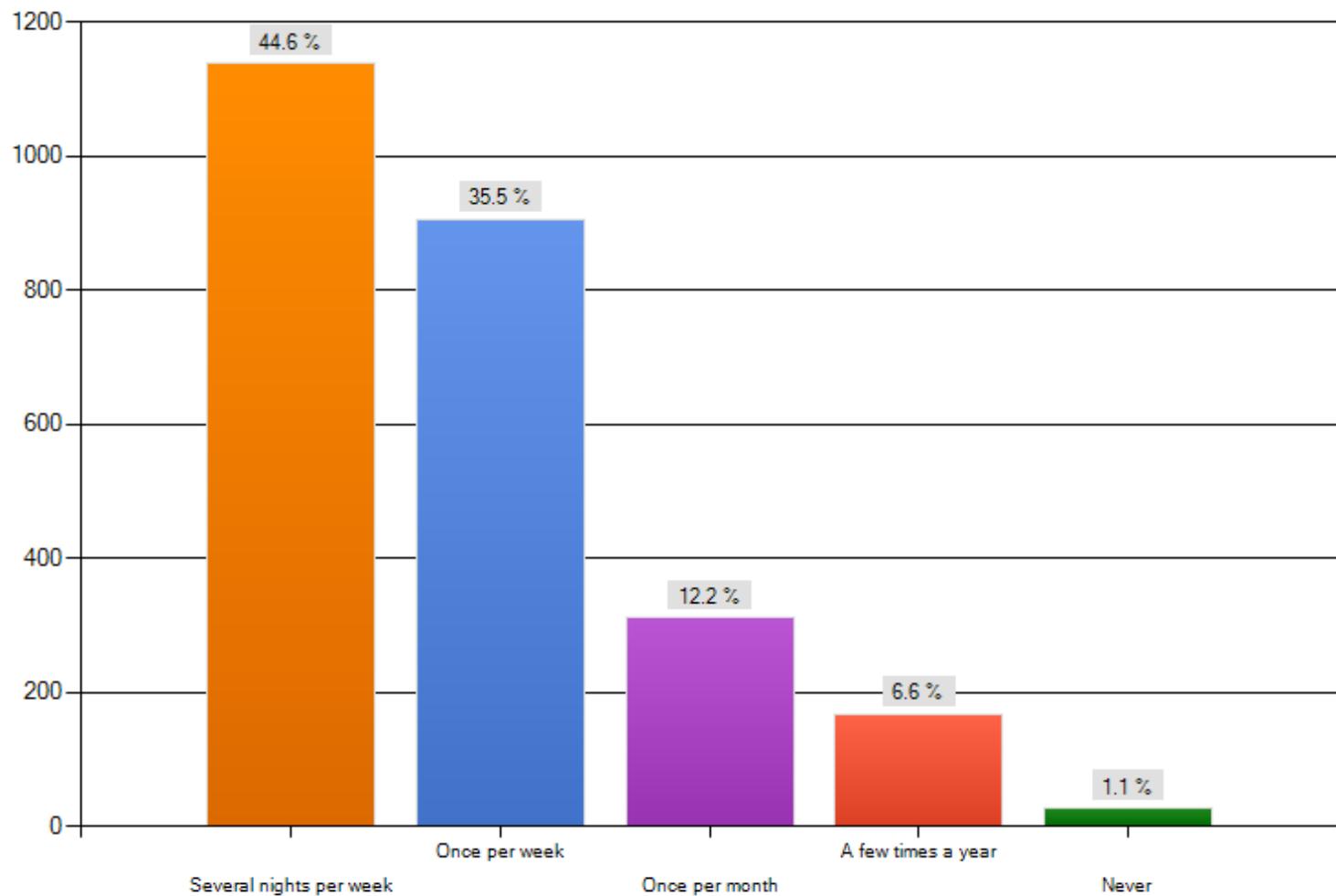


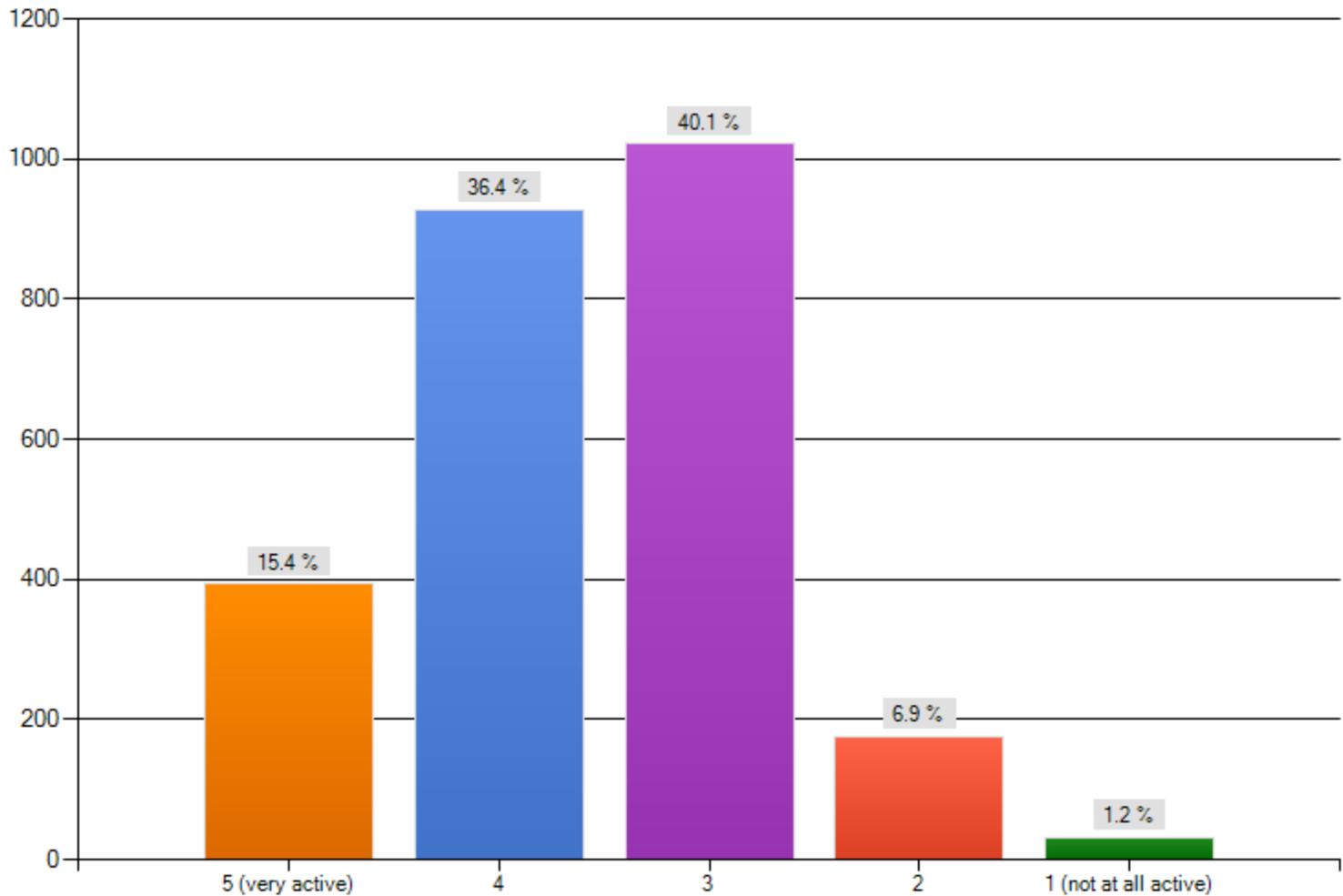
# Seattle Nightlife Initiative

Final Survey Results

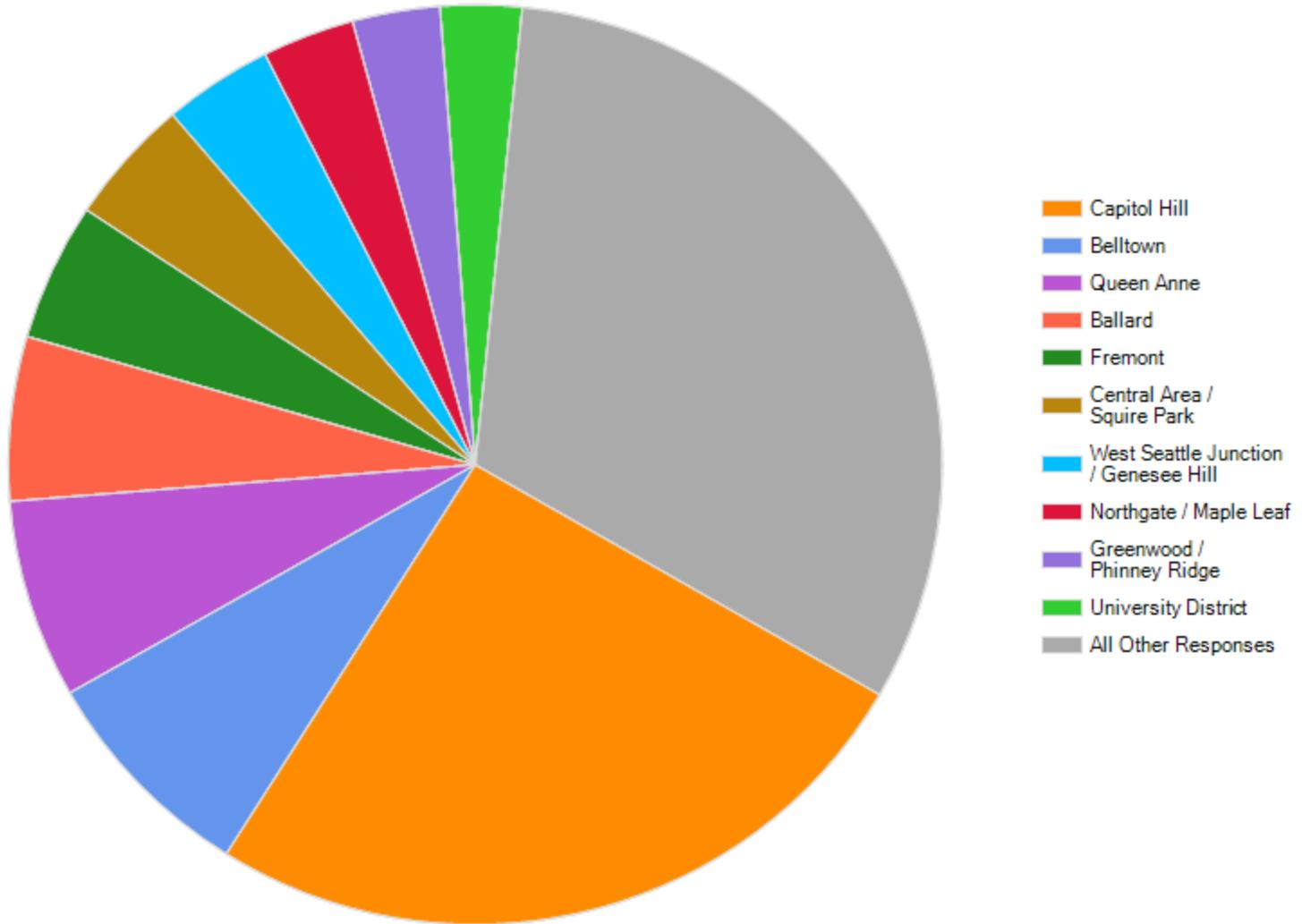
### How often do you patronize nightlife businesses or attend nighttime social and/or cultural events?



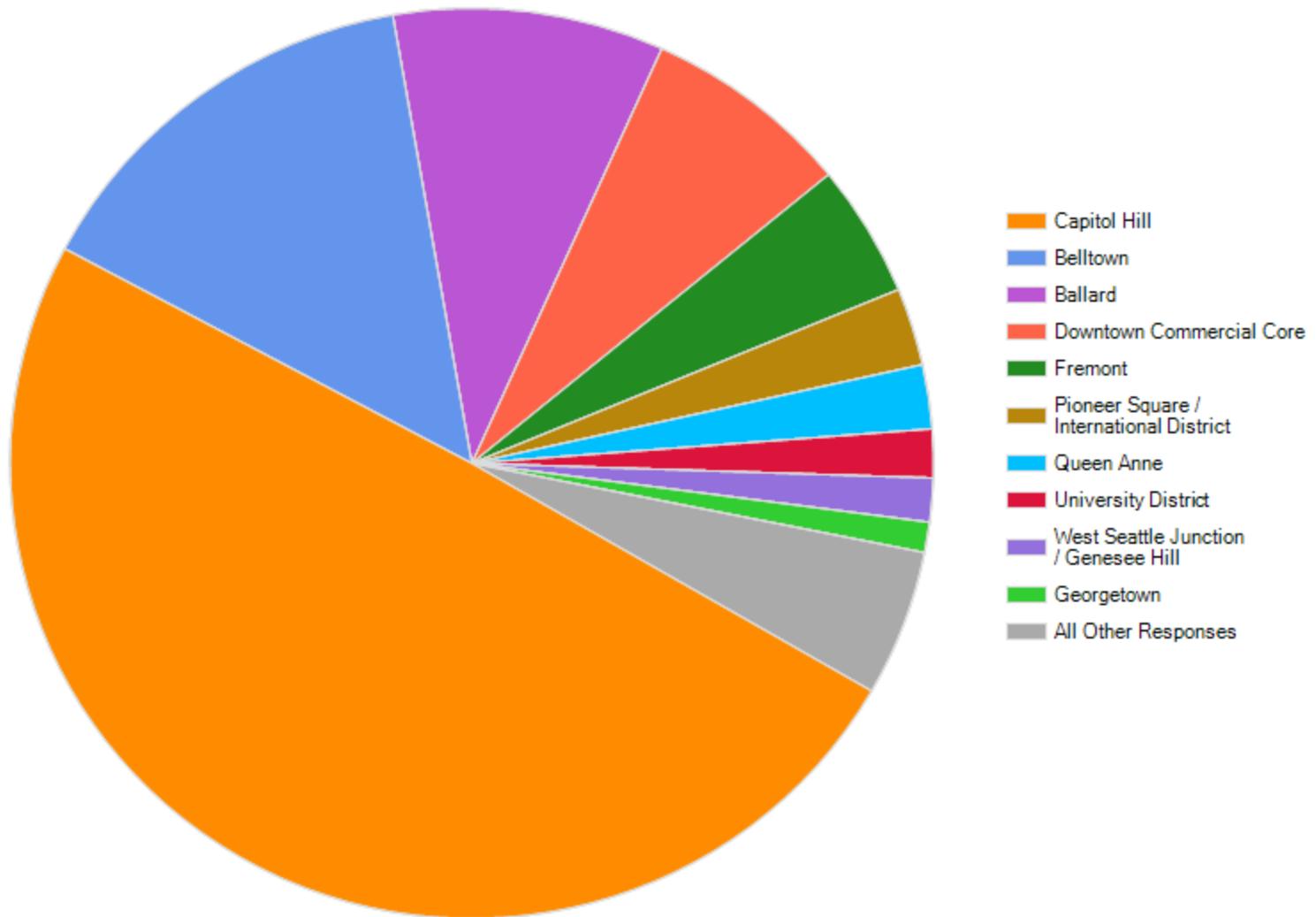
**How active/thriving do you consider Seattle's nightlife scene to be, on a scale of one to five:**



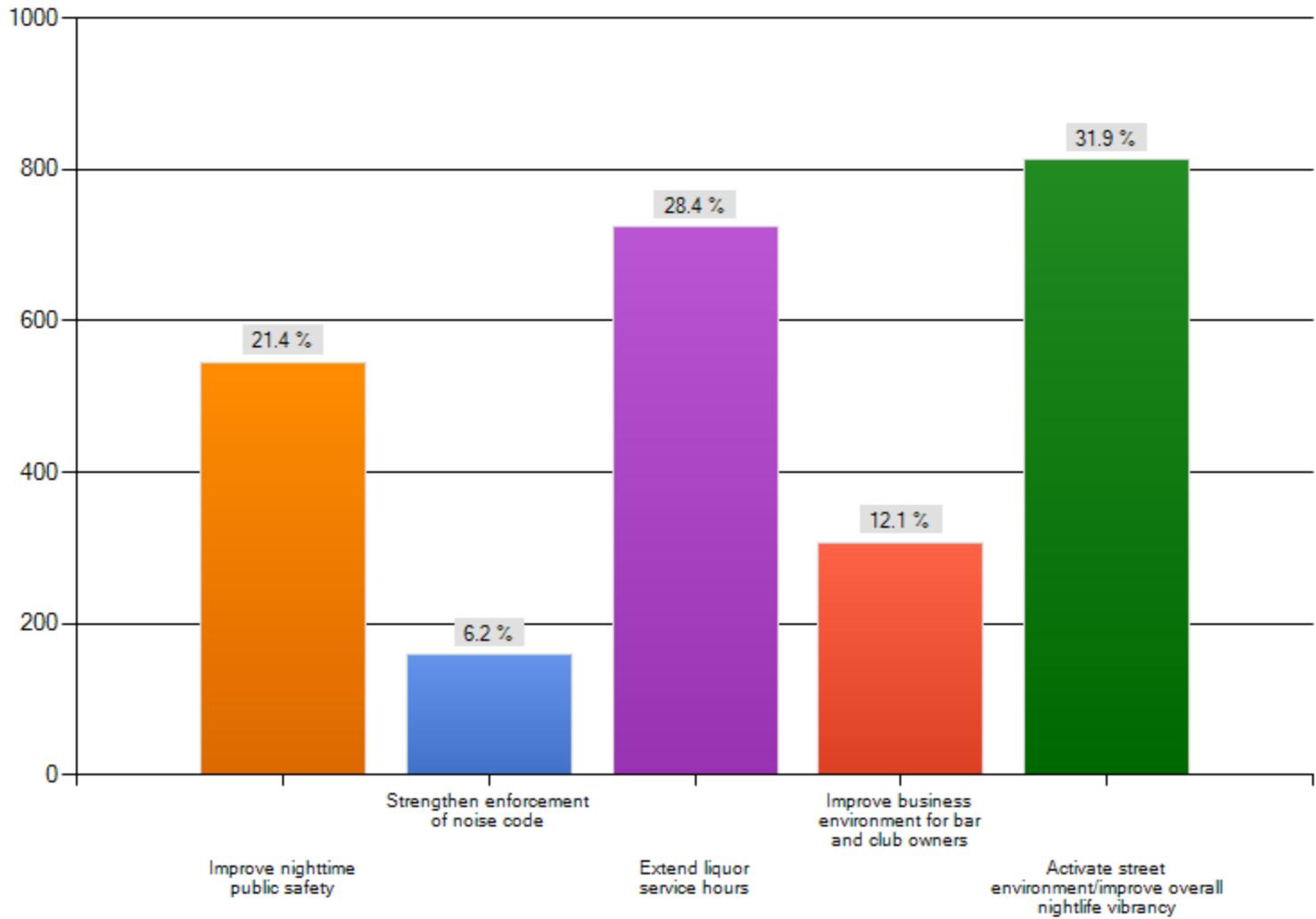
### Which neighborhood do you live in?



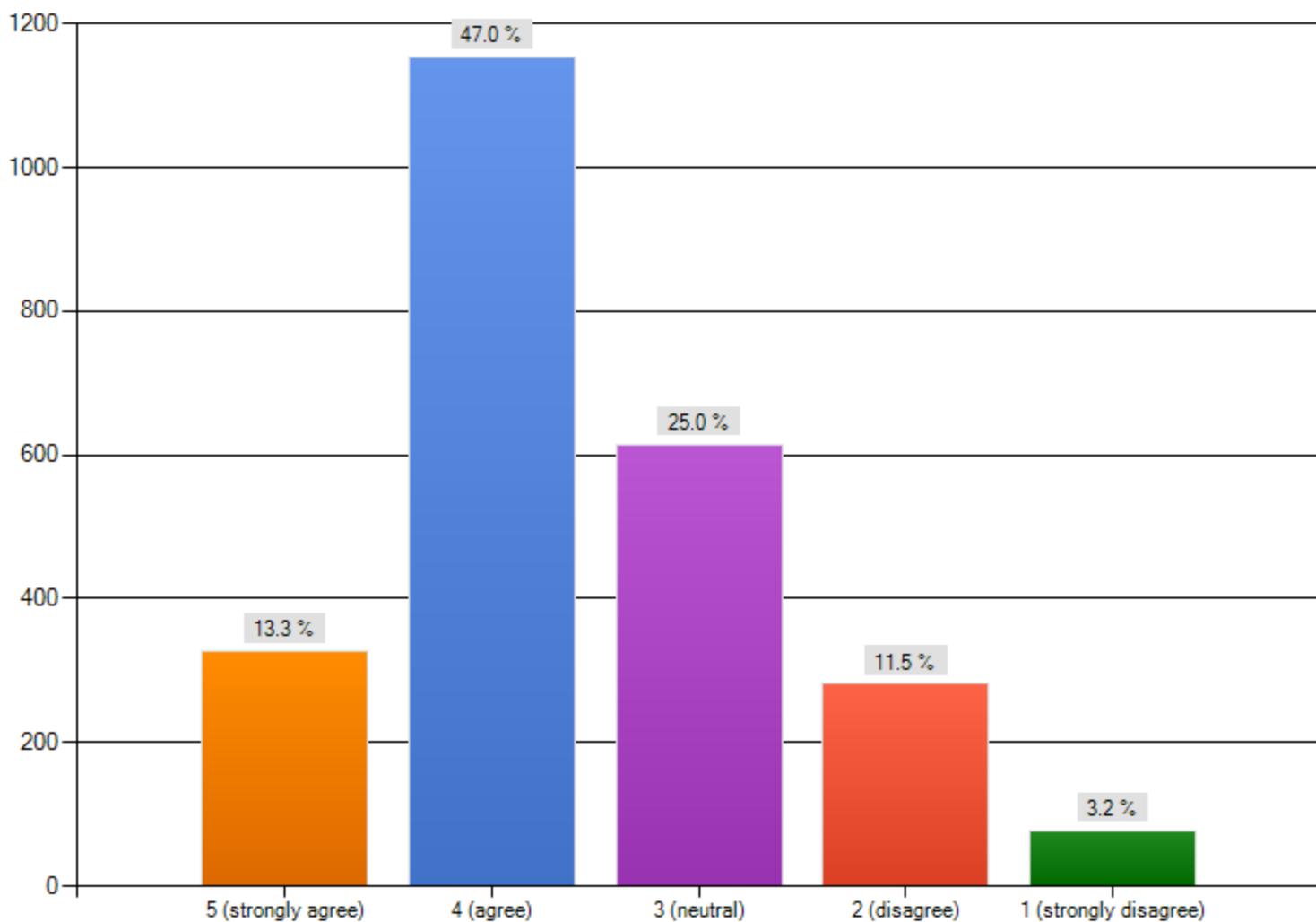
### Which neighborhood do you go out in most frequently?



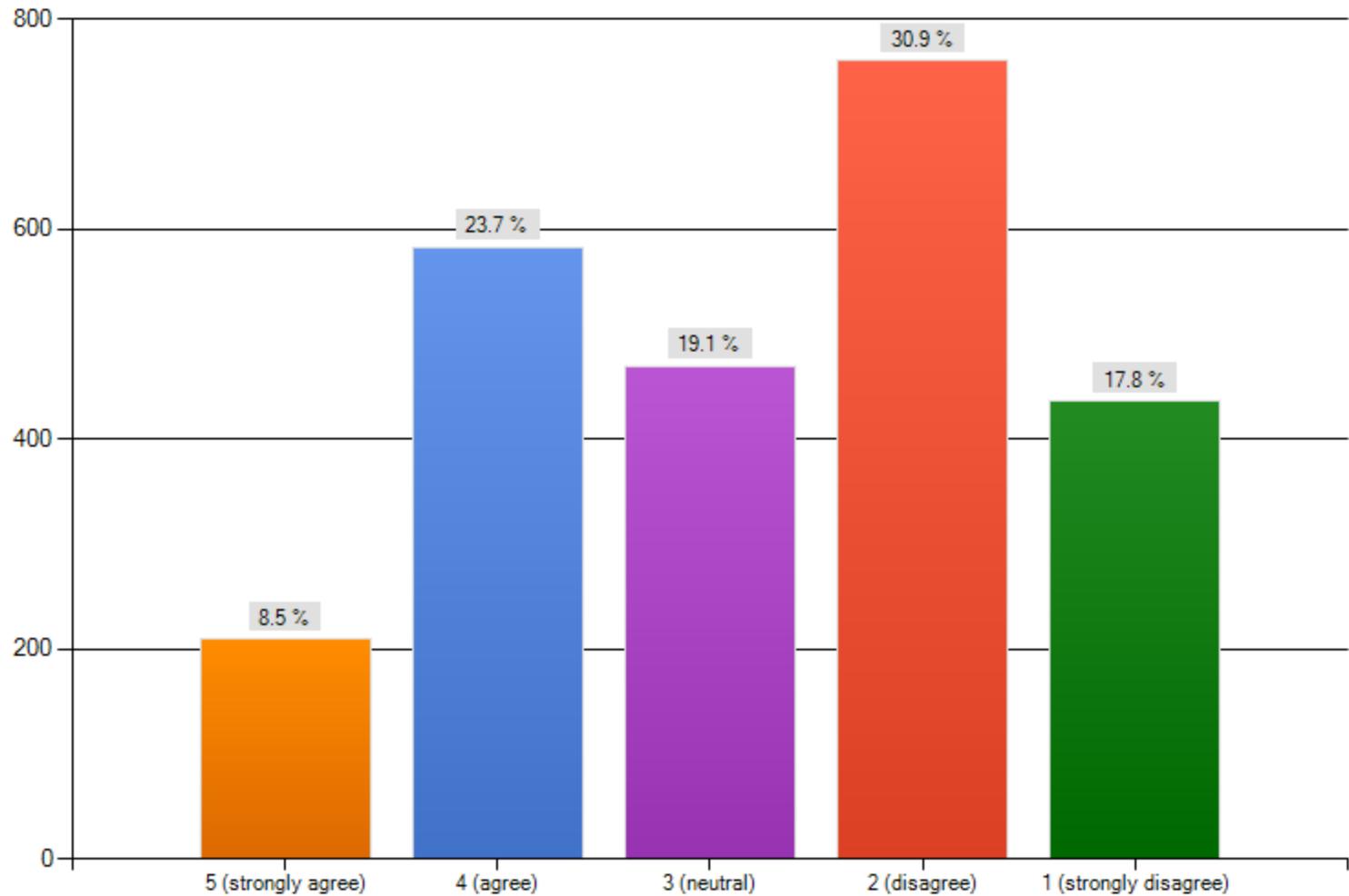
### Of the following, what is your highest priority for nightlife in Seattle?



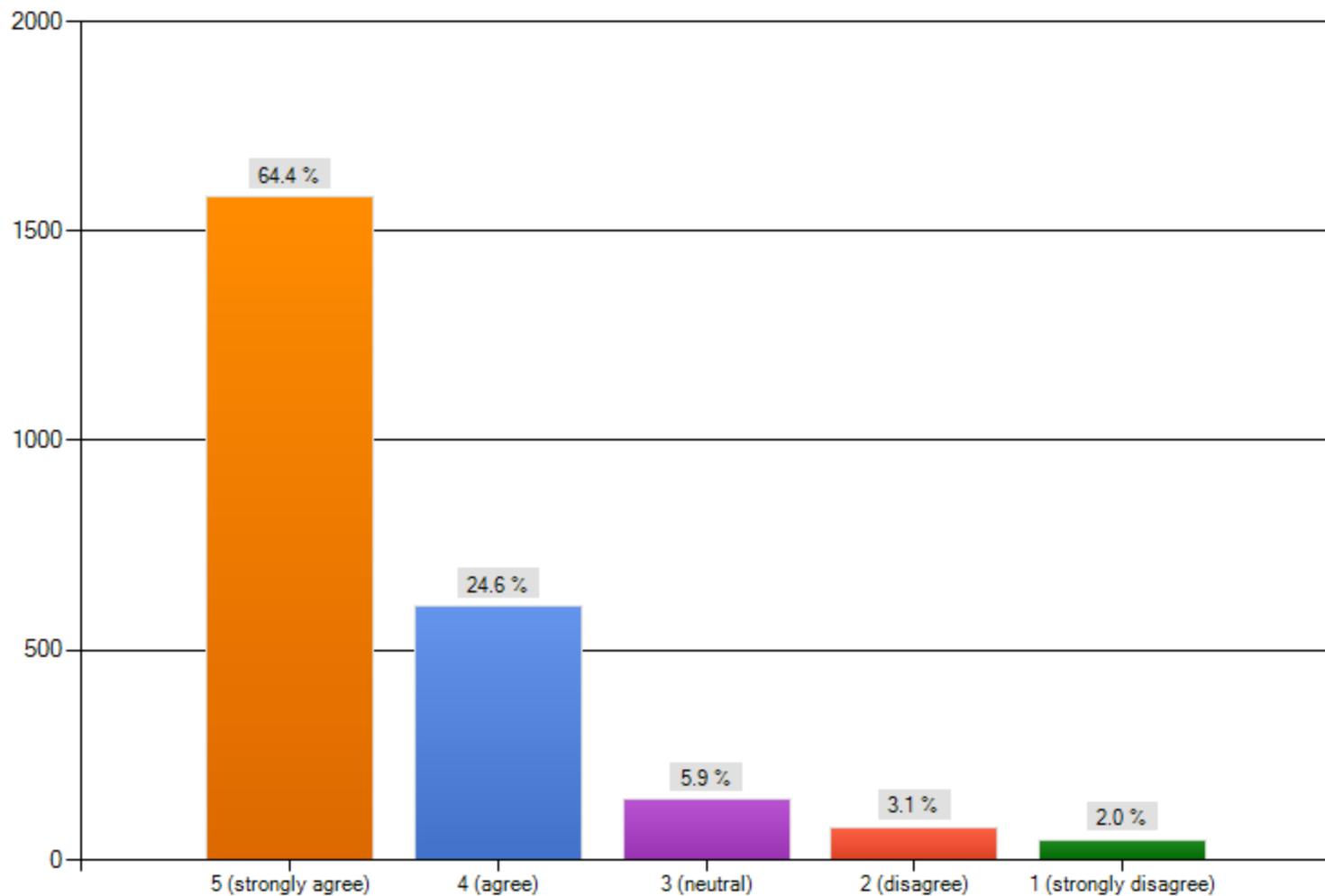
### I feel safe on the streets during nightlife hours.



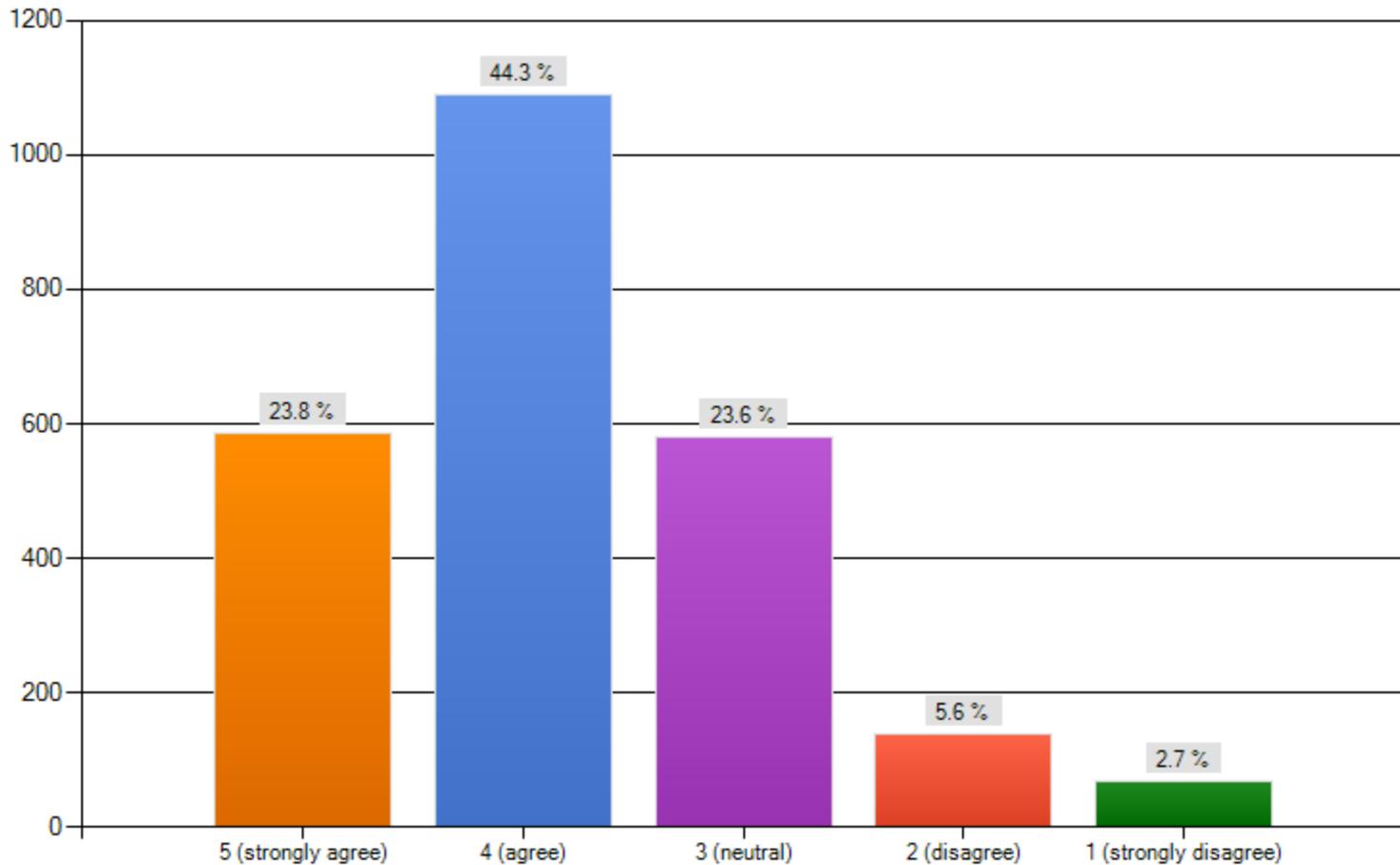
**Safety concerns discourage me from going out, and affect my decisions about which neighborhoods to go out in.**



**People would be less likely to drive under the influence if there were late-night forms of transportation like taxi stands and public transit available after bars close.**

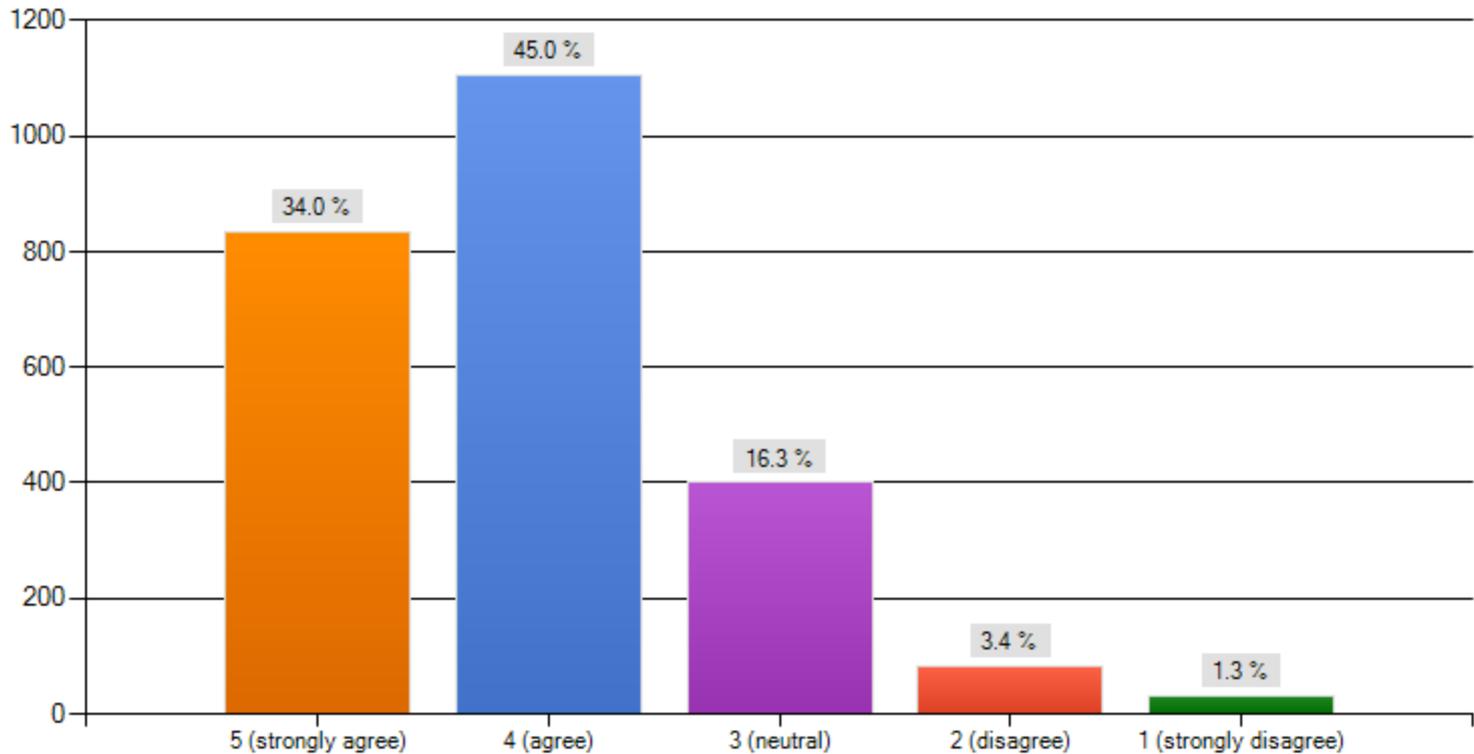


The Initiative would require regular SPD security training classes. Ongoing training of service, security and management staff is crucial to the effective implementation of policies and procedures. This part of the Initiative would provide nightlife security staff with training on screening patrons, weapon checks, working with police officers effectively, race and social justice issues and many other important elements of maintaining a safe environment in bars and clubs. SPD security training classes will improve public safety.

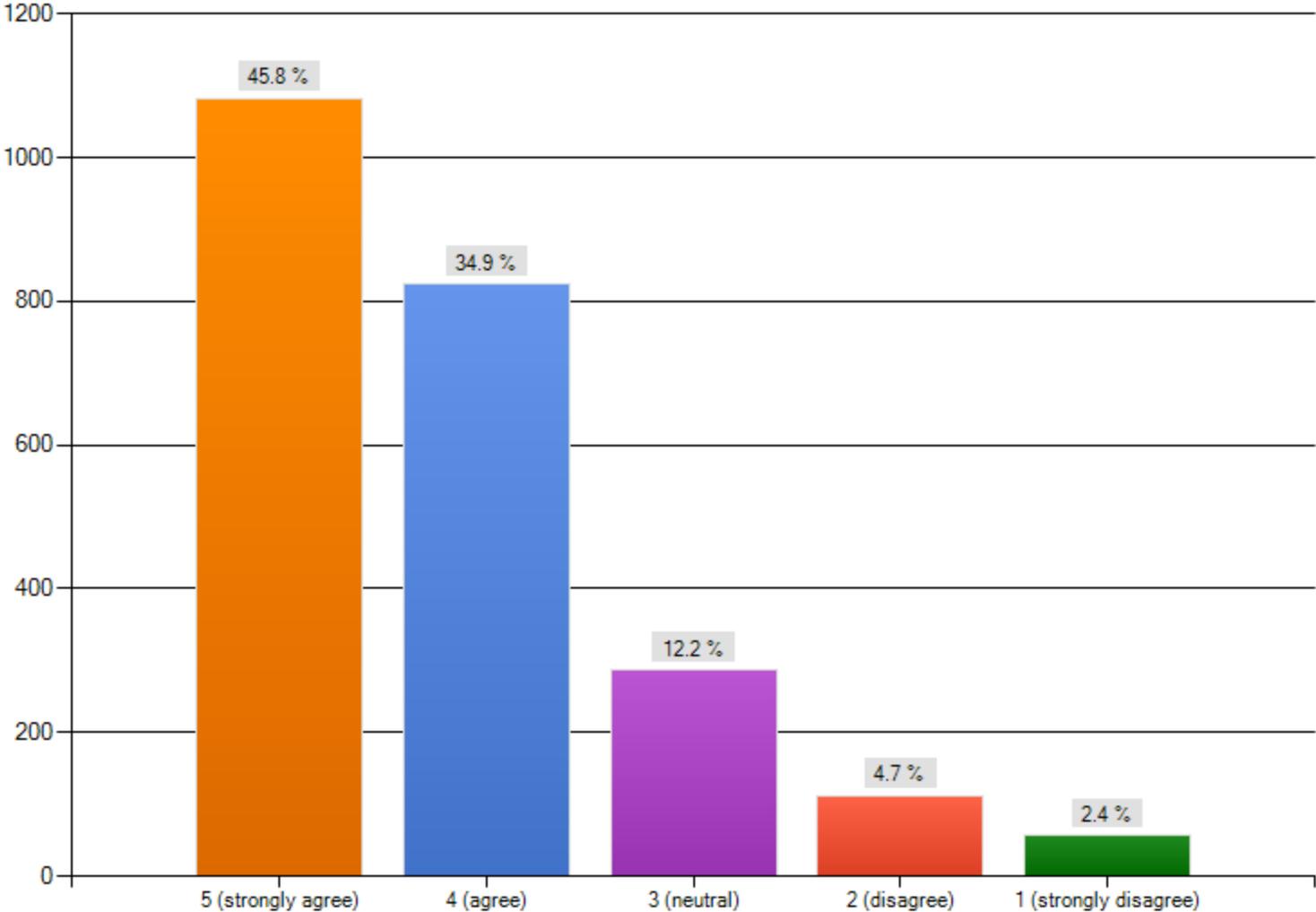


As part of the Initiative, the police will schedule regular precinct community outreach with nightlife businesses. Some establishments avoid calling the police for fear that any call is perceived as a negative mark against their business. By working as partners rather than adversaries we can use resources more effectively. For example, SPD currently does its own internal tracking of nightlife events via multiple sources (websites, flyers, etc.) to help allocate resources. If establishments provided event calendars to SPD, the department could spend less time tracking events and could more proactively assign officers. Finally, establishments and SPD could cooperate better on the issue of crowd management at closing. Through regularly scheduled meetings between SPD and nightlife businesses, the discussion can advance beyond who is responsible for what and move toward a combined effort to find a workable solution.

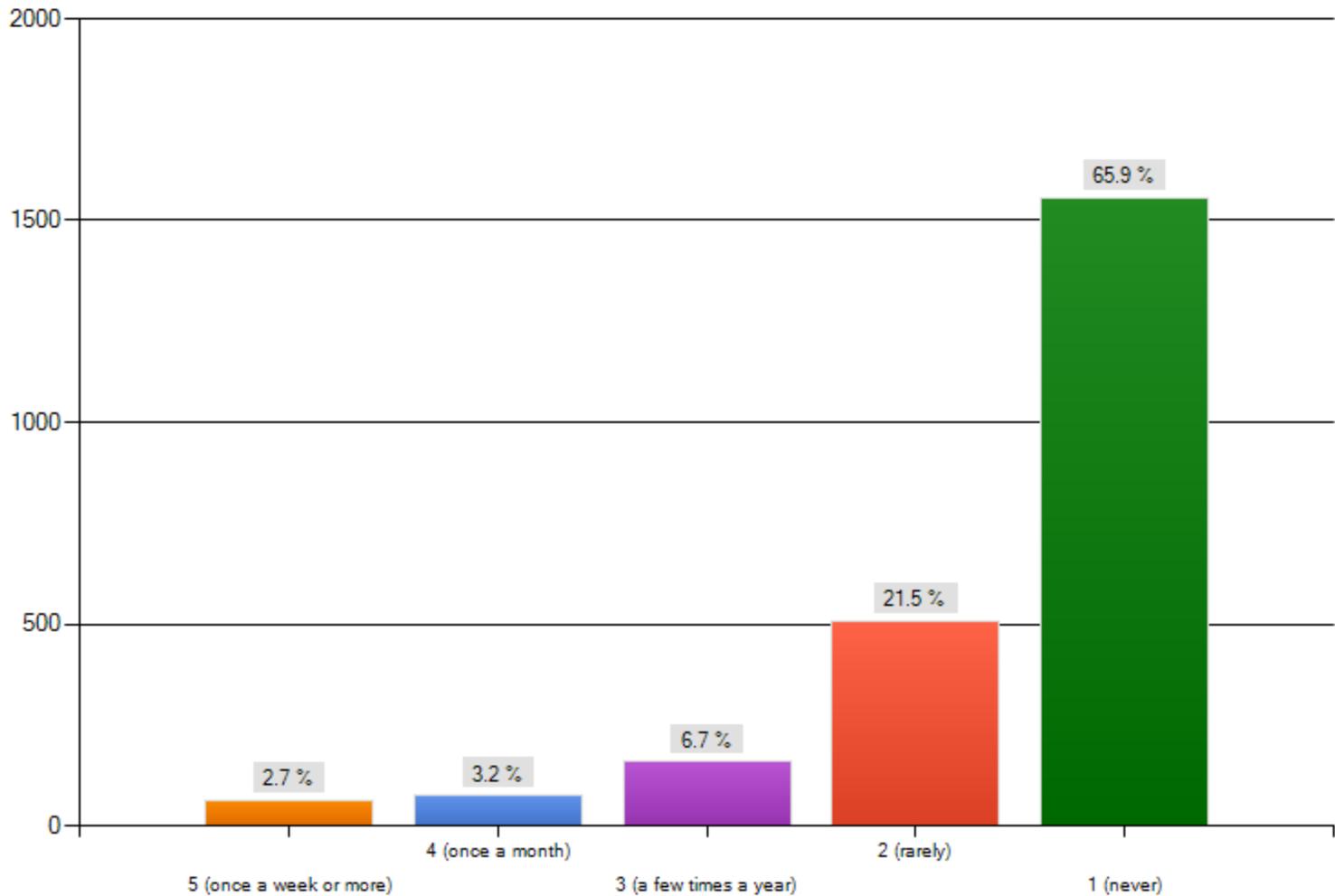
Precinct community outreach with nightlife businesses will improve public safety.



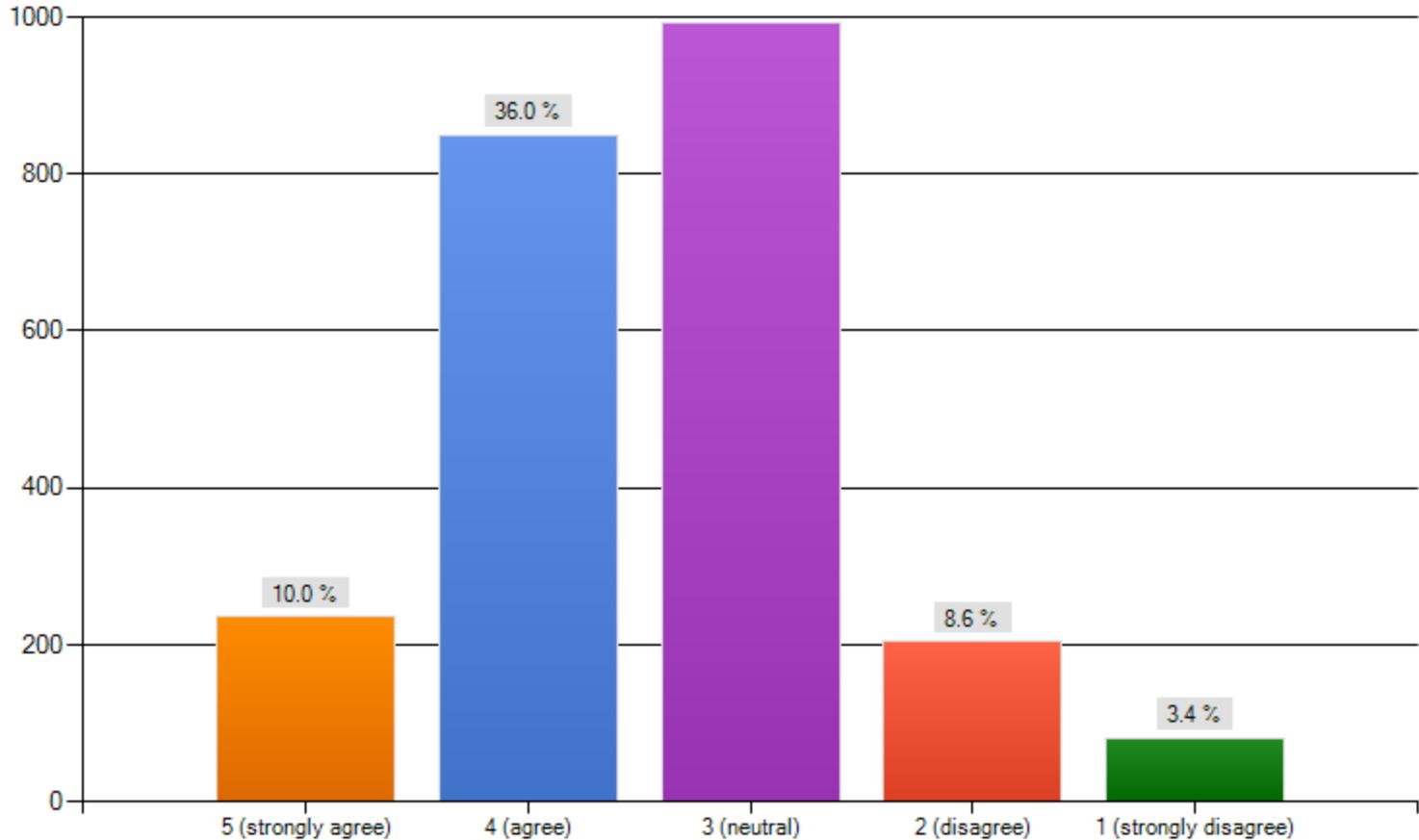
**Nightlife businesses make my neighborhood a better place.**



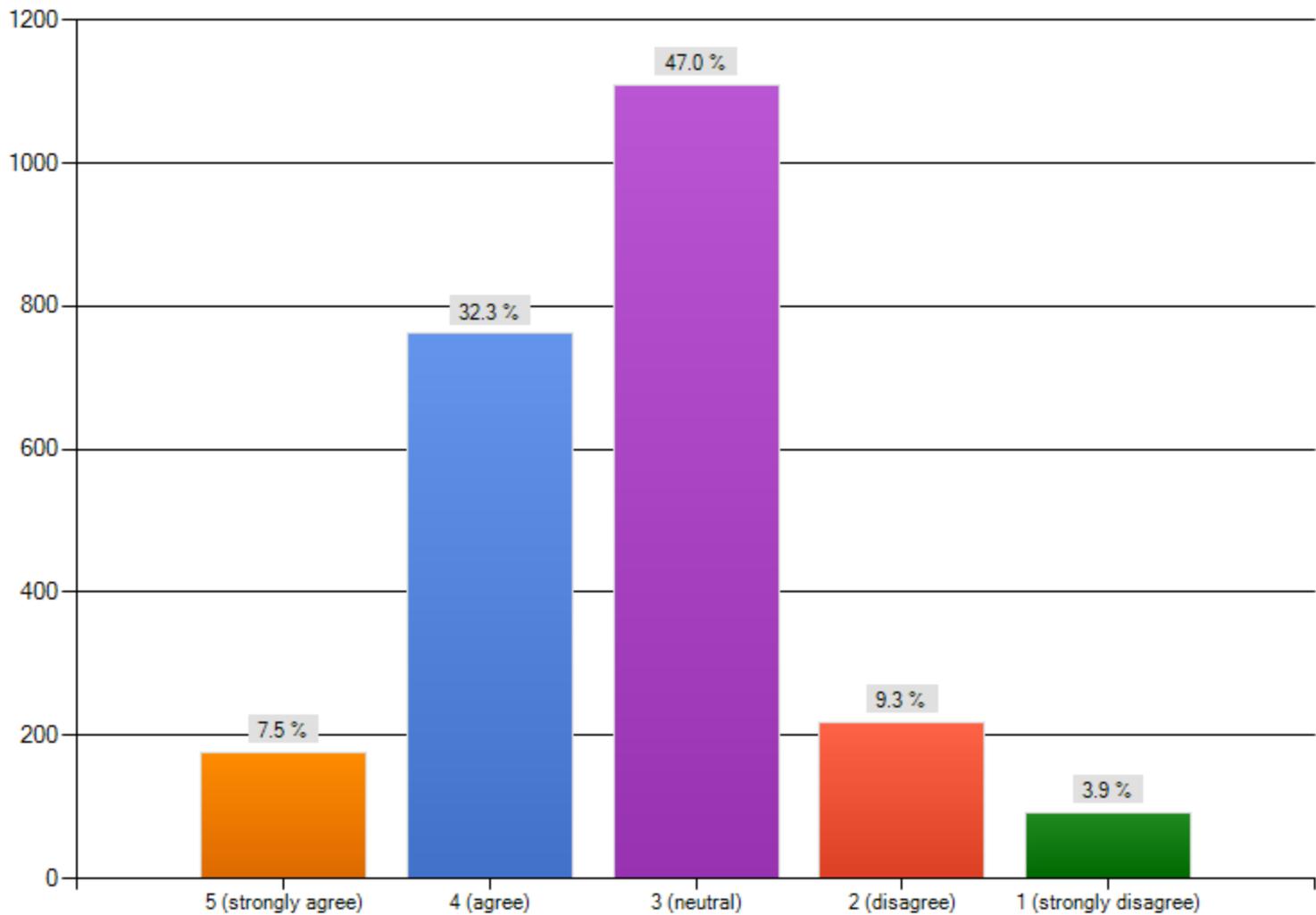
On a scale from one to five, how frequently have you had problems that require police intervention with noise from nightlife businesses?



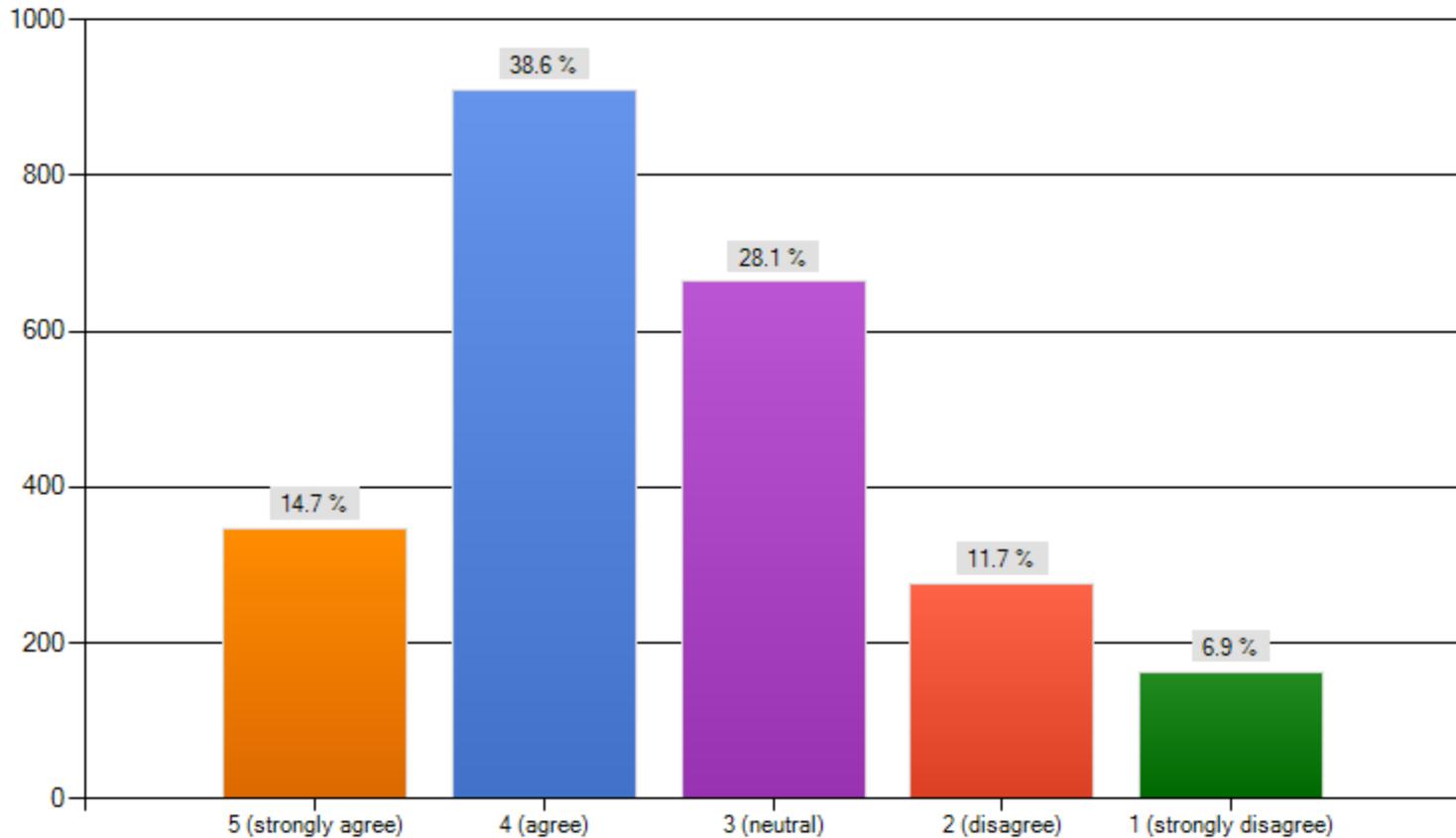
As part of the Seattle Nightlife Initiative, a code compliance team (CCT) composed of representatives from City departments, other government agencies and members of the public will meet regularly to discuss code violations by nightlife establishments. They will provide support to businesses as they attempt to come into compliance with code, and coordinate enforcement of code among agencies if enforcement becomes necessary. The CCT will support nightlife businesses and help them to achieve code compliance.



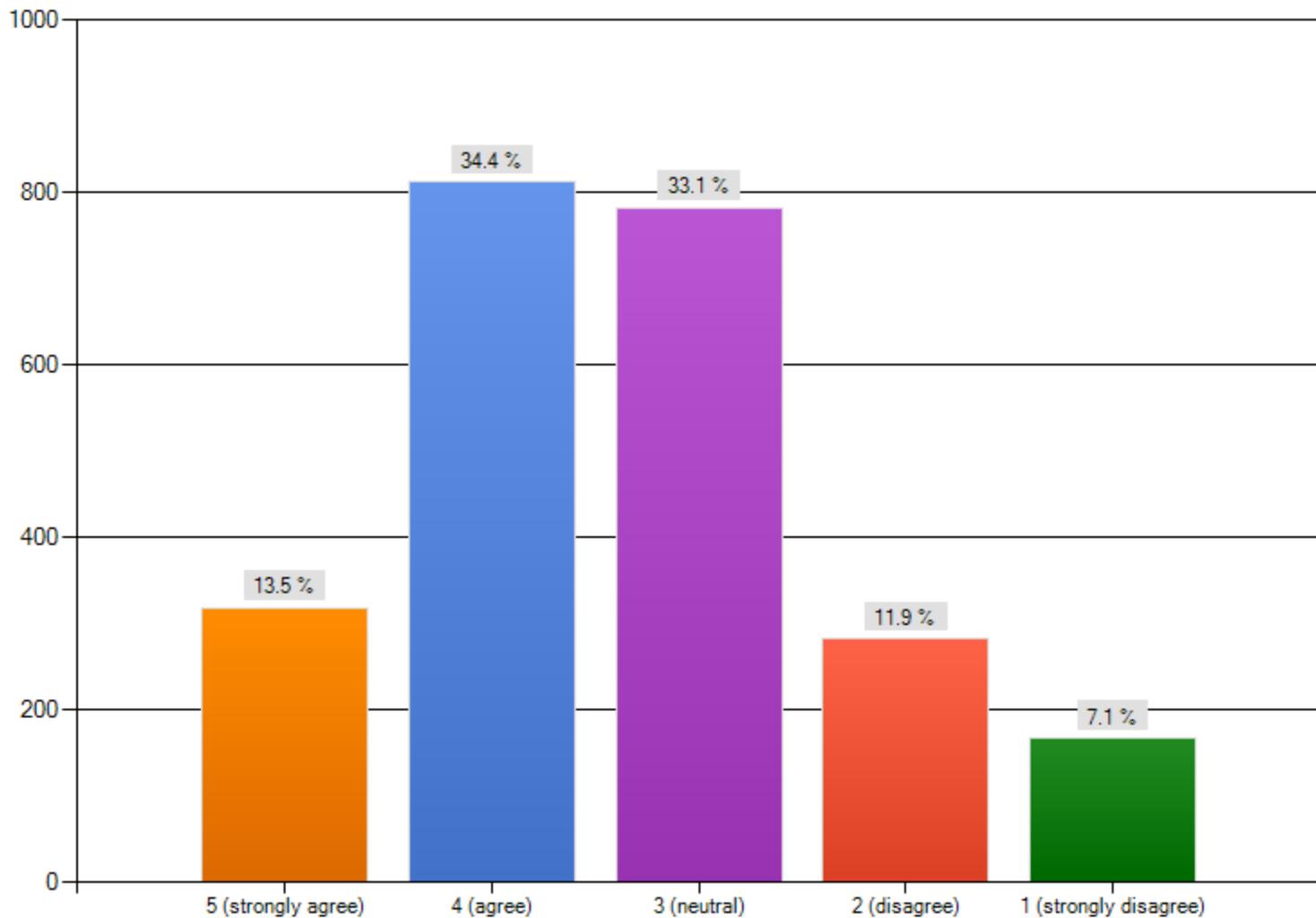
**The CCT will effectively address the compliance concerns of residents.**



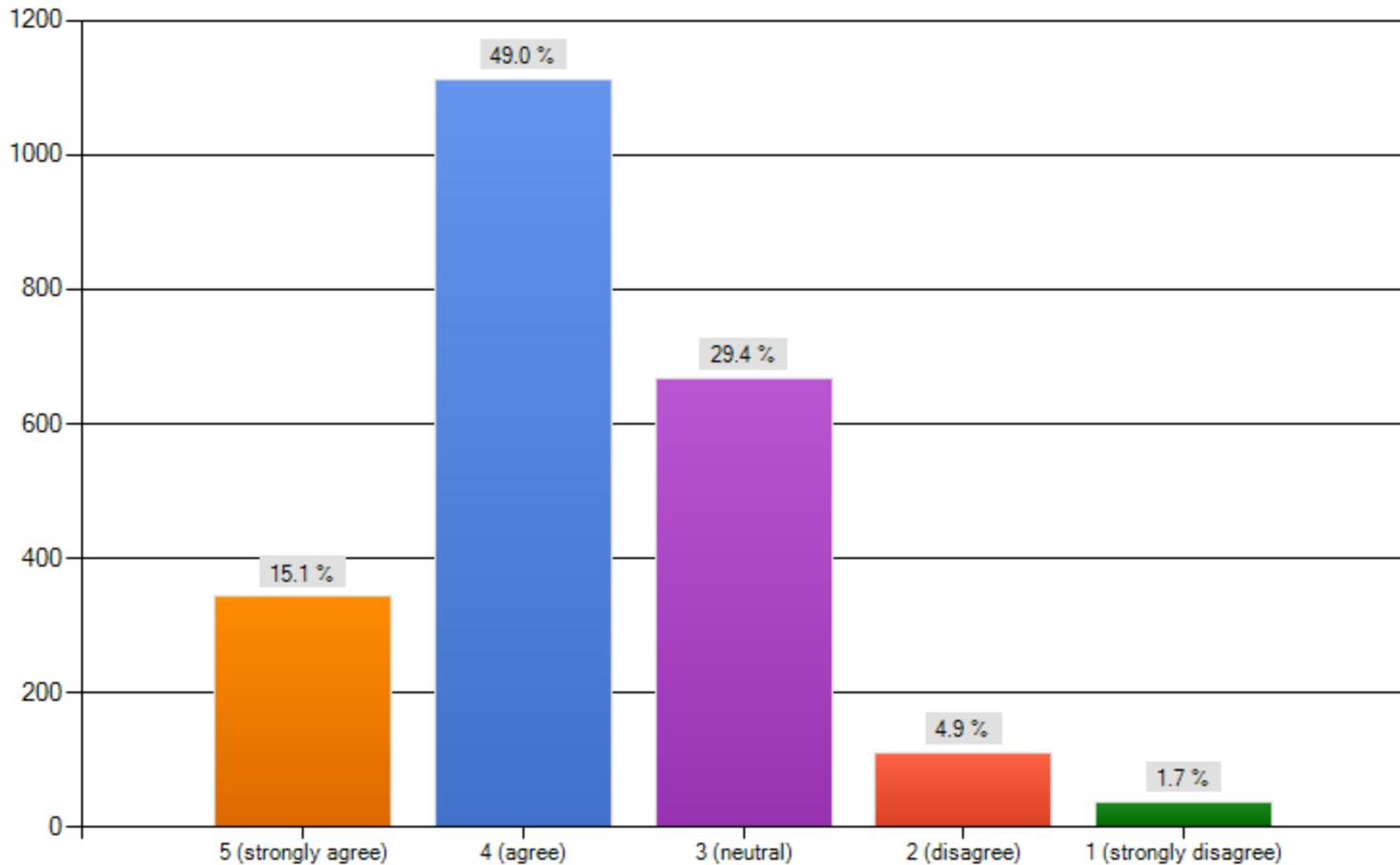
Right now our noise ordinance is confusing and not easily enforced. We can protect the interests of both residents and business owners by simplifying the code. The new noise code would be enforced in response to complaints. When a complaint is made regarding amplified sound, permissible noise threshold levels will be measured inside the receiving residence with all doors and windows closed. The first violation would result in a warning, the second violation a \$1,000 fine and the third violation and beyond would be a fine of \$2,000 per day. The noise ordinance update will support nightlife businesses and help them to achieve code compliance.



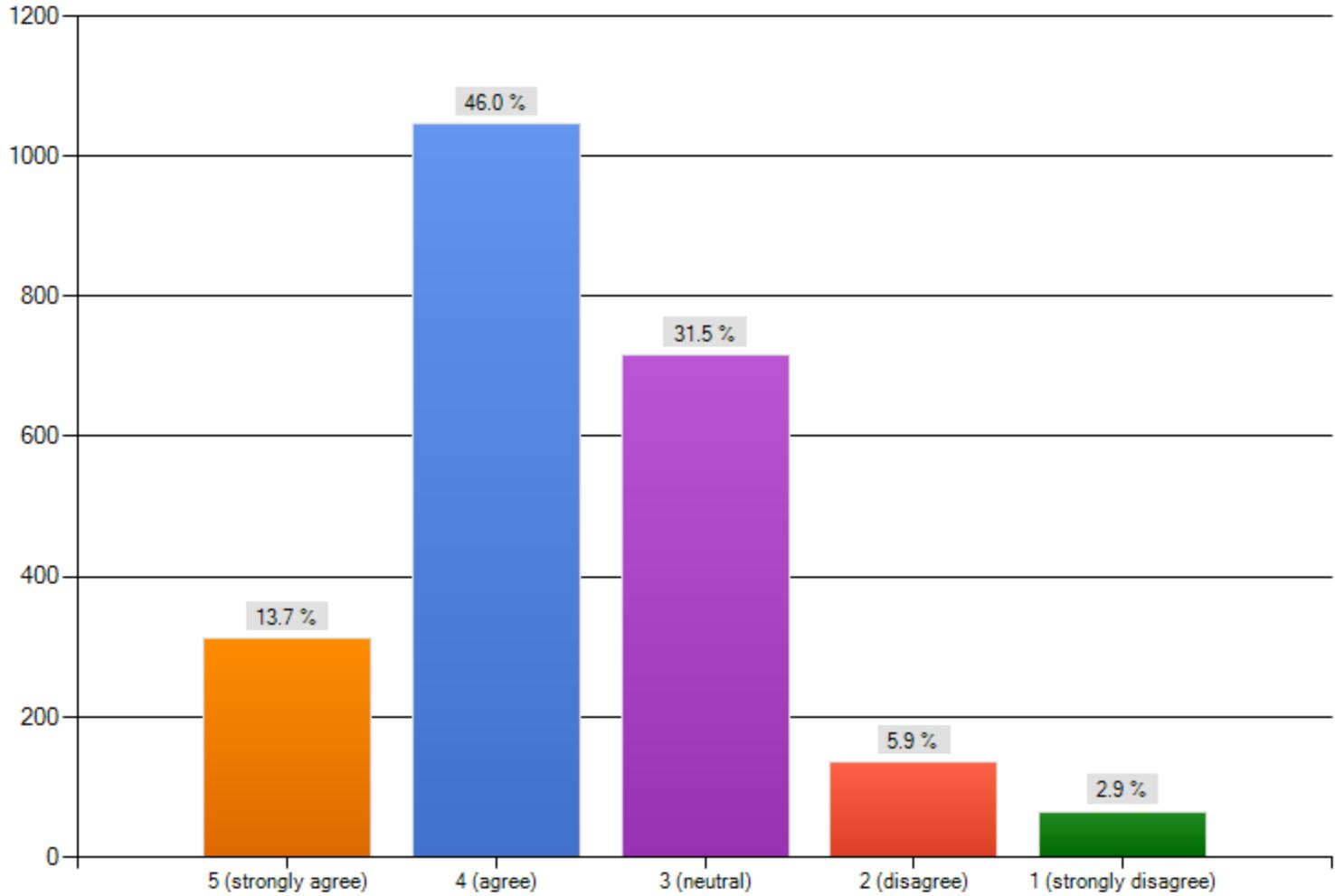
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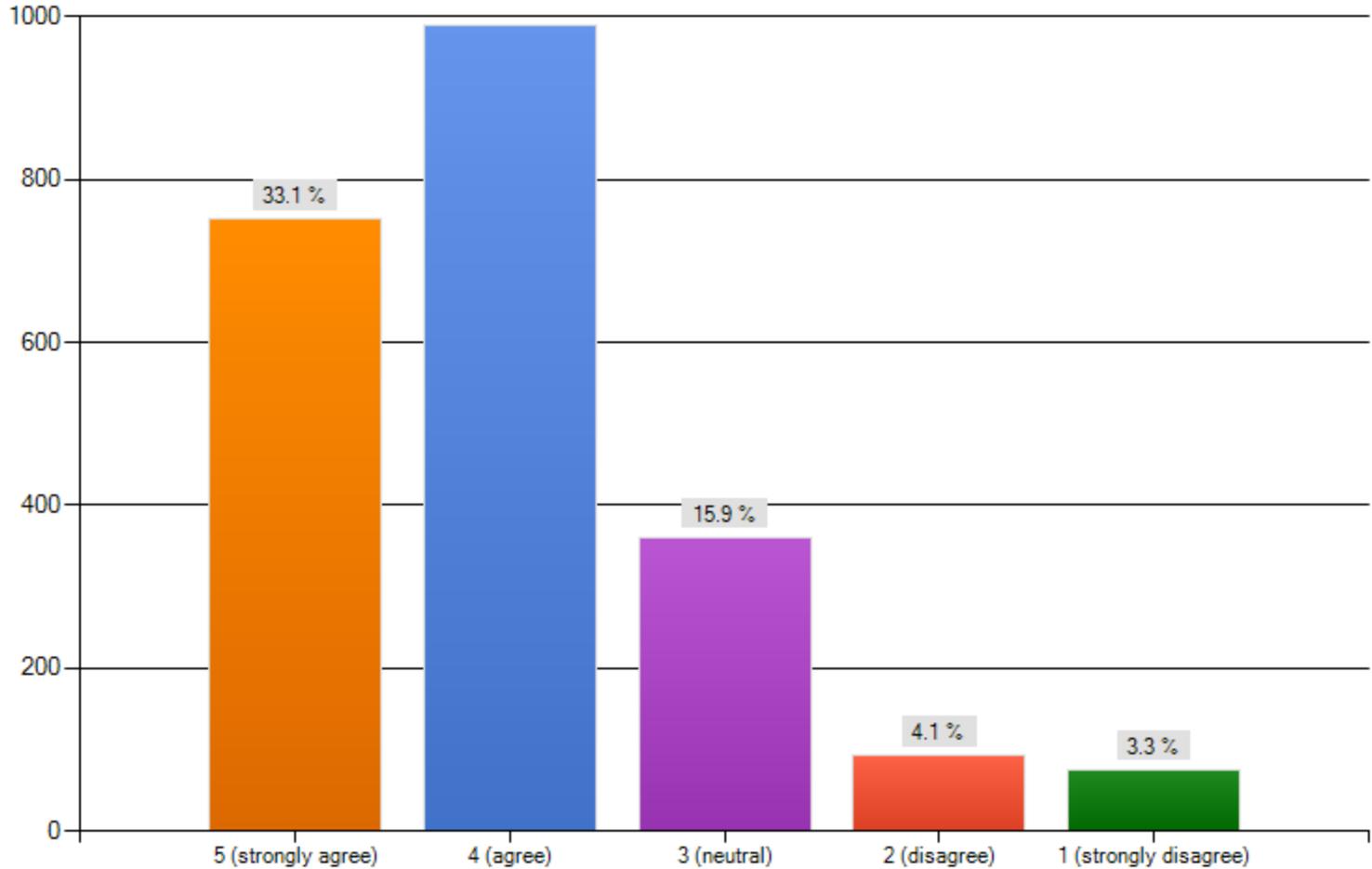
The Initiative will develop and encourage the adoption of best practices for nightlife businesses. We will help nightlife establishments learn best practices and relatively simple guidelines to minimize conflicts and problems. The City will promote these best practices through outreach, working with associations such as the Washington Restaurant Association and the Seattle Nightlife and Music Association. The adoption of best practices guidelines will be effective in supporting nightlife businesses.



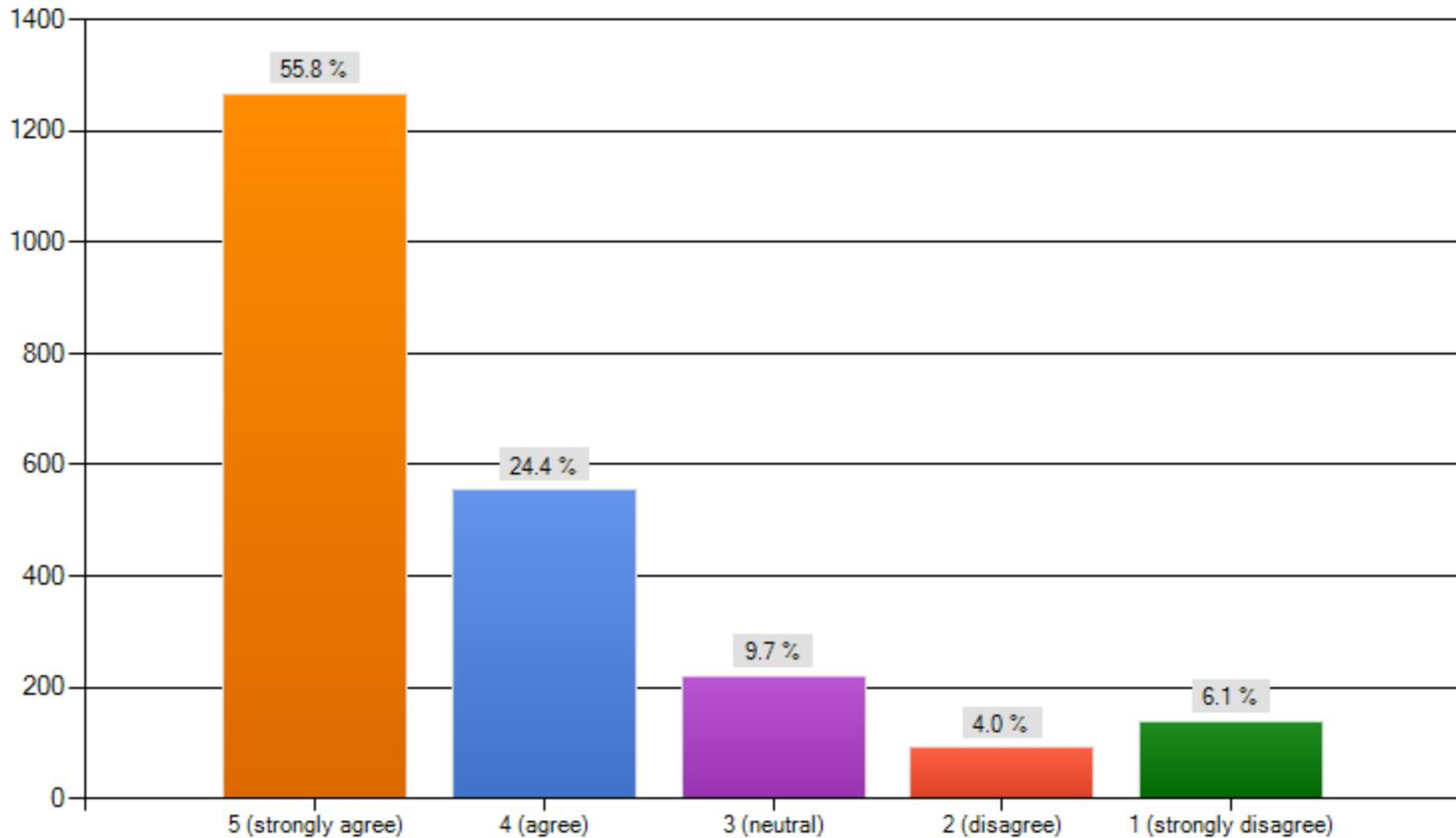
**The adoption of best practices guidelines will help to address community and resident concerns about nightlife businesses.**



**The Nightlife Initiative recommends revising city ordinances to allow Seattle Police greater ability to enforce public nuisances and disturbances violations, specifically fighting and disorderly conduct. Revising public nuisance laws will help to address community and resident concerns about nightlife businesses.**



The City of Seattle is examining the potential impacts of a shift from the current 2:00 am closing requirement for alcoholic service beverage licenses to a “flexible hours” system. The change is being considered in response to the current system, which by unintended consequence, encourages overindulgence while simultaneously pushing thousands of patrons on the streets with limited resources to effectively managing the activity. By transitioning to a flexible hours system there may be an opportunity to improve Seattle’s quality of life by eliminating issues of public safety and nuisances associated with current closing times. Extending service hours will make our streets safer.



**Extended service hours will improve the business climate for bars and clubs.**

