



City of San Diego

**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Department
Golf Division**

**Municipal Golf Course Low-income Fee
Waiver Program**

**Natural Resources and Culture Committee
Meeting
February 24, 2010**

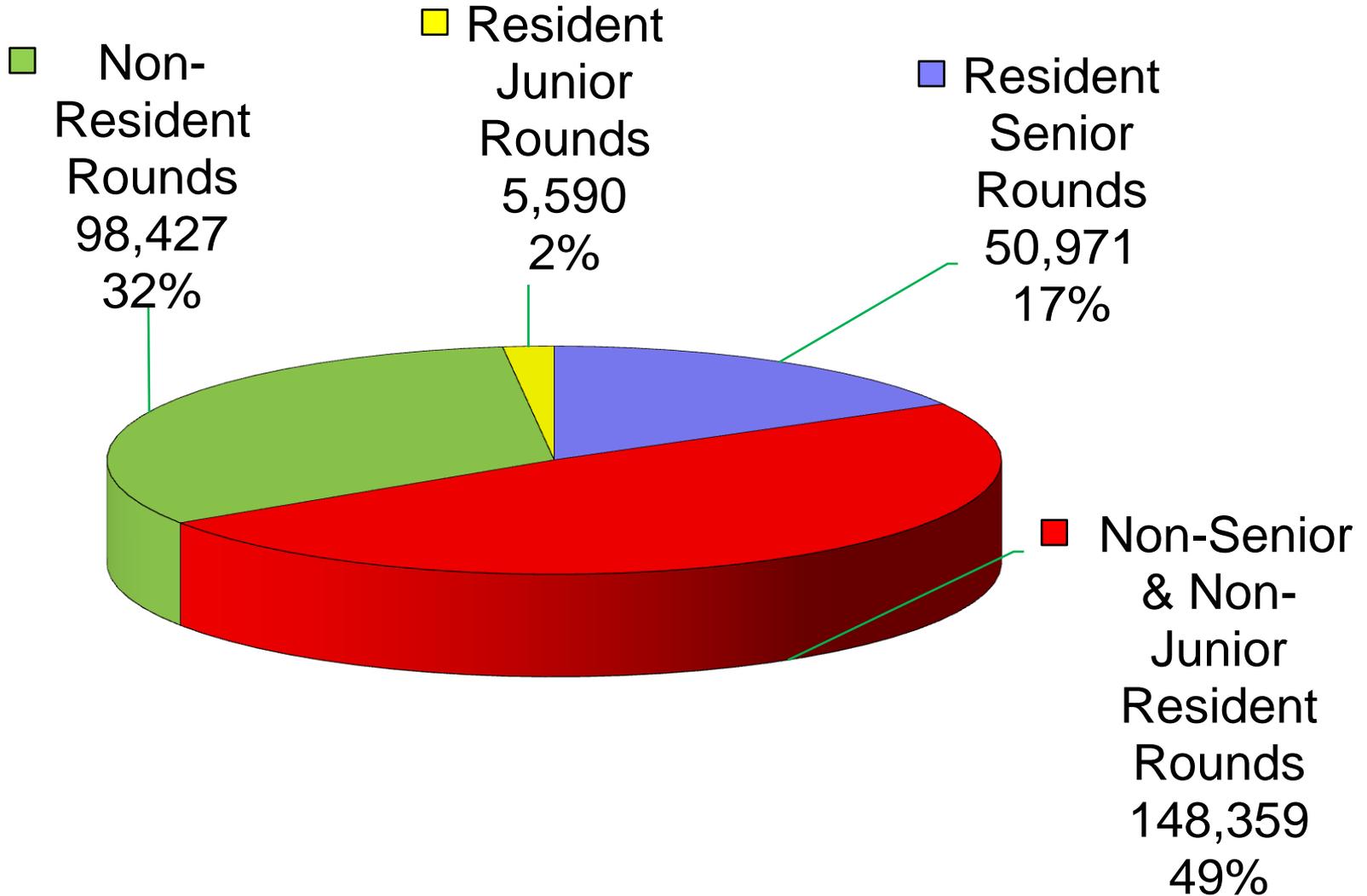


Background

- The Golf Five-Year Business Plan was approved by City Council in June 2006
- City Council requested staff bring back for consideration a Low-Income Fee Waiver option for low-income residents or low-income senior residents
- After a NR&C Committee decision this item will be brought to the full City Council

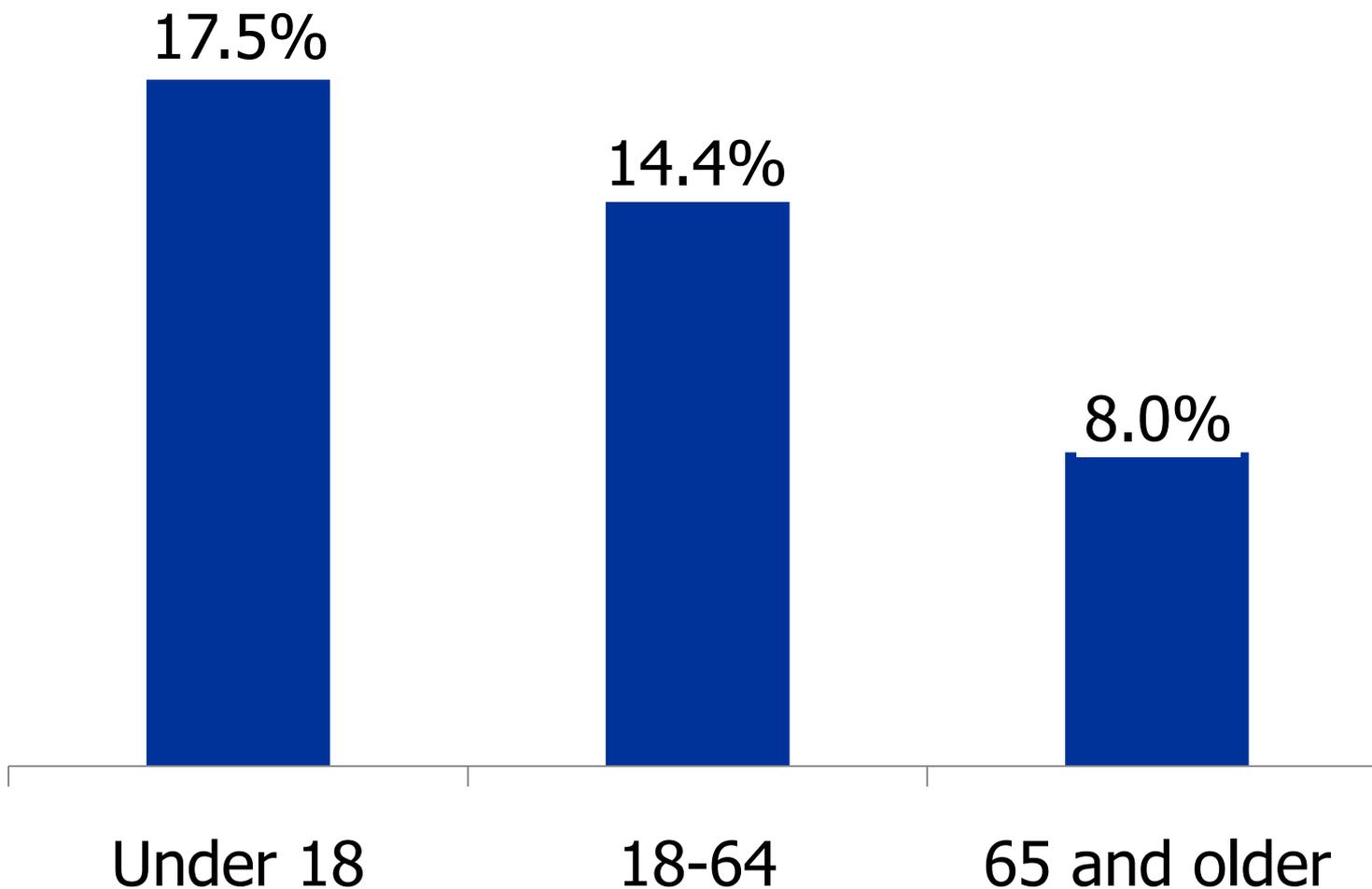


FY 2009 Golf Rounds Played





City of San Diego Population with Incomes Below the Poverty Threshold Level in 2008





No Change Recommendation

- Continue the Senior Golf Fee rate that is discounted 30% off the residential weekday golf fee rate
- All residents age 62 and older continue to be eligible to use the discounted Senior Golf Fee



Low-income Golf Fee Alternative

- Eliminate the Senior Golf Fee
- Establish a Low-income Golf Fee at the same fee level as the eliminated Senior Golf
- Limit use of the Low-income Golf fee to a maximum of one use per month for eligible residents ages 18 and older. A Golf Resident Identification Card would continue to be required.
- Discontinue the Low-income Golf Fee for the fiscal year when the Low-income Golf Fee discounts total reaches \$350,000



Recommendation

- Do not modify the golf fees in the City Council approved Golf Five-year Business Plan:
 - Do not eliminate the discounted Resident Senior Golf Fee
 - Do not establish a new Resident Low-Income Golf Fee



Conclusion

- The current discounted Senior Golf Fee benefits all senior golfers, those below and above the poverty income level
- Youths have the highest level of poverty. Resident youths are eligible to buy a discounted monthly ticket.
- Golf industry standard practice is to provide a discounted senior golf fee