Local Issues Survey Results
HIGHLIGHTS (VLD)

Safety Concerns?
51% - Lighting
(Areas: Near Arboretum, Bill McDonald before Ferry Ave, Residential trails near Farihaven and BT, Between BT and Birnam Wood)
12% - Parking
Not enough parking, not enough safe places to park

Other Responses:
Late Night Bus Shuttle inaccessible, need more crosswalks, mold

Renting Experience?
20% - Trouble with Landlords
Not listening to concerns, difficult to contact, not getting deposit back
16% - Hard to Find Affordable Rent

Other Responses:
Trouble narrowing down options (researching rentals), hard to find month-to-month rentals

Transportation Experience?
16% - Parking Problems
Hard to park near campus, expensive to pay to park
13% - Buses need more routes
Need stop at the Daycare Center (CDC), faster runs to Beilis Fair/ Sunset
6% - Afraid to Bike
34% - Like the Bus system

Do you understand your lease?
29% - No
24% - Yes
15% - OK/Somewhat

Most Pressing Issue Facing Students in Bellingham?
33% - Tuition/Student Loans
13% - Rent
8% - Predatory Landlords
7% - Homelessness
5% - Sexual Assault/Rape Culture
5% - Transportation/Safety
3% - Finding a job
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HIGHLIGHTS (ONLINE)

Do you feel included and informed regarding events in Bellingham?
- 58% Some of the Time
- 22% Most of the Time

Do you understand your lease?
- 59% Yes
- 13% No

Do you feel comfortable approaching your landlord with:
- Pests (50% said yes)
- Neighbor Problems (43%)
- Rent (50%)
- Maintenance (55%)
- Mold/Unsafe Living Conditions (45%)

Do you know what your neighborhood is called?
- 67% Yes
- 15% No

Have you had a positive relationship with your landlord?
- 24% Neutral
- 16% Extremely Positive
- 19% Somewhat Positive
- 12% Somewhat Negative
- 5% Extremely Negative

Most Pressing Issue Facing Students in Bellingham?
- Getting taken advantage of by landlords (4)
- Not enough affordable housing (3)
- Good transportation
- Learning how to rent and communicate with landlords
- Finding a job
- Tuition/Student Debt
- Racism
- Getting security Deposit Back