



# SANTA MONICA PULSE

## SURVEY RESPONSES FOR JULY 2023

Text message poll sent to ~1,000 Santa Monicans between July 19 - July 24 with a response rate of 15 percent.

### QUESTION 1:

Santa Monica City Council has proposed hiring political consultants to develop new tax hike ballot measures for the next election. In the last November 2022 election, voters already approved three new tax hikes on real estate transactions, hotels and lodging, and cannabis businesses. Do you support or oppose additional tax measures for the city of Santa Monica?

	Total Pct
1. I support additional taxes	8.39%
2. I oppose additional taxes	82.58%
3. Unsure	9.03%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### QUESTION 2:

A new pilot program in Santa Monica would use AI cameras to automatically detect and distribute parking tickets to vehicles improperly stopped or parked in dedicated bus lanes. During the initial 45-day pilot program in Santa Monica, the AI camera system identified more than 500 violations with fines nearing \$300 each. Do you support the use of AI cameras to distribute parking tickets?

	Total Pct
1. Yes I support the use of AI cameras for parking tickets	16.13%
2. No I do not support the use of AI cameras for parking tickets	80.65%
3. Unsure	3.23%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### QUESTION 3:

The Santa Monica Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission will discuss potential elimination of “pretextual stops” by law enforcement, which currently allow police to stop someone for minor traffic violations to investigate for potentially more serious crimes. Supporters say these stops have allowed Santa Monica law enforcement officers to proactively prevent violent crime in the city. Do you support or oppose police officers’ use of pretextual stops?

	Total Pct
1. I support pretextual stops	58.71%
2. I oppose pretextual stops	32.26%
3. Unsure	9.03%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>