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### Highlights from DNC's 2016 Usage and Perception Study

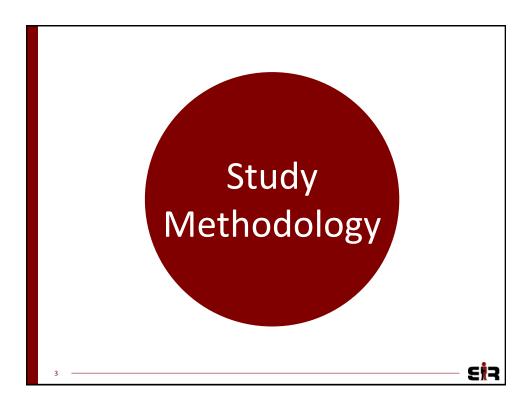
April 6, 2016



#### **30-Minute Agenda**

- Study Methodology
- Key Insights About Downtown Norfolk
- Your Job as a DNC Member
- Why Your Role Is So Important

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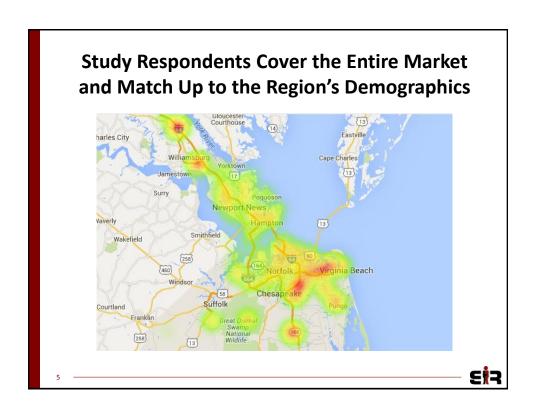
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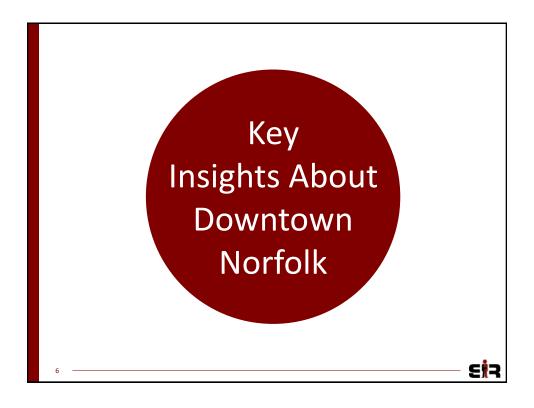
- A 15-minute online survey, created by SIR and approved by DNC, was conducted among residents (18 and older) across the Hampton Roads region.
  - 651 complete responses were collected.
- Responses were collected January 12–18, 2016.
- Data was analyzed by SIR, including coding and tabulation of open-ended responses.

Note: In 2012, the study was conducted using a telephone methodology that sampled a mix of landlines and cell phones. The study obtained 500 completed interviews. A follow-up online sample version was conducted a month later.

In 2010, the study was conducted using a telephone methodology that sampled only landlines.

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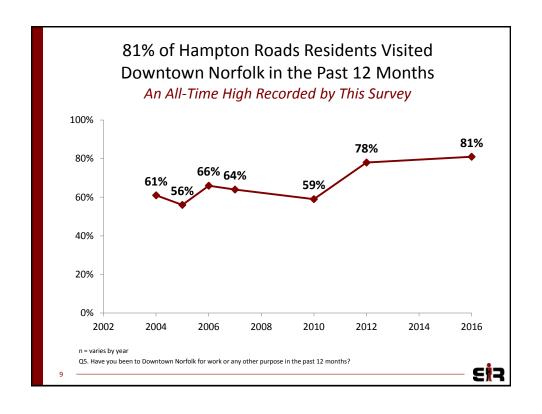


## The **Biggest** Finding

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Visitation to Downtown
Norfolk is *at an all-time high*—
8 in 10 residents across the region visited Downtown Norfolk in the past 12 months.

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### 5 Reasons

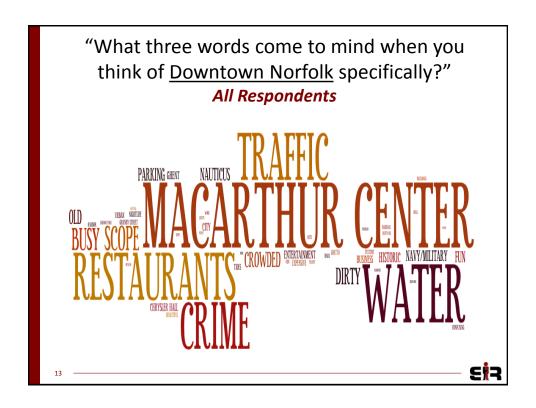
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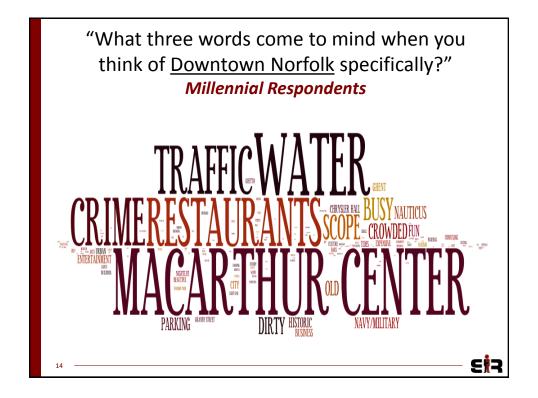


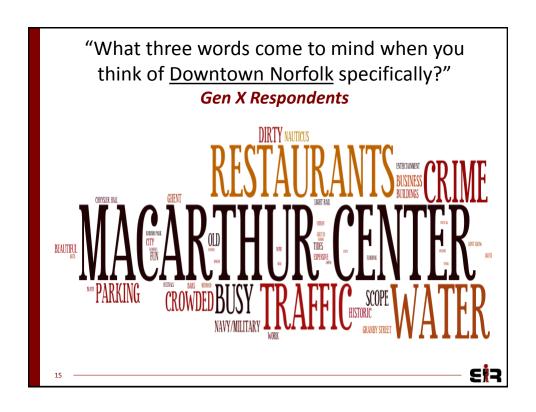
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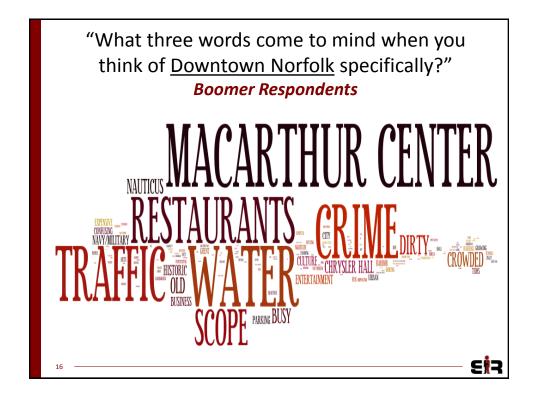
For the most part, Downtown Norfolk is now associated with positive imagery.











"What three words come to mind when you think of Downtown Norfolk specifically?"

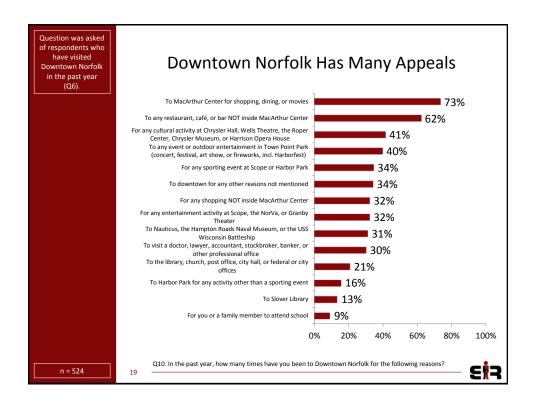
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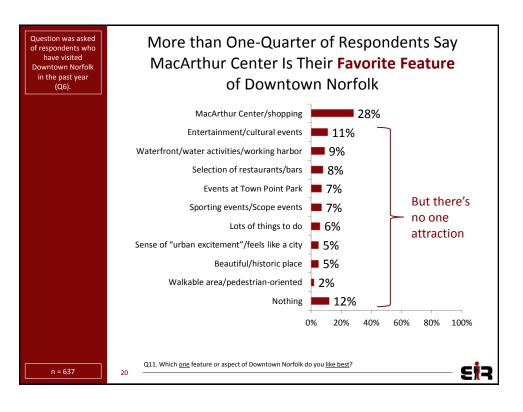
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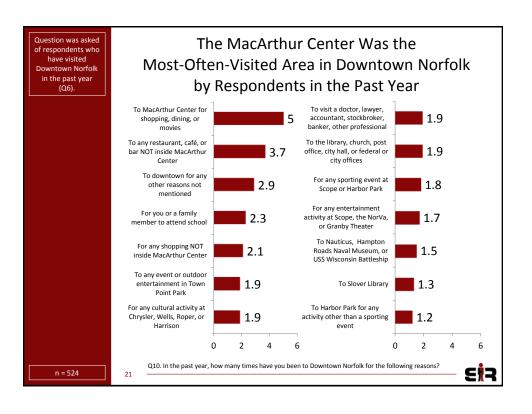
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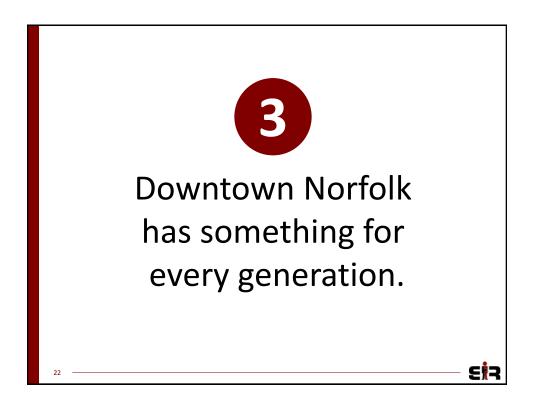
Downtown Norfolk has many appeals, with the MacArthur Center being the biggest attraction.

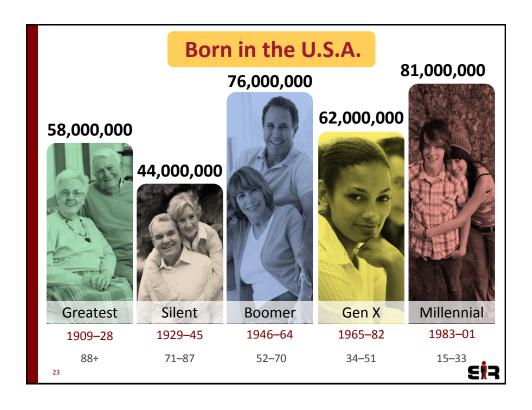












owntown Norfolk n the past year (Q6).	Downtown Norfolk as a Destination Has Something for Every Generational Cohort				
		Millennial	Gen X	Boomer	Silent
	To MacArthur Center for shopping, dining, or movies	81%	79%	64%	65%
	For any shopping NOT inside MacArthur Center	38%	30%	24%	35%
	To any restaurant, café, or bar <u>NOT inside</u> MacArthur Center	61%	63%	57%	60%
	To any <u>event or outdoor entertainment in Town</u> <u>Point Park</u>	48%	45%	29%	19%
	To Nauticus, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, or the USS Wisconsin Battleship	38%	27%	25%	23%
	For any <u>cultural activity</u> at Chrysler Hall, Wells Theatre, the Roper Center, Chrysler Museum, or Harrison Opera House	31%	34%	41%	60%
Millennial respondents n = 90  Gen X respondents n = 172  Boomer	For any <u>entertainment activity</u> at Scope, the NorVa, or Granby Theater	37%	34%	26%	17%
	To Slover Library	13%	12%	6%	17%
	For any sporting event at Scope or Harbor Park	34%	35%	29%	23%
	To Harbor Park for any activity other than a sporting event	21%	10%	11%	6%
	To visit a doctor, lawyer, accountant, stockbroker, banker, or other professional office	24%	26%	28%	35%
	To the library, church, post office, city hall, or federal or city offices	16%	20%	17%	13%
respondents	For you or a family member to attend school	14%	6%	2%	0%
n = 214	To downtown for any other reasons not mentioned	34%	31%	31%	33%



Downtown Norfolk's physical and cultural improvements are being noticed, driving positive perceptions.

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# **Downtown Attributes**

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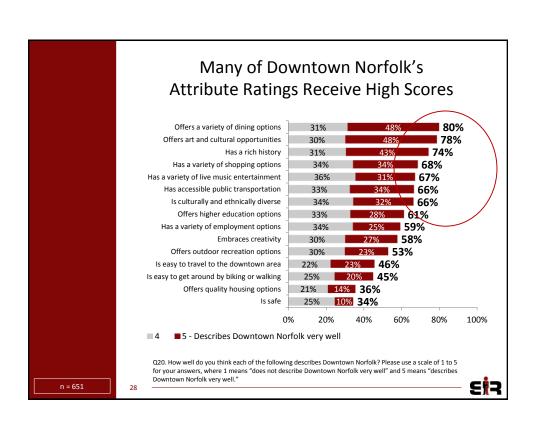
Is safe

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"How well do you think each of the following describes Downtown Norfolk?

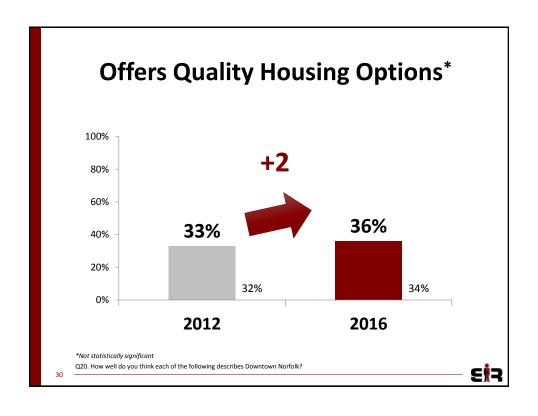
"Please use a scale of 1 to 5 for your answers, where 1 means 'does not describe Downtown Norfolk very well' and 5 means 'describes Downtown Norfolk very well.'"





Since 2012,
Downtown Norfolk
has improved ratings
on 13 of 15 attributes





### **The Facts**

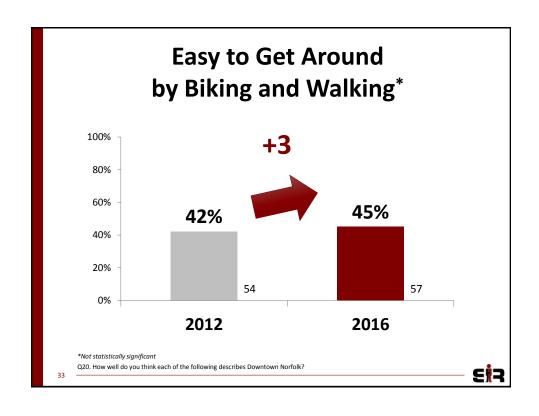
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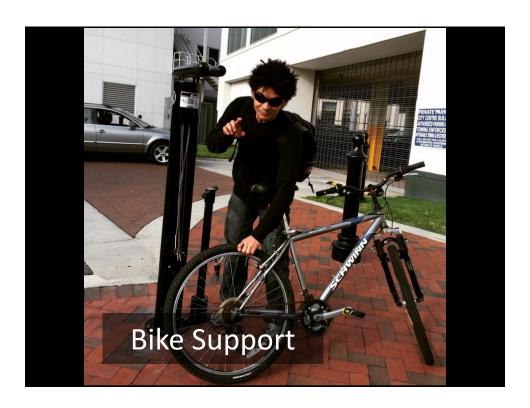
residents added to Downtown Norfolk in the past 18 months 5,000

residents now live in Downtown Norfolk

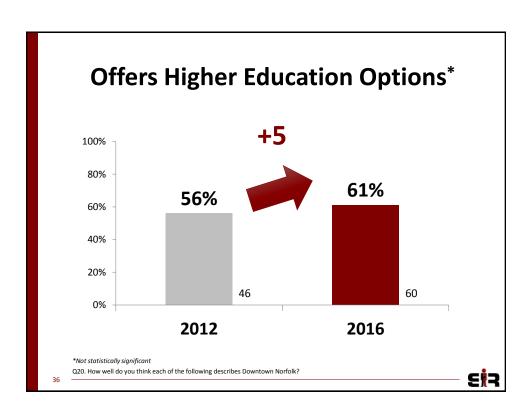


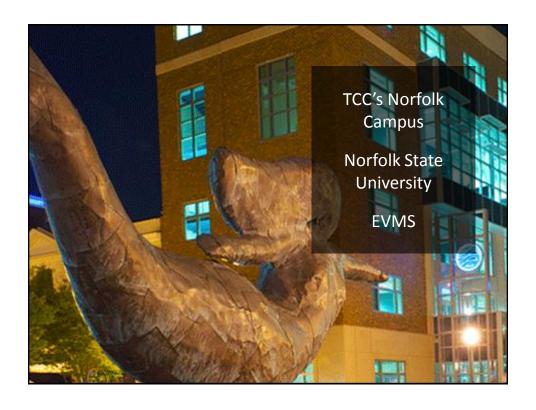


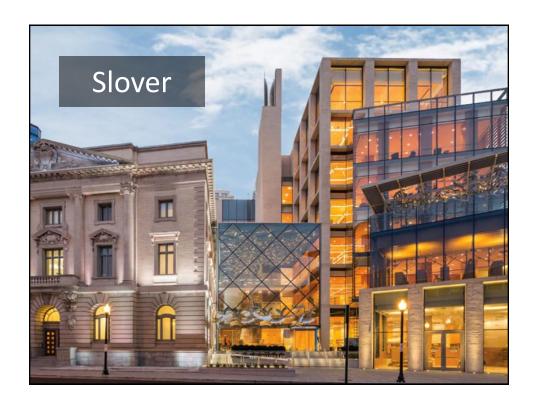


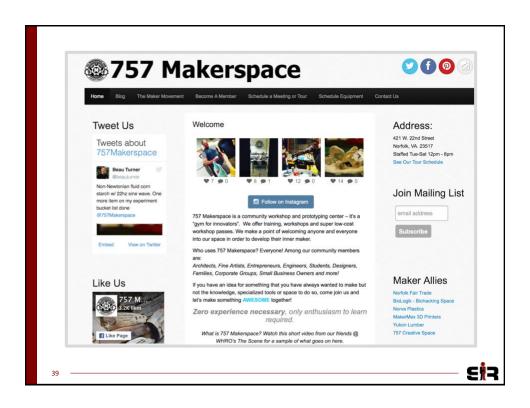


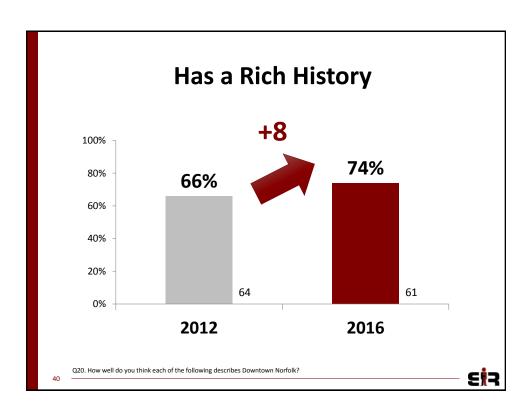


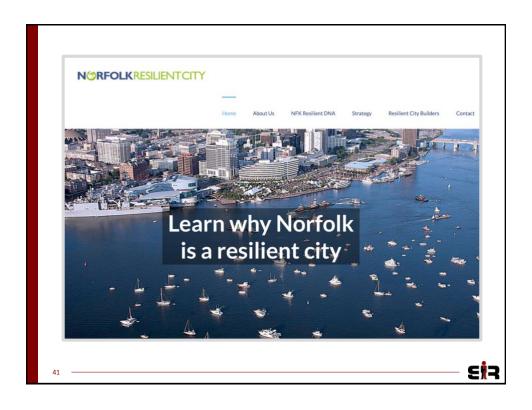




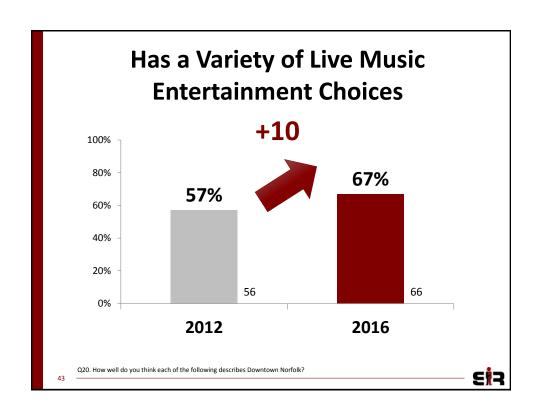




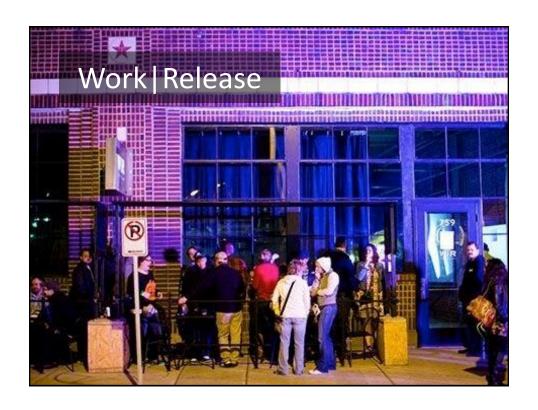


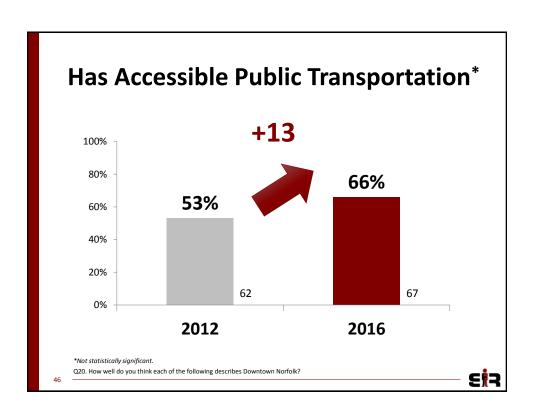






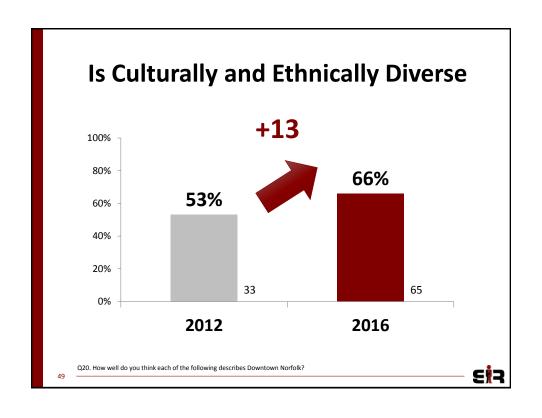






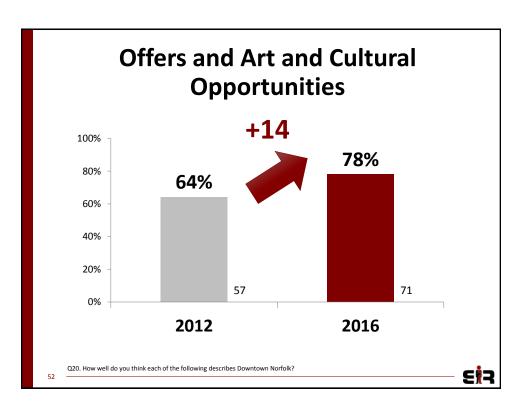






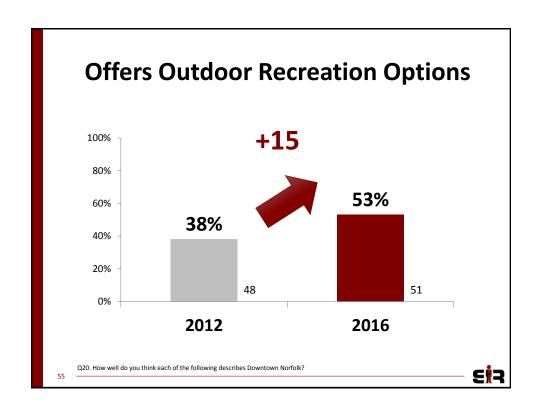








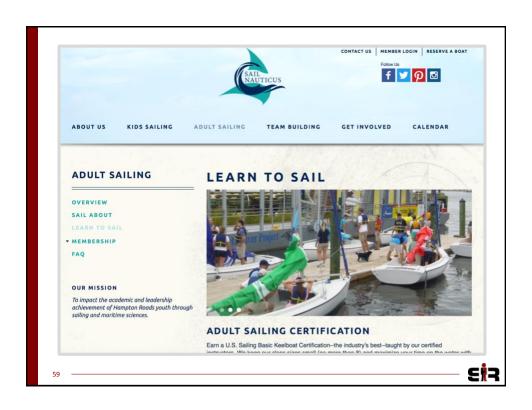


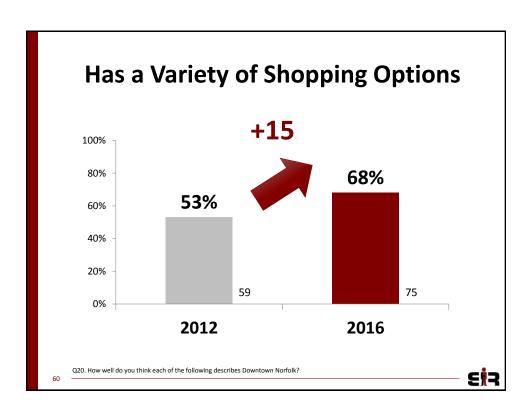


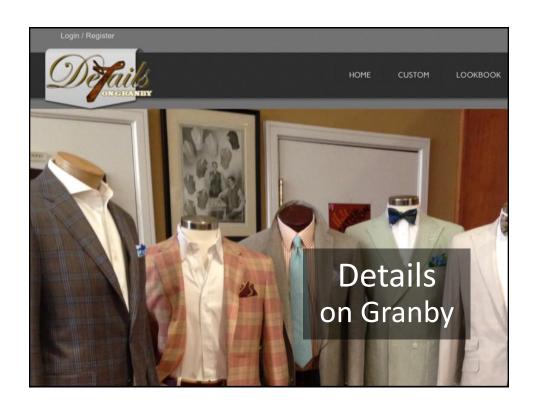


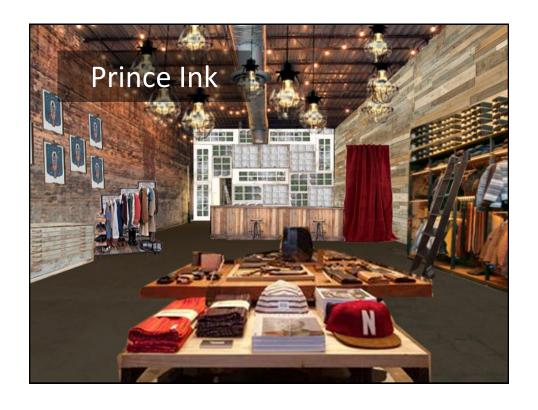


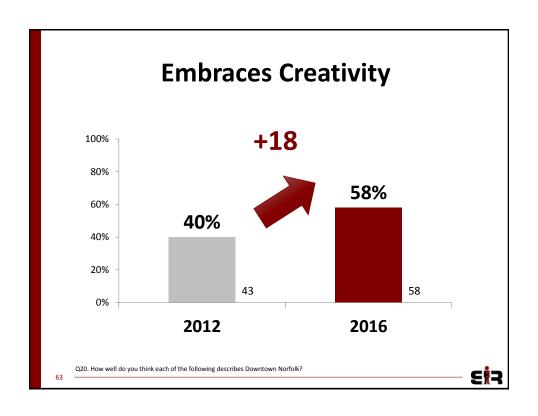


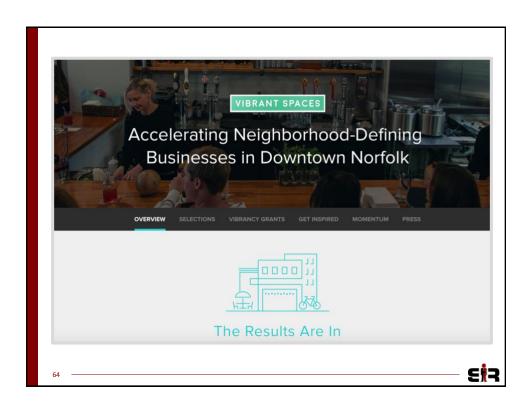




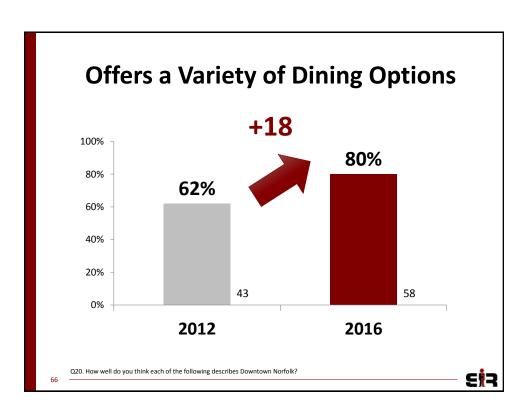










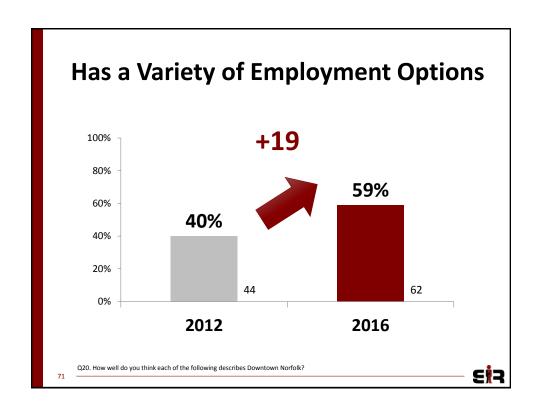


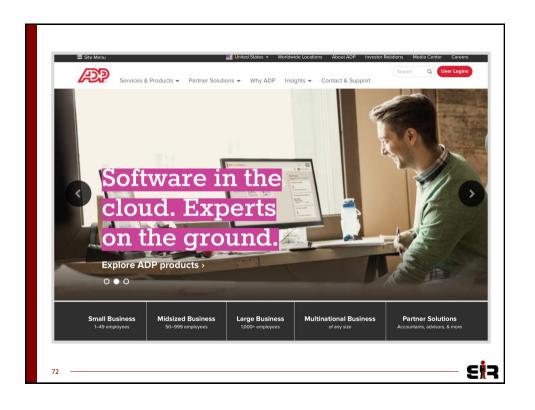








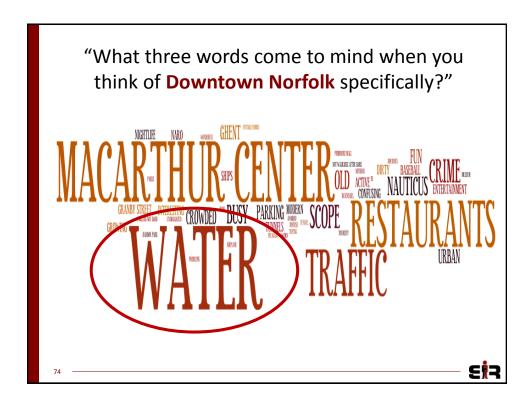


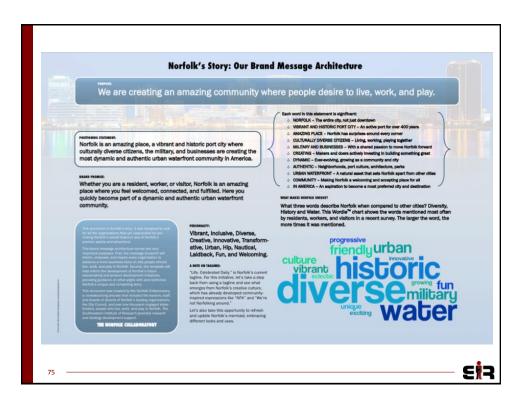


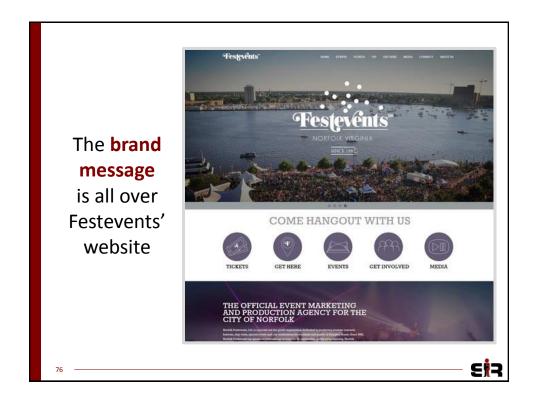


## Our more seamless messaging is working.











Renamed the
Norfolk Jazz Festival
to the Norfolk
Waterfront Jazz
Festival

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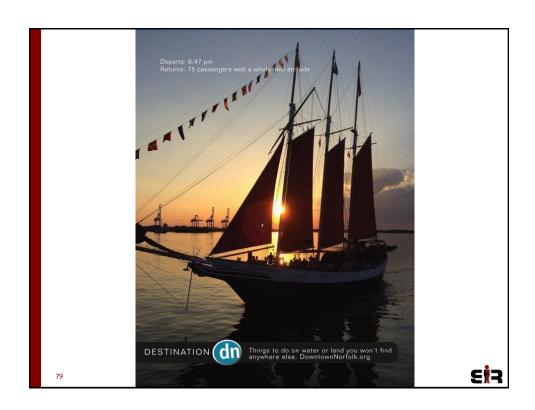
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"Things to do on water or land you won't find anywhere else"

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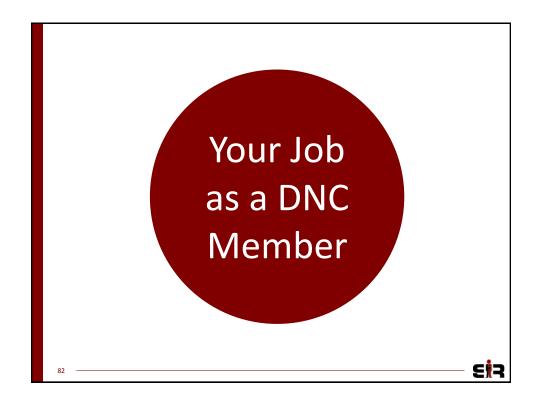


#### Downtown Norfolk @

"Where all kinds of people find all kinds of unique things to do."







#### **Continue to Spread the Word:**

Greater knowledge of Downtown Norfolk is associated with more positive ratings and intent to visit.

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#### How Much Do People Really Know About Downtown Norfolk?

Q21. Which of the following facts about Downtown Norfolk are you aware of?



The Waterside District, formerly Waterside, will reopen in 2017.

85



**51**%

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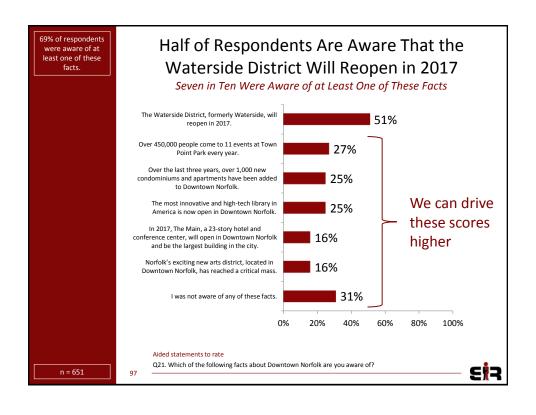
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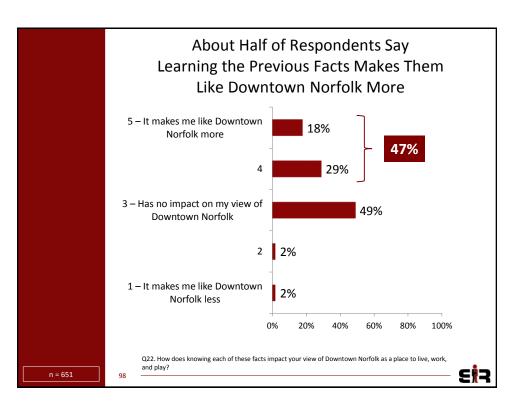


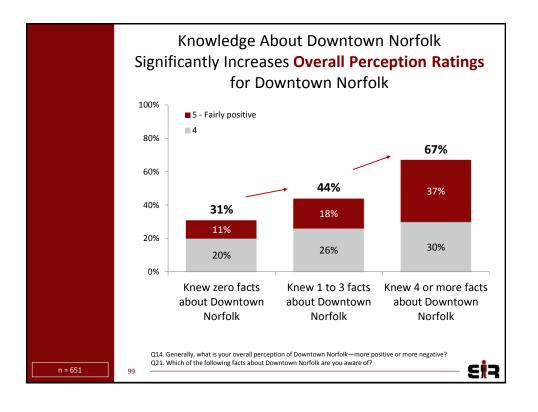
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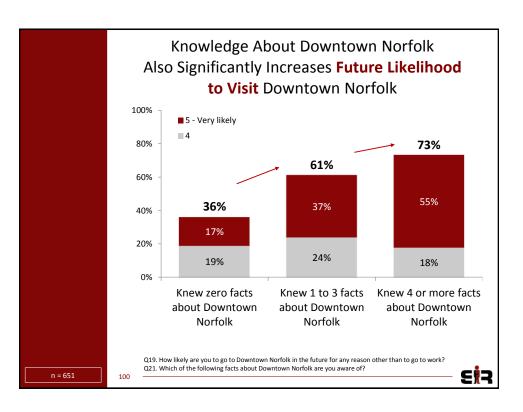
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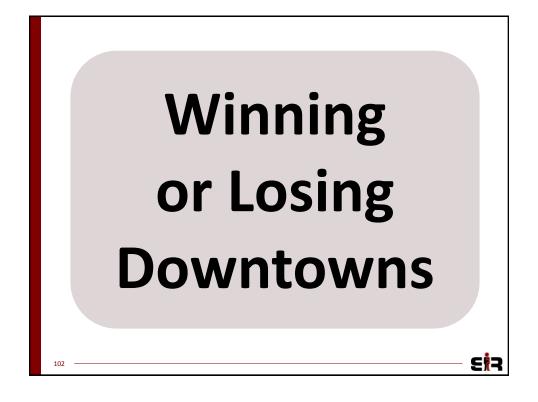


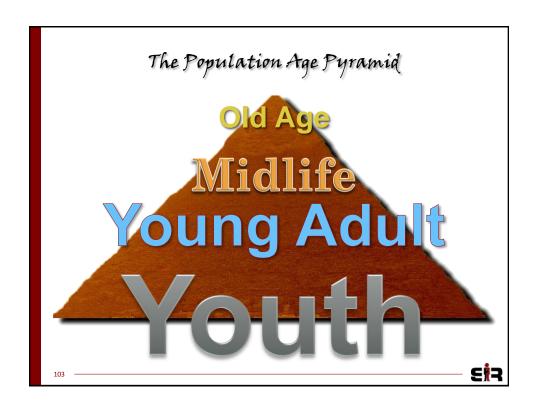


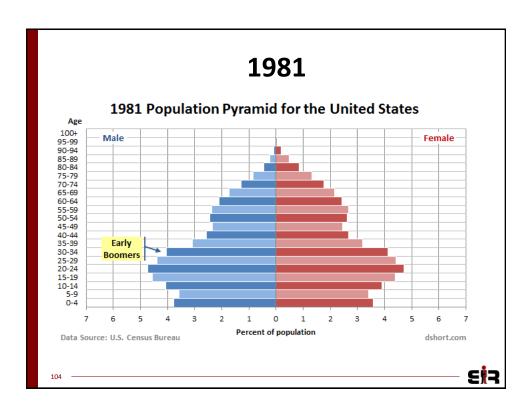


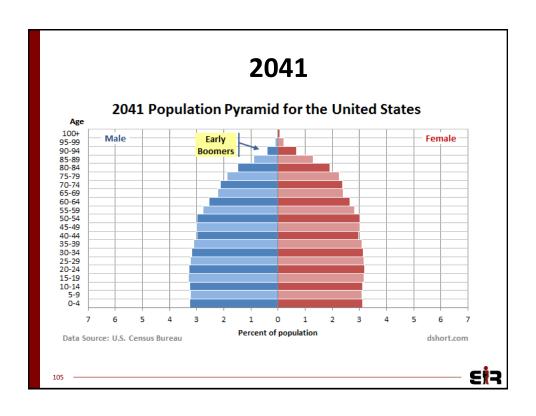


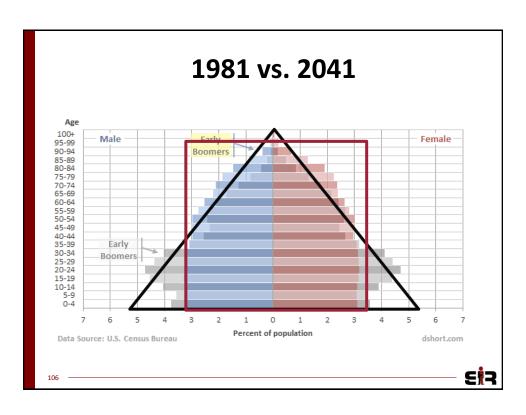


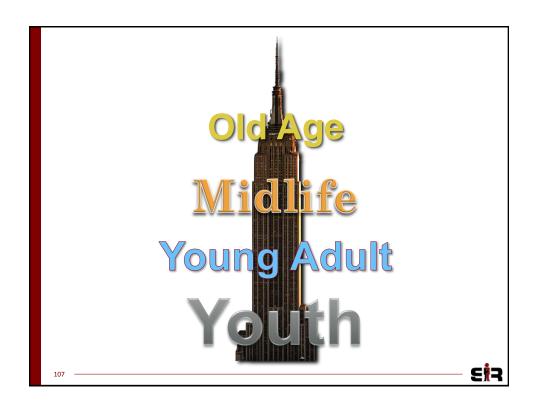




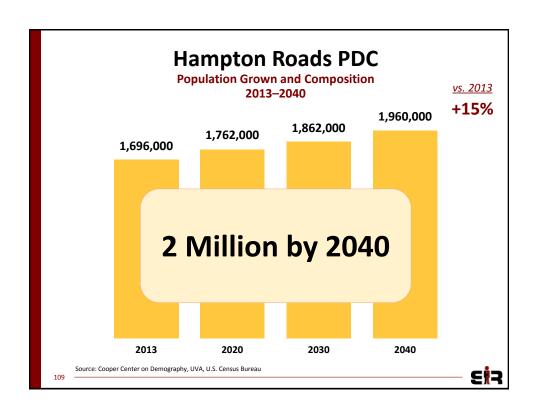


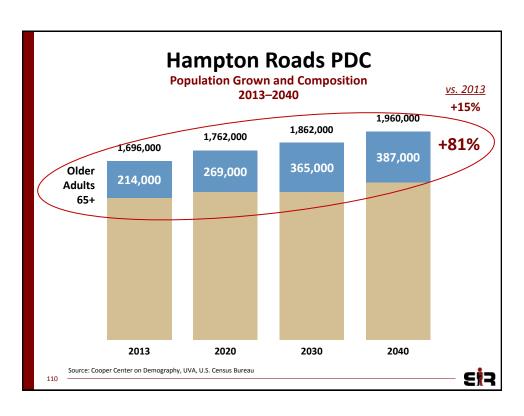


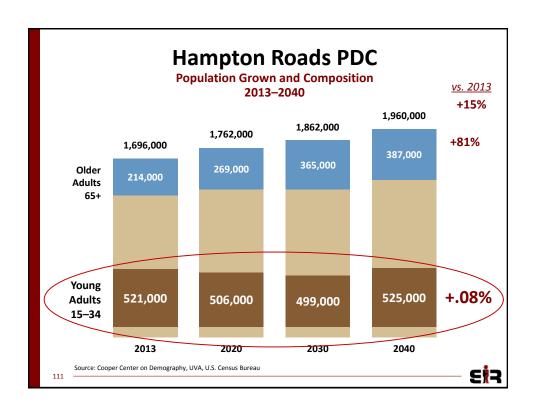




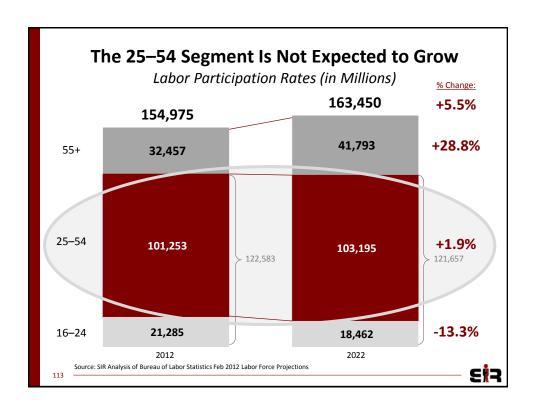


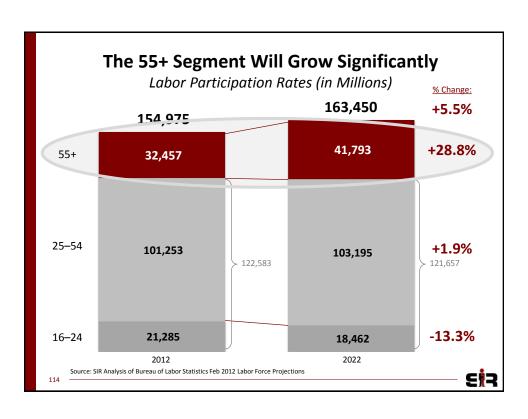


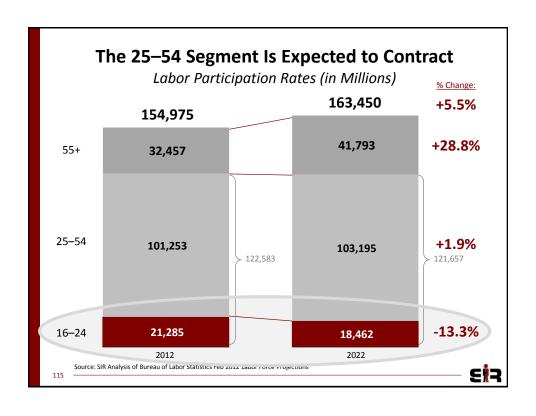


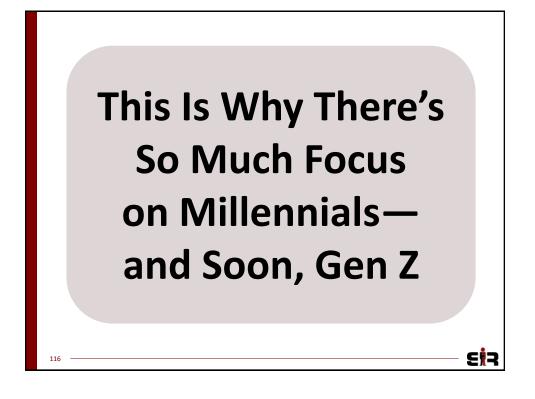


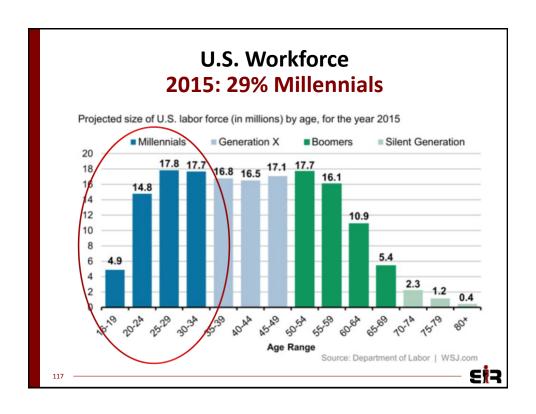
# Age Shift Impact on the Future Workforce Pipeline?

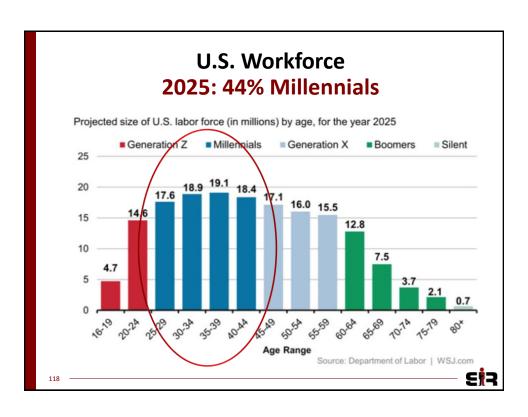












# SIR's Millennial City Placemaking Research

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88%

of young people want to be in an urban-feeling setting



#### What Makes a City a Special Place for Young People?

When you think about a city as a place you'd really want to live, how important are each of the following to you? (1–5 scale) Offers outdoor recreation options Higher education options Offers a great food scene Is diverse Has a variety of employment options Has access to water (i.e., river, lakes, ocean) within the region Offers an active music scene Embraces creativity Urban living environment **Embraces innovation** Has rich history Quality and affordability of housing options Embraces small business, startups, and entrepreneurship Offers an active arts scene Is near the mountains Has easy public transportation Is bikeable and walkable, not car-dependent

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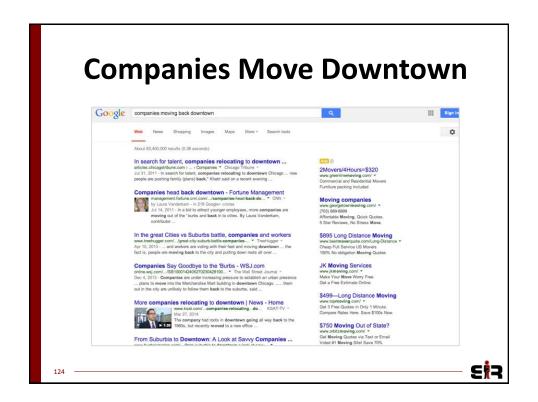
#### For Millennials, Expectations for Safety, Variety of Employment, and Quality and Affordability of Housing Top the List

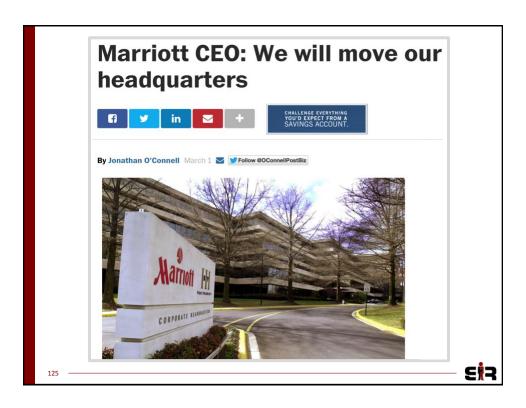
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sics	Has a variety of employment options	90%	82%	83%	85%	82%	87%	
Ba	Quality <u>and</u> affordability of housing options	92%	83%	87%	87%	83%	83%	
	Offers outdoor recreation options	71%	60%	71%	77%	71%	76%	_
	Offers a great food scene	76%	75%	78%	85%	77%	75%	
	Embraces creativity	59%	55%	58%	69%	59%	64%	
	Embraces innovation	70%	58%	61%	69%	60%	64%	
	Is near the mountains	28%	24%	40%	17%	30%	64%	
	Has access to water	59%	54%	64%	65%	54%	63%	
	Is bikeable and walkable	46%	50%	41%	43%	44%	61%	
	Has easy public transportation	42%	66%	40%	47%	46%	60%	
	Embraces small business, startups, and entrepreneurship	54%	48%	60%	61%	54%	57%	
	Higher education options	76%	60%	60%	73%	62%	57%	
	Is diverse	60%	63%	55%	69%	55%	55%	
	Urban living environment	47%	59%	51%	60%	46%	53%	
	Offers an active music scene	51%	36%	46%	53%	49%	49%	
	Offers an active arts scene	42%	38%	44%	43%	42%	46%	
	Has rich history	42%	47%	39%	41%	42%	42%	

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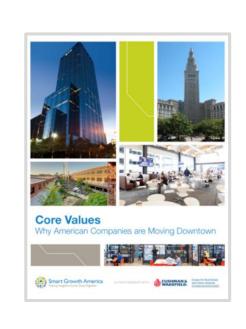




"As with many other things, our younger folks are more inclined to be Metro-accessible and more urban."

Arne M. Sorenson Chief Executive





500 recent corporate moves:

"Talent recruitment and retention"

Source: Smart Growth America

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# Cities Are Now Preparing for This Future



### The New Economic Development Model

#### **Old Model**

Recruit Big Companies

People Follow Companies

**Community Grows** 

#### The New Economic **Development Model**

#### **Old Model**

#### New Model

Continue to target and recruit companies, but also ...

**Recruit Big Companies** 

**Build Sense of Place** and Community

**People Follow Companies** 

People Will Flock to It

**Community Grows** 

**Businesses Will Grow** from Within and Others Will Come



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