on the motivation for this change!
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	The leadership of this town has consistently failed to follow the existing rules and want Home Rule so that they can have even greater flexibility. No. Absolutely not. The town could not even provide the legally mandated documentation regarding our special tax district when formally requested then made changes when none of us in the district could comment since we did not have the required documents. I cannot even fathom how this town's leadership would behave under Home Rule. Can't even follow the existing rules.
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The mayor has made extremely poor choices for our community. Knowing this would be more of our future then I wholeheartedly reject. This administration is harmful to the citizens mental health and for the businesses in our town. Take this and the unilateral choosing of the contractor she chose for some town projects is distasteful and breeds distrust.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	This set of leaders is FULLY in the Boulder bubble and giving them access to change any law they want gives me shivers. The completely disregard the will of the Weld county part of town, and I don't even live on that side.
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	This was a terrible, terrible survey. I still have no idea what home rule benefits for Erie.

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M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Too costly and little to no confidence the right leadership would be elected. The town is already not well run. This change would put more power into the hands of those who already don't know what to do.
Oth	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	This town is not ready for the control or responsibility of Home Rule, period. The Town Rulers, and I choose that word purposefully, have shown that they represent themselves over the Town people, they value control over humanity, they value the few over the many, they have shown no fiscal responsibility either, so absolutely not!!
F	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Cost and administrative burden. Our town has greater fiscal issues to address, especially if they continue to oppose oil and gas, allow further dumping of hazardous materials at the landfill, don't address existing toxic dumps, and continues to focus on residential instead of growing our commercial sales tax base.
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Extremely difficult to change the rules if they do not work
F	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Having come from a home rule environment, the only benefit is to the town government not the citizens.
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I believe this adds more power to the city to implement their addenda.
F	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I have absolutely zero faith in the current town administration. They are self serving and refuse to listen to the people of this town as a whole. They do not have the best interests of the people or businesses in this town, what do ever.
F	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	It isn't necessary and another layer of rules and regulations. Absolutely not!!
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	overreach of govt
F	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The Erie Town government is a corrupt group. I would NEVER EVER give them greater authority.
M	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Any change now would not be change for the better.
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Brûlée means more regulation, restrictions , taxes and government interference

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M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Consistently provided by state statute is a much better option given the town government isn't supportive of citizens needs today and not likely in the future.
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Don't need another layer of administration and cost. Your population question was misleading and quite frankly based on the history of Erie City Govt history I don't believe those who are currently in office are competent to be given any additional fiscal control over tax dollars.
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	First, I am not sure that your survey questions get to the heart of the issue with home rule. Including increased cost, decisions by smaller number of people, honestly more political system. And your questions were put in place to drive emotion rather than logic.
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't trust the current administration.
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't want it
M	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	No
M	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	There are ongoing costs associated with managing home rule. It also blocks vendors from shipping to Erie because of the goofy home rule tax collection rules. For example, RockAuto won't ship to Louisville because they're Home Rule and they can't manage another goofy tax structure. Further, none of the arguments show where the taxpayers benefit from reduced taxes. Sales tax rates are already absurdly high in Boulder county. This is bad for business in general as small businesses, like RockAuto, will simply not ship to Erie anymore because they can't manage hundreds of different tax rates and variety of methods for all these home rule entity to collect taxes.
Oth	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	It is the path to San Francisco!
F	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	I like the way things are.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	No home rule!
F	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Not sufficient education on such an important move.
F	65+	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Outside dark money groups may get involved more and more and undermine democratic elections in Erie.

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F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	The information given here is insufficient to make a decision about this given the magnitude of change, potential rules, advantages, disadvantages, and unintended consequences of such a change. This rush to change does not give sufficient time for all the citizens to get all the details of such a move to a new system. This questionnaire is very sketchy. Lack of detail alone gets a rejection. Why pay for a ballot measure without detail of what we would be voting on?
F	65+	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	The leadership of Erie is not good and spends money on things the city does not need. This would be the same with home rule. Many of the same useless leaders.
F	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	There have been too many financial mistakes.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	We need continuity with the state
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely No	Definitely No	Absurd
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Because no one has adequately briefed town members on the impact of home rule. I'd rather stay with the masses.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Because there is no value in this change.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Given todays discouraging political climate and the focus of people to take matters into their own hands - I'm not in favor of rowing our own boat.
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Definitely No	Holding people accountable concerns me. I am not comfortable with the potential for an opportunistic liberal form of government.
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	I do not trust the maturity and competency of the Town leadership to implement this change.
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't trust the special interest groups that would vie for control of the town.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	I don't want a home rule.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely No	Definitely No	Influence of outside, out of state, dark money undermining local government and democracy.

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Oth	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely No	Lack of trust in the current elected officials and their colleagues in my county. All are working ?against? someone or something rather than helping solve problems.
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Definitely No	People with the loudest voices usually have the least important things to say.
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Lean No	Definitely No	Why would I vote yes based on what was described?
							There are 60-70 cities that have Home rule in our State. Don't know why you said that 93% of the state is under home rule. I am very concerned about having a small group of people making serious decisions about our town, such as our taxes, oil drilling, garbage dump, and trying to annex our county to Wyoming. In reading the difficulties of the state trying to collect taxes through Suts, and tax payers and businesses having to pay separate taxes, it sound a like it is going to cause more confusion in the government. I do not trust a small local government to make the important decisions to protect our residents over making decisions to continue to grant permits for more drilling, continuing the use of the garbage dump, not doing any infrastructure of widening roads, etc, and continue to allow more building of more developement. Very poor planning and we have to deal with the traffic issues! I do not see any interest in investing in alternative energy, such as solar fields. You see them in surrounding cities like Lafayette and Boulder. I really worry about the amount of oil and fracking in our community and the health affects of the subdivisions that are right next to them. Who is monitoring them? I hope we are not depending on the oil companies alone to do that. We are also have a great spike in the number of car break ins in Vista Ridge. Have not seen more police presence. Also the speed limits on Mountain View rd needs to be reduced to 25 or 30 MPH.
F	55-64	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Definitely No	
M	65+	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Lean No	Definitely No	I do not have sufficient information to make that decision.
F	45-54	Oth	16-20	Somewhat	Lean No	Definitely No	I don't think current administration's decisions would reflect my values.

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M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Lean No	Definitely No	No value is being added but adds more overhead to running the town.
M	65+	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Definitely No	Tabor amendment limitations
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably No	Definitely No	I vote no
M	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Probably No	Definitely No	People are stupid, they have no idea how to govern themselves. Giving a large group power will get nothing done.
F	55-64	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Probably No	Definitely No	I don't trust the current mayor to make good decisions
F	65+	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Probably No	Definitely No	Why would I want home rule if I want to avoid more taxes. Also, I believe certain mandates in this day and age, are necessary for public good.
M	35-44	Oth	6-10	Very	Probably No	Definitely No	The last 2 years have given me no confidence in our local leaders ability to set direction for the town and I am much more confident in the CRS than I am a locally elected group.
F	35-44	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Probably No	Definitely No	Satisfied with what we currently have
F	45-54	Rep	11-15	Unsure	Probably No	Definitely No	No need to change
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Probably No	Definitely No	Erie has abused its power as it is.
F	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Definitely No	I just don't feel comfortable
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Probably No	Definitely No	I prefer going with the statutory option and believe that it will be less costly to the Town of Erie taxpayers.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Probably No	Definitely No	Why change what is working now?
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably No	Definitely No	Because I don't understand what it is and I don't know how you are going to merge Weld and Boulder county without major issues
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably No	Definitely No	There is no need to have additional layers of bureaucracy added to the already sad state government we have. It's more layers of control given to people with political interests that most likely don't align with mine. Less government.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Definitely No	We are the United States, not the individual cities. Though there are things I'm sure I would enjoy about a home rule I fear that our city would have too much control. The last thing we need is another Boulder situation where they think they can ban certain guns or create a registry of guns which directly violates our state laws. I fear if we don't answer to the state we could do more harm than good and take away the rights of minority political groups too easily.
F	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably No	Definitely No	The very last thing we need is more laws, more confusion, and more people advising what is best. We need less laws and to clean up the statutes and forms of governance already in place.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Definitely No	I don't think current leadership can handle what's going on currently and adding more to the towns plate just seems like a bigger mess then we already have now.
M	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably No	Definitely No	I have very little trust that the current BoT is acting in good faith and on the behalf of the residents best interests.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Probably No	Definitely No	What are the first things that our present government leaders would do under home rule, that cannot presently be done now? Be upfront about that, please.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Definitely No	Not privy to a similar charter to understand what types of rules and regulations would be decided upon and implemented by the committee which would not require a public vote. I would also like to be educated on what types of rules and regs approved by the commission that would be contrary to state rules and regs. I would recommend a change management team to roll out a communication plan to prepare the citizens of Erie the pros and cons of accepting a home rule charter commission.
F	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely No	Because Home Rule seems like it would cause conflict and unnecessary confusion
F	45-54	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely No	Because giving too much power to one party is dangerous

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M	45-54	Rep	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely No	Because I think it's a waste of our taxes to change the form of government in our town
M	65+	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely No	No thanks don't want it
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Undecided	Definitely No	I don't think Erie is ready. We need more business and better infrastructure first.
F	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely No	Not enough information on Home Rule Charter Commissions. Should have had it before town became oversized.
F	65+	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely No	Democratic Community favors more taxes
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely No	Higher cost.
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Lean No	I am concerned this is an underhanded way for some people to continue to expand fracking in Erie.
M	55-64	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Lean No	I don't know what is behind this change.
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Lean No	I don't think the failures of this town are because of the government, but more the people running them. I'm not totally apposed to the home rule, but need more education on it.
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Lean No	No substantial evidence had been provided to indicate the current form of government is ineffective. Town resources need to be focused on the economic situation, that is driving businesses towards old town/Erie pkwy. The residential growth cannot support the long term tax requirements without business taxes; so it makes no sense to change the charter until the town economics are stabilized to something much more forward thinking and growth focused.
M	65+	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Definitely No	Lean No	I did not have a all the information
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Lean No	I want to research all of the implications before I vote either way
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Lean No	I do not have enough information. I would need to know that this isn't going to cost a fortune.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Very	Definitely No	Lean No	I have seen how our government works here, and do not trust the integrity of most officials. It clear that most have their own agendas. I don't think Erie has evolved enough to transition to a home rule yet. Bring us talent, experience, and I would live this idea. Not now.

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F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Lean No	I would like to better understand the motivation behind the change. What is it about the current government that residence are unhappy with and what are we trying to achieve. If we just want to raise taxes and add more taxes why would we want this
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Lean No	Additional costs seem unnecessary. Who is wanting this change or better yet, who brought this up for a vote?
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Definitely No	Lean No	I do not feel that I fully understand how home rule will benefit us. a comparison of what we have and how it would be different under home rule. Also how much it will cost to develop home rule and how much it will cost after home rule. What will be the staff increases?
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely No	Lean No	Uneducated about it
F	18-34	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	I don't think enough residents will take part in the initial election or follow up election for any decision on this matter to be truly representative of the majority of Erie residents.
M	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	Worried about the difference in demographics. As a fairly left leaning individual, I worry Erie will continue to push legislation that won't promote growth and inclusion
F	35-44	Dem	Ref	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	Not needed at this time. Bad time to have crucial election vote with people constantly sick and overtaxed enough as is.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	I don't trust Weld County voters
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	I am still not really sure of the pros and cons
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	Not enough information
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	Unsure if town is ready financially and legally
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	Concern about local political and interest groups being free from state supervision.

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M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	I'm suspicious of the town's unspoken motives toward wanting home rule. Half of the town is in Boulder county and half in Weld county, and there are significant cultural differences between the two. I worry that voting in favor of changing anything would be against my best interests in that cultural divide. I need more perspectives than just the one provided by the town.
M	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	Town seems to be fine. Concerned about different groups coming in with a certain agenda to change the town
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	Need more information about the differences.
F	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	Additional taxes
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	Unsure if the benefit is worth the cost. I worry about who would be placed on the committee given how divisive residents are
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	I am not educated enough on the issue.
F	45-54	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	Not sure why the need to change our current form of government? Aldo, I haven't heard many good things about home rule
M	55-64	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	Not a fan of change. Concerned with today's divisive politics not all points of view may be considered. Or one political group tries to coop the process leading to a serious dysfunctional town govt.
F	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	Not enough information or vision regarding series justification for wanting Home Rule. I would prefer to hear about the situations that motivated this decision in addition to get a feel for what the majority is hoping to accomplish via Home Rule. All the details provided in this survey are too vague and ambiguous to make an informed decision.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	I haven't heard anything that would compel me to vote yes. By default my vote is no unless I am convinced it is necessary.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	No information provided regarding change to government system prior to text from city. Would need to research how it impacts taxes and property values.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	Based on past experience, seems unlikely to me that the commission drafting the charter document would truly be diverse. It would consist of those in power now and their friends. Would be more comfortable appointing the commission members by lottery. All interested would apply. Committee chosen by random drawing.
F	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Very	Lean No	Lean No	I don't trust the Erie Community to make smart decisions.
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	Seems more dangerous than what we currently have.
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	I need a lot more information than what was presented here. I don't like the "everyone else is doing it" statement. That is concerning
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	What problem is this measure trying to solve? I think examples of problems that could be addressed would be helpful. It sounds like there is a lot of expense to do this. Why? If it ain't broke don't fix it, so is the issue that Erie government is currently broken or unable to take action? Lastly, I read this as a way to evade State Law so what guardrail's are in place to prevent special interests taking over this process?
F	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	I have lived in Erie for decades and am generally okay with how town governance has run. While there is definite room for improvement, the status quo is known while a push to change how things are governed is wide open. In the midst of the uncertainty and struggle our community and all around us are presently dealing with, I don't feel making such changes now is in the best interest of Erie's citizens.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Lean No	Lean No	I need a lot more information about it. In gleaning information, I would like to talk to people in home rule and glean information from friends.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	The majority of citizens will not participate which will put the governance in the hands of a few
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	Current system is working. Home rule can be overrun by a neighborhood over participating to get what they want done
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	Generally speaking, Weld county seems to have a very conservative bias

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M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	I do not believe in taking critical decisions down to such a local level
							I have seen no clear financial, business or operational benefits to moving to home rule. In fact, maybe it is an advantage to Erie to remain statutory rule since such a high percentage of Colorado residents reside in home rule jurisdictions.
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean No	No
							There is not a persuasive argument to change and it will undoubtedly cost more and create more bureaucracy with redundant services. Home Rule would also may also result in more conservative government which I oppose.
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean No	
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean No	Who would be on the commission and what opportunities does this give them to overrule state orders
							I do not trust that the Home Rule Charter Commission will have a politically diverse group of members to ensure all voices and opinions are represented when drafting the new Town charter.
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean No	
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean No	I lived in Estes Park for 18 years - which was non-home rule
							I do not want to pay more for elections plus do not think we should have our own control.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Probably No	Lean No	
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean No	More taxes
							Don't know why it's needed. What are the motivating factors for moving to Home Rule? Who is promoting this, and why?
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	
							We live in divisive times and as such, I don't trust the locals to "get it right". At best, I envision a lot of deadlocks on issues due to likely politically opposing people serving on a commission. I'm probably unlike most folks, but I feel government that is too localized will lead to problems. I trust the state more to get it right across the board for everyone. I see what goes on nationally with local school boards and voting commissions and I just shake my head.
M	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Probably No	Lean No	
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean No	Weld county residents have been bad neighbors through this pandemic.

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F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Probably No	Lean No	Do not trust most people to understand and do the right thing in a population
M	45-54	Oth	Ref	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean No	I'm skeptical of the reason for the change. I'm concerned about the conservatives movement to find ways to disenfranchise voters and I feel this is one step toward those disenfranchisements we are witnessing in our governments today.
F	65+	Oth	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean No	Do not think we have qualified people to create a Home Rule Charter and most local committees hire like minded people.
F	45-54	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	I need more information that just the tidbits included in this survey. Obviously need to do more research on my own.
F	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean No	I still don't feel the positives outweigh the negatives until Erie's borders are bigger and our budget is more diversified and larger.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	I see no reason for the change other than to raise taxes and the city council has not shown effective management of the city so far and I do not wish for them to have more taxing power.
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	I trust the residents of the State and particularly the residents and politics of the greater Denver Metro more than the residents of Erie.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean No	Nothing in Erie is politically diverse. This is just another Boulder takeover.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	Need more information to make a drastic change
M	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Probably No	Lean No	WHY is Erie choosing now to switch to home rule? What is the motive behind it? What are the political reasons for it?
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean No	From living here the last 10 years I don't trust the Erie voters or the government to make sound decisions
M	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	Because it sounds like the type of government you get is largely dependent on who is elected to leadership positions. Not knowing who that would be makes me skeptical of what type of government I would get.
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	Who is promoting this change and why? The majority of people are malleable and ignorant.

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F	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Lean No	Need to research it more
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Probably No	Lean No	Disappointed in current Town leadership. Lack of trust in their intentions
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Lean No	At this point, I don't know the differences of home rule and statutory enough to support it. I could support it as long as it doesn't allow for rogue activities.
M	35-44	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	There are specific motivations for the town government to seek a home rule charter at this time. None of those have been addressed. Give specific examples of what the benefits are, and be transparent regarding the potential drawbacks.
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	I have not been informed on this enough. Additionally, this seems more like what a 'big city' does, and that is not where I chose to live. This seems ripe for corruption.
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	Unsure of the motivation behind the change
F	55-64	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean No	We are very divided politically with Erie being in both Boulder and Weld counties. I don't see residents getting together and amicably discussing issues and participating.
Oth	18-34	Oth	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean No	My concern is that we already have a small board that has enacted mandates/measures as it sees fit without listening to input from community members. If one researches towns that have home rule, one can see that these towns are still subject to the vast overreach that we have all experienced for the last 21 months. Give me a home rule town that doesn't mask healthy citizens and put emergency use authorized chemicals into their healthy children, and you can have my vote.
M	45-54	Oth	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean No	Still don't understand potential implications well enough to support it. Our property taxes and water costs are already high enough to consider leaving Erie. If this increases chances of increased costs I would lean towards opposing.
M	18-34	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	Still need to do more research.

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M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	I would need to understand more on who would be on the commission. There are 2 counties with very different political views and would need to see proof that both sides would be respected. An example is the Town is enforcing one counties rules over the other.
F	18-34	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean No	Unsure if the change is necessary. What problems are there now that this is trying to address?
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	I don't think or trust that the right decisions would be made by local residents on the commission. Sounds like an undertaking that costs money, time, and effort. Everything is fine the way it is now.
F	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean No	I don't have enough information
F	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	I don't want to become Boulder
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean No	No specific thoughts
F	18-34	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	I trust Colorado more than Erie to make laws that are fair and smart.
M	18-34	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	While I heavily agree with a local governments ability to create tailored laws for themselves, I do not believe they should be able to simply opt-out of state level legislation, rendering the core of said legislation useless. I also really worry about the ease at which special interest groups will gain a better grip on political levers under this proposal.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	I don't understand the difference and I'm fine with how Erie is currently run.
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	I still don't understand the purpose and end goal. Why is this being presented? What challenge are we trying to solve for here? It doesn't feel clear to me and I'd love more information.
M	35-44	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	Unless it's absolutely necessary to change the status quo, I'm generally opposed to wasteful spending and bureaucratic processes
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	1. Erie already has issues making decisions about growth and unincorporated areas. 2. Current lack of diversity
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	I would fear that a diverse enough board wouldn't be picked and the community would not fairly be represented.

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F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	It is not clear why the change is being made. What problems are we having now that would be solved by changing it
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Definitely No	Probably No	I like our town how it is.
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	I do not have enough information regarding how a Home Rule Charter would benefit the town. It seems like a lot of time and expense spent just to have a new slate of people running the town.
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	Another layer of government. Additional cost of government.
F	55-64	Oth	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	Don't trust elected officials to do the right thing such as against mask mandate and enforcement, Fracking , growth etc .
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	I believe this will negatively affect the oil and gas industry in our area.
F	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	Don't want large group of Boulder County liberals making our laws. Don't trust current group to ensure equal voices for non-liberals.
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	My previous experience shows that the charter commission tends to be dominated by fringe agenda representatives because they are more politically active. Voters only have the option to accept or reject the entire charter, not vote on specific provisions of the charter. Erie is coming very late to the table in considering home rule, when political divides and fringe agendas have never been more active. My fear is the charter will be rampant with rules to support these agendas and not focused on a strong body of rules for general public welfare.
M	18-34	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	I am not convinced / need evidence that moving to Home Rule isn't an end run around things like TABOR. I have heard storied about Erie's neighboring towns / cities where they were able to get around things like TABOR. I understand sites like NextDoor are not fully trustworthy sources for information. But when I search online for information about Home Rule, there isn't much independent (non-government / municipality) information out there.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	I disagree with many of the past decisions by our local governing authorities and it concerns me that they might have more control over our rights as citizens

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F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	No
							Other than the "everybody's doing it" argument, you haven't said why this expensive change would be better than what we have. You've said the town would have more flexibility, but is that only with voter approval, or would the BOT and town administrator have more authority, too? We've heard many times the process to get to Home Rule, but not what it looks like in action or the consequences if it goes wrong.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	
F	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably No	After a little research there are only 61 cities and 35 towns in Colorado under Home Rule not the number you are indicating. Truth is always best.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Probably No	I don't feel trust in who would be the deciders in this change of rule. I don't believe there is a willingness on the part of leaders to make diversity a priority as it certainly isn't one now.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	Doesn't seem like the right time. Need to continue to focus on quality development and growing the tax base.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Probably No	Don't trust the town to choose officials that are not in it for other purposes
F	35-44	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Lean No	Probably No	I think Erie already leans towards being exclusive and segregated. I think the home rule charter would give the vocal residents who are creating this environment more power.
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Lean No	Probably No	Don't want Weld County running Erie. Unless Erie wants to let Lafayette annex the Boulder County side of town (which I doubt it ever would).
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean No	Probably No	I don't understand home rule
M	18-34	Oth	More 20	Not at All	Lean No	Probably No	Taxation is theft
F	45-54	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	I have less confidence in the people of this town to draft a reasonable charter than I have in the current leadership. And that is very little.
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	Too many differing opinions on new people that want to change /grow our town.

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M	65+	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	The current town trustees don't care about the citizens. A new type of government won't change that.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Lean No	Probably No	The idea of each town or city to make its own rules with disregard to other cities does not appeal to me. There is already a disregard for state/county mandates due to the fact that Erie is split between two counties; Boulder and Weld. With the COVID mandates that applied to one county and not the other, even though most of the businesses in Erie lay on the Weld side, the city government chose to impose the Boulder mandates to the Weld citizens. I would not want to give the local government leaders any more power.
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Lean No	Probably No	No
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Probably No	Still not enough info on the structure also I don't trust anti government sentiments.
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	The people of Erie are so clique-y and volitile, it's bad enough putting any more voting in their hands. Voting means nothing. This town is run by a popularity contest...
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	The town government effectively does nothing today. Home rule allows them to kick the can down the road even further
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Unsure	Lean No	Probably No	Too much liberalism in this town. Need more conservative ideology.
M	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	I am not likely to give more authority to our local politicians.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably No	I do not have any specifics about how Home Rule works or what will change as a result and how it will affect me at a resident in Erie.
M	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably No	I think TABOR is a poor fiscal policy. TABOR prevents setting aside money when times are good as a security blanket. TABOR is fiscally short-sighted. And, like TABOR, Home Rule gives ignorant citizens too much opportunity for bad input.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably No	I feel the Boulder Democrats in power are using this to get around the TABOR amendment, it's a political ploy to benefit a few
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	I think this town is incredibly divided. I don't trust half of my fellow residents to make choices to keep my family safe

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M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I still do not have a complete understanding for how a home rule charter will directly benefit me, my family, and my fellow residents based on the information provided in this survey. I also do not completely understand the differences between the town's current form of governance versus the proposal as outlined here in this survey. Being new to Erie, I will need more information before voting to make any changes.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	Increased costs to the town of Erie. Giving more power and independence to a town split across counties like Erie would likely divide the community on various local topics and cause heated arguments, not to mention introducing major hurdles in trying to approve any local policies.
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Lack of information as to the proposed structure.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Very	Probably No	Probably No	Too much power given to local government
M	35-44	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	While I see a lot of the benefits to home rule, and giving everyone a voice sounds like a good idea, the fact is that most people don't educate themselves enough to make those decisions. While there are definitely a lot of legislators that don't educated themselves enough either, it is at least their job to do so.
F	45-54	Dem	3-5	Very	Probably No	Probably No	I don't think the Town or its residents are ready for Home Rule. For a community this size, this kind of undertaking requires a level of civic engagement, knowledge and civility/maturity that I don't believe we are ready for.
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Still don't understand the impact
F	55-64	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	I'm sorry to say most of our town's leaders don't seem to have the community's best interest in mind. If that were to change, then my feelings about Home Rule might change, as well.
M	55-64	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	Very skeptical about average citizens with their own personal and often (in my opinion) objectionable/intrusive beliefs and agendas being empowered to control my life.

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F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	There are too many opinions.
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I am concerned about Erie enacting extremist positions such as no gun restrictions, modifying or altering the nations history taught in schools, and other right wing extremism.
M	65+	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I don't want Erie to raise taxes. Nor do I want to get bogged down in extra administration costs. Not sure what problem we are trying to solve. Suspect a hidden agenda so my bias would be against UNLESS I hear a compelling argument as to how and why this benefits Erie residents
M	65+	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	Why home rule except to raise taxes. Why home rule if not to reject mandates designed to promote the greater good.
Oth	65+	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Special interest groups
F	45-54	Oth	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I feel this is not enough info to make a decision about home rule. Providing examples of other towns or cities that are already under home rule would be good. I feel that having home rule could lend itself to 'one political group' having all the power.
M	55-64	Oth	Less 2	Very	Probably No	Probably No	I don't know enough about it, It creates more government control.
M	18-34	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	I don't see the need for change. There is no need to rewrite the charter. I don't see a need for change.
F	35-44	Rep	11-15	Very	Probably No	Probably No	If this town leans left and we are voting for people to write the charter then it will be written by left people.
F	35-44	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	Need to do more research regarding all implications
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	I need more information, pros / cons before voting yes.
F	45-54	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	Why recreate the wheel
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Expensive. While the commission is set up to represent all affiliations, it usually ends up leaning too far in one direction.
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Cost to community
F	65+	Rep	Less 2	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	End up with too many political factions given more voice.

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Oth	18-34	Unaf	Ref	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	This survey does not provide enough information to make an informed decision. Without enough information my vote is an automatic No. I will only support a measure that reduces government's role in my day to day life.
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Very	Probably No	Probably No	Does not provide enough benefits to the Town for the cost and energy/time spent. The Town has more important items to be focusing on.
F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	I would be more likely to oppose because the political environment is so dichotomous. The town is split to two counties.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	It's really just about making fracking decisions, and if y'all can't keep track of payments for a million dollar wooden bridge, why should we pay for another unnecessary election?
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	Need exact info on what changes are wanted to be changed for Erie.
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Sounds like too much authority given to the one panel of people, not having to follow state guidelines.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I haven't heard a clear argument for the change. What specific benefit would justify the time, cost and potential for unintended consequences? It would be helpful to see pro and con statements like those that appear in the ballot blue book.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Seems like more overhead to create and manage, when the statutory system has worked well. Perhaps providing examples of specific legislative or policies that would be different would help me understand the difference better. Also, example of how the statutory system has limited the town or what the town wanted differently.
M	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	Would need to know additional costs and how Erie would pay for it. Sales tax increases would not be a good answer for me.
F	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	Cost
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I'm unclear as to what the benefits of a Home Rule Charter Commission are. I'd have to do some research.

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F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	The current mayor isn't interested in what the people want. She will do what she wants to do and bend the rules if needed to get the result she wants.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	Don't see the point of going through the trouble
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	Extra expenses. Why do we need it. How will the charter group be selected?
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Very	Probably No	Probably No	I do not feel comfortable expanding the scope of powers the Town currently with the current Board of Trustees.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	I don't have any confidence in the current board of Trustees, they don't understand the proper role of government, proper money management or fiscal wherewithal, or basic economics and unintended consequences of decisions made to make people feel good at the expense of the great population. My concern is giving these people more influence to be central planners ultimately creating more division, more poverty, more crime and more confiscation of property and wealth.
M	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	I have only lived in Erie for about a year but the overreach and unconstitutional displayed by the city has shown me enough to understand they likely do not need more control.
M	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	I think it is a power grab by political appointees and the current power structure. I see nothing wrong to stay under the system we have, which have decent checks and balances.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	It is unclear why this would be a benefit.
F	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Unsure	Probably No	Probably No	Dont want someone to vote for me.
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Very	Probably No	Probably No	I don't believe that the Town of Erie has adequate controls and processes in place for a Home Rule. Also lacking transparency .
F	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I have more confidence in statewide legislation than local.
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I don't trust people to make decisions that address the needs of all the citizens right now. All politics are so polarized at this time and this seems like a way to circumvent some state rules.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Lived in Erie	Familiar with HR	Uninformed Ballot	Informed Ballot	Response
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Probably No	Probably No	I feel governments most recently have been exercising too much authority over its citizens, and at times are over-reaching.
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	The information you are presenting on the Erie website and in this survey is presented in a way similar to "political" surveys, to get the answers they want. Where is the detailed Pro/Con discussion/information. Everything is being presented as "Home Rule is good", and being a regular everyday person I do not do that. I am NOT going to take your word for it. Show me arguments For and Against home rule!
F	65+	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Probably No	Probably No	The city leaders have not shown themselves to be be competent in several major areas of governance. I don't feel they should have more authority.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	A home rule government in Erie would likely be too conservative (i.e., too "Republican").
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably No	Statutory rule provides an umbrella of uniformity in a community such as Erie that us split between two counties of vastly different political and philosophical views.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	I do not know enough about it, what the goals would be of such a charter, what changes would be made, who it would impact, etc.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	I think TABOR is terrible for the state and if we would be required to abide by it, the we shouldn't. I'm not confident that our town could come to a consensus on a charter and only the extreme crazies will have a say
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	I am concerned this is a method to give less popular opinions a way to stagnate and prevent change. I would like to see the reasoning and source for this change
M	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	Because I do not have enough information to understand what's in it for Erie residents. When I don't understand a problem or if one actually exists, I will not change it.

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F	65+	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	Have no idea what Home Rule would mean. None of my friends or neighbors have any idea either.
M	18-34	Oth	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	The town of Erie is situated between two counties, both of which have beyond polarising 'opinions' on how to handle the COVID-19 pandemic, one of which is unsafe and carefree, leading to countless deaths
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably No	I don't believe we are in need to take responsibility.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably No	I've liked the current arrangement just fine.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably No	I haven't had the time to research pros and cons of this in detail so today with the little information I have, I would have to vote no.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	Higher costs. Too much voter involvement- not sure it's a good thing.
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	I like things the way they are
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Probably No	Sounds too much like an HOA
M	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Probably No	Because the question was if it was held today I don't know enough to vote for change til I understand why we need change and that the change is a good change.
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Probably No	I like the way it is right now. I am not particularly fond of having a home rule especially if iT costs more than now.
M	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	So little information I would want to know more before changing what we have