

SANTA MONICA PULSE

SURVEY RESPONSES FOR MAY 2021

Text message poll sent to ~1,000 Santa Monicans between May 19-24, with a response rate of 17 percent.

QUESTION 1:

A newly released report documents and criticizes the Santa Monica Police Department's response to last year's May 31 riots. Do you think the city has taken steps to ensure the SMPD is ready to better respond to a similar threat in the future?

	Total Pct
1. Yes	10.65%
2. No	47.93%
3. Unsure	41.42%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 3:

Of the following, what is your top priority for the next City Manager?

	Total Pct
1. Reducing homelessness	48.52%
2. Increasing public safety	23.67%
3. Revitalizing the local economy	9.47%
4. Something else	18.34%
TOTAL	100.00%

For those who wrote in an answer, popular responses were to reduce or slow development, specific concerns about homelessness and public safety, or all of the above.

QUESTION 5:

Overall, do you think Santa Monica is on the right track?

	Total Pct
1. Yes	8.28%
2. No	70.41%
3. Unsure	21.30%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 2:

In Los Angeles, a judge recently ordered the city and county to find shelter for every homeless person in the downtown area by mid-October—after which the city would be permitted to clear homeless encampments. He also mandated the city auditor examine all public money spent in recent years to combat homelessness. Do you believe a similar approach to homelessness would be beneficial in Santa Monica?

	Total Pct
1. Yes	70.41%
2. No	20.71%
3. Unsure	8.88%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 4:

Of the following, which is your top priority for the Santa Monica city budget?

	Total Pct
1. Funding after school programs	8.28%
2. Increased street cleaning and other sanitation services	14.79%
3. Increased police patrols, especially around the beach and pier	59.17%
4. Something else	17.75%
TOTAL	100.00%

For those who wrote in an answer, popular responses revolved around reducing homelessness and increasing public safety.