# Erie, CO

Performance Plan Overview





POWERED BY POLCO



Community perspectives that inspire change.
National Research Center's goldstandard surveys and benchmarking data deliver reliable insights that guide you to action.



#### **Let Every Voice Count**

Smarter, more connected communities. Polco's online civic engagement platform provides the tools you need to bring community members and leaders together.



# ABOUT POLCO

| OVERVIEW |

# **Civic Engagement That Counts**

#### THE GOAL

Polco's mission is to make it easier for community leaders to seek input on important topics and improve how community members provide it. You will hear from verified residents to inform decisions and encourage a healthy culture of civil participation.

#### THE TEAM

Our team has decades of combined experience as government consultants and employees, survey researchers, data scientists, and communication experts. You will be assisted by knowledgeable and supportive team members throughout the entire duration of your Performance Plan.

#### THE PRODUCT

#### The Polco Platform

- Online community engagement
- Hear from verified residents
- Build a growing audience over time
- Library of topics and surveys
- Real-time reporting
- Benchmark survey(s)
- And more!

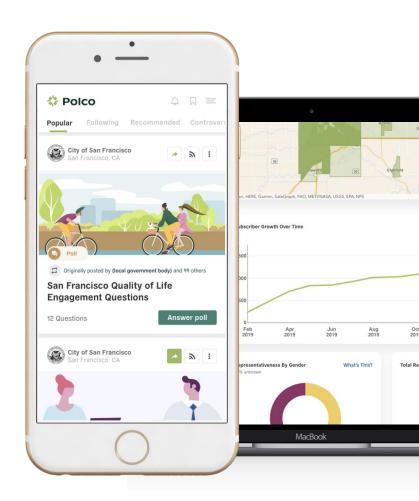
## What can you do with Polco?

#### For community leaders, Polco:

- Is a single tool for accurate and reliable input from the community
- Makes it easy to post surveys and polls to residents
- Use Polco's outreach tools to reach more than the vocal few
- Builds a broad audience of residents
- Communicates how input was used or what decisions were made

#### For residents, Polco:

- Is a comprehensive and safe place to participate in their community
- Guarantees the privacy and security of their personal information
- Is an easy and reliable way to make their voices heard to civic leaders on important community matters





# YOUR PROGRAM

DETAILS | ADDITIONAL ITEMS

### **Polco Performance Plan Overview**

#### **Polco Advanced Features:**

- → 10 Administrator Seats
- → Demographic Breakdowns
- → Geographic Breakdowns
- → Access to the Polco Library
- → Results filtered by Verification Status
- → Advanced Survey Creation Options

#### **Annual Sample Benchmark Surveys:**

- → A dedicated program manager who is an analyst, survey scientist, and Polco expert.
- → One benchmark survey each year.
- → Outreach to residents.
- → Weighted data to represent community demographics.
- → Advanced reporting that includes national benchmark comparisons, trends, highlights.









CASOA<sup>™</sup>
Community Assessment Survey
for Older Adults<sup>™</sup>





## YOUR BENCHMARK SURVEY

METHODOLOGY | TIMELINE | REPORTING | OPEN PARTICIPATION SURVEY



## **Benchmark Survey Methodology**



### Sampling

- → Households selected from USPS lists
- → Randomly select survey recipients
- → "Birthday method" to select within household

### Data Collection

- → Multiple mailed contacts
- → Use your logo and the signature of high-ranking official to add legitimacy
- → Mailed surveys include postagepaid return envelope
- → All mailings include a URL to respond online

### Data Processing

- → Web data stored electronically
- → Mail and web data combined into a single electronic dataset
- → Completed surveys reviewed, and "cleaned"
- → Weight survey results to increase representation

### Data Analysis

→ The survey dataset is analyzed using using SPSS, R, Python and/or Tableau

## **Open Participation Survey**

**WHO:** All residents that were not included in the sampled survey

**WHAT:** The same questions as the sampled survey with two small updates

- A map at the beginning to help identify the respondent's location (if applicable)
- A question, at the very end, asking where they heard about the survey.

**WHEN:** Around the time that the sampled survey is closing

**HOW: Erie** invites the community to participate

- You promote a single link through as many communication channels as possible
- We will provide a strategy document and some template messaging to guide you

**WHY**: Engage your community and build your panel for future research

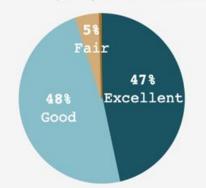
Most clients require respondents to provide their email address and zip code before submitting a response to this survey

- Ensures one response per person
- Connects residents to your profile to answer future questions about initiatives or hot topic issues

### **Quality of life**

Measuring community livability starts with assessing the quality of life of those who live there, and ensuring that the community is attractive, accessible, and welcoming to all.

The overall quality of life in



## Reports

VS.

Making results understandable and actionable

		% positive *	benchmark **
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in	as a place to live	97%	Higher
	The overall quality of life in	95%	Higher
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in to someone who asks	95%	Similar
	Remain in for the next five years	84%	Similar
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to a	Overall image or reputation of	88%	Higher

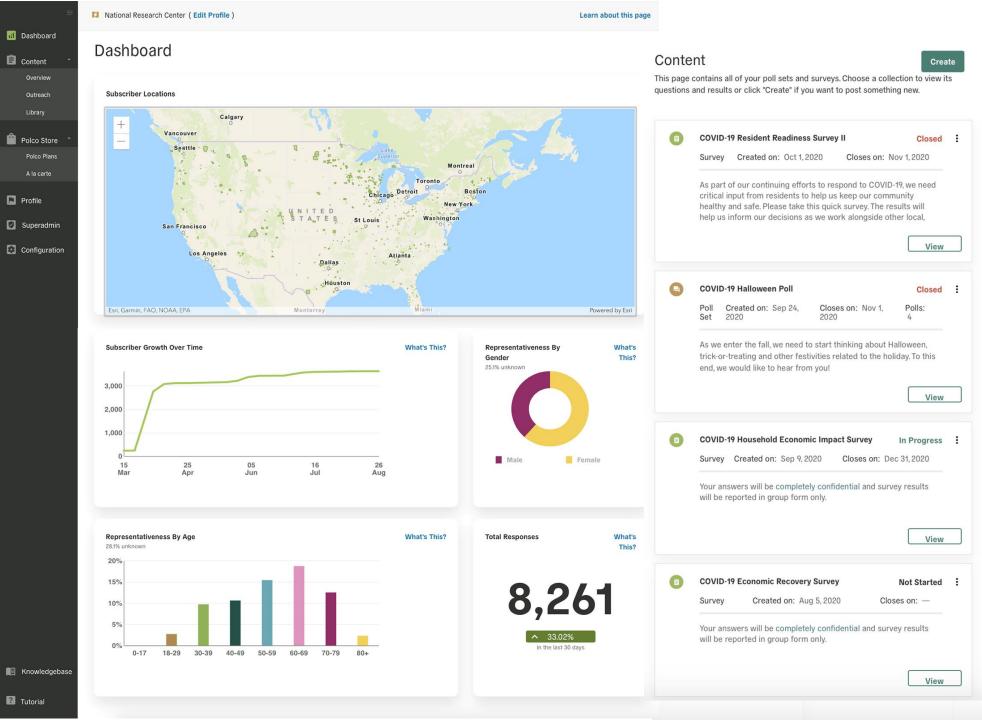
<sup>\*</sup> The percentage of positive responses is shown. Positive responses may differ by question (e.g. "excellent" or "good", "very likely" or "somewhat likely").

<sup>\*\*</sup> Comparison to the national benchmark is shown.

## The Polco Dashboard

Profile

Tutorial





## YOUR POLCO TEAM

PROGRAM MANAGER | ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE | CLIENT DEVELOPMENT

# A Whole Team to Support You







Program Manager Jade Arocha

Your program manager is your day-to-day contact throughout the duration of your benchmark survey process. PM's manage all aspects of your project from helping create your survey, to data analysis and reporting. Your project manager is your advisor and here to guide you throughout the benchmark process.

Director of National Engagement

Damema Mann

Damema will help manage your subscription, check in occasionally to make sure all of your needs are being met with Polco, and will reach out when it's time to renew.

VP of Client Development
Cory Poris Plasch

Cory and the Client Development team will assist you with any research you want to do on Polco outside of the benchmark survey. Her team can work with other staff across the organization to answer questions about getting started on Polco, clarify aspects of the platform and provide guidance about how to reach residents to garner high responses.



# QUESTIONS?