



SANTA MONICA PULSE

SURVEY RESPONSES FOR MAY 2024

Text message poll sent to ~1,000 Santa Monicans between May 31 - June 2 with a response rate of 13 percent.

QUESTION 1:

The City Council recently passed an ordinance that will prohibit any City Funds and Human Service Grants to distribute needles and glass pipes in Santa Monica’s parks, all public areas, and near schools. Do you agree with the Council’s decision?

	Total Pct
1. Yes	84.80%
2. No	12.80%
3. Not sure	2.40%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 3:

Nearly a third of student workers of the University of California are on strike over the school’s response to anti-Israel protests. Some protesters erected encampments on school property and took over a campus building before being pushed out by police. The union leading the strike is demanding “amnesty for those who experienced arrest or are facing University discipline.” Do you support amnesty for students who took over school property and participated in the protests?

	Total Pct
1. Yes	16.00%
2. No	77.60%
3. Not sure	6.40%
TOTAL	100.00%

QUESTION 2:

City Councilmembers are currently paid \$17,000 a year. Now, the Council is considering giving itself, and future Councilmembers, a raise. Proponents argued that a raise would encourage more diverse candidates to run for City Council. Critics are concerned a raise could “send the wrong message” as the Council faces budget constraints. Would you support a raise for City Councilmembers?

	Total Pct
1. Yes	30.40%
2. No	56.00%
3. Not sure	13.60%
TOTAL	100.00%