

SANTA MONICA PULSE

SURVEY RESPONSES FOR MARCH 2023

Text message poll sent to ~1,000 Santa Monicans between Mar. 27 - Apr. 1, with a response rate of 16 percent.

QUESTION 1:

The Santa Monica City Council has directed staff to create a new department and allocate new tax dollars to the issue of solving homelessness. The department is meant to be the “organization point” for the city’s homeless services and programs. Do you believe this new department will help the city reduce homelessness?

	Total Pct
1. I believe this department will help reduce homelessness	12.03%
2. I do not believe this department will reduce homelessness	63.92%
3. I am not sure	24.05%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 2:

Despite the city’s efforts, the County has not relocated a program that hands out clean needles to drug users in public outdoor areas. The County recently suggested moving the program to operate out of vans that would cost the city \$150,000 to \$180,000 each. Do you support or oppose this solution?

	Total Pct
1. I support operating the program out of city-funded vans	15.19%
2. I do not support operating the program out of city-funded vans	75.95%
3. I am not sure	8.86%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 3:

The City Council recently voted to move forward with turning the Santa Monica Airport into a park. Of the below options, what do you think should be done with the airport?

	Total Pct
1. The airport should be replaced with a park	38.61%
2. The airport should be replaced with a mixed-use development, including both housing and retail space	3.80%
3. The airport should not be replaced	34.81%
4. I am not sure	1.90%
5. Other	20.89%
TOTAL	100.00%

**Write in responses included many calls for pickleball courts as well as suggestions that the area be used to create housing or otherwise address homelessness.*