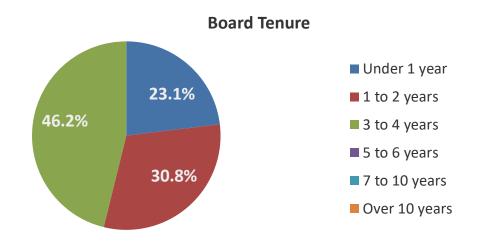


# **DHIC**

## **Board Sustainability Survey Results**

In February 2016, Raffa P.C. (Raffa) surveyed DHIC's Board of Directors to assess the organizational health, mission alignment, internal strengths/weaknesses of DHIC. Raffa staff administered the survey, launching on February 11, 2016 and closing on February 19, 2016. The overall response rate was **86%** or 13/15 completions. (*Note: the response rate for each question may differ from the overall response rate as skipping questions was a feature of this survey.*) All responses were kept completely confidential and are only reported in aggregate. This report includes results from the survey in aggregate and a non-identifying overview of Board demographics:

# **Respondent Overview**



# **About DHIC**

### **Adjectives describing DHIC**

**A.** Affordable housing **B.** Community **C.** Efficient/Organized

The primary customer(s) of DHIC those most changed by work of the organization or who the organization exists to serve include:

Low to moderate income individuals and families

**Organizational relevance:** 100% of respondents feel that DHIC is a relevant organization in its field.

- Relevant as housing costs continue to rise in the area
- Government is pulling back from direct participation in solving this issue and creative financing along with tax benefits of the investment are the key to addressing this need
- DHIC continues to have a direct impact on the development of the city and continues to be sought out for its expertise around housing development.

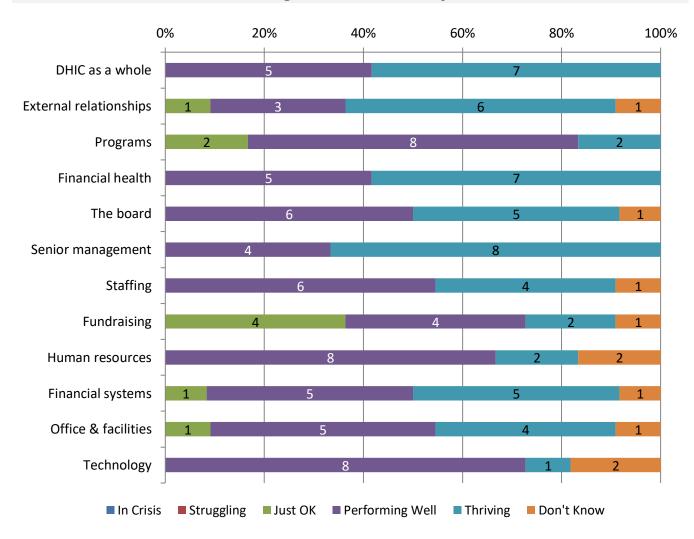


### DHIC provides unlike similar organizations in the area:

- Higher quality products and service
- Outstanding performance from management to product
- Family service opportunities
- Provides affordable housing as a non-profit, while "Competitors" attempt to do this for a profit
- Reputation as a community development resource and neighbor within the community

# DHIC's Overall Organizational Health

## **DHIC's Organizational Health by Area**



### **Comments on Organizational Health Chart:**

- Explore traditional fundraising
- Very fiscally healthy and very well managed
- Programmatically we have some real opportunities to get better and evaluate our community needs
- More focus on youth and family services



SWOT Analysis	
Top 2 internal STRENGTHS	A. Quality and expertise of staff
	<b>B. Strong Leadership</b> (including Gregg's leadership and experience)
Top 2 internal WEAKNESSES	A. Leadership transition (no replacement/heir)
	B. Not being self-sufficient and/or lack of diversity in income sources
Top 2 external OPPORTUNITIES	A. Creating external partnerships /using DHIC's reputation to create relationships
	B. Using existing pipeline of projects/ expanding into markets
Top 2 external THREATS	A. Decrease in or loss of funding
	B. Rising costs of land, construction, materials and labor

# DHIC's Organizational Sustainability

# **DHIC should absolutely preserve the following:**

- The general perception that it is an effective, ethical organization that is a high achiever in attaining its vision and carrying out its mission
- Leadership and vision provided by Gregg
- Innovative and creative problem solving
- Maintain mission and ability to develop successful projects
- Quality product
- Industry expertise
- Commitment to the community

Top 3 priorities that
should be addressed
in the next 1-3 years

- A. Leadership succession/Transition management
- B. Diversification of revenue streams
- C. Effective management and steady flow of new projects



### **Organizational Sustainability Areas**

(Changes and/or Improvements that can be made in the following four areas)

## Strategy/Business Model

- Incorporate input from community stakeholders into the model
- Continued diversification of revenue streams due to competition and decreased funding
- Better define and communicate the geography in which DHIC operates
- Revisit and update the strategic plan
- Continuously assess and improve political insight and assistance

### Leadership

- Evaluate current term limits for board membership; they may need to be longer to retain high performing members
- Identify a clear successor for the CEO position
- Complete succession plans

### **Resources and Resource Development**

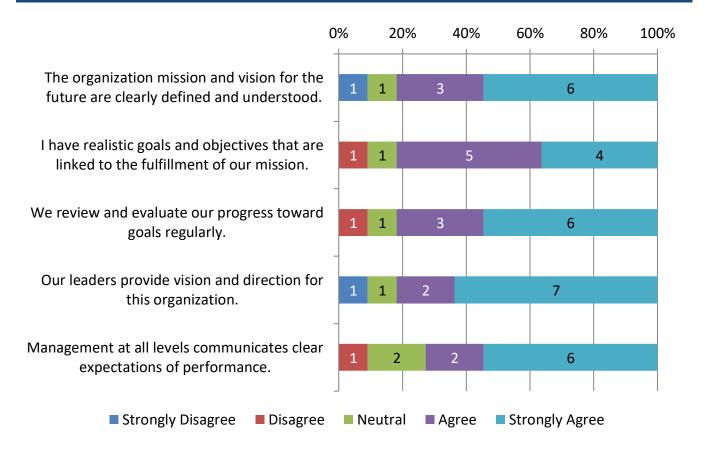
- Explore more traditional fundraising vs. project-based financing
- Additional long term funding streams must be developed with the City of Raleigh and Wake County
- Explore diversifying revenue streams without sacrificing identity

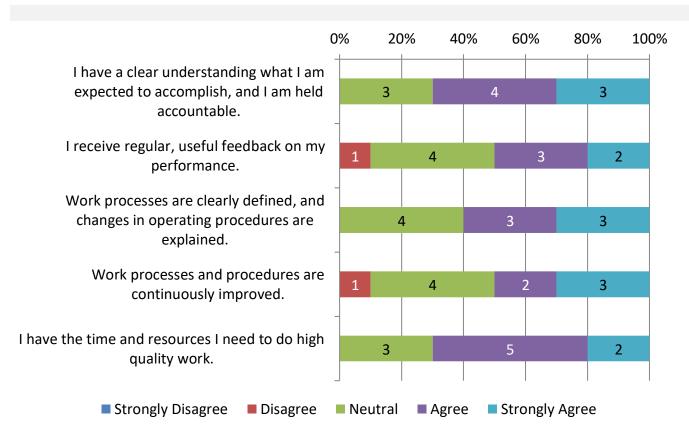
### **Culture – How We Work Together**

- Continue to hire similar employees
- Culture is strong and need a President to maintain the culture
- Value and worth of the organization must also be clearly understood by the community at large

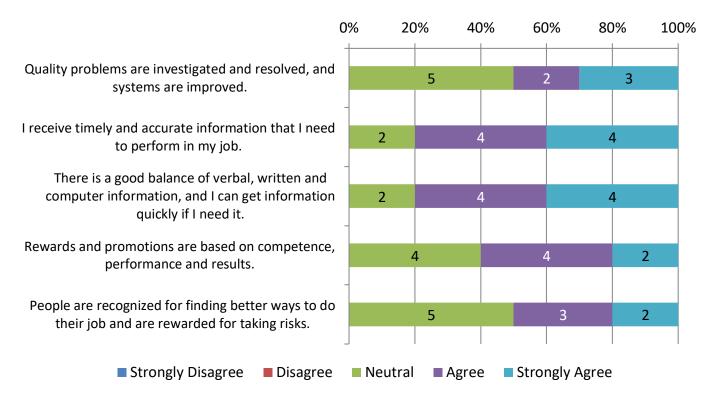


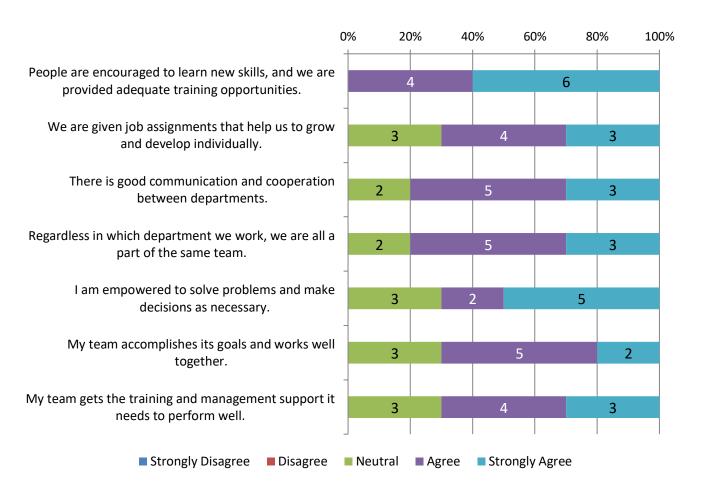
# DHIC's Organizational Climate



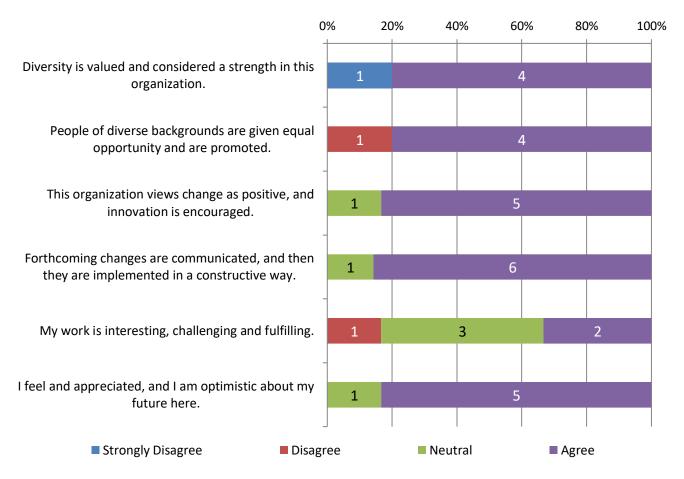












### **Final Comments**

- The current political climate has the potential for presenting problems that add a new dimension of challenges to the organization maintaining its niche. Market might require consideration of developing more conventional housing.
- The leadership and staff are dedicated and work hard to fulfill the mission of the organization.
- DHIC is an excellent organization with great leadership. I am privileged to serve on the board.
- I applaud this effort in helping plan for succession of the leadership.
- Staff members are key to the success as they insure each real estate development is successful and keep the organization solvent. They have great skills and could potentially make more money in the private sector. I believe the staff should be supported as they are so important.