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GENDER	AGE RANGE	PARTY	HOME	HOUSING - PROBLEM	TAX TYPE	VERBATIM RESPONSE
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	It may be selfish but it makes sense to have our economy supported by our large tourism base rather than the primary home owners.
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	We have a lot more tourists coming in.
MALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Easier.
FEMALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	A couple of reasons. 1. I think you may have a very difficult time getting people to vote in favor of a property tax, particularly in light of the newest round of assessments that just came out. 2. I think that it is important not only for our residents but also visitors to buy into the idea that housing is infrastructure.
FEMALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Actually I would support both. I don't feel comfortable saying property tax even though I think it should be a property tax and properties over a certain amount. We already pay an arm and a leg for a very modest condo in East vail and we are a permanent family. It's not fair to Tax is but it is fair to tax the \$4 million houses across the street from us and next-door where nobody lives. It should not come off the backs of people looking for or are able to buy housing here which is a struggle to begin with.
FEMALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Not sure if this is correct but my impression is that with sales tax the tourist dollar would be more responsible for funding the tax over local dollar - seems more fair to me because the tourism is what prices locals out of the market.
FEMALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Our property taxes went up by 35 percent this year.
MALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Driven by visitors.

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FEMALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Spread the base of support to all households benefiting from adequate workforce.
FEMALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Visitors to Vail should help support town employees who provide services to them.
MALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Higher tax.
MALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Involves everyone including the tourist in a tourism driven town!
MALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	We are tourists based and let them help support our needs because they use and abuse the valley.
FEMALE	45-54	REPUBLICAN	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	It would include more people.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Our guests will bear the brunt and hardly notice it.
MALE	REFUSED	REPUBLICAN	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	The increase in property taxes further burdens the local worker living in Vail which is already a strain for most financially. A sales tax puts that cost/burden more on the tourist than the local which seems more appropriate.
MALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	More money out of it, if I'm correct.
MALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	There are less sales with the local property owners or residents of Vail. I am offended.
FEMALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Sales tax will capture all the visitors who come to the valley, which is why everything is so expensive in this county.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	I think it would spread the burden more evenly than taxing only property owners.

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MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	We already did this with the convention center fund raising effort and it worked. If we tax property owners the push back will be significantly not in taxation's favor.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Because the transaction costs can be spread over the sale of many of the high end properties that are sold in Vail.
FEMALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	I believe a sales tax would "spread" the funding source among all individuals who benefit from the end result of increased attainable housing - including local residents and guests.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Everyone contributes to solving the housing crisis. I do support doing both a sales tax and a property tax increase.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Yes
FEMALE	65+	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	BIG	SALES TAX	Then Visitors are involved too not just the locals.
MALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	REFUSED	BIG	SALES TAX	Have everyone who benefits from this place pay back a little.
MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	REFUSED	BIG	SALES TAX	Property tax raises the rent of the locals trying to make it. Sales tax raises the tax for locals, as well as the tourists and visitors to Vail. This is a benefit as it's hard enough to make rent in Eagle County (which according to Forbes magazine is the most expensive place in the COUNTRY to own a home) without adding a tax that the landlord will then pass down. If everyone helps out a little, in a sales tax increase, then we have the benefit of our tourists helping with the problem.

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MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	Tax the people that make the area unaffordable.
MALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	Because property tax would increase would then lead to my landlord increasing my rent!
MALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	The sales tax would send money to everyone who visits. The people who live here don't pay for it at all.
FEMALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	Property taxes are for people who own a home.
MALE	18-34	OTHER	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	Not sure.
FEMALE	35-44	REPUBLICAN	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	Both of them would be logical, but I just think the majority of the funds from a sales tax would come from visitors who don't live there, so it wouldn't hurt the property owners.
FEMALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	The sales tax is a much better option because the Town of Vail supported by people visiting the mountain. If we choose a property tax it would be counter productive when trying to place more people from the community in these homes at affordable prices.
FEMALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	We should leverage the money that the tourists are bringing in.
MALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	Tax the visitors. Workers have less impact from a v as il tax as we dont live in vail.

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MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	Not sure, but it might generate greater tax revenue than just a property tax. Many spend freely while vacationing in Vail and the resort is becoming a year round destination. Seize this moment by implementing a sales tax to support the continued growth of truly affordably priced deed restricted housing.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	In that way, we will be getting that money from a great majority of tourists. Whereas the property taxes, if we increase those taxes, local people have less of a chance to buy properties in Vail because of exorbitant prices in real estate. So might as well, they tax the tourists considering they are coming for vacations. Tourists are wealthy.
MALE	55-64	UNAFFILIATED	RENT	BIG	SALES TAX	1) A tax on sales of everything or just sales of property? 2) would it include a tax on hotel beds or simply a purchase of hard goods? A sales tax would continue the funding for Vail inDeed even if home sales decrease or the market bottoms out.
MALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	OWN	NOT TOO MU	SALES TAX	I would worry that a property tax would drive down home prices.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	OWN	NOT TOO MU	SALES TAX	The sales tax is paid by anybody who is in Vail, which includes the economic based and tourists. The tourists are the people the employee housing facilitates.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	NOT TOO MU	SALES TAX	The problem stems from local business not paying a living wage. The fix should come from people requiring services. Sales tax, lodging tax, etc.

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MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	RENT	REFUSED	SALES TAX	I think a sales tax would encourage our community to buy local, knowing where that extra tax is going. It would also allow us to benefit from Vail's tourism. Peoples vacations depend on the employees in vail.
FEMALE	35-44	DEMOCRAT	RENT	REFUSED	SALES TAX	It will place the costs on the people passing through and vacationing in the town rather than putting all the costs on the people who live here.
FEMALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	The property tax is geared toward the locals while anyone who is buying anything in Vail will bring in more money.
FEMALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	All visitors to valley help support employees in need.
MALE	45-54	DEMOCRAT	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	I believe this will provide the best opportunity to raise these funds. It also taps into funding from the numerous tourists and visitors to the town. Ultimately, they will be the biggest benefactors of this housing. Happier locals makes for happier visitors.
FEMALE	55-64	DEMOCRAT	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	Because I believe that property taxes are very high and getting higher. I think even a lodging tax would be better.
FEMALE	65+	DEMOCRAT	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	It is the guests who come to our valley that create the need for housing and a sales tax is more likely to burden them. I also think more lodging taxes could be used to pay for it.
FEMALE	REFUSED	DEMOCRAT	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	I think it would be easier to get and the property taxes are so high to begin with....
MALE	55-64	REFUSED	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	The need for employees is driven by the service nature of the tourism ecosystem. Taxing property is a shotgun solution that ensnares locals as well as 2nd home owners. A sales tax would target those directly responsible for the need.

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MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	I think it is because, off the top of my head, all of the visitors who come to Vail will contribute with the sales tax dollars and not just the property owners. Also the visitors will contribute.
MALE	18-34	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	The property taxes are going up.
FEMALE	35-44	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	More people contribute. If you don't own a home you are still contributing as a community.
MALE	45-54	UNAFFILIATED	OWN	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	The primary beneficiary of affordable housing is the tourism industry serving our visitors. These visitors should contribute to the expense of house the people serving them. It will be a smaller amount spread among more people.
MALE	18-34	DEMOCRAT	RENT	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	Helps finance this from both residents and tourists that visit.
MALE	65+	REPUBLICAN	RENT	SOMEWHAT	SALES TAX	The property taxes are high enough. The sales tax would be easier to manage.