

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
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Definitely No	Definitely Yes	I believe that this would be a better way for more people to be heard. My distrust of politicians over the last 4 years, both locally and federally, has grown significantly and knowing that the town residents would be able to be heard more loudly is appealing to me.
F	18-34	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is a divided county community - Weld and Boulder. I believe Home Rule will allow Erie to grow and be governed by those within the community, rather than a group with an abstract view of our communities needs.
F	18-34	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Gives us a lot more resources and decision making authority.
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe that a community knows best what it needs for itself to be successful. Those people should make their own chooses and not an unknown representative.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Because it gives our town the ability to make its own decisions.
F	35-44	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is large enough to change the one size fits all government.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Freedom of local governing and minimizing state intervention in municipal affairs.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Gives residents more say over taxes in a rapidly growing town.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe Erie residents should have a greater say in our local government and I'm concerned about protecting our public institutions from far-right extremists, so I like the balance.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I think that Home Rule will allow the residents of Erie to better craft a government and policies that is more inline with the constituents.
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I want our voices to be heard!
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I want to be able to create our own laws
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It's better for the town. More local control.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The idea of self governance and a diverse group of delegates is more appealing than statutory rule.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	To have more influence on development decisions and combat the overbuilding that has taken place in recent years.

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M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie residents should have the power to determine their own governance, no other Colorado residents who do not live here and are not impacted by the regime.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I am American and I want my president to take the election.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I didn't realize we were statutory. We should have the ability to draft laws and ordinances that fit Erie.
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I would likely vote for home rule because it gives people power to make changes in our community. For example, I'm very interested in municipal internet service.
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I would vote yes because we need more flexibility and autonomy in our very fast growing community.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More ability for the town to control its charter and set rules. More ability to set rules on O&G
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I think it would best for the town to be able to have more autonomy over its tax levies and collections. If I'm not mistaken it would also reduce the fee paid to the Weld County Treasurer to distribute taxes collected by them on our behalf. I know that's just a small percentage but every little bit helps. It could possibly make the town less desperate (if you will) to rely on inflows from outside sources (e.g. supposed high revenues from O&G). The only thing that would give me pause to not approve it would be due to the political divide and hostile environment associated with it. My worry is that some people would see only mill levy increase or anything else to do tax/fee increases and automatically reject it without giving a matter critical thought as to how it could benefit the Town.
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I would like to see the citizens of Erie have more control over planning decisions, especially as it pertains to annexation and buffer spaces.
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Increased decision making power

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F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Local residents deserve to guide the future of the unique town at this crucial moment. My own family has their roots here before the town was officially created. The hometown foundation with a vision of creating a true Colorado community that embraces its natural beauty is very important.
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More autonomy for city officials.
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More resident control for specific Erie needs/situations.
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More voice from residents
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Better system for governing our growing town with diverse needs
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home rule and local control with the ability to set and collect taxes is a logical improvement for a community of this size. Statutory rule is a 'lazy' take when provided the option to administer a municipality at the local level.
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe local governments make better decisions for their community than state/federal legislatures.
M	45-54	Dem	16-20	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It allows the town to make the laws that best fit the town's objectives and for its citizens.
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Seems more applicable to our town
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Time for us to better manage our fast growing community.
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Because the way it is is dumb
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I feel Erie has grown to the point Home Rule would be beneficial.
F	55-64	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I loathe our current form, anything has to be better
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I would rather have laws that pertain specifically to where we live. Colorado is a vast state and not all regulations pertain to Erie or are in our best interest. However I do NOT want us to become another Boulder.
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Individual impact by the residents living in Erie is more ?heard? in home rule.
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More autonomy and control for Erie

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F	55-64	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The town has grown in recent years and it's time for it's government to grow as well
M	55-64	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Being Erie residents we know local issues and needs much more than at a state level so we should be able to determine our own solutions, funding, etc.
M	55-64	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Better collection of taxes
M	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is best equipped to solve issues that effect it's citizens
M	55-64	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home rule gives residents much more control
M	55-64	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	So that we can control our own destiny.
F	65+	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie has grown a lot in the past 20 years and this is a necessary part of growth.
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home Rule allows communities to make decisions and take certain actions that it's residents decide will benefit its community. Local decision-making allows communities to customize their organization to meet its needs that is specific to that community.
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I feel it would give the residents of Erie more say in how our town goes forward.
F	65+	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I lived in Lakewood before and after it was home rule so I appreciate the benefits of home rule.
F	65+	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I think it is important for residents to have more involvement in their community.
F	65+	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The pros and cons of Home Rule (for Erie split between Boulder and Weld Counties) would be studied by diverse representatives of both counties and hopefully present an acceptable Charter. If the presented document is not adequate, it should be defeated by a majority vote of the eligible voters.
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	We need the flexibility to pass stricter requirements for water conservation, oil and gas, zoning and other issues.
F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	We should be able to govern ourselves rather than through the State

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M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is a unique community of diverse interests and so I feel like local decisions are an enhancement to our quality of life.
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie residents should have more control over how the city is run.
M	65+	Dem	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I am actually strongly considering running to be a member of the Commission
M	65+	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I think Erie has grown to the size where it is in the interest of the town and residents to have more self control and stronger voice.
M	65+	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More local control to suit the diverse needs of our community.
M	65+	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The local community needs to be manager by the closest local units of government. Corporations, like oil/gas/coal have too much influence in the state. Erie needs to address Climate Change aggressively before more damage is done!
M	65+	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Think Erie needs home rule to have more effective governance.
M	18-34	Oth	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Smallest government is the best government
M	45-54	Oth	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Greater flexibility
M	45-54	Oth	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Local tax payers have more say in local taxes, and taxes are theft.
F	18-34	Rep	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I love that it give citizens at the grass-roots level the authority to manage their own government affairs. it's freedom from state gov.
M	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I like empowering local governments to make decisions on a local level
M	18-34	Rep	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The town has too much control right now and has botched the handling of Covid with restrictions NOT agreed upon by its residents but my Malcolm and the small group of Board members. I'll never let that happen again in my power.
M	18-34	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	We the people of Erie should be voting for how we want the community governed
F	35-44	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	because the residents of a town should make the decisions of what happens in a town
F	35-44	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie needs to make rulings and decisions based on what is best for our town, not our surrounding areas

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F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Power closer to home. We know what's best for our town because we live here. Smaller government closer to home all the way.
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	So we aren't at the whim of Boulder Bounty and their mandates
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The Home Rule process can serve as an important vehicle for communities that are seeking to challenge the fundamental structure of law which puts the rights of corporations over those of communities; prevents communities from saying ?no? to projects that are harmful for workers, the local economy, livability, property.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Because the political views of the state do not necessarily align with mine or those of the town.
M	35-44	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home rule gives greater control to our town citizens over matters effecting our town.
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I am for smaller government with more local authority.
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I feel Erie should not be dictated to by a state government controlled primarily buy high density areas of voters outside of Erie. Areas of voter who likely know little about Erie and are likely not even from Colorado originally. I moved to Erie specifically looking to get away from these areas. We should be able to keep Erie Erie.
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I live with like minded individuals that are accustomed to the needs of our communities and families. No outside source should unilaterally dictate how to care for a place that they have never physically lived in.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I want more freedom.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I'd prefer to vote on how my taxes are being used locally.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More control over local matters
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The city can create its own laws and municipal coordinates.
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	This system puts more deciding power in the hands of the people that live there.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	To enable the town of Erie to govern ourselves given the far left leaning of the rest of the state.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	We know what we need here locally vs the state

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M	45-54	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	All cities have different needs that should be governed by its local citizens
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe rhe voices and best interests of all Erie residents have not been taken into account under the current form of government and instead a 'one size fits all' approach has been taken. For this reason along with the fact that the majority of other towns in the state fall under a Home Rule Charter I believe it's what's best for our community.
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I think that change would be very beneficial to Erie
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It makes no sense for our town to be governed by bureaucrats in Denver that are concerned about the entire state. Less Federal government, less state government. Government should be as local as possible.
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More control over issues
M	45-54	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Smaller government works better at representing the needs and interests of its local community. In the event of a poor decision, it can be more easily held accountable.
M	45-54	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	We get to create our own rules.
M	45-54	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	What the state decides is not always good for every city
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Better representation
F	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I think the people who live and run the tower are more understanding of its needs not the state who can be removed. The rules needed for Erie are much different than downtown Denver or western slope.
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	This is the second survey I have received and I looked up other communities such as Broomfield and they have home rule so I decided to vote yes.
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Big government is bad for citizens' rights and businesses. The biggest reason for living in a small town is to not have to follow state mandates, especially in an overly liberal state.

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M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home Rule would give all voters at least a chance to voice their opinion
M	55-64	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It makes sales tax calculations much easier for local businesses
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More input from residents
M	55-64	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Yes to making rules/laws that are specific to Erie
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie residents should have a say not one size fits all.
F	65+	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home Rule moves in the direction of the people having a voice and the opportunity to be directly involved
F	65+	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I support the premise of government being closer to the community where it is going to be implemented.
F	65+	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More local autonomy. Erie is now a bigger town/city and needs to govern as such. Move out of the small town mentality
F	65+	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	There is more local control of our town
M	65+	Rep	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is a large and more diverse community than when I moved here. It is time Erie residences establish what we want our town to become.
M	65+	Rep	16-20	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie residents will have more control of issues pertaining to Erie.
M	65+	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I like local control.
M	65+	Rep	3-5	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I prefer local control and input.
M	65+	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Local control and decision
M	65+	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Money stays closer to home
M	65+	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More control of what happens in our community
M	65+	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More local control.
M	65+	Rep	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The town needs to establish wards, so that all areas have equal representation; the current at-large representation does not allow that. A Home Rule charter also eliminates mandates stipulated by county and the state governments.
M	65+	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Want my city government to answer to the direction of the voters

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M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I think it's important for a community to decide which rules, regulations, and laws it abides by and to what extent (I know we would still be bound by state laws).
M	18-34	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I would to give the city more opportunity.
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It will give the town more control over the things that have an impact on it's citizens.
M	18-34	Unaf	Ref	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It's a step that closes the power distance some in government
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More autonomy for Erie and to act quickly on sensitive issues and for the towns ability to support who actually lives here
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More control of our town
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	All previously described
F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Because I'm all for small local government and a diverse group of individuals from the community representing the town to make decisions.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie has outgrown statutory government and needs the power to set more rules for itself, without being beholden to statutes at the state level designed for much smaller towns than Erie.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is growing and needs its own laws. It is burdensome to have different regulations for Weld and Boulder residents.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I don't trust the state Legislature
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I like the home rule charter commission
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I support more local control
M	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I would like to see residents having more power to change the future direction of our town.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It makes sense
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More autonomy for local residents
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	New authority against o+g development. Possibility to reform our local government for the better
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Seems long overdue. The town is growing at a fast clip, and we need to get with the times.

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F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Because we should be, like 93% of the Colorado population. To be able to make decisions at the local level for our community
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Current and past leaders are biased and have been to liberal in their views which does not represent a larger population of Erie.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home rule could make things more flexible and feel more like a community.
F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe that having control over local issues would be a huge benefit to the town of Erie.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I would like the town to have more ability to govern itself and make more good decisions for the community.
M	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	93% of Colorado is already there
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	A jurisdiction should have authority over itself, not created by jurisdictions elsewhere.
M	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	All government should be local.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Because I am currently a Trustee and I approve this effort. I just wanted to see the poll so I took it.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Bigger voice from the community. Transfer of power from the state to local is a win
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie being a split county town gets pulled to many directions. Home rule sounds like we can decide Erie rules not be limited to the side of the street you are on. BTW I would love to see all of Erie move to Boulder County only
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home rule is better than statutory
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I agree

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M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe home rule will greatly benefit the town in the long run. Home rule will allow more diverse representation for the different areas within Erie. By going to home rule system I believe that the different neighborhoods within Erie will get equal representation and a better say in what would be a good fit for them. As opposed to a one size fits all system in place now.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I dont really believe in blanket mandates and rules so having the freedom to live in a town that chooses for its self seems great
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I feel this model of local government functions better than statutory.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It makes sense as our community continues to grow and diversify
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Local issues are much better represented and addressed
M	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	More local control
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	The absence of home rule ability has been a hinderance to progress.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	We know our community better than they do and have a different view for our future.
F	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Best way for Erie to directly access Federal programs
F	55-64	Unaf	Ref	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Local is always better.
F	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Not all rules are beneficial to everyone
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	We deserve the right to rule over where we live as home owners.
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Would have more of a voice on what Erie is doing with the tax payer money
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is large enough to be more self-manged, not governed by state laws.
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Unless I'm presented with information that gives me reason to believe that Home Rule would be a net negative, I will vote to bring local control to Erie.
F	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Better local control
F	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I feel that home rule would give more power to the residents, where it belongs.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Lived in Erie	Familiar with HR	Uninformed Ballot	Informed Ballot	Response
F	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	My previous residence had home rule and I like having a say in what happens in my community and my life.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Not a fan of state legislation from the Boulder/Denver corridor today. Want to make choices right for Erie
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Your info helped me to vote yes.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Citizen participation
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie has grown to a sufficient size to bear the costs associated with Home Rule.
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Greater autonomy for the Town to craft laws and regulations to suit our particular situation.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Very	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	Home Rule gives Erie much more advantage in bringing in new businesses and Corporations by being able to establish tax advantages.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe Erie is ready to accept the responsibility of self government...20 years ago - not so, but now, let's do it.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	I strongly believe in local government as the best way to govern.
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It gives the people in Erie a better chance to have a choice in their town government
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes	It is people in control of the government.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Lean Yes	Definitely Yes	I'd like to have more influence and control
F	18-34	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Definitely Yes	Housing is expensive.
M	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Definitely Yes	It sounds like I would have more freedoms to live on my own terms
F	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Lean Yes	Definitely Yes	Variety of voices heard
M	65+	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Definitely Yes	Residents more reported
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Definitely Yes	I do what is best for me & my family.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Lean Yes	Definitely Yes	This provides the means to determine what the final Home Rule arrangement means for all residents?no longer speculation.
F	18-34	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It would give a greater voice for the residents of Erie.
F	18-34	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Sounds good
M	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I feel it is necessary for a select number of diverse residents to have representation for the voices of Erie, than just a one size fits all
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I like residents having more autonomy from the county

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F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Very	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It's time for Erie to grow up because of the size of the town. We need to set our own goals.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I like the idea of towns people having a stronger voice
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Independence
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Very	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe we need to govern our town based on local needs and goals.
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	More autonomy for Erie
F	45-54	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Resident power and self-determination.
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Very	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I'd prefer not to comment
M	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	More local voices and potential control
F	55-64	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I believe it makes more sense for a town to make their own rules.
F	55-64	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I want local representation.
F	55-64	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It's important that the citizens of Erie are empowered and have a voice with decisions being made about our town/city.
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Very	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	More tax revenue would stay local
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It gives more people a chance to talk.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Local control
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	To have more community control over oil and gas operations and hold those companies accountable to air quality standards.
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Power to the people not the government
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	So that the town of Erie can make decisions and set rules for itself. The residents should have more of a say with what rules and/or taxes occur in the town they live in.
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I think some of the measures enacted by Boulder county are detrimental to our community. I would hope that we would have more control over that.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	This would allow local residents to make decisions to change things that affect our community.
F	45-54	Rep	11-15	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Less state government control, more city control.
F	45-54	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	More community input.

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F	45-54	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	The cities that have made this change are run very well such as Broomfield. Much better than others. Would be nice if we could spend more money where it's actually needed like the roads in Erie.
F	55-64	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Politically
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I think the greed of Erie will be its downfall with the president administration. Expanding our city tenfold with all the new construction of housing may bring a better tax base, however, without the infrastructure to handle it all it's going to become total chaos very soon. Erie will no longer have its small town safety and security. Big is not always better. So I feel having more residence working in the planning commission would help tremendously.
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Local control
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It makes sense to me
M	65+	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	To provide for more local-specific rules to govern Erie.
F	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	More power to Erie citizens vs state
F	18-34	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	With the growth of the town, it would just work much better.
F	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It allows us to dictate how we govern ourselves and our community.
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Gives Erie more flexibility and control over local issues
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	The town is growing rapidly and needs custom laws when it comes to taxes. The current make up of the government is no longer surviving. There could be more say in taxes and Leveys agreeing too it.
M	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Erie is rapidly growing and the needs of Erie may or may not align with the state
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	I am unsure what our current politicians are doing with all of the money I pay especially for water. I can't even get our street or bike path plowed in the winter.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It makes sense, other municipalities our size all do this already
M	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	It's a better system

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F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Communities and the diversity in communities should be utilized in the Town of Erie. We are not a one size fits all and we should have more control over our town.
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	To have more input about Erie's direction in the future.
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Town is too big for current form of gov
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Primarily, greater flexibility in raising funds for open space purchases.
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	The right for the people to decide
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	County and state level are homogeneous liberal. We would at least have a chance to change things we need to change.
Oth	65+	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes	Local controls
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely Yes	All voices to be heard
F	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely Yes	It is important that residents in Erie have a say in what happens in the town. The ballot box is important so that the majority rules.
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	I do believe many decisions are best made at a local level. I am concerned a radical right wing cabal could take over the commission however
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Undecided	Definitely Yes	This gives the residents of Erie to move forward with deciding how the taxes are assessed and taxed, not the state. This will create The City of Erie tax base, not Town of Erie. Is this correct?
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Erie has special needs and circumstances and Home Rule would give us flexibility to govern more effectively.
M	65+	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Come into sync with rest of state
M	65+	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Doing so would provide us as residents more say in our own municipal government process
M	65+	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	I am more interested in having say on laws for Erie, rather than a one size fits all. Also 93% of Colorado is Home Rule, why was Erie left out? Doesn't matter, just adopt the home rule and end of discussion.
M	35-44	Oth	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	I would like to see what the charter entails.
M	55-64	Oth	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely Yes	It needs more participation from the citizens.
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	I support Tabor!

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M	45-54	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Prefer the town have more direct and local input.
F	65+	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	It's a smart decision.
F	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	The more say and engagement citizens have in their government the better, as opposed to being ruled by a government that does its own thing
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	The people decide the rules and not the state.
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Just makes sense! More power to residents
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Makes sense that we would make our own rules
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Better for me
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Makes sense
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Definitely Yes	More control of local issues.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	People need a choose.
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	Must be approved by voters.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Definitely Yes	We the people should be in control of all aspects in govt Not a select few
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely No	Lean Yes	If it gives more power to people, residents and taxpayers, I am definitely for it. Then I oppose elected officials who's full time job is to be a politician.
F	65+	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Definitely No	Lean Yes	Better governing control. Not one size fit all
F	55-64	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Lean Yes	Like the idea of more local control
F	55-64	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Lean Yes	To have more say
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Lean Yes	To have the rule of law for living in Erie by residents of erie
F	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean Yes	I like the idea that the residents will have more power over matters of the town
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean Yes	I am on the fence because it seems like it would be 'the Wild West' and lots of arguing with Home Rule government
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Lean Yes	Have more control over what happens in Erie
M	35-44	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean Yes	I like the fact that we can create a Charter that is more specific to our town.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean No	Lean Yes	More control
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Lean No	Lean Yes	If most of the state is Home Rule, why not us too?

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F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean Yes	Having a more specific government for our community
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean No	Lean Yes	I understand more about it now.
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean Yes	Local control but am concerned all voices would be heard and how taxes might be levied
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean Yes	Would need more info but leaning that way
							I like that Erie residents would have much more say in how this community moves forward. I would be very interested in seeing in a community that has control over our daily wants and needs as a community with little outside interference. Erie is different from other communities and counties and the residents of Erie should be able to grow in a way that best serves our community.
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean Yes	
M	65+	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Lean No	Lean Yes	policy that fits the communities values and goals
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean No	Lean Yes	Seems reasonable, although Erie town government seems to have some constant dysfunction so I'm a little concerned
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Lean No	Lean Yes	Sound like more community involvement
							I would like to see what they come up with but I am still not clear the benefit of creating a home rule charter. It seems like a lot of time and money will need to be invested without knowing what possible changes or positive outcomes would come of this. If we could avoid TABOR and other state regulations that would save us money, I would be all for it. More information needs to be shared with the community about the possible benefits of this system over our current system. This is the first I have heard of this.
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Lean No	Lean Yes	
F	18-34	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Anything to help make the Neighborhood safe and friendly place to live.
M	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Better representation
M	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	It looks like a better way of doing things
							I like that the commission would be diverse to represent all. Also that most of the rest of the state has a Home Rule system seems like it's thought by most as being the right way.
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	

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F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I like the idea of homeowners having more control over how the government governs.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I need more information but it sounds interesting
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Sounds like it would be the people of Erie guiding its town
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Makes sense, but need to make sure the right people are making the decisions for the future of the town.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More autonomy.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More local control
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Could be good for Erie.
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I like the fact that our community will be governed by people who live in our community. But I'm still not 100 % certain that it will be the most beneficial for our town's needs.
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I like the idea of having a little more say as a resident
F	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I would still like to know more
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More flexibility
F	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	sounds like a good idea
F	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	This survey doesn't give enough details about what it means for the town of Erie to move to home rule. The questions also didn't have an option of reading the information and not changing my opinion of voting for or against home rule.
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I feel that it is a more democratic process
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I would have to know exactly how we provide feedback to the commission
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I'm a bit on the fence due to costs, not knowing who we would be voting for and our past history of poor voter turnout
F	55-64	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	My vote is based on who is appointed to the charter. Not sure we have the resources.
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	We should decide how our government runs and what it does, and it should be run by us. We are getting big enough now that it makes sense.

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M	55-64	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Local
M	55-64	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More community opportunity to vote on an item by item basis.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Citizens of Erie are aware of our strengths and weakness's. Who better to speak for us?
F	65+	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	It seems to be working!
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I need more info to form a opinion
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More community control to adapt to unique needs
F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More diverse opinions to create new leadership
F	65+	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Not sure yet
F	65+	Dem	Ref	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	There are some very intelligent reps here on the BOT and I'd Like them to sit on the board for home rule committee. Some of my feelings are whether these people would help guide. There are some very obtuse people as well. The politics of our times do concern me. I am invested here because I own and live here. But there are some people who are too off the walls here too.
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Generally I prefer the laws that govern the Town to be laws passed by the town's population as opposed to being the "standard" laws used statewide.
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Information and time
M	35-44	Oth	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	It sounds like it would give the town more flexibility. And at this point, it's just a vote on forming a committee, there's still a chance to vote no on the charter if they do a poor job.
M	35-44	Oth	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More control
M	55-64	Oth	16-20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	A step towards closer citizens control and involvement
F	65+	Oth	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I would want to be a part of the decisions for the town
F	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	My main concern with home rule would be how quickly the winds could change depending on who was elected each election cycle. Statutory Rule would create more stability that makes it easier to create decisions around as a resident.

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F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More town control regarding specific wants/needs of the community that are unique to us and the residents here
M	35-44	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Explore the difference between the two methods and be able to vote for the best.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Very	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	If it gives us the authority to better negotiate with Metro Tax Districts.
M	35-44	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Independence seems right for our community at the current size.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Seems like a logical decision for a growing community
F	45-54	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I will probably vote yes if this Charter means that a diverse group of residents- not politicians - will have more control over local government.
F	65+	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	It seems to be a difficult situation to have 1 town in 2 counties.....
M	65+	Rep	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I want the best government for Erie. That may well be home rule.
M	65+	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	It gets residents more involved in local government when decisions are made closer to home.
F	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I like having the ability to control what happens in my town
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Local knows best
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Colorado as a state has become much more diverse with out of state residents moving here and abiding by state statutes feels more one sided. I'd rather abide by neighborhood needs, etc
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Home Rule Charter can help us address problems specific to Erie. How easy is it to amend the charter once voted in?
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I feel the town trustees aren't very diverse, just follow Boulder County and don't reflect the population.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I need to research it, I want residents to be involved as a check and balance to the system, but I don't want to create extra costs or create roadblocks from getting things done.

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F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I'm slightly familiar with home rule and the main difference I see are higher sales taxes in those cities. It can be a problem for residents if there isn't a draw to bring in out of city money (ie. Museum, high employment business, restaurants, etc). Resort towns and destination towns seem to benefit the most.
F	35-44	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More information--verifying the credibility of source--needed.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Still not sure
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	To have more control over the town rules.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Going through the process is fine. None of the information you've provided here is actually relevant to forming an opinion though. Convince me that the statutory system is broken, or that the charter system would be better.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I am in favor of a commission to collect data to present whether a change makes sense or not.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I like the idea of laws that are created to favor Erie.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Power to the people!! :p
F	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Very	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Erie needs to move in this direction.
F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Many cities within Colorado already operate under Home Rule government
F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Representation and diversity of views
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Don't understand the drawbacks of the plan
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I am generally in favor of local government rather than heavy-handed "one size fits all" state or Federal rule.
M	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I support creating a commission as a required precursor to an actual charter, assuming the commission would conduct research on if home rule is in the best overall interest of Erie residents.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Self determination
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Who is benefiting from this change
F	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	More flexibility for our community
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	At this point I want to see how the process plays out

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M	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Home rule charter makes sense depending on who is voted in.
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I don't believe Erie has been well served by the State over the last 12 years I have lived here.
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	That is to prevent oil drilling near the houses and the city can prevent that. There will be more individual freedom.
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	The Home Rule thing sounds more democratic and less directed by special interests.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	The group would be made up from a diverse political group so it's not one-sided.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	The local community can be more active in government, but my concern would be citizen apathy as time goes on.
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	I am open and interested in learning why and how Home Rule would specifically benefit Erie above and beyond being a Statutory town... and hopefully the Commission would be equally transparent regarding the costs and issues associated with Home Rule, such as collecting and management of sales and excise taxes.
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	This form of local government better reflects the needs and desires of the community. My hesitancy is whether our current elected leaders are competent enough to fairly and appropriately govern under the Home Rule Charter.
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Probably No	Lean Yes	93 percent of Coloradans live with this.
F	55-64	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean Yes	Erie is very diverse town, I know Jared Polis personally, I'd rather trust him then some vaccine opposition republicans (my neighbors) that's why as of today I'm not sure how I'll vote, in the summary the town is so red, and I'm register Democrat so I don't trust the majority of my neighbors (mainly republicans)
M	55-64	Rep	11-15	Not at All	Probably No	Lean Yes	Mostly because of the fact that 93% of other Colorado residents use this system. Why is Erie different?
F	65+	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Probably No	Lean Yes	It seems like the right way to go if you can get fair minded people to put the plan in place.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Lean Yes	Having local co trip over laws is important. However, I am a bit skeptical that the community could build a diverse group that would involve all opinions in order to create a fair charter.
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably No	Lean Yes	Seems it would allow Erie more control of it's destiny
M	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	I like the idea of creating laws that directly affect the citizens of Erie.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Now local control
M	45-54	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Just makes sense
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Locals need more say. However Erie wants growth and that's not good for this community.
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Need to understand the real rational for change. What does it get us?
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	More community based decisions, 93% of CO already being Home Rule.
M	65+	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Control of towns destiny.
F	18-34	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Involvement of residents in some of the decision making.
M	18-34	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Make our local government closer to what we need as a community
F	45-54	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	More control over decisions made in Erie by residents.
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	IMO, we should have the ability to govern ourselves, within reason, which may not exactly follow how the state legislates.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Our current system doesn't seem to be working now, try something new
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	To have more control of tax changes
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Local control can have positive benefits to the community
F	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	For Erie to be able to make up its own town rules and government per the decision of the voters.
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	I think home rule is better than having statewide regulations apply to the community
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Better representation in town government.
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Exercise freedom of local governing and minimizing state intervention in municipal affairs.

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M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	Since the charter is not yet decided, many of these questions are no relevant since the needed information to understand what/how Erie will benefit, or any downsides, is not known at all.
F	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	It means the citizens of the town are voting for what's in the town's best interest.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Lean Yes	There are some advantages to local control over local issues.
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	A one size fits all system is not working.
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I like the idea of a more representative, self lead form of government representing local and diverse opinions and needs.
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I'd need more information, but it seems like a good way to improve the community at a local politics level
F	18-34	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	More info on home rule versus statutory charter
F	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Sounds like we might have more self governance
F	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	With limited information, it seems positive, but need more information to make a decision.
M	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Having more of a say in the laws of our community is more attractive.
M	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I need to read more about this.
M	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Need to do more research about the changes but if 93% of Colorado residents have this it's likely a good thing
M	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Voting yes on creating the commission feels low risk/non-committal. My hope is that the commission would help determine the pros and cons of Home Rule so that we may be more informed about this type of government as it applies to Erie. I would still perform research about the benefits of home rule before voting yes/no on the commission.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Collaboration with community
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Flexibility
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	I like the diversification a home rule coaster would bring and that we as a town would vote on me taxes and Levi's.
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	More control over issues in Erie.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Seems we are behind the times

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F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	Unsure but leaning yea.
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	More power given to residents, especially with already-high property tax system in Erie.
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	The survey failed to adequately define the value of a home rule charter commission beyond eliminating "one size fits all". don't have a strong reason to vote yes without understand it better. I choose yes because the options were painting sensible tactics for any policy being debated
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	To see what the commission develops
F	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	But a representation of all of Erie residents
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I like the idea of diversity and representation. The people who are most impacted by the decisions made by government are more involved in those decisions.
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I like the idea of more voices and being more in line with the rest of the state
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	If 93% of the towns in the state are run this way it makes sense. I'd like to know why this is a preferable way to operate and what specifically is different about how we operate now before I decide.
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	It seems to give greater voice to residents and offers more representation to all diverse groups within the town.
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	It's appealing to have local input on decisions that directly affect our community
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Other towns are using it
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	It seems more appropriate now that our town has grown in size. Still need more information.
M	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	More control for residents
M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	More control over town decisions
M	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Most towns in co have them
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Not sure
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Erie could make best choices for our town
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I need to do more research before voting.

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F	55-64	Dem	Less 2	Unsure	Undecided	Lean Yes	Increase in Voter control
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Local decision making
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Ninety-three percent have that kind of government.
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Unsure	Undecided	Lean Yes	Cities in Co have home rule
F	65+	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	Fair distribution
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Having more influence over local laws. Knowing over 90% of Coloradoans live under Home Rule.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I prefer local control, but need more information pro and con.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I think this would afford us new autonomy and perhaps lesson the challenges faced due to being located in two counties with vastly different philosophies.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	It seems like a good way to run the town. But I'd have to do my own research
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	It seems more democratic but I need to study it more.
F	65+	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	It's probably good form of governing our town but I don't have enough information to make the call yet.
F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Just better for the town.
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	More control locally
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	New rule gives people more say-so but it could be risky due to special interest groups. Much more unbiased study is needed.
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Local representation/action by an aware/informed/involved citizen body
M	65+	Oth	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Voters and residents of the town have more say of what goes on in the town.
F	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	I like that it gives the people more of a voice in the decision making.
F	18-34	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I think home rule may be a better direction for our town, but I don't know enough about it to make a strong decision.
M	18-34	Rep	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	I like the idea that a Home Rule Charter avoids a "one size fits all" mentality.

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F	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Diverse representation and input into the town charter and a vote to accept it.
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	More local input
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I need more information about pros and cons and why we are changing.
F	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I would approve the Home Rule Charter Commission that allowed for more community involvement with a politically diverse representation.
F	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	More input and control from actual residents
F	45-54	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Need more information
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	It seems to be fairer and a more even way of ruling.
F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Autonomy
F	55-64	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	People's input in Government decisions if a balances group are elected to the board. Public involvement
F	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Prefer to not state yet
F	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Still not sure
F	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Tired of a mayor and a few people deciding what's best for Erie. Been here 9 years and all business is on hwy 7
M	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Very	Undecided	Lean Yes	Get what we need for our Community.
M	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I trust an educated public
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Municipalities use this already
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	The members of the Commission would be a significant factor for me .What would their qualifications be. Not a job for random residents.
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	I like the diversity of the people making the decisions...that all sides would be heard.
F	65+	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Local control
F	65+	Rep	Ref	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	The town could do it's own thing
M	65+	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Sounds like more responsive to citizens
M	65+	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	The checks and balances used to insure that different groups are represented in the formation of the charter.

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F	18-34	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Does this mean we can get rid of the mayor and current board members worried about their personal agendas instead of what's best for the town?
F	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Seems like it's the popular thing to do? Need more research to be sure.
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	As a voter I can reject the proposals of the commission
M	18-34	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	I still need to do more research.
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	If I understand correctly, the home rule system gives Erie residents more of a voice in the community. Under the current system it often feels like those in charge think very highly of themselves and act as though they hold the fate of all in their hands; an attitude that has no place in local politics. If I am correct in thinking that home rule could mitigate this behavior among town officials, then I would be happy to see it instated.
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	It seems like it puts more power in the voices of the individual community members. I need to do more research than what was provided though. If this puts ALL of the power with the majority, I would vehemently oppose it. The far-left-Boulder-outskirts-community shouldn't be able to pass laws and rules with their population power that predominantly affects the weld county farm community.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Based on information given in this survey.
F	35-44	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	It sounds like it would represent the citizens better.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Our voices being heard and feeling like we have decision abilities
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Want more say in the community I live
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Diversity is key in representing the community.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Each individual town has its own set of unique challenges and it would be beneficial if solutions to those challenges are met by people who actually live and work in that town.
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	I would support a move towards more localized governing
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	More voter control
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Perception of greater control being maintained in our town

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F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Although we are new to Colorado and our totally unfamiliar with a home rule charter commission, it sounds like it could be a good way to go
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	As long as there is equal representation on the Commission and we get to have more of a say in how we are governed, I think I would support it.
F	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	Autonomy sounds like a good step for Erie, despite our widely disparate and divided population.
F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I have little information at this point. But I do like elections and community approval for taxes.
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	It sounds like it gives the residents more saying in the decisions that will affect them.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	More power in the hands of residents sounds like a god thing.
F	45-54	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Seems like better system to run our town
F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	We can vote on the charter and diversity in the group
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	Feel like it allows the voters to be heard more
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I'd have to tease arch Pro & cons
M	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Likely what I've grown up with here in Colorado, need to research
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Power to the people
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	This survey seemed to lean in that direction.
F	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Citizens would have more say
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	If more say for residents.
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Undecided	Lean Yes	Local rule vs. following state "mandates" makes more sense.
F	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	The freedom to focus on our community?s specific needs.
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	93% of Colorado residents live in a home rule community.
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I need to learn more about the pros and cons, but if residents have more of a voice, it sounds like a good idea.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	We are so diverse that one law's consequence doesn't fit all.

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M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Gives more local control. But have concerns about not only the costs of implementation but also costs of additional permanent staff. Also concerned about the charter committee and the political balance of the membership.
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Greater diversity in establishing laws
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	I prefer to vote against one size fits all concept
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Need to study it more
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Seems to be norm for CO communities
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Undecided	Lean Yes	Sounds like a better way to conduct approval of a variety of measures.
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	Undecided
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Lean Yes	You haven't described home rule compared to the current enough for me to make an informed decision.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably No	Because most of Colorado has
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely No	Probably Yes	It seems like a better fit for our town.
F	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	I tend to think and assume (even if it's an inaccurate assumption) that home rule chargers can support more bipartisan cooperation and better representation of community member interests.
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	I do not like being part of weld county
F	45-54	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	For local control of land, resources and infrastructure to be able to protect health, resources and public lands.
M	45-54	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Seems like a good idea
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	I would like the people of Erie to make more decisions regarding our town.
M	55-64	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Gives more control to the voters.
M	55-64	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	If I could vote by phone, that would be ideal.
F	65+	Rep	11-15	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	More local control

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M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Very	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Board members and mayor didn't want to loose their roles and having a vote would mean they would have to run again. This kept the voice off the table. In support to allow home rule it meant a group who had faith in home rule our trustees and mayor didn't really back it. No leadership, no change.
F	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	I don't want the state to determine what happened here.
M	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Full representation from different sectors of the town.
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Gives more control to my local area to put in place the governing that suites us.
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Better governance is close to the people. don't trust the state legislature.
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Lean No	Probably Yes	I am okay with home rule but I would rather have the commission be voted on and not just "created".
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Not Too	Lean No	Probably Yes	Better say in tax increases by citizens of Erie
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Lean No	Probably Yes	I still see democracy of any changes.
F	65+	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Lean No	Probably Yes	93% of Colorado already has home rule
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I know a lot of things are changing and trust that staff and council (or elected officials) wants to do what's best for the community. Having diverse representation is critical.
F	18-34	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I like the idea of our town laws having more flexibility and more fitting to our town.
F	18-34	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I think we should have to power to create things that are specific to our town
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	It seems more of a community based system where the residents have more say in rules
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Mill levy increases should be voted on by the residents of the town, including control over metro taxes on new builds
F	18-34	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	More local control

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F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I like the local control home rule would provide, and as long as the commission is diverse and all viewpoints are represented, it seems like a good idea. My only misgiving is if a home rule system would unfairly favor any one group or perspective; Erie is still growing and I worry that we suffer from a lack of diversity in all forms
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Town has more control
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Give Erie the opportunity to make laws the work for it and it's changing landscape.
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Increases local control.
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	It seems like a good idea and would give us more autonomy, I just don't know that much about it and so would like more information.
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Makes sense to keep it local
F	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Think it's a great idea to have a diverse group of folks represented
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	More in line rest of state. Still would like to know why we weren't set up this way initially. Why need to change now.
M	45-54	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Residents get the more involvement to make decisions for the town.
F	55-64	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	The people who live here being g on the committee under stand the impact of decisions being made on the town
F	55-64	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	To customize our choices
M	55-64	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I like the idea of independence, if the representation is indeed diverse, and if voters are asked to weigh in on important questions like land use, development, & oil leases.
M	55-64	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I think it is more flexible to allow the Town to make its own decisions on issues that directly affect it, not just follow the entire State or Federal issues.
F	65+	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Not sure
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Now that I know TABOR isn't affected, that it will give Erie a better way to govern ourselves and if the majority of Coloradoans have already adopted Home Rule, I would vote for it.
M	65+	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Greater voice in town options and decisions

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F	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	To have more likelihood to have my voice heard because right now our voices are not heard at all
F	35-44	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I like the ifea of having a bigger say in the rules & laws of my community.
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I want to see more local control.
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Very	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	It might help more represent our community rather than what Denver does
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Local rule is usually better
F	45-54	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Each community is so individual this makes sense but I would like to do more research
F	45-54	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I like the idea of having a community invested in their government
F	45-54	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I think it's best
M	45-54	Rep	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Home rule seems to provide Erie more local control and flexibility on how we wish to govern ourselves than be subject to state provisions or guidelines
F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Appears to be a positive step toward more local control
F	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	The majority of Colorado votes this way.
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Local authority based on a charter that is voted on.
M	65+	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Appears that we would have a bigger say in how the town is managed and run
M	65+	Rep	11-15	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Must retain TABOR
F	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	It feels like it would give our local communities more of a voice and the ability to customize our rules and regulations, reflecting our unique make up. I also think it would allow for more diverse voices to be heard in our community.
F	18-34	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Keep local government more local
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Okay
M	18-34	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Seems like a more fair way to run a town.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Give back more decision making power to the people.

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F	35-44	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I like that Erie residence have more of a say on how they are governed in the town of Erie.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Tax increases governed by us
F	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Town has more power
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Benefits outweigh drawbacks
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Greater authority for residents
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Very	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Greater control
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I prefer the Town of Erie to have the ability to craft its own ordinances. The 'one size fits all' form of government structure is too rigid.
M	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I support the local autonomy, but don't want local government to feel like an HOA.
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Local control, political diversity, common in CO
M	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	More local control over state nonsense
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	We at least need to explore the possibilities as our town continues to grow.
M	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Give the residents a greater voice in determining the decisions made toward quality of life in Erie
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Appears to be beneficial to Erie residents.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	Better control of town with local input
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I don't like Statutory Rule.
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I think a town the size of Erie would benefit from home if the committee drafting the charter was bipartisan BUT only if the extremists on both sides of the isle had limited input.
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Lean Yes	Probably Yes	I would like to see the town of Erie over the government process. It would be a greater voice.
F	35-44	Dem	11-15	Very	Probably No	Probably Yes	I like the idea that you would have more say with what is going on. I did not realize that many of the state already did it. I think it could be a good thing for the town. We have lived in the town for a long time and we would like the town to grow and do well. I am not too concerned about the financial implications of it.

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F	35-44	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Probably No	Probably Yes	It sounds like residents have more say than I originally thought and one political group or agenda isn't making all the rules.
M	35-44	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably Yes	If 93 percent of the state has home rule, that means that Erie is out of the norm compared to the rest of the state.
M	65+	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Probably Yes	It sounds like a good idea.
M	65+	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Probably No	Probably Yes	You have would more of the working class controlling the town of EErie as opposed to politicians controlling it.
F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably No	Probably Yes	So we are not following what other are doing. We the townspeople can choose what is best for our community.
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably No	Probably Yes	We can adapt the policies to fit more with our culture in this town. The only thing that would make me oppose it right now is the extreme views on politics today that are giving influence.
F	18-34	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I like increasing local democratic control of local government
M	18-34	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I like the idea of Home Rule.
M	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I would likely to vote yes because Erie is becoming much more like the rest of Colorado. The citizens will be governed and involved in the commission.
M	18-34	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The Home Rule system provides a more unique and fitted way of running Erie opposed to the existing, which can allow more actions to be done within the city council and a more cohesive way for the community to create impact in their own communities.
Oth	18-34	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I approve of greater diversity and inclusion of voices in regards to how my home is run. I'm in favor of underrepresented people having a greater sway in policy-making.
F	35-44	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Greater autonomy to create laws regarding safety especially around oil and gas development
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I like the idea of more people voting on issues
F	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	It would be the benefits.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Lived in Erie	Familiar with HR	Uninformed Ballot	Informed Ballot	Response
F	35-44	Dem	Ref	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More local control, but I am concerned about expenses and potential additional limitations on zoning. Erie needs more commercial development, arts/culture, restaurants, stores, and resources for its residents and I worry that home rule could limit that even more.
F	35-44	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	We are big enough to be a city now- it's time we started acting like one.
F	35-44	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	We need better control over our town, the choices made and growth which is impossible without the Home Rule Charter in my opinion.
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Home rule looks more flexible
M	35-44	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	If Erie moves to home rule, what are the first 3 items Erie gov would want to do that they couldn't do before?
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Local control is important especially when it comes to ensuring that the City & County of Boulder's rules and regulations are only implemented if found valid for our community.
M	35-44	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More local control
M	35-44	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More options for Erie
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Autonomy to do what's appropriate for our community
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Because it is representative of the majority.
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Home Rule will give Erie the flexibility it needs.to address the needs of the community
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I have not fully investigated it, but it sounds like a good idea.
F	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Local control
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More voices heard!
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The town should be able to do what's right for it and it's citizens as there is not a one size fits all to handling town government issues
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	To give our town more control
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Because I used to live in Broomfield, which is a type of Home Rule community and I liked it.
M	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Don't know enough about the systems yet
M	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I prefer to see self governance
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More applicable rules apply directly to community interests

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M	45-54	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More control over Oil & Gas Operations within the town by having increased freedom from State supervision and interference. Gives the citizens more control.
M	45-54	Dem	Less 2	Very	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Most CO cities already use this form of government.
M	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	We would need the commission to draft the charter and see what we think of that. If there is no commission, then there is no charter to support.
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Very	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Allows A municipality much more freedom to self govern which can turn be empowering for citizens
M	55-64	Dem	More 20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More input about how things are run.
M	55-64	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Sounds right
M	55-64	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Why not?
Oth	55-64	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Allow a broader reflection of the citizens desire for the future of the town.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Erie is growing and needs to respond accordingly. It appears Home Rule is a better fit as we grow.
F	65+	Dem	11-15	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Haven't decided yet
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I feel it gives the residents a bit more say as to how they govern themselves and use their tax dollars.
F	65+	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I think Erie is growing so rapidly that it is time Erie comes under home rule. The people living in Erie should decide what laws and services they want and are willing to pay for.
F	65+	Dem	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	It sounds like a good solution
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	To stop fracking near neighborhoods.
F	65+	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Would vote to craft rules/laws/policies that fit Erie's needs, not one size fits all

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M	65+	Dem	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	A bit early in the process to elaborate reasons other than more local control, evolution of Erie as a more populous town. Would like to know more about projected up-front and ongoing costs as well as implications for town administration. Expect that charter creation would be an arduous task, with possibilities for developing rancor among commission members, particularly in current political climate.
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Prefer having my opinion in local issues
M	65+	Oth	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Citizens have more control over cities issues, we can select the committee members to better represent all sides of an issue.
M	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I believe town of Erie needs some modern legislature to make decisions that represent both the old residents AND the NEW residents.
M	18-34	Rep	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More separation from state gov
M	18-34	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Seems like a reasonable way.
M	18-34	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The people having a say under some rules and regulations is a better plan than a one system government
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I like the idea of more autonomy for our town.
F	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Local government over large government
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More of a way to have my voice heard and for it to count. I like blvoting on what taxes will be changed.
F	35-44	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	People in Erie deserve an effective voice re town vs. growth representation.
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Ability to create additional city services, such as municipal internet
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Citizens have more control over government
M	35-44	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Hopefully we would have better control over oil drilling.
M	35-44	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Power is with the people. Smaller govt!
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	1st and foremost, control at the town level of our money.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Lived in Erie	Familiar with HR	Uninformed Ballot	Informed Ballot	Response
							I've worked for 2 Home Rule cities in the Metro area. There are definitely pros/cons to each type of govt. As the Town grows, it is a necessary growth and development that needs to come in the near future. A Home Rule charter actually can help the Town. For example, even through Tabor is in effect, the Town will be able to find different ways to refund the monies they have in excess of their budget.
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Less govt oversight
M	45-54	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Residents have greater control
M	45-54	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The ease of which Erie lost funds due to lack of oversight on the road construction.
F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Because one size doesnt fit all
F	55-64	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Erie is a unique community of diverse people and opinions. I like that and people here don't have the same outlook as Boulder, Denver, Lafayette, Louisville, Longmont, or Broomfield. I think folks move to Erie to enjoy that difference.
F	55-64	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Probably a better way to govern Erie.
M	55-64	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Hoping it would be an improvement way to govern
M	55-64	Rep	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I think a government that is better represented is better.
M	55-64	Rep	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More control over our destiny. Anything to allow us , me to avoid a more star wide liberal agenda
M	55-64	Rep	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The people have a greater say
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Diverse and more input from Erie residents
F	65+	Rep	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I believe that everyone should have a voice
M	65+	Rep	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Better than what we have now!
M	65+	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The actual Charter would be important to making a final decision.
M	65+	Rep	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Trust fellow residents to do the correct thing.
F	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Better decisions in place decided by residents
F	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Better distribution/use of taxes to benefit local community, more community input

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F	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Home Rule would give Erie residents more say in what goes on. Erie is in a unique position in that it is split across counties, so Home Rule would give credence to all those voices.
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	It is more power for the local government that understands local issues instead of broad strokes at the state level
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More control from actual residents
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More local laws catered to our town.
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Smaller government. Greater community
M	18-34	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	This will provide the opportunity for Erie to grow strategically and in line with our community standards
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	From what I currently know, it makes sense and seems in the best interest of residents in Erie.
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I think Erie should have the right to govern and make choices, rules, & regulations that address issues we face in our big, small town. And also enforce a fee and fine structure that prioritizes the health and safety of our residents as it relates to oil and gas development and other industries operating within Erie.
F	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Very	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More ability to regulate oil and gas operations
F	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Seems like common sense and what most communities have
F	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	They're will be a chance to oppose it if the commission findings aren't supportive
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I don't have any comments.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I prefer people to determine laws in their own environment.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I understand the concept. I would still need more information on what it actually is.
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I would like our residents to have a voice on the future of Erie's progression. I've not been happy with the current government bodies decisions on the past and current polices, legislations and decisions.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More decision power on a local scale.
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Preference for more local control

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M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The drawbacks of Home Rule are limited. The benefits are slightly more substantial, specifically the ability to have a more direct voice in local law along with more control over what happens locally.
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Weld county and Erie often not on same page.
Oth	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I'd like more say in zoning, in particular. We moved here to be in a small town, and Erie is growing a little dense for us
F	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I like the option of residents being more involved in the process.
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	It would give residents more control over what happens to the community.
F	45-54	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	More diversity and voices to create a more inclusive community.
F	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The people in the community have a better idea of what the community needs.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	A community/town should have a vote/say in how things are conducted rather than a one size fits all due to statutory
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	As said, most communities in the state are home rule
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Enables the town greater flexibility in lawmaking and administering fines.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Very	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Home Rule would be a better representation of our community's needs. As it stands now, Erie operates like a small town government but treats its residents like they live in a big city.
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I do not support a one size fits all form of government.
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I support a strong local government that supports its citizens.
M	45-54	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	One size does not fit all
M	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Seems like what Erie has evolved to.
M	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	To provide better town growth.
Oth	45-54	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The preponderance of voters would likely support Weld county policies instead of crackpot republic of boulder polices.
F	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Feels like a good idea for Erie to have more flexibility to customize rules and regulations.
F	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I like us being able to have more say in how we run the town.

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F	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	We could make decisions if it's something we want or not.
M	55-64	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Better for our community.
M	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Charter should improve competitiveness of Erie to incentivize more desirable small businesses to choose old town location over neighboring municipalities. Charter should stipulate Municiple Internet Service. Planning Commission should have sufficient authority to protect Erie charm and character.
M	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I strongly believe that any issue which can reasonably be managed by the municipality, should be. Far more local control. Far less federal control.
M	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I'm sick of government legislating my life, liberal policies throughout the country is destroying the U.S.
M	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Local decision making
M	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	My hope is the commission is comprised of people that listen to residents, not just developers. The commission needs to address Erie's unrestrained growth. We need better resource management, improved infrastructure, and public transportation.
M	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Wait and see approach.
F	65+	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Collect our own sales tax revenue; create voting wards; enable citizens to petition/vote on amendments to town charter.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Control of our town
F	65+	Unaf	More 20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Greater local control is important as Erie population has increased substantially.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The benefits of local governance
M	65+	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Better for citizens
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Somewhat	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Give taxpayers more control over the town spending process
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Growing community so likely the right step.
M	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	I generally believe in home rule principles, this is consistent with that belief
M	65+	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	It would give us more of a say in our local government.

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Lived in Erie	Familiar with HR	Uninformed Ballot	Informed Ballot	Response
M	65+	Unaf	16-20	Very	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	My votes will depend on who is elected to the commission and the specific policy endorsements the charter will contain.
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Seems to make sense
M	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	The voters have a final say to approve or not the proposed charter.
M	65+	Unaf	Less 2	Not Too	Probably Yes	Probably Yes	Virtually all cities in Colorado of large size are home rule
F	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Many laws are outdated and do not reflect our current needs or knowledge of the justice system and practices such as restorative justices.
F	18-34	Dem	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Seems like it will benefit the town of Erie and it's people more than a one size fits all system.
M	18-34	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	I would like to learn more the two options. It sounds good to me.
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	93% of communities have it was convincing
F	35-44	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	If there was diversity of thought, race, political belief, ses, etc, I would be more likely to vote for home rule charter.
F	35-44	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	To have the people who live in Erie make the rules for erie
F	45-54	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Erie residents will have more of a voice in laws than Erie government
F	45-54	Dem	More 20	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Resident given more power to change things
F	45-54	Dem	16-20	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Seems like we would have more freedoms to chose what would work for us as a town.
M	45-54	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	From the little I understand about a Home Rule statute, and the fact that 93 percent of Colorado communities live under one I feel it's appropriate for Erie
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Erie would have more control over its own governing
F	55-64	Dem	Less 2	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	I need to learn more
F	55-64	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably Yes	I'm not aure
F	55-64	Dem	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Seems as if it gives people more say.
M	55-64	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Local control
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably Yes	I still need more information. It seems like a good idea.
F	65+	Dem	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Want control over mill tax increases and property tax spikes if applicable
M	65+	Dem	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Flexibility and accountability.

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M	65+	Dem	Less 2	Unsure	Undecided	Probably Yes	I like more involvement from Erie residents
M	65+	Dem	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Sounds favorable
M	65+	Dem	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	We could control growth and we need to keep our schools great
###	Ref	Ref	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	It sounds more well-rounded.
F	35-44	Rep	3-5	Unsure	Undecided	Probably Yes	Gives more power to the citizens of Erie in the decision making processes, customized towards the residents who live in Erie and allows our voices to be heard
F	35-44	Rep	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Our town and citizens would have more control over itself. Concerned however for the people that would be voted in, if the town is not properly educated on home rule itself or the people that would be running it. Understanding it is left up to the voters, successful execution of home rule requires a deep Understanding of the laws, policies, procedures, and priorities of Erie from a dedicated full time professional. Would be wondering who those people are and where they would come from.
M	45-54	Rep	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Allow us to make our own decisions.
F	55-64	Rep	11-15	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Seems like you get more of a voice
F	65+	Rep	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	We really need to research this.
F	65+	Rep	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Would like a diverse group of people serving Erie; this seems to fit.
###	18-34	Unaf	6-10	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	It is not something that would negatively impact the community. The 93 percent increases my confidence in it.
F	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably Yes	Gives citizens more opportunities to be heard and hopefully listened to
F	18-34	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	It sounds like a good way to have a diverse set of voices making decisions for our town
F	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Seems to be more diverse, democratic and unique to Erie
M	18-34	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	It gives more power to the people and allows the people to take care of things. They feel that need to be taken care of and their neighborhood, which their city could overlook sometimes.
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Different rules apply to different neighborhoods based on services, location, etc

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M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Has more benefits than drawbacks for residents
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	It's a more democratic process.
M	35-44	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Local control and optimization of the laws that govern our town and residents.
M	35-44	Unaf	3-5	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Sounds like home rule is a more direct and transparent form of government. I could vote for that.
M	35-44	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	TABOR
M	35-44	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	With my limited knowledge of home rule I still may change my mind, but if a politically diverse group can come together to make decisions in the best interest of the town I would be for that.
F	45-54	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably Yes	Governing ourselves
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Peter a customized local charter
M	45-54	Unaf	11-15	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	Understand better now
F	55-64	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Erie is growing, it's time for change
F	55-64	Unaf	6-10	Not Too	Undecided	Probably Yes	I like the fact that the people get to vote for what they want instead of it being put on us. I would be much more happier to be able to vote instead of someone having to make the decision for me.
F	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	It puts control at the local Level
M	55-64	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Consistent with other like sized cities
M	55-64	Unaf	11-15	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	It sounds like having more local control.
M	55-64	Unaf	Less 2	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	This is 2022. Time for Erie to update government and involve residents rather than dictate.
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably Yes	I believe that the residents know what is needed for a progressive community rather than a one-size fits all.
F	65+	Unaf	16-20	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Knowing more about issues
F	65+	Unaf	More 20	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Majority rules
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Somewhat	Undecided	Probably Yes	Need more info of pros and cons
F	65+	Unaf	3-5	Not at All	Undecided	Probably Yes	Seems like our voices would be heard more