



# SANTA MONICA PULSE

## SURVEY RESPONSES FOR AUGUST 2022

Text message poll sent to ~1,000 Santa Monicans between August 19-26, with a response rate of 16 percent.

### QUESTION 1:

Los Angeles City Council recently rejected a union-backed proposal that would force area hotels to house homeless individuals in unoccupied hotel rooms. The Council echoed concerns that employees and guests would be at risk if hotels are forced to house individuals who may have serious drug or mental illness problems. The policy will now go to a voter referendum in the 2024 election. Would you support or oppose a similar ordinance in Santa Monica?

	Total Pct
1. Support an ordinance forcing hotels to house the homeless	6.63%
2. Oppose an ordinance forcing hotels to house the homeless	86.75%
3. Not sure	6.63%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### QUESTION 2:

Two rival real estate transfer taxes will appear on the November ballot -- one from Mayor Himmelrich and one from Councilmember Brock. The Mayor's measure would tax \$53 per \$1,000 on properties valued at \$8 million. Brock's would charge a more modest transfer tax on certain commercial properties, with the revenue going to support various local priorities. If the election were held tomorrow, which measure would you vote for?

	Total Pct
1. Mayor Himmelrich's transfer tax measure	15.06%
2. Councilmember Brock's transfer tax measure	34.94%
3. Neither/unsure	50.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### QUESTION 3:

Three City Council seats are up for election in November. 13 candidates have filed nominating papers with the city. If the election were held tomorrow, which three candidates would you be most likely to vote for. Please choose a maximum of three candidates.

	Total Pct
1. Whitney Bain	3.01%
2. Albin Gelicz	1.81%
3. Troy Harris	0.60%
4. Armen Melkonians	23.49%
5. Samantha Mota	1.81%
6. Lana Negrete	18.07%
7. Ellis Raskin	3.01%
8. Caroline M Torosis	4.82%

	Total Pct
9. Natalya Zernitskaya	1.81%
10. Austin Humble	0.00%
11. Arthur Jeon	9.04%
12. Jonathan Mann	1.20%
13. Jesse Zwick	1.20%
14. None of these/not sure	66.27%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>