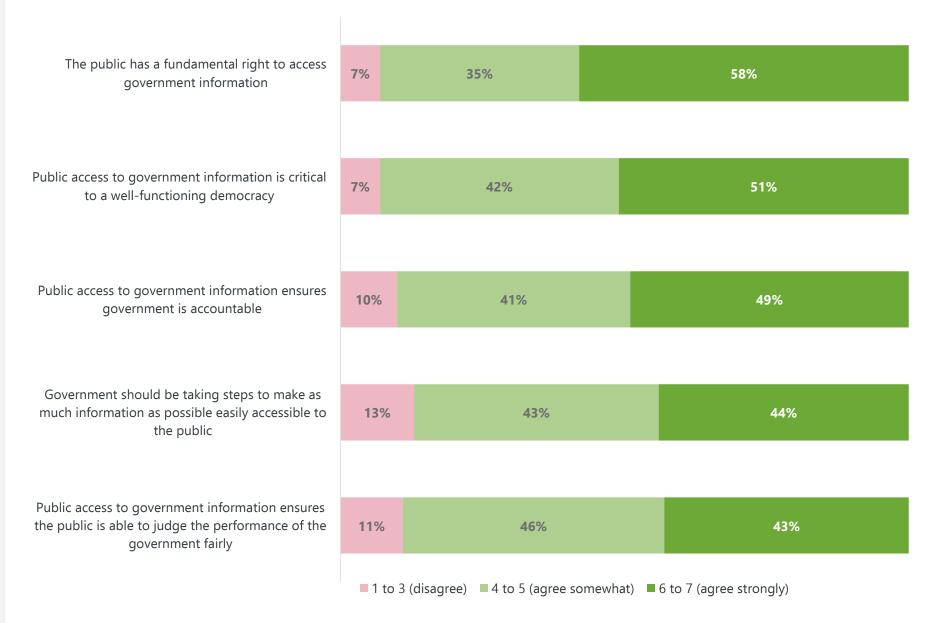
## **Attitudes Regarding Public Access to Information**



- Residents believe very strongly in the public's fundamental right to access government information.
- They also believe strongly that public access to government information is critical to a well-functioning democracy, that it ensures government accountability, and that it ensures the public is able to judge the performance of the government fairly.



## **Attitudes Regarding Public Access to Information**



- While residents believe strongly that the government should make information easily accessible to the public, they are not highly satisfied with their current level of access to government information.
- > Further, residents are not highly confident when it comes to the protection of their personal privacy. They are very likely to feel that their personal information is less well-protected than it was 10 years ago, and generally do not feel confident in their knowledge of how new technologies might affect their privacy and how their personal information will be used.

