



SANTA MONICA PULSE

SURVEY RESPONSES FOR AUGUST 2023

Text message poll sent to ~1,000 Santa Monicans between August 30 - September 5 with a response rate of 14 percent.

QUESTION 1:

An LA-County/Santa Monica program allows individuals to avoid jail time if they self-report as homeless, or experiencing other mental health or substance abuse issues. Several crimes in the city have been perpetrated by individuals who have avoided jail time for previous offences. Do you think a stricter policy should be put in place to keep violent offenders off the streets?

	Total Pct
1. Yes, I believe a stricter policy should be put in place	89.63%
2. No, I do not believe a stricter policy should be put in place	8.15%
3. I am not sure	2.22%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 2:

For weeks, hospitality worker union Unite Here Local 11 has been holding strikes throughout the area, including noisy protests reported as early as 5:30 AM. Beverly Hills is even suing the union for the loud, early morning noise. Do you think the union should be allowed to protest so early in the day in areas with a high concentration of residents?

	Total Pct
1. Yes, the union should be allowed to protest that early	16.30%
2. No, the union should not be allowed to protest that early	80.00%
3. I am not sure	3.70%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 3:

The California Supreme Court recently reversed an Appeals Court ruling that found Santa Monica's at-large election system did not discriminate against Latino voters. Now, the city can continue to fight the lawsuit—spending even more money in the process—or it can settle the suit. Do you believe the city should continue to fight this lawsuit?

	Total Pct
1. Yes, I believe the city should continue to fight the suit	25.19%
2. No, I believe the city should settle the suit	54.81%
3. I am not sure	20.00%
TOTAL	100.00%