

Council Priorities and climate intersections

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Data available since RRV was introduced

Year	Data online?	Overall rank	Separate rank	Referrer listed	Other info?
2025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Removal listed
2024	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	No
2023	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Removal listed
2021	No				
2020	No				
2019	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Removal listed
2018	No	Yes	Yes	Partial	Removal listed
2017	No				
2016	No				

General findings

Category	2025 Referred/ removed	2024 Referred/ removed	2023 Referred/ removed	2022 Referred/ removed	2019 Referred/ removed	2018 Referred/ removed
All referrals	57/20	57/?	48/0	46/6	69/9	67/4
All climate-related	18/6	11/?	11/0	10/2	16/1	21/1
All environment- related	9/6	14/?	7/0	7/0	8/0	0/0

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Implement State Law AB 43 for Reduced Speed Limits on High-Injury Commercial Corridors
Framework for Parking Benefits Districts in the Gilman and Lorin Commercial Districts*
Pilot Density Bonus Program for the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District to Generate Revenue to House the Homeless and Extremely Low-Income Individuals*
Audit Status Reports: Fleet Replacement Fund Short Millions & Rocky Road: Berkeley Streets At Risk and Significantly Underfunded
On-Street Secure Bike Storage
Adding BMC Chapter 13.107, Helping Achieve Responsible Development with Healthcare and Apprenticeship Training Standards (HARD HATS) Ordinance*
Practical Interventions to Clear and Keep Using Parking Spaces (PICKUPS)
Establishing an Electric Bike Rebate Program and Expanding Low-Income E-Bike Ownership through the Climate Equity Action Fund
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Berkeley Food Utility and Access Resilience Measure (FARM)*

Neighborhood-Scale Commercial

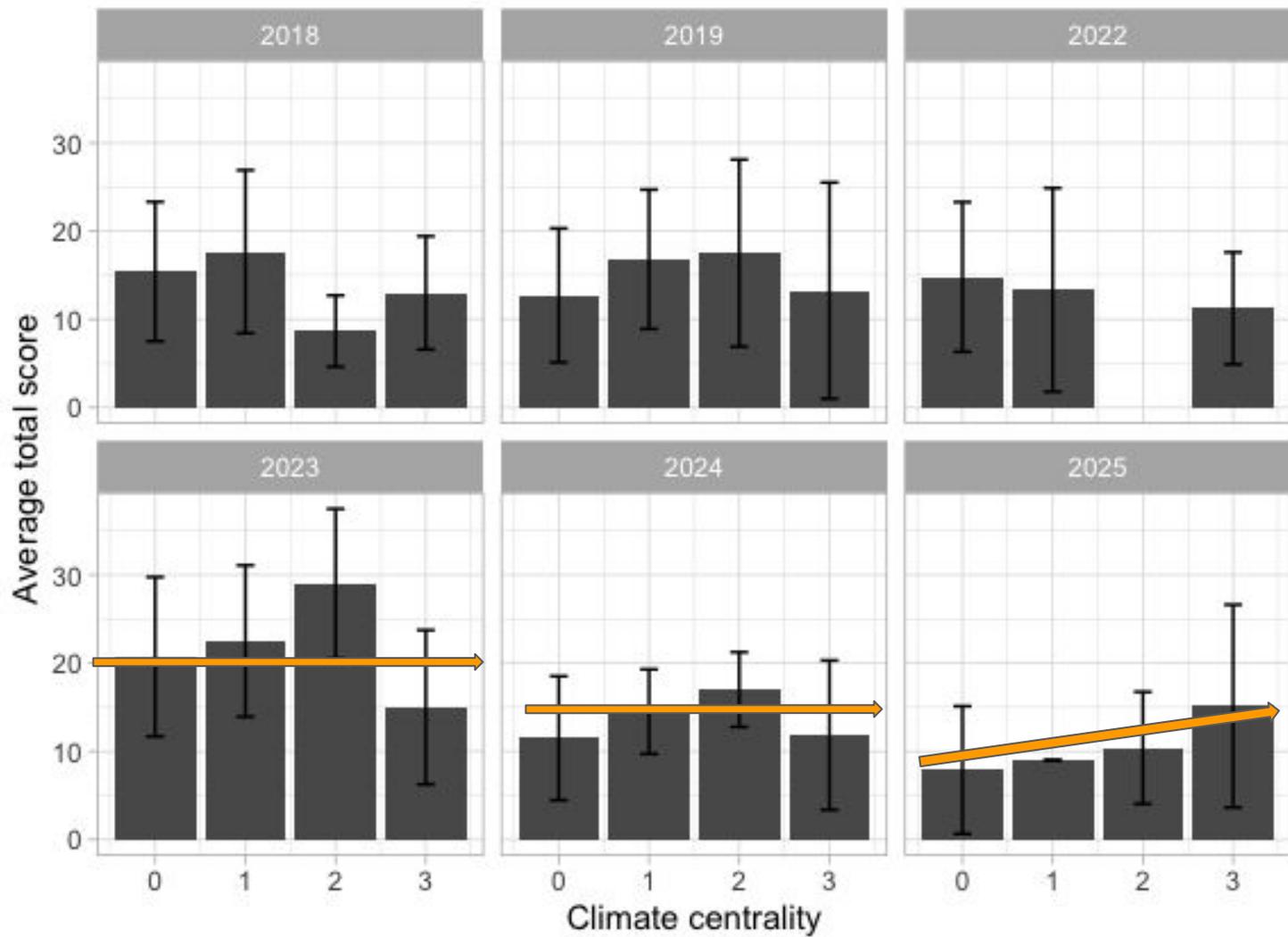
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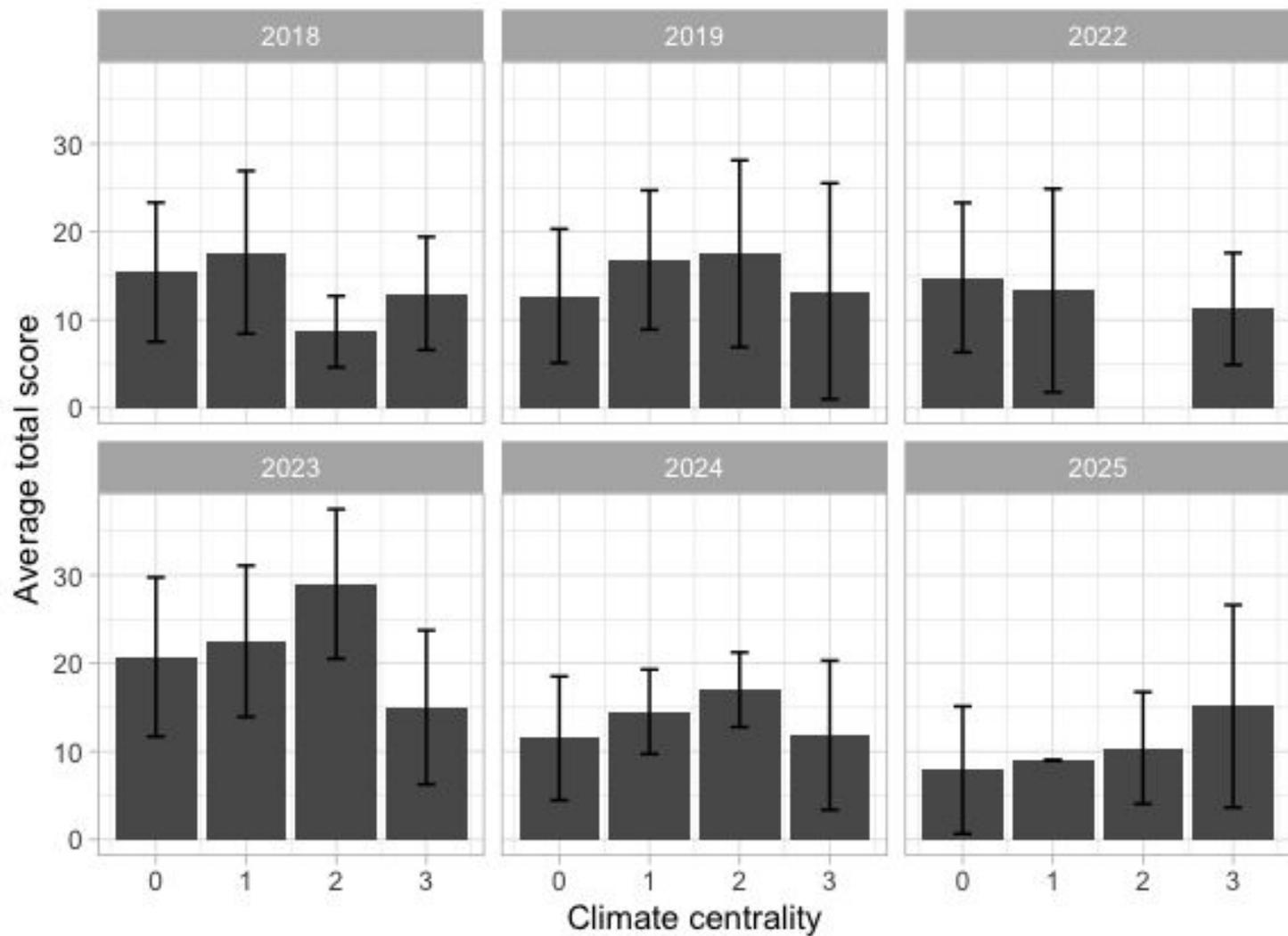
Pollinators and Habitat*

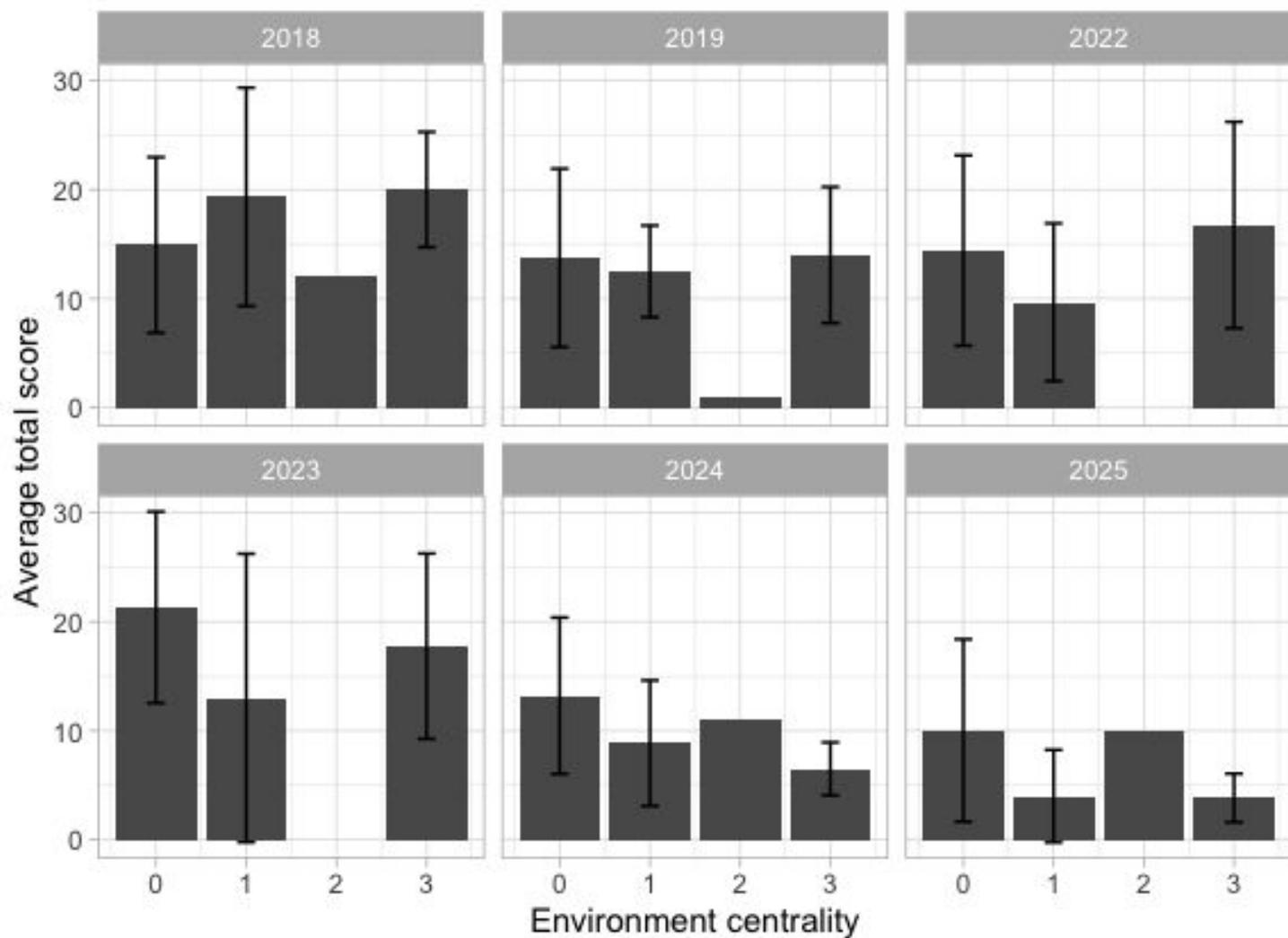
Bird Safe Building Requirements; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Section 23.304.150

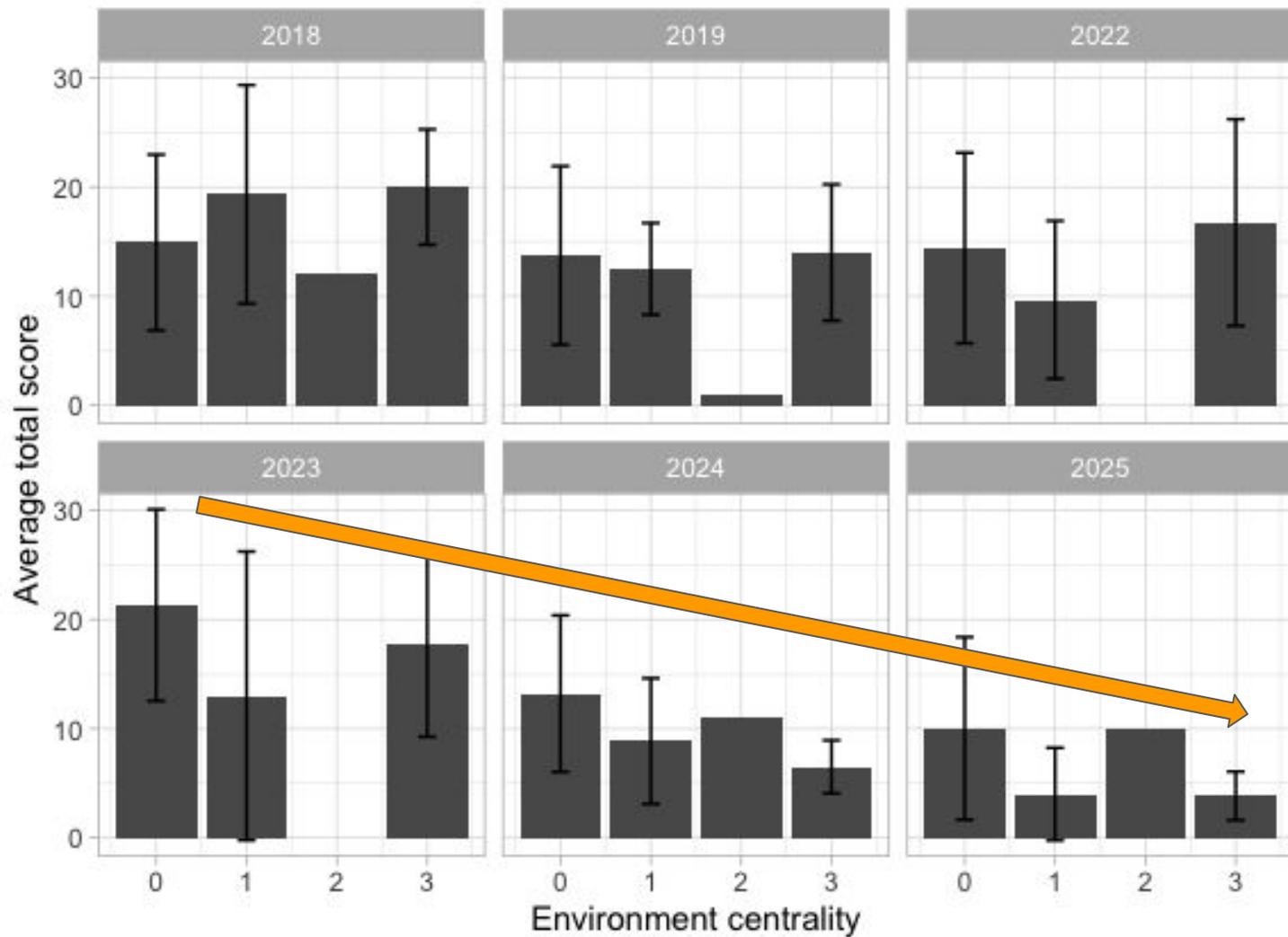
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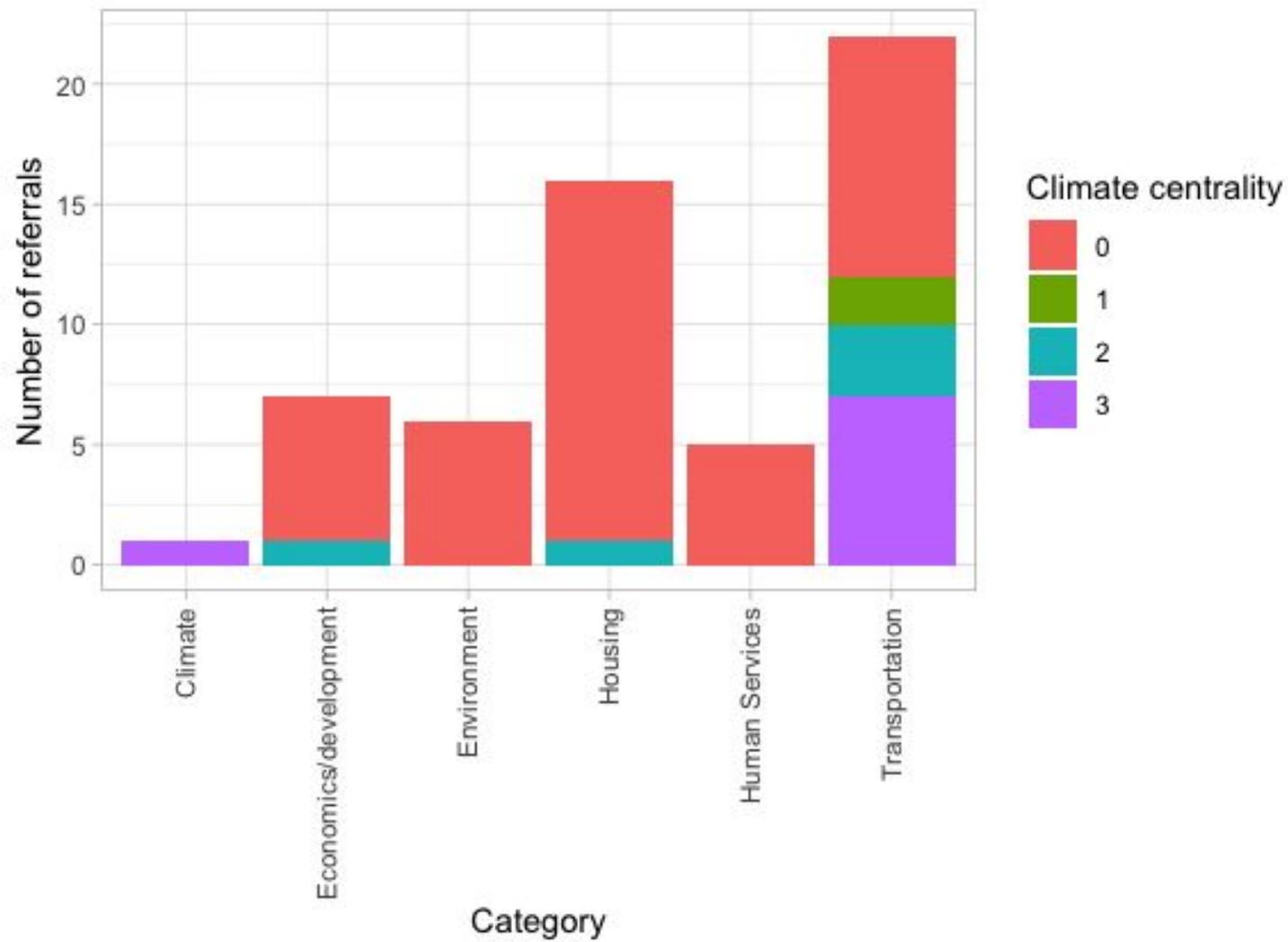
Referral to Strengthen Public Health and Environmental Impact Mitigation for Industrial Facilities in the Manufacturing Zone

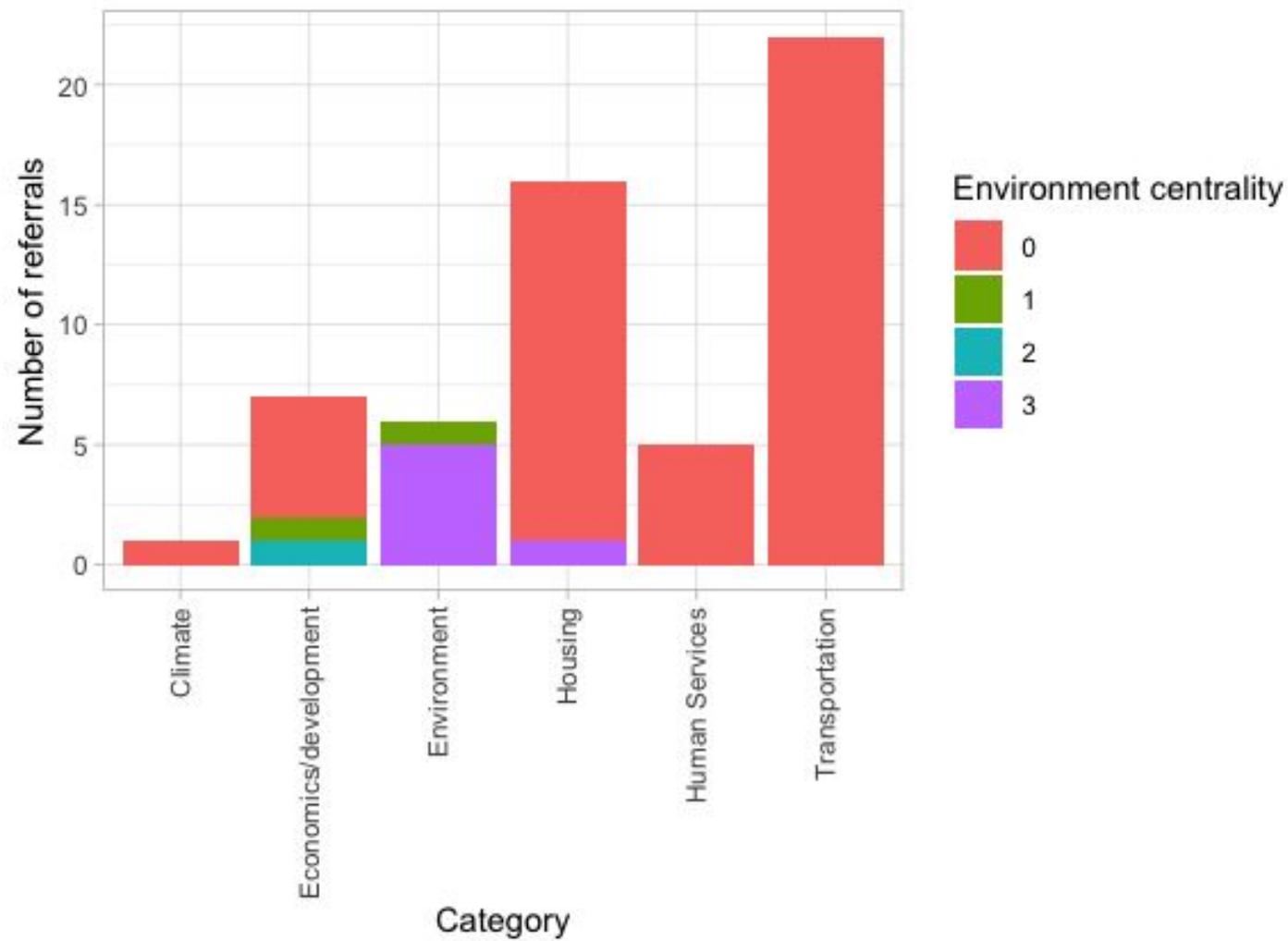




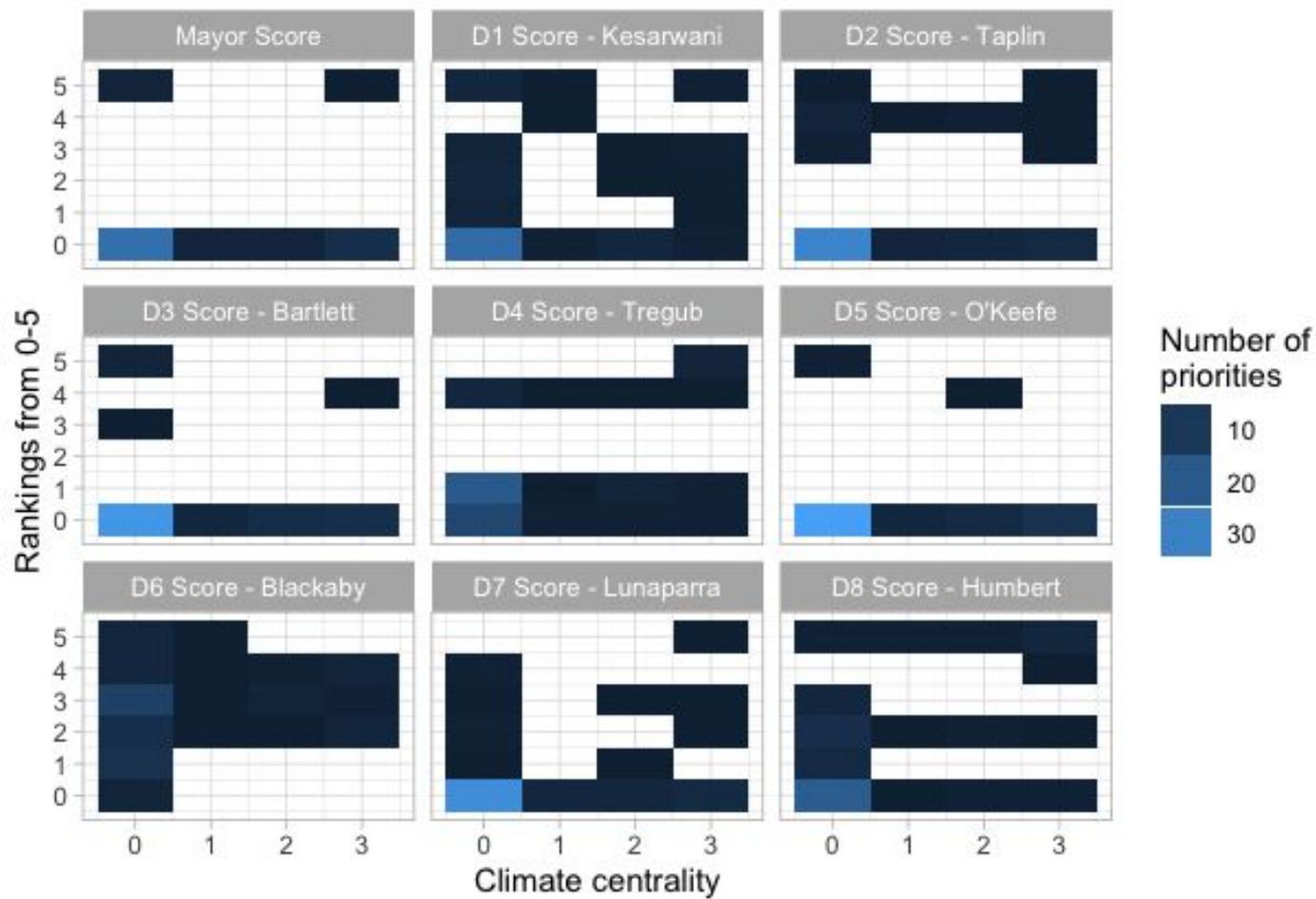


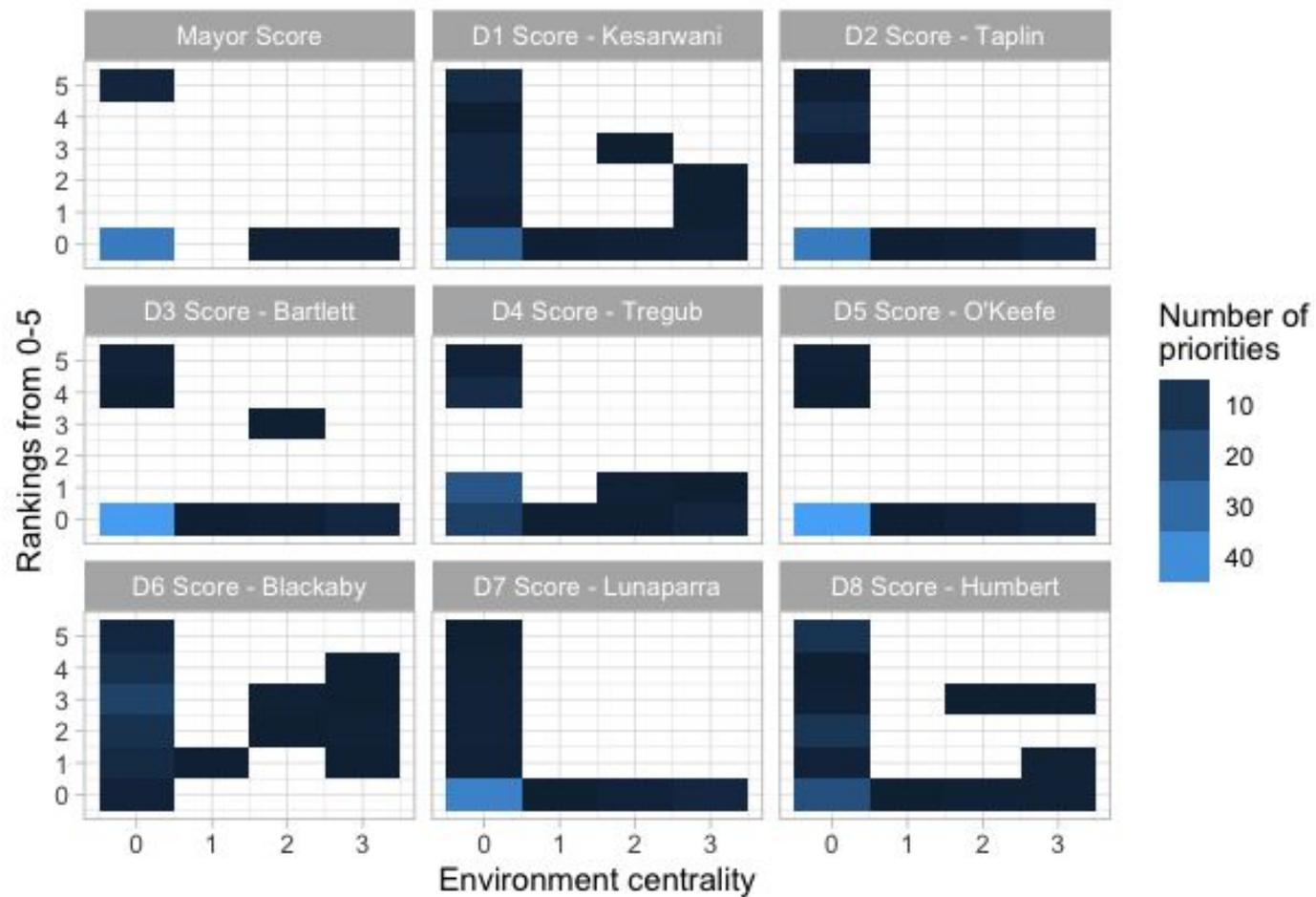


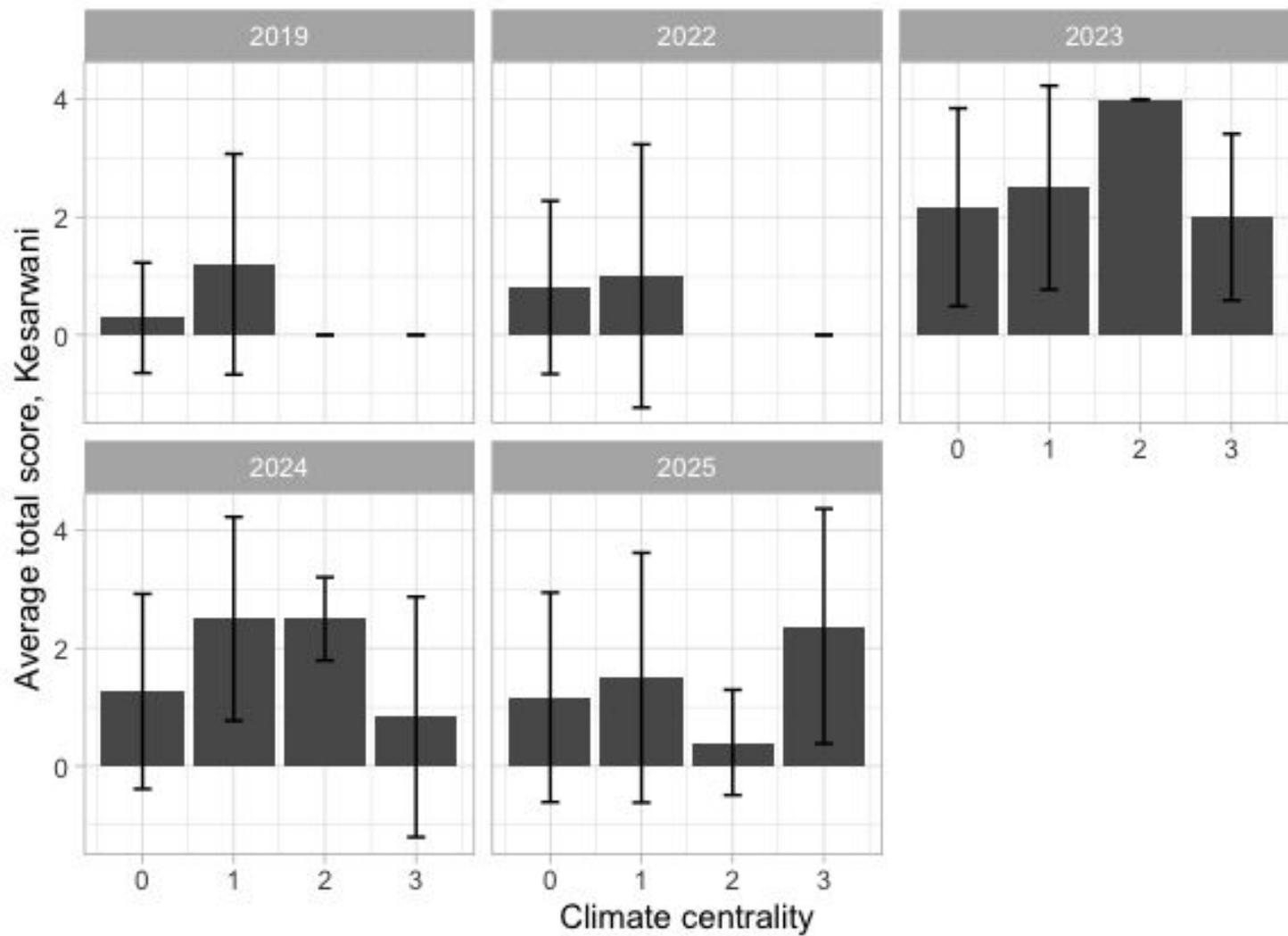


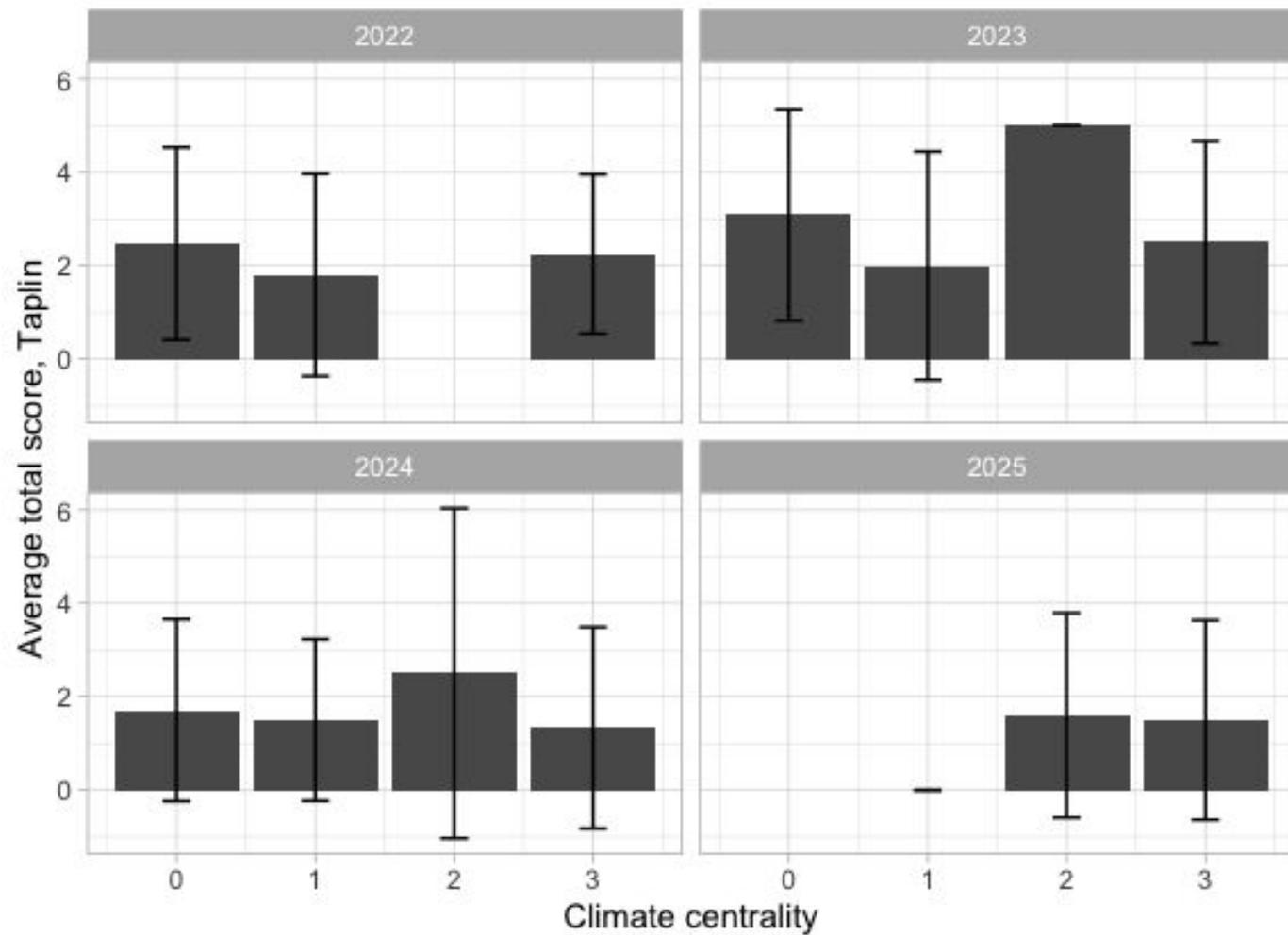


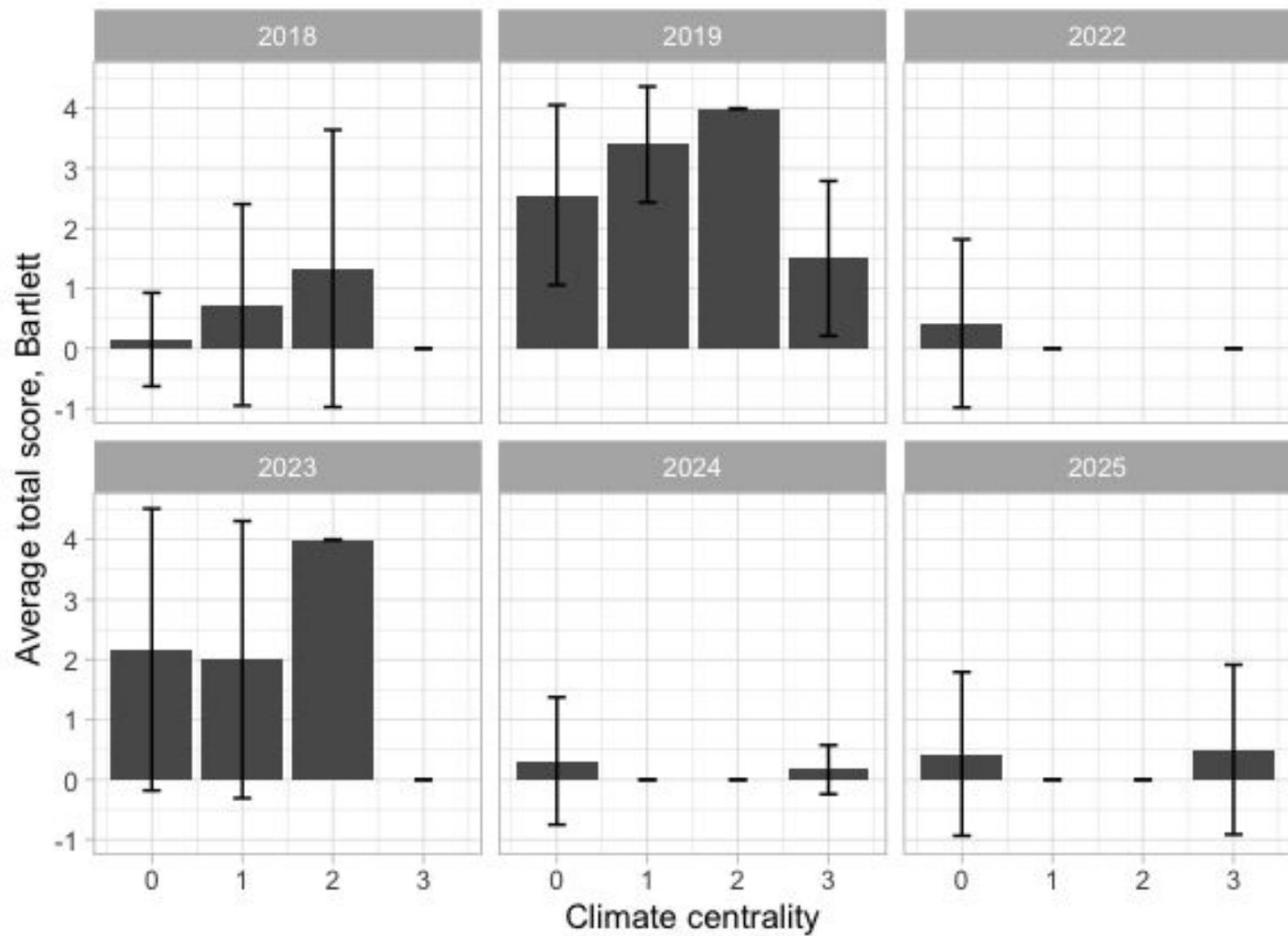
Councilmember-specific findings





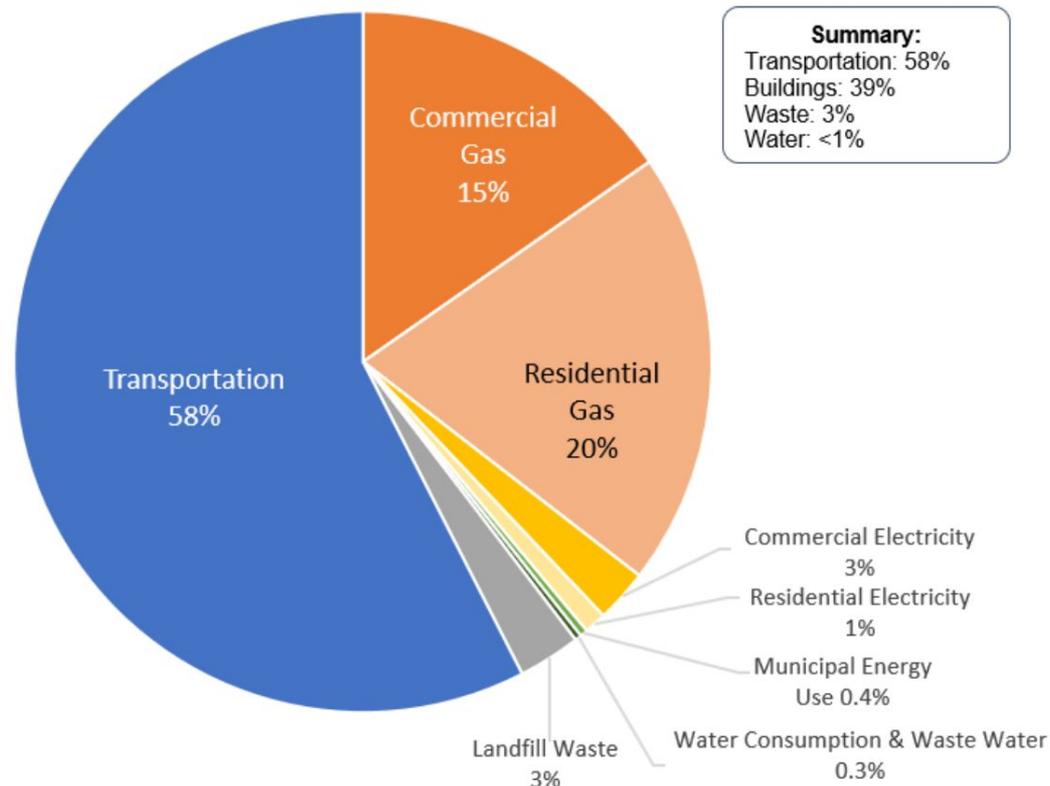






How does this line up with the CAP update?

Figure 1: 2023 Berkeley GHG Emissions Inventory, by Sector and Fuel



- 78% of 2025 referrals are on transportation
- 0% of ranked referrals are on efficiency in buildings, though 2 are on workforce development (and one dubiously helpful)

Rough conclusions

- Climate-positive transportation referrals are (more) widely liked
- Despite housing having 76 total referrals in 6 years, only 25 had any climate impact; most were due to density bonuses, not fuel type or building code.
- Environmental topics receive attention if hazard mitigation; other topics receive less attention

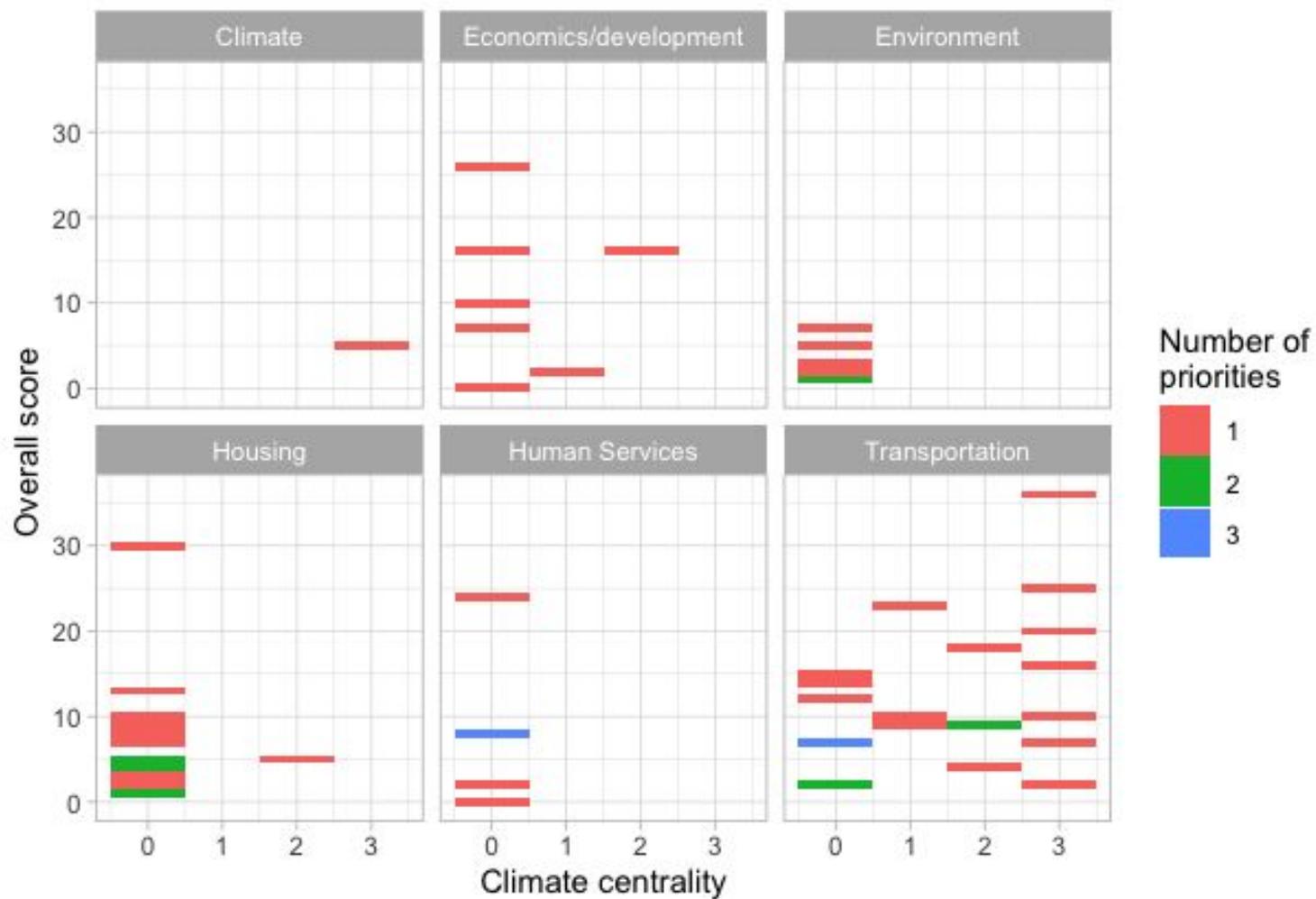
Next steps for analysis

- Sponsor vs. councilmember score
- Policy committee vs. councilmember score
- District-specific impact vs. councilmember score
- Overlap in referrals and referral streamlining (PICKUPS vs. Curb Management vs. existing activities)

Extra slides and data below

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Type	Category	Number of referrals	Number of removals
Climate-related	Incidental	4	2
	Impactful	6	3
	Central	8	1
Environment-related	Incidental	1	1
	Impactful	3	2
	Central	5	3



Things recommended in the report that have no referrals (officially)

The City should continue to evaluate and consider new opportunities for electrification in new buildings. In addition, the City has adopted local amendments to CALGreen that require low carbon concrete as well as EV charging and Construction & Demolition debris diversion requirements which exceed the State's requirements.

Staff is working with member organizations such as the Local Government Sustainability Energy Coalition and Green Cities California to understand the causes and potential opportunities for issues such as electricity affordability and interconnection timelines.

Transportation in the CAP update

- 3 year timeline from Electric Mobility Roadmap to Electric Mobility Coordinator
- Electric bikes were a success but only one ongoing referral on that with only one supporter (Blackaby)
- No info on longevity/continuation of certain programs (micromobility stuff, for ex.)
- 13% of the city's fleet is electric
- 27% provide reusables for onsite dining - I find this statement confusing

Resilience in the CAP update

- Climate Equity Pilot is different from the Fund!
- California Climate Action Corps is mentioned but this has presumably been defunded? Also the IRA-funded tree planting program?
- Follow-on surveys from the Green Home tour? Connection to resources?
- What is the green business certification? Who has it?

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

This report provides the City Council an overview of climate implementation efforts across multiple City departments and highlights projects that are in collaboration with the community, and an update on GHG emission trends. The Climate Equity Fund and

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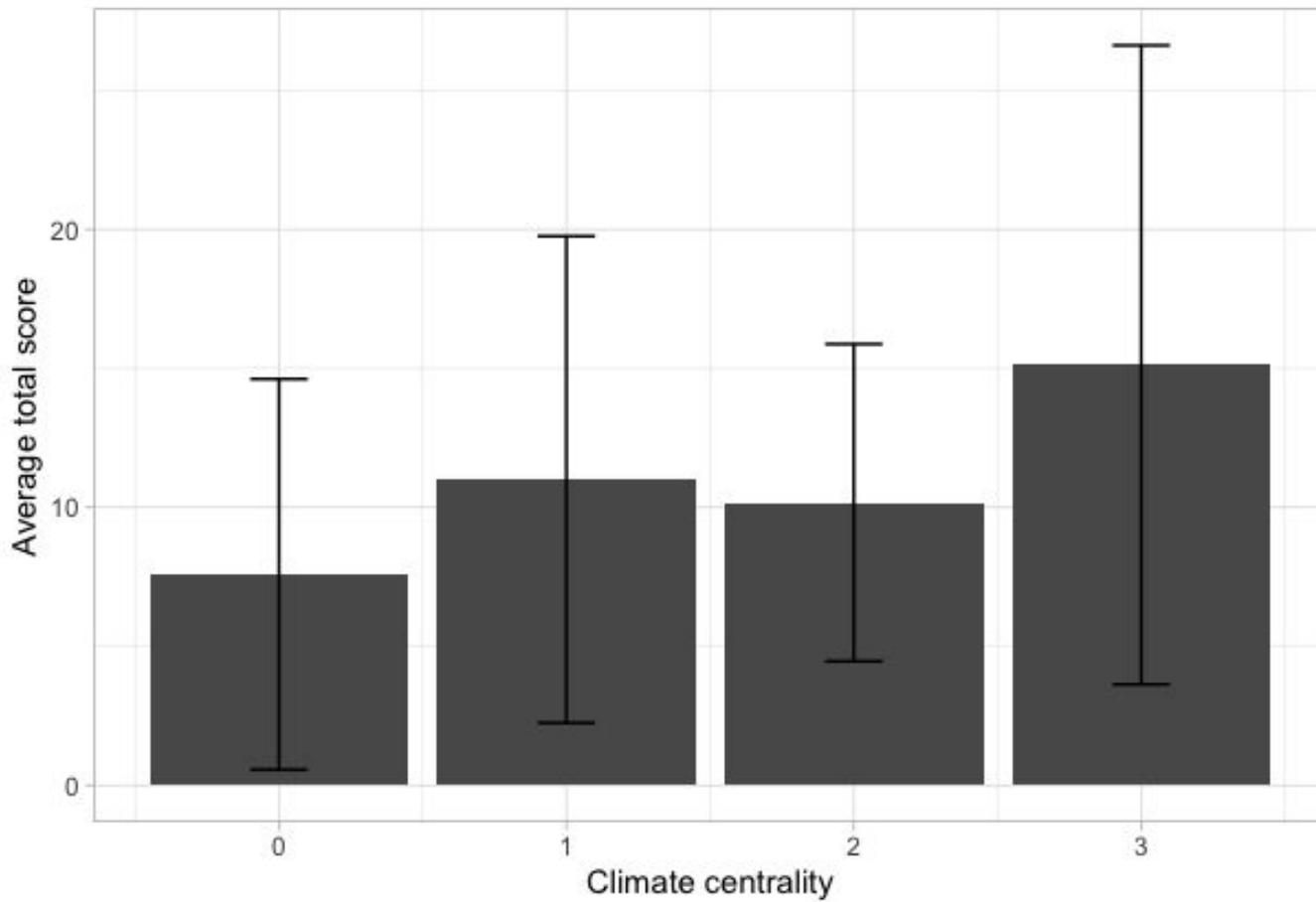
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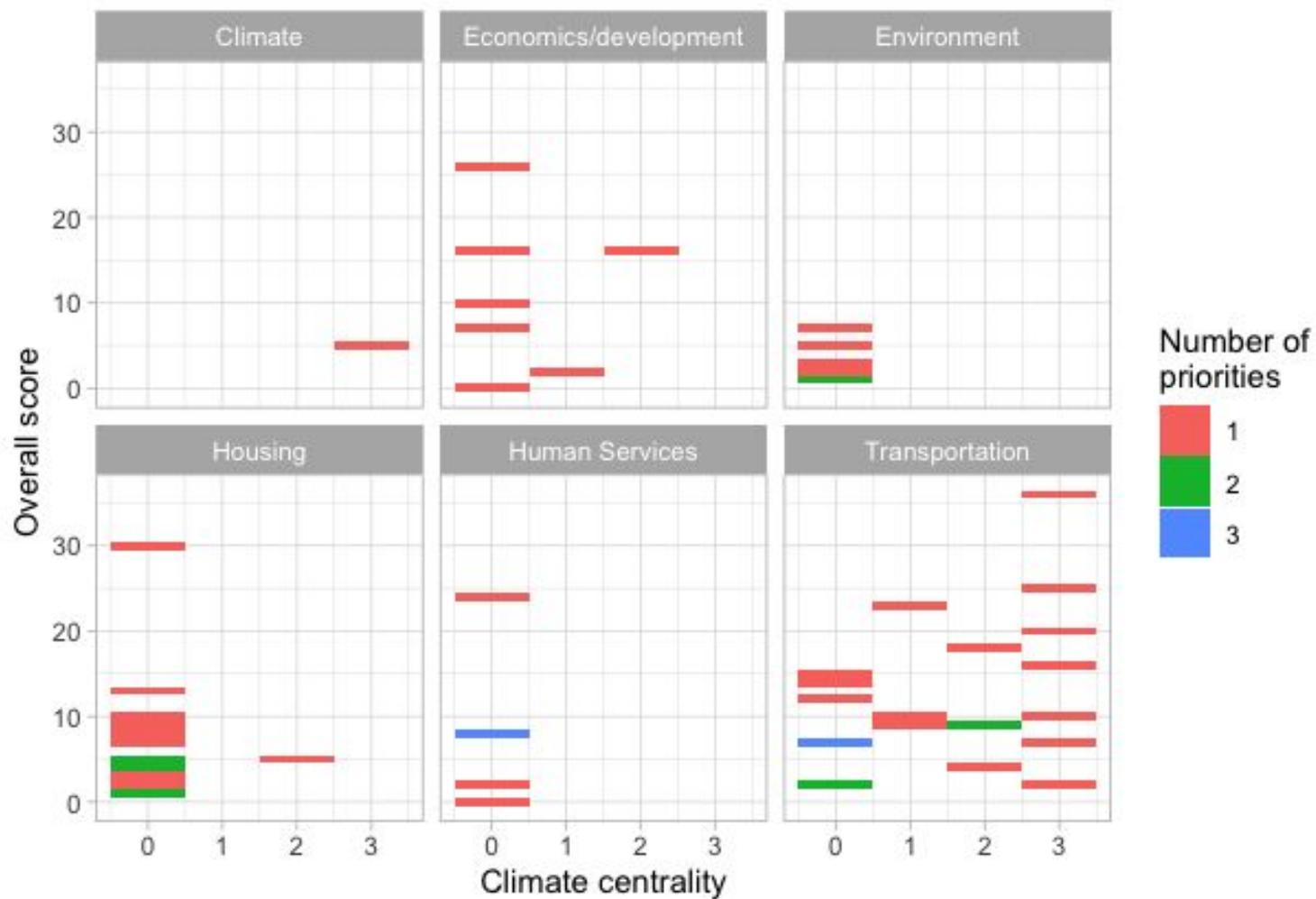
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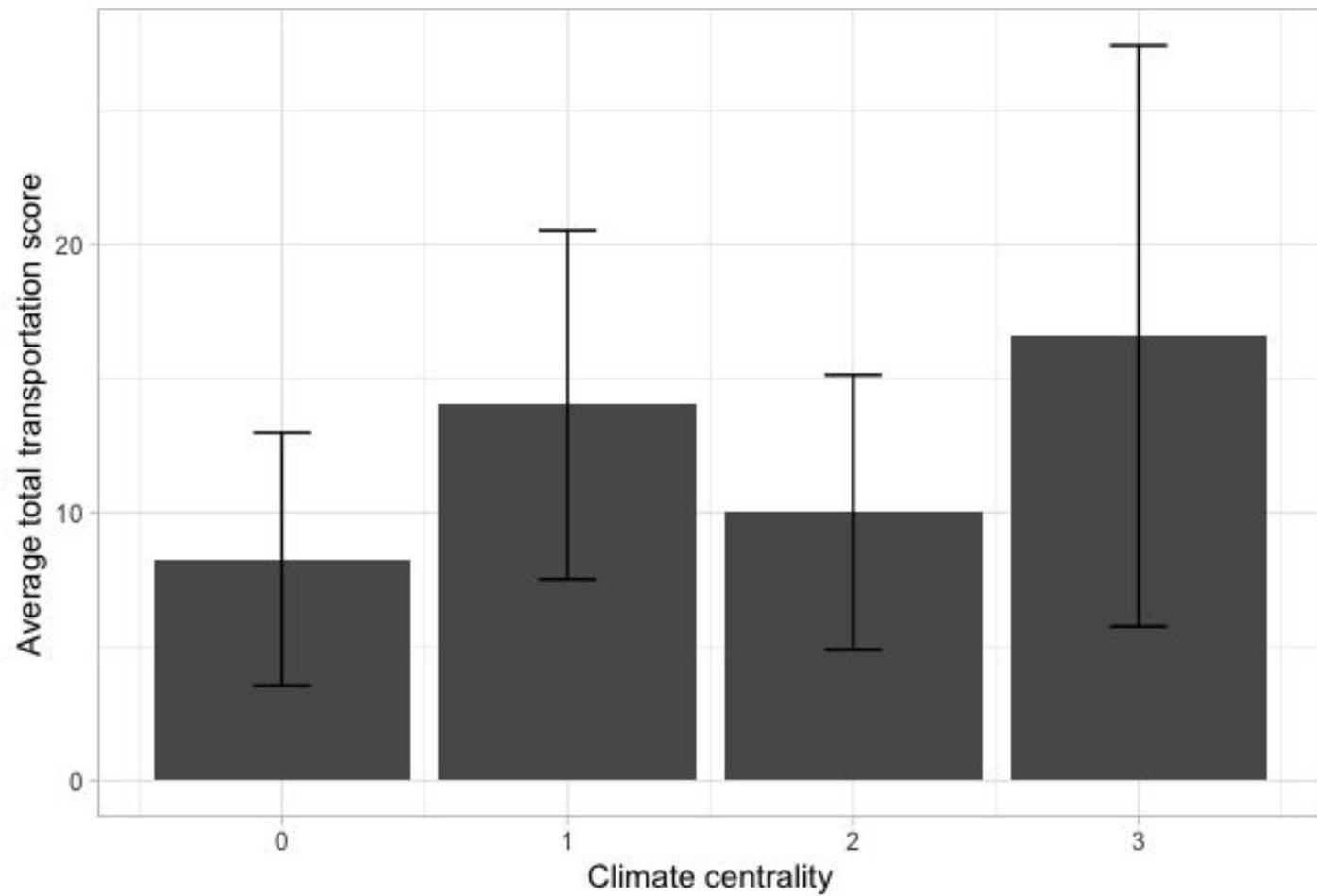
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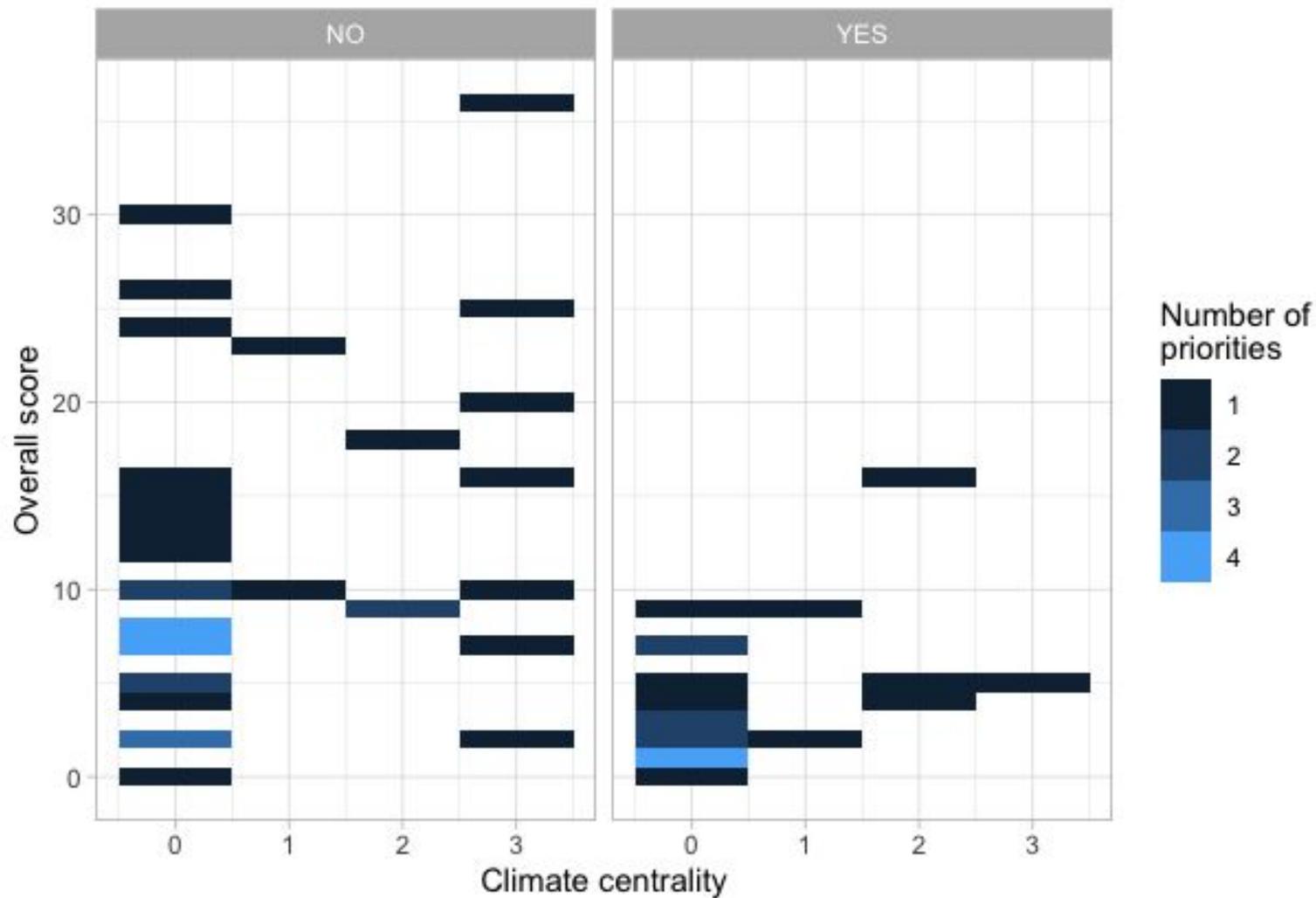
Just Transition Program are examples of pilot programs that could be expanded, with additional funding, to increase equitable GHG emissions reductions. In the face of federal uncertainties, some funded programs, such as BESO's Building Performance Standards Large Building Program, may need new sources of support.

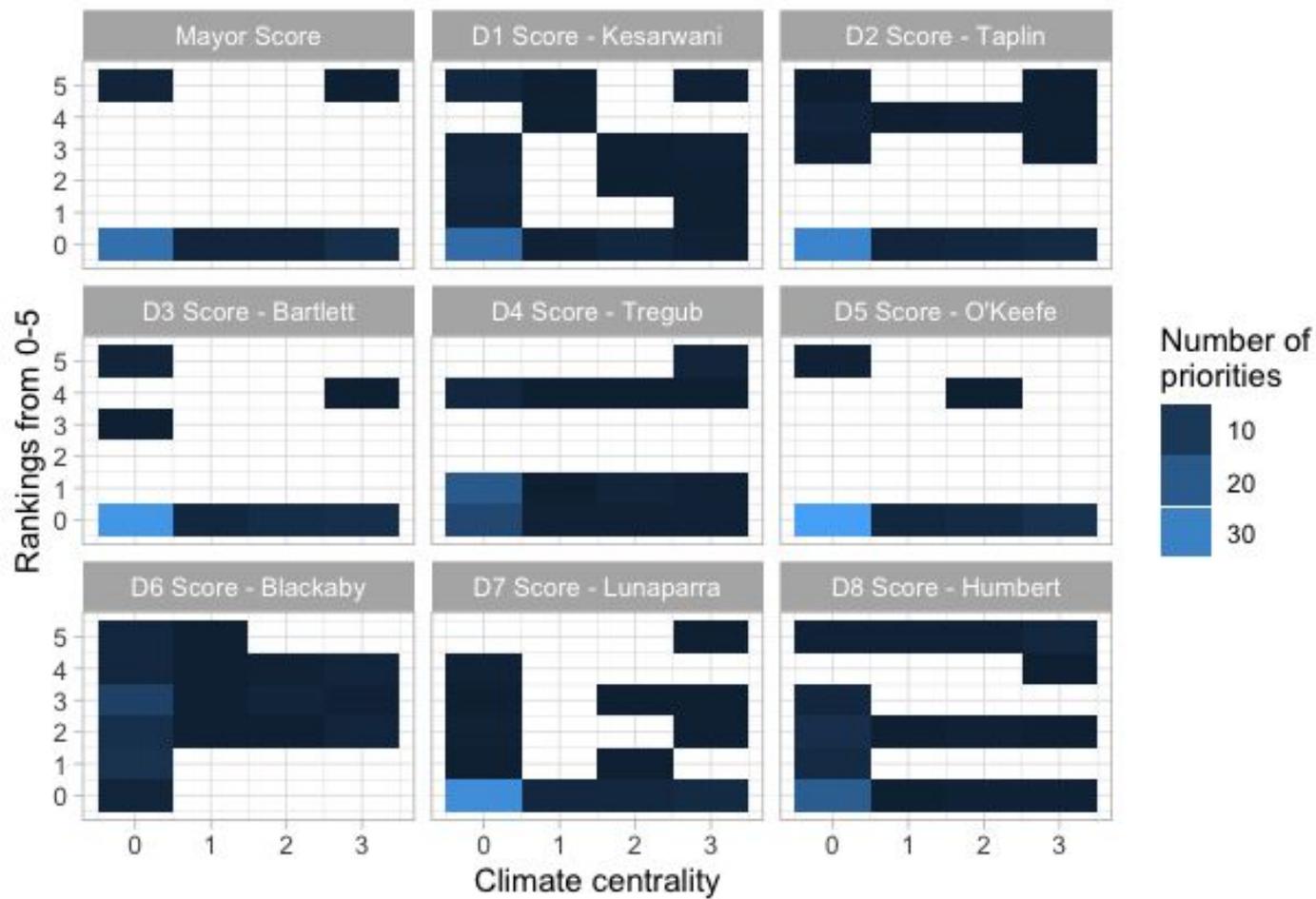
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Total	All referrals	57	20
	All climate-related	18	6
	All environment-related	9	6



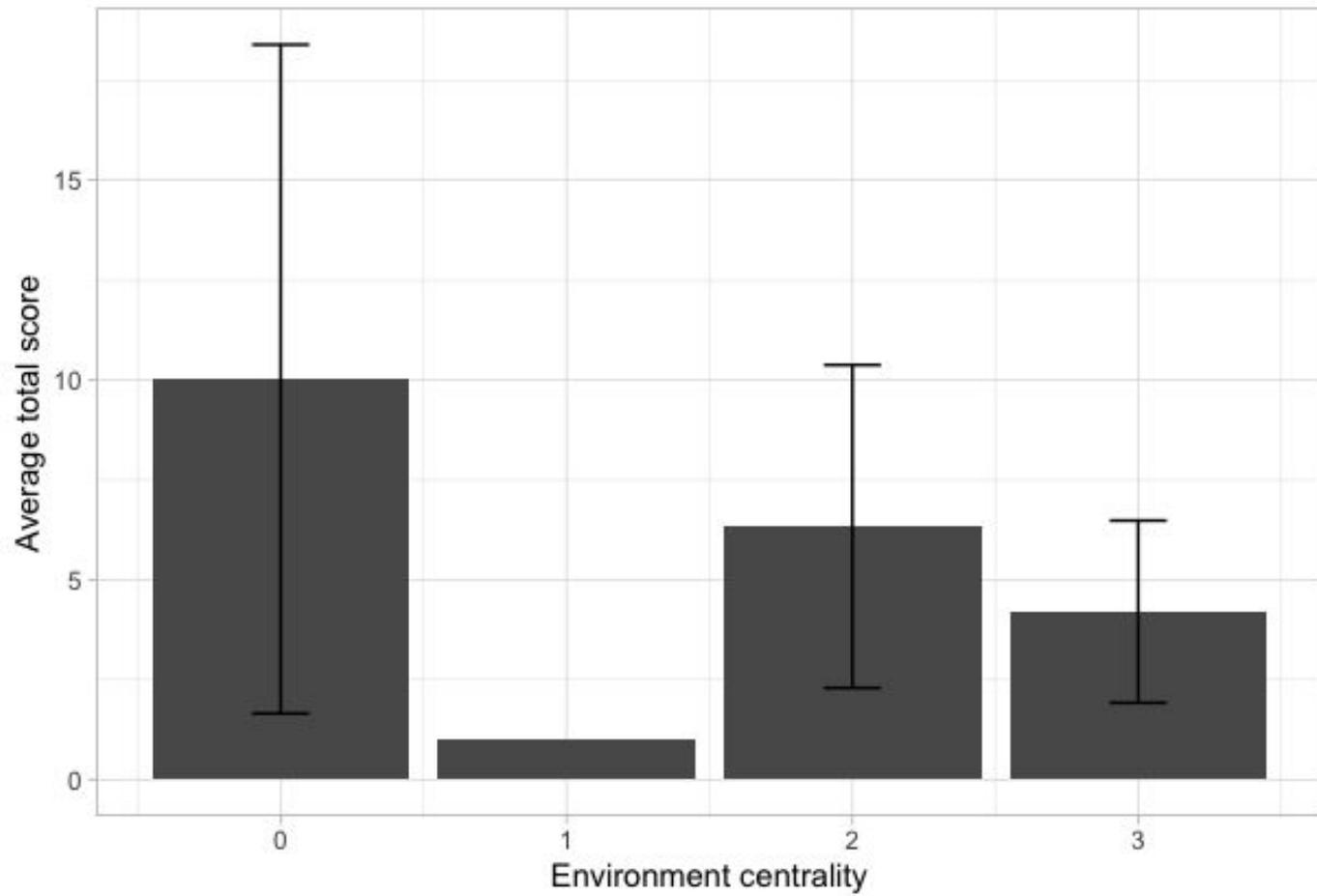


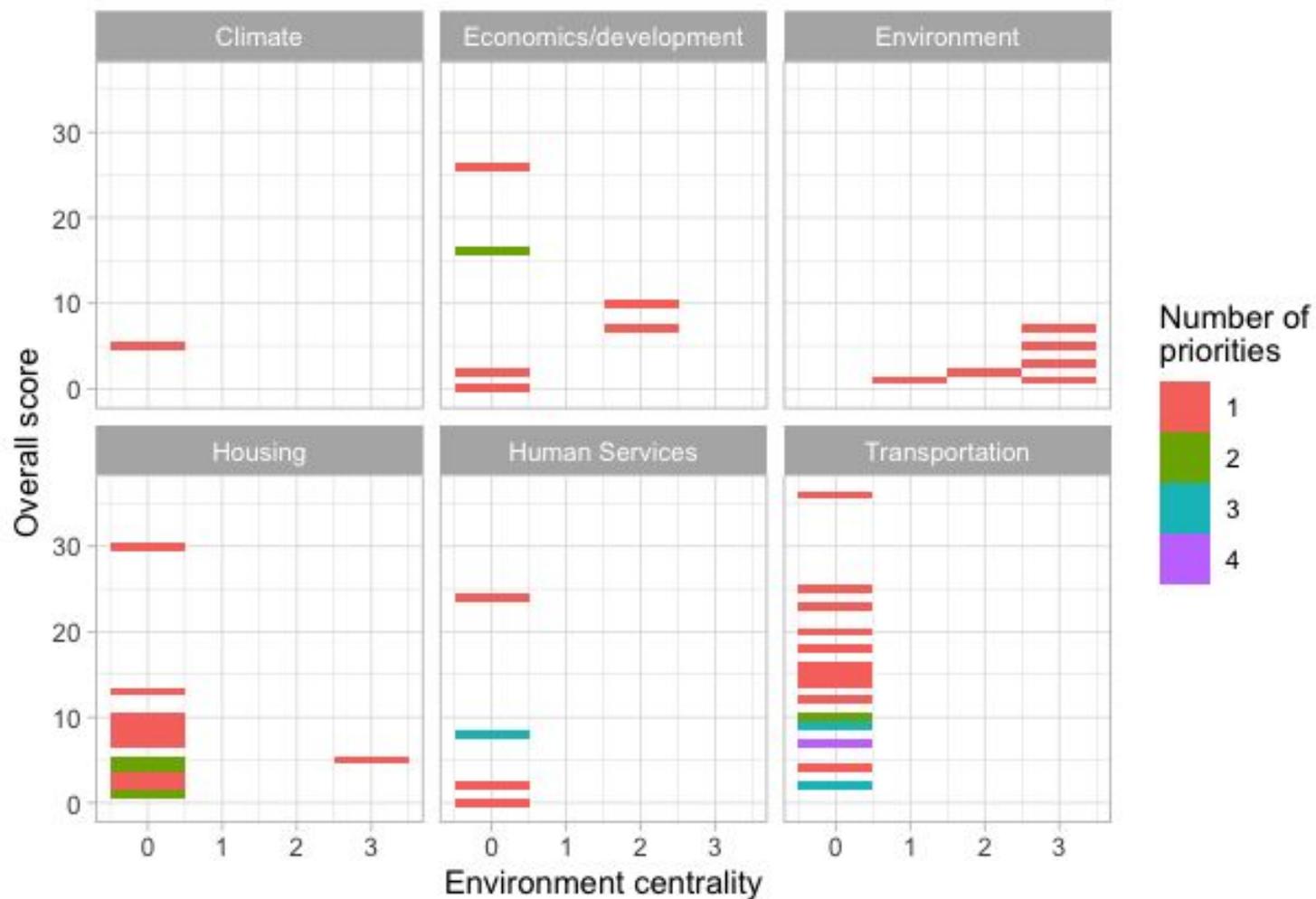


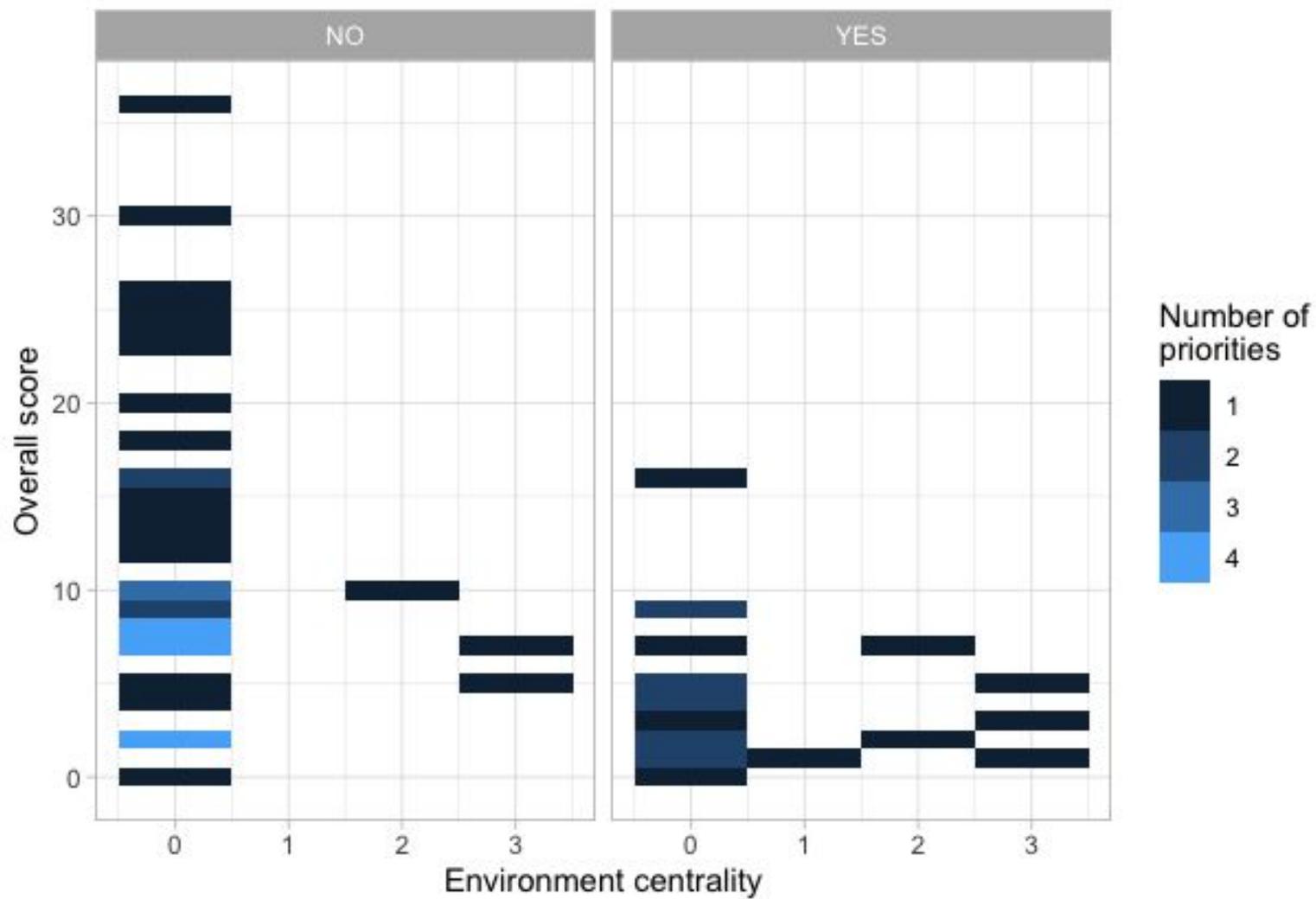




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Buildings in the CAP update

- Long-term more emphasized over short term
 - Elides 2030 goals
 - Highlighted GHG emissions reported relative to 2000 (41% reduction for Berkeley, 20% reduction for CA overall unmentioned)
- 4 year turnaround for \$250k Climate Equity Fund, 3 year turnaround for \$1.5 million Just Transition Pilot Program - no info on impacts or timelines for the Home Electrification Equity Project
- 87 TOTAL homes have participated in BESO since 2020 (53,809 total homes) - 16% cumulative compliance (though last year was 96%)
- No info on gas usage by large buildings increasing v. decreasing as a result of BESO
- Solar + Battery installation and timelines, BPS, other IRA-funded programs listed as impacted by administration

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