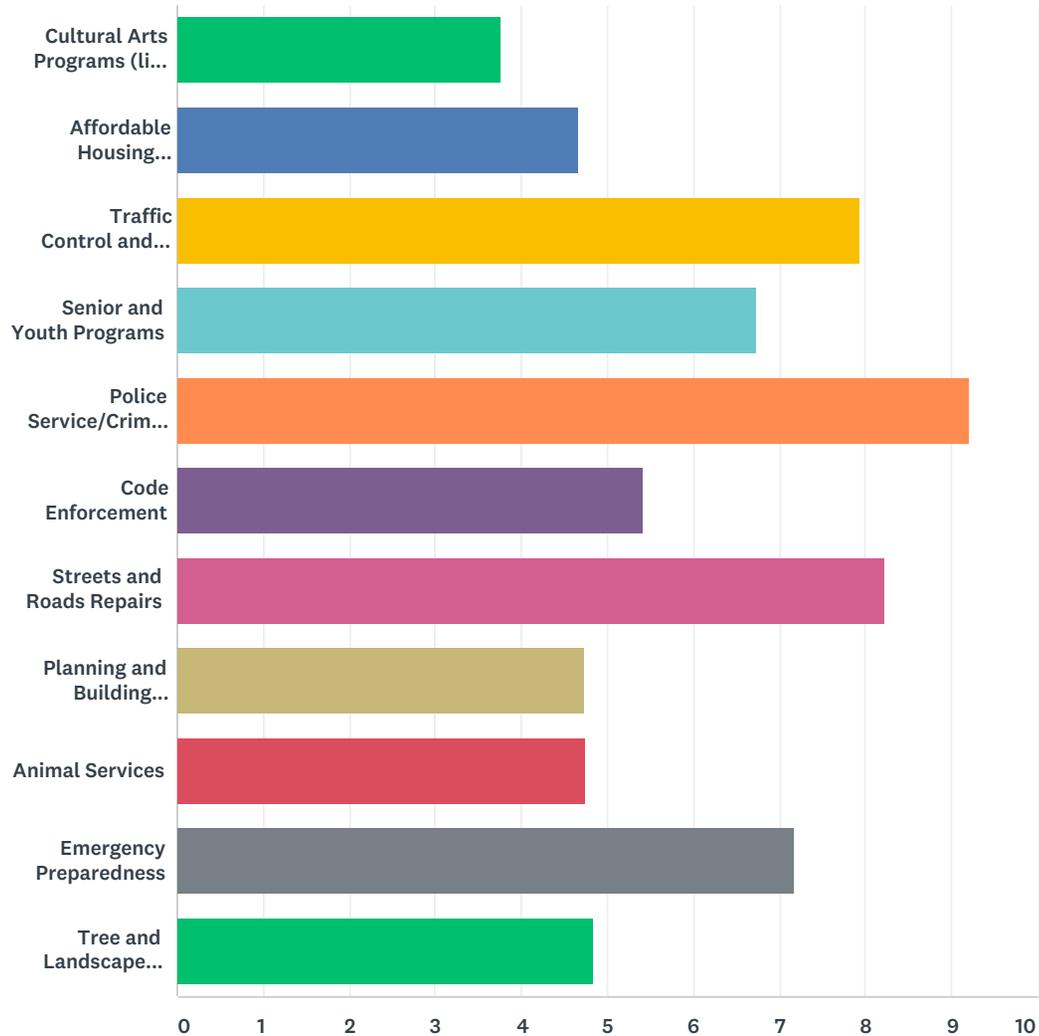


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Q1 Please rank the 11 City services below from Most Important (left) to Least Important (right) to you. You cannot rate two items the same. There should be one colored dot in each row and each column.

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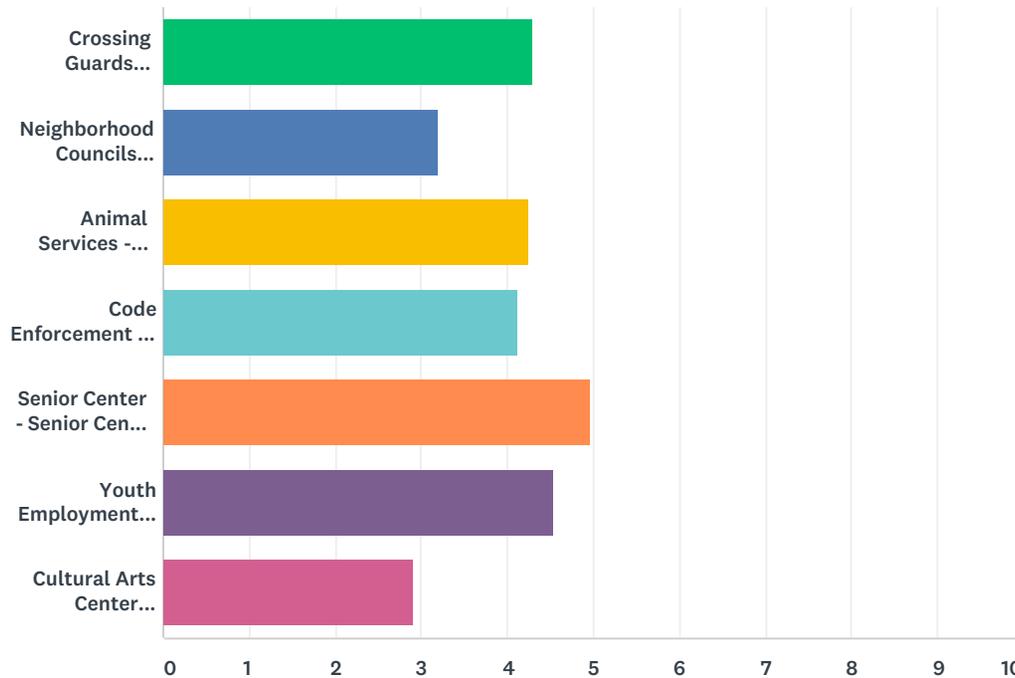
	MOST IMPORTANT (11)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	LEAST IMPORTANT/REDUCE SERVICE (1)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Cultural Arts Programs (like theater)	2.13% 14	3.20% 21	3.04% 20	4.72% 31	6.54% 43	7.15% 47	7.61% 50	7.91% 52	10.96% 72	17.50% 115	29.22% 192	657	3.77
Affordable Housing Programs	8.57% 57	6.17% 41	4.96% 33	5.86% 39	5.41% 36	5.86% 39	6.62% 44	7.67% 51	8.87% 59	17.29% 115	22.71% 151	665	4.66
Traffic Control and Safety	5.29% 34	23.33% 150	18.97% 122	13.06% 84	12.75% 82	8.71% 56	6.07% 39	4.35% 28	4.51% 29	2.33% 15	0.62% 4	643	7.93
Senior and Youth Programs	6.86% 45	12.04% 79	10.06% 66	12.96% 85	11.28% 74	11.43% 75	10.52% 69	9.15% 60	10.82% 71	4.12% 27	0.76% 5	656	6.73
Police Service/Crime Prevention	57.27% 390	14.24% 97	9.10% 62	5.14% 35	3.52% 24	2.79% 19	2.06% 14	1.62% 11	1.62% 11	1.62% 11	1.03% 7	681	9.20
Code Enforcement	1.38% 9	5.84% 38	7.22% 47	8.60% 56	10.45% 68	13.52% 88	14.13% 92	11.21% 73	10.14% 66	11.21% 73	6.30% 41	651	5.41
Streets and Roads Repairs	11.13% 75	18.99% 128	22.40% 151	15.58% 105	9.94% 67	9.20% 62	5.79% 39	3.71% 25	2.23% 15	0.59% 4	0.45% 3	674	8.23
Planning and Building Permits	1.20% 8	1.81% 12	3.77% 25	6.33% 42	11.30% 75	11.30% 75	15.21% 101	15.36% 102	13.86% 92	11.14% 74	8.73% 58	664	4.73
Animal Services	2.43% 16	2.73% 18	5.16% 34	8.50% 56	9.26% 61	8.95% 59	9.26% 61	15.78% 104	12.90% 85	14.11% 93	10.93% 72	659	4.75
Emergency Preparedness	8.82% 61	14.31% 99	13.15% 91	15.03% 104	11.13% 77	9.39% 65	7.95% 55	6.65% 46	7.51% 52	3.90% 27	2.17% 15	692	7.17
Tree and Landscape Maintenance	1.57% 11	2.28% 16	5.71% 40	7.42% 52	10.41% 73	11.55% 81	12.27% 86	13.84% 97	13.69% 96	11.41% 80	9.84% 69	701	4.84

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Q2 Community Services:Community Services comprises 7% (\$6.1 million) of the Fiscal Year 17-18 General Fund budget. This does not include special funds such as Transit and the Library. Below are some of the services provided by the department and the net cost to the City.

Please rate the services according to importance with the Most Important (left) to Least Important (right) to you. You cannot rate two items the same. There should be one colored dot in each row and each column.

Answered: 732 Skipped: 8



	MOST IMPORTANT (7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	LEAST IMPORTANT/REDUCE SERVICE (1)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Crossing Guards (\$100,000)	19.40% 129	14.29% 95	12.93% 86	15.04% 100	15.19% 101	12.48% 83	10.68% 71	665	4.28

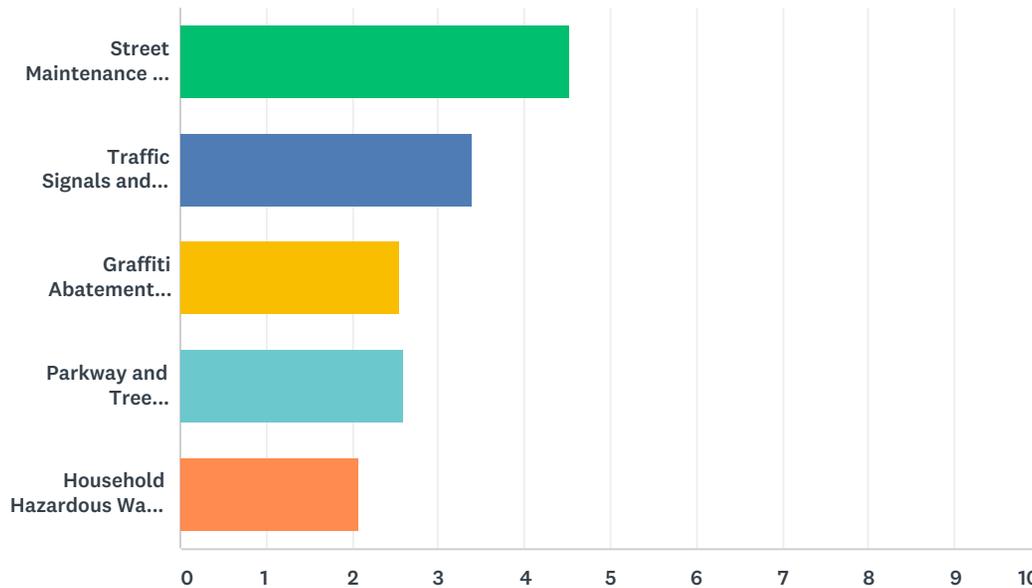
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Neighborhood Councils (\$196,300)	6.62% 44	7.22% 48	10.08% 67	14.89% 99	17.29% 115	24.96% 166	18.95% 126	665	3.20
Animal Services - Supports Camarillo and Simi Valley shelters & management of stray animals (\$475,400)	13.59% 92	15.95% 108	18.61% 126	14.92% 101	16.10% 109	11.23% 76	9.60% 65	677	4.24
Code Enforcement - Includes 5 code enforcement officers (\$999,200)	18.47% 128	12.55% 87	13.85% 96	15.15% 105	12.12% 84	13.56% 94	14.29% 99	693	4.12
Senior Center - Senior Center Programs & Services (\$599,800)	18.29% 128	27.00% 189	20.29% 142	12.57% 88	13.00% 91	6.71% 47	2.14% 15	700	4.96
Youth Employment Services - Includes year round employment services & events for approx. 3,000 youth (\$53,500)	18.58% 131	18.01% 127	17.02% 120	15.60% 110	13.19% 93	11.35% 80	6.24% 44	705	4.54
Cultural Arts Center (\$426,500)	6.08% 43	6.08% 43	9.19% 65	13.72% 97	12.87% 91	18.95% 134	33.10% 234	707	2.90

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Q3 Public Works:Public Works comprises 23% (\$16.1 million) of the Fiscal Year 17-18 General Fund budget. This does not include Water or Sanitation funds. Below are some of the services provided by the department and the net cost to the City. Please rate the services according to importance with the Most Important (left) to Least Important (right) to you. You cannot rate two items the same. There should be one colored dot in each row and each column.

Answered: 733 Skipped: 7



	MOST IMPORTANT (5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	LEAST IMPORTANT/REDUCE SERVICE (1)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Street Maintenance and Road Repairs (\$1,432,600)	67.80% 478	20.71% 146	7.66% 54	2.84% 20	0.99% 7	705	4.51
Traffic Signals and Markings (\$390,600)	12.50% 87	41.95% 292	23.85% 166	14.37% 100	7.33% 51	696	3.38
Graffiti Abatement (\$243,900)	6.44% 45	13.30% 93	30.19% 211	29.61% 207	20.46% 143	699	2.56

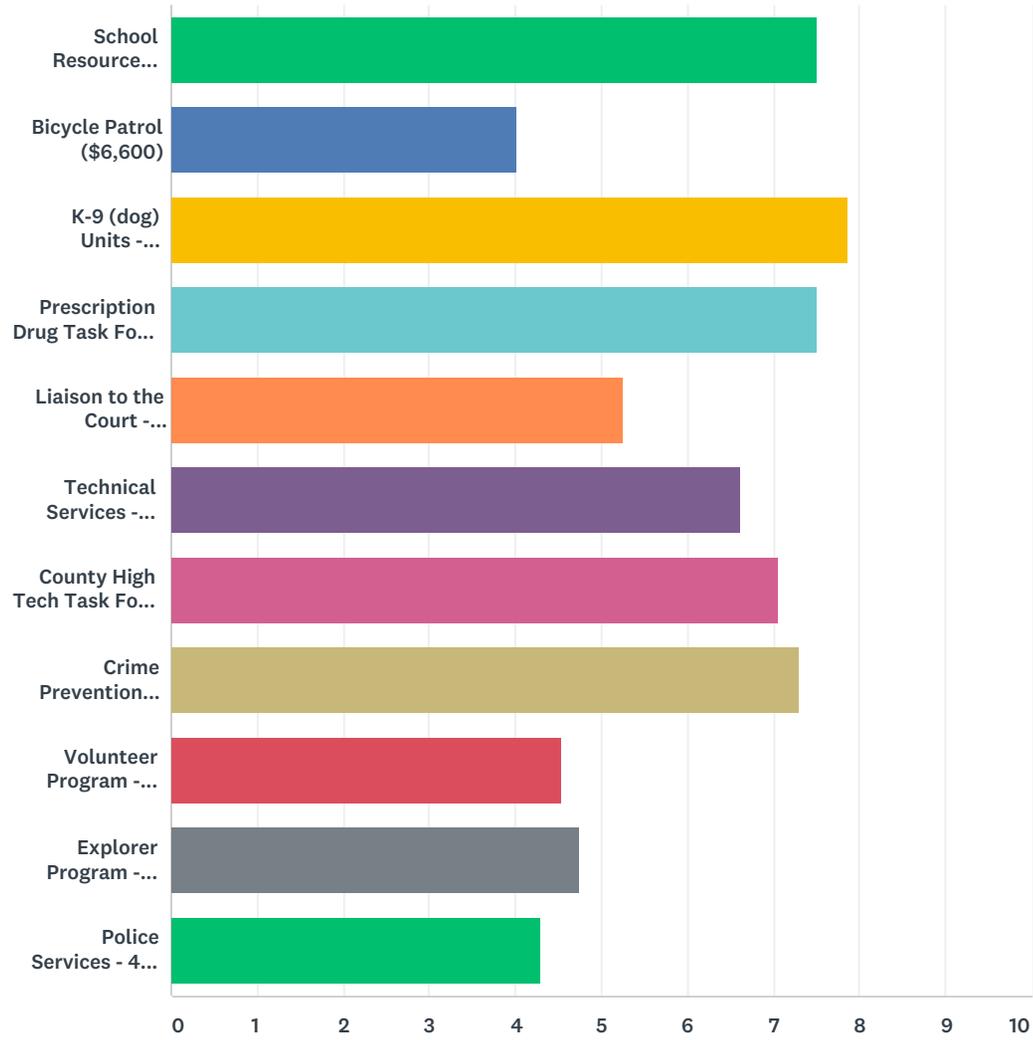
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Parkway and Tree Maintenance - Includes over 150 acres of landscaping maintenance & upgrades (\$2,521,600)	7.49%	15.54%	25.99%	31.07%	19.92%	708	2.60
	53	110	184	220	141		
Household Hazardous Waste - Handles disposal of City generated waste & provides free disposal service to residents (\$231,900)	7.67%	9.62%	13.25%	21.48%	47.98%	717	2.08
	55	69	95	154	344		

Q4 Police Department: The Police Department comprises 49% (\$34.1 million) of the Fiscal Year 17-18 General Fund budget. Below are some of the services provided by the department and the net cost to the City. Please rate the services according to importance with the Most Important (left) to Least Important (right) to you. You cannot rate two items the same. There should be one colored dot in each row and each column.

Answered: 726 Skipped: 14

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	MOST IMPORTANT (11)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	LEAST IMPORTANT/REDUCE SERVICE (1)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
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School Resource Officers - Includes two officers for four high schools in the City (\$373,700)	22.55% 147	14.57% 95	11.04% 72	7.98% 52	8.13% 53	8.74% 57	6.29% 41	5.98% 39	5.83% 38	4.29% 28	4.60% 30	652	7.52
Bicycle Patrol (\$6,600)	1.30% 8	4.21% 26	6.16% 38	5.83% 36	6.00% 37	6.00% 37	7.13% 44	9.24% 57	11.02% 68	16.21% 100	26.90% 166	617	4.01
K-9 (dog) Units - Comprised of four officers and their police service dogs (\$80,000)	18.60% 120	17.36% 112	15.81% 102	8.22% 53	9.92% 64	8.06% 52	7.75% 50	5.12% 33	5.58% 36	2.02% 13	1.55% 10	645	7.86
Prescription Drug Task Force - Provides for county-wide resources on narcotics investigations in Simi Valley & surrounding areas (\$191,200)	17.63% 116	13.83% 91	12.46% 82	13.83% 91	9.88% 65	7.14% 47	5.62% 37	7.14% 47	5.78% 38	3.65% 24	3.04% 20	658	7.51
Liaison to the Court - Responsible for filing cases/information with District Attorney's office & other clerical support (\$97,400)	2.19% 14	4.84% 31	7.03% 45	9.06% 58	12.19% 78	11.41% 73	11.56% 74	10.31% 66	10.16% 65	12.97% 83	8.28% 53	640	5.26

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Technical Services - Installs, monitors, & operates surveillance cameras, computer software, cell phones & components that aid in forensic data investigations (\$26,600)	5.66% 37	8.26% 54	13.46% 88	13.15% 86	13.91% 91	12.84% 84	10.24% 67	7.80% 51	7.19% 47	4.74% 31	2.75% 18	654	6.62
County High Tech Task Force - Uses technical expertise & equipment to investigate crimes perpetrated on the internet and social media County-wide (\$53,000)	6.40% 43	13.84% 93	14.43% 97	12.65% 85	11.61% 78	11.31% 76	12.20% 82	8.63% 58	3.87% 26	3.27% 22	1.79% 12	672	7.04
Crime Prevention Program - Interacts with individuals or groups to eliminate criminal activity through education and crime fighting strategies (\$147,300)	20.03% 135	10.83% 73	9.05% 61	10.24% 69	8.01% 54	10.39% 70	10.09% 68	11.87% 80	5.04% 34	2.52% 17	1.93% 13	674	7.30

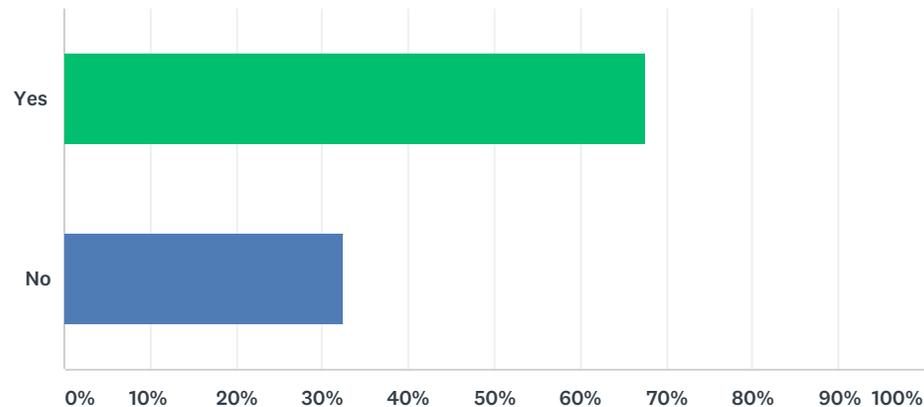
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Volunteer Program - Citizen volunteers and one uniformed personnel that assist with multiple tasks including patrolling, administrative duties & reporting suspicious activity (\$136,900)	2.27% 15	4.09% 27	4.70% 31	5.76% 38	7.42% 49	8.64% 57	10.15% 67	12.73% 84	18.64% 123	13.94% 92	11.67% 77	660	4.55
Explorer Program - Allows youth ages 13-21 to learn about law enforcement profession & work specific assignments (\$77,000)	2.84% 19	6.14% 41	6.59% 44	7.49% 50	5.69% 38	8.23% 55	7.93% 53	9.58% 64	14.37% 96	20.66% 138	10.48% 70	668	4.74
Police Services - 4th of July, Reagan Library, Simi Valley Days (\$95,000)	4.51% 30	4.96% 33	3.16% 21	6.92% 46	7.67% 51	6.02% 40	7.67% 51	7.37% 49	10.08% 67	15.94% 106	25.71% 171	665	4.28

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY BUDGET SURVEY

Q5 The City collects a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) of 10% for each night someone stays in a local hotel. Other cities in Ventura County have TOT rates from 8% to 10%. Neighboring Los Angeles County has a 12% TOT rate. If this increased by 1%, the City could raise approximately \$180,000 in new revenue per year. Should the City increase the TOT?

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	67.47% 475
No	32.53% 229
TOTAL	704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Eliminate the tax	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	has there been any study on how a higher TOT rate might affect hotel's sell rate, it would be sad to raise the TOT only to see number of nights sold fall and revenue go down	12/8/2017 11:55 AM
3	we're taxed to death already with no cost of living raises.	12/7/2017 9:07 PM
4	I believe this is an excellent way to raise revenue for the city without being a burden for the citizens of Simi Valley	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
5	Given Simi Valley's proximity to Los Angeles County, the TOT should be closer to the 12% level. Most people do not make a decion whether to stay at a particular based upon the Transient Occupancy Tax.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
6	This is not a direct tax on the citizens of the city	12/5/2017 3:10 PM

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7	No new or increased taxes.	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
8	that's high enough	12/4/2017 8:31 PM
9	TOT is high enough	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
10	no we should make our city attractive for travel and business friendly. we are not LA county and should not expect that we can get a premium	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
11	This will not stop those who are coming here to visit.	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
12	Simi is already the upper bound of the county. Simi should be a 2 point discount to LA given the attractions, or lack thereof.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
13	stores continue to close in the Mall, we need visitors to help the economy. Look to cutting department expenses by 10 we need visitors to come to simi to help the economy. Stores at the mall continue to close due to poor sales, another one this week announced it's close/ Charming Charlies. each department should cut waste or expenses by 10% voluntarily. this is normal private section down sizing efforts. 5	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
14	We need visitors for revenue	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
15	If prices go up less people will come	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
16	Don't increase fees we already pay too much	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
17	Unless there are untoward effects not being explained here it seems like a simple fix. Who pays the tax?	12/1/2017 8:43 AM
18	Increase it to %6	11/30/2017 7:50 PM
19	Has any study been done to show that the incidence of this tax could do greater than approximately \$180,000 of lost revenue to local hotel owners due to loss of competitive advantage? I would be interested to know what local hotel owners think to loss to their businesses will be if this small increase in tax were implemented.	11/30/2017 1:25 PM
20	Will not deter hotel stays.	11/30/2017 11:25 AM
21	Only if the \$ were spent on more police officers.	11/30/2017 11:23 AM
22	Need to clean up the homeless camps on Cochran in order to get people to stay at the hotel nearby. I certainly wouldn't recommend staying in Simi.	11/30/2017 10:28 AM
23	I believe this would be a very small increase for the consumer that would barely be noticeable and would bring in a decent amount of revenue to justify this increase.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
24	Raising taxes is a last resort. While there is probably some good in every program, sometimes things just have to be cut.	11/30/2017 9:12 AM
25	How about cutting expenses first.	11/30/2017 7:43 AM
26	No more tax	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
27	We need help w homeless not just tax money from them. A lot of good families are struggling right now.	11/29/2017 9:26 PM
28	Eventually people will avoid staying in Simi.	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
29	Or phase it in 0.25% per year over the next 4 years	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
30	Not enough money to warrant the increase.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
31	No new taxes.	11/29/2017 6:20 PM

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32	There should be a TOT on short-term stay businesses such as AirBnB	11/29/2017 5:19 PM
33	Not sure I have to look into this more/ just seem like always up a%	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
34	It will not be a disincentive for travelers to stay in Simi Valley and they will benefit from outstanding services within normative market pricing.	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
35	Maybe- But what is our occupancy rate currently? Would this reduce what little we have? Or are the hotels full?	11/29/2017 9:11 AM
36	Why put the burden on visitors?	11/28/2017 10:59 PM
37	People who stay in local hotels spend money in the local area, and the availability of hotel rooms enhances the attractiveness of the city to employers.	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
38	This tax increase should also be offset by a decrease of 1% in equal dollars of expense to avoid the mindset of just increasing taxes to pay for increased expenses.	11/28/2017 6:48 PM
39	Not enough people come to Simi Valley. This would be a deterrent	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
40	Taxed enough already	11/28/2017 7:24 AM
41	Unless and until it can be shown that we are running full, I would not be willing to vote for this. If full, then open to it.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
42	10% is fair	11/27/2017 9:12 PM
43	Simi should stay competitive with other cities in our county. Keep taxes low.	11/27/2017 5:13 PM
44	I think this is a good idea.	11/27/2017 4:29 PM
45	But raise by 0.5%, not a whole 1%	11/27/2017 3:31 PM
46	1% max raise	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
47	no bang for the buck and might cause people to stay elsewhere	11/27/2017 3:11 PM
48	There should be no tax period.	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
49	Simi does not have enough tourism to support this proposal	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
50	We should not be looking at cutting any of the very few services that the city offers. The focus should be on increased revenue.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
51	I would hesitate to raise taxes. What are we doing with the 10% TOT monies we have raised? Being at a lower rate than TO could only be a good thing for the city.	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
52	Maybe, we shouldn't increase it so much that it's cheaper to stay somewhere else.	11/21/2017 8:40 AM
53	12.5% is average	11/20/2017 8:21 AM
54	I don't think people who stay in hotels should be responsible for this	11/20/2017 2:49 AM

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55	Cut services we spend way too much on police. we spend way more than any of the surrounding cities. The surrounding cities TO Moorpark have about the same crime rate. so spending all the additional money does not seem to be very effective. The Police Officer Union has a strangle hold on the city counsel. Have you noticed whoever the POA endorses wins the simi counsel election. This has gone on for years check the records. Election turn out is small so the POA involvement throws the election. The only way out is to have a citizen counsel set police spending this gets it out of the election jam or do what the surrounding cities do use the CHP or Sherrif for protection they cost much less per hour and the pension liability goes across the state. The 49% does not include pension liability for all the officers which is through the roof. If the police situation goes on it will bankrupt the city which may be best as we most likely be taken over by TO or Moorpark and that would end the police situation	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
56	The the city should not pay for this or increase tax.	11/19/2017 12:42 PM
57	However, if this is raised, the current hotels should be upgraded so that they attract people to stay.	11/19/2017 9:03 AM
58	If the neighboring cities in Ventura county already have a hight of 10%, what is to keep possible clients from spending the night there in order to avoid the extra 1%? What is to justify a 1% increase?	11/18/2017 10:50 PM
59	It still keeps us lower than LA county so Simi would be an attractive choice for hotel users. As We are close enough to the valley people may be willing to travel a short distance for a slight savings.	11/18/2017 11:15 AM
60	support retail by supporting tourist dont discourage by raising cost of travel and stay in our city	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
61	The occupancy rate in Simi Valley is already below that of neighboring cities.	11/18/2017 8:06 AM
62	It should be for five years and residents will vote to renew another five years.	11/17/2017 11:24 PM
63	We should be taking care of the homeless currently in our community but at the same time if this tax would encourage more homeless to stay here then I am against it.	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
64	We don't have commuters staying at our hotels already, why raise the cost. Its sad enough that we don't have any stores or activities in our city.	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
65	The problem is obvious. The CALPERS pension plan is unsustainable. Until you address/fix/kill that plan our city will never be able to balance the budget. Pensions are non-existent in the Private Sector. Public Sector employees work 20 to 25 years, retire in their 50s and live into their 80s and 90s. Unsustainable!	11/17/2017 12:28 PM
66	My thinking is that most people are going to stay at a hotel in Simi in connection with the Reagan Library, which makes them potentially well able to afford a slight increase.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
67	Learn to live within your means. No need for more taxes. Eliminate waste. Study the use of Lean processing to save money	11/16/2017 6:42 PM
68	Easy for me to say, I don't pay for hotels here in Simi or own a hotel. However, if any of the services will be cut, this seems like a reasonable solution.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
69	You need to cut spending instead of continually raising taxes of any kind.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
70	Depends on what the money will be used for. Can't give an answer if I don't know	11/16/2017 4:28 PM
71	No more taxes	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
72	Assuming hotels are mostly being used for visitors and tourists	11/16/2017 3:24 PM
73	We want to continue to encourage travel to the area.	11/16/2017 2:47 PM
74	Our hotels are full, they're going to continue to stay full	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
75	MORE TAXES MEANS MORE SERVICES	11/16/2017 5:06 AM

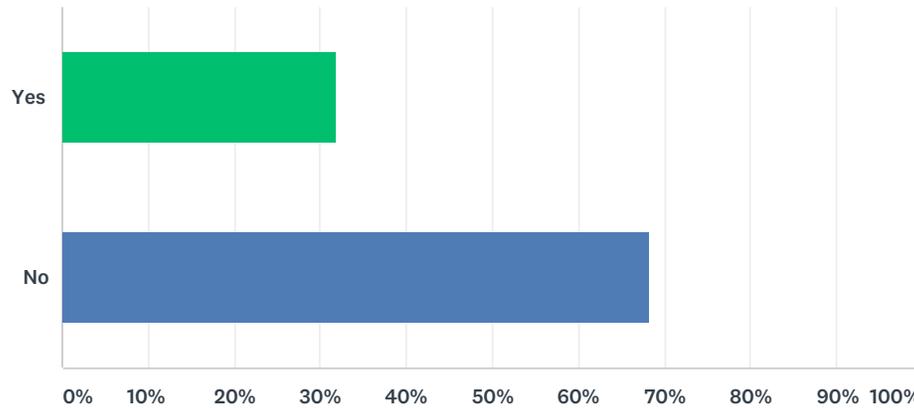
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76	One percent doesn't add up much to the consumer, but it could add up for the city to support things such as youth activities, low income housing and other services so they wouldn't get cut or at least have less funding.	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
77	1% won't even be noticed by most, and a lot of hotels are paid for (and written off) as a business expense	11/15/2017 2:40 PM
78	Cut the cost. Remove pension for city employees! Hardly 2% of common residents get pension. Why they need to fund pension for city employees? The pension is supposed to eat up 20% of the city budget in 2022!	11/15/2017 1:40 PM
79	We have more hotels then needed now. If you raise this tax, you will drive people to other cities, such as TO, and Moorpark, who are currently in the works of building a hotel.	11/15/2017 12:59 PM
80	What would the additional funds be used for?	11/14/2017 8:53 PM
81	Why should somebody staying here for one night have to suffer paying more money to stay in a city that isn't that modernized? Increasing to 11% means we think we're like LA County and yet we don't even look at medicinal marijuana as a revenue option.	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
82	why not! more taxes it's the California way! why not reduce the ridiculous pensions!!!!	11/14/2017 2:45 PM
83	I would suggest that you have the pricing on cities that are closest to Simi Valley to ensure we don't lose revenue as a result of this potential increase	11/14/2017 1:14 PM
84	12 percent	11/13/2017 11:11 PM
85	People already don't have any reason to stay in Simi Valley. This seems like it might stand to affect people who make money from air BnB (who tend to be of a lower socioeconomic status) more than our local economy. More research and careful consideration is needed.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
86	This could have people stay in different cities.	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
87	I would not be adverse to it raising an additional 1%, for a total T.O.T. of 12%. Since Simi is nicer, and sales taxes are lower, guests will still opt to stay in Simi versus L.A.	11/13/2017 3:24 PM
88	Who stays in Simi Valley there is nothing to do here?	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
89	I think we tend to be behind in what other cities may charge and feel this would be a an increase most would not object to.	11/9/2017 4:08 PM
90	Charge those out of towners!	11/9/2017 1:36 PM

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Q6 The City provides landscaping in districts (similar to Homeowner's Associations) throughout the City. Residents in those districts pay a landscape district fee on their property tax bill and the City maintains their landscaping. These fees haven't been increased since 1997 and are over \$750,000 per year lower than the City's cost for providing their landscaping service, despite City efforts to move to more efficient practices. Should the City continue to use taxpayer dollars to pay the difference?

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.82%	224
No	68.18%	480
TOTAL		704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Stop raising fees	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	With a rate increase to help cover the added expenses.	12/8/2017 12:35 PM
3	unless those districts are senior housing or low income housing, each district should pay the actual cost of landscaping	12/8/2017 11:55 AM
4	too many taxes already!!!	12/7/2017 9:07 PM

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5	If the fees are increased by just a small amount, would there be a large difference? Can more bids be sourced to see if the landscaping services can be reduced?	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
6	charge districts comprable to indépandant contractors or the actual cost of services.	12/6/2017 3:02 PM
7	Areas that have an HOA are still part of Simi. If those area are maintained it helps give all of Simi a positive image. The whole city looks cared for.	12/6/2017 1:16 PM
8	The City should develop a phased-in plan to have the revenues equal cost-of-service for landscape maintenance districts.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
9	Only if it is done efficiently	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
10	Just as long as taxes are not raised. Do not increase taxes!	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
11	charge it to the local districts. or start reducing landscaping. and why not smarter landscaping? do these trees need trimming every year? if yes, remove them. does this area of planting require weekly maintenance? if yes change landscaping to plants/trees that require much less maintenance. construct colored concrete for some dividers instead of plants.	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
12	But, the amount paid by the property owner should be increased. This requires a vote and I believe it can be done with a vote of the Council and hold a protest hearing and/or a protest mailing.	12/4/2017 4:34 PM
13	But the Fee should be removed from their property tax and it should become the responsibility of that HOA or home owners	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
14	increase fees	12/3/2017 2:49 PM
15	If you use the service you should pay for it.	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
16	If these residents benefit from the service and fees have not increased for 20 years then for budget purposes the fee should be increased a reasonable amt. Reasonable will be the driving force because everyone's definition will be different. A compromise may be on how much to increase the property tax to reduce the amount the city continues to pay	12/2/2017 6:01 PM
17	Raise the cost of landscaping in the district and reappropriate taxpayer dollars to other initiatives.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
18	i live in a HOA and dont want my taxes raised even more...i can barely afford to live in my area now .	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
19	we are cutting costs and water usages, so the city needs to do the same. Let private gardening services bid for the jobs awarding to those most cost effective. they will be competitive.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
20	Increase the landscape district fee.	12/1/2017 1:52 PM
21	The way you have worded this, is confusing; are you saying that the City provides the landscaping to areas with HOA's, & charge them \$750,000 less? I'm confused	12/1/2017 1:20 PM
22	We want our city to look amazing.	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
23	The cost of landscaping should not be a part of our taxes when homeowners are responsible for it.	12/1/2017 10:08 AM
24	They bought the house knowing the city pays for this and inflation should play a part in this	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
25	do not increase fees to residents we pay too much	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
26	The should elimunate this completly and make the homeowner landscape their own properties	12/1/2017 6:34 AM
27	Can this landscaping be updated to a drought torrent low maintenance landscaping?	11/30/2017 11:48 AM

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28	If it's a service tax payer dollars have been used for previously and no major complaints about the use of the tax payer money I believe this is a service worth paying for. Otherwise homeowners might have to pay for these services through a private company which could possibly cost more.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
29	Services provided should be paid for by the homeowners. Perhaps bids should go out to private companies to provide the service at a cheaper cost.	11/30/2017 9:12 AM
30	Raise the fees for them, HOA fees increase yearly to cover inflation so should the fees for everyone.	11/30/2017 8:01 AM
31	How about cutting expenses first.	11/30/2017 7:43 AM
32	Raise the fee for those districts specifically.	11/30/2017 6:57 AM
33	Up the fees	11/29/2017 11:13 PM
34	increase property tax fee to appropriate rate for 20 years later	11/29/2017 11:09 PM
35	No more tax	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
36	Not sure.	11/29/2017 9:54 PM
37	Increase their taxes.	11/29/2017 9:26 PM
38	The property taxes should be reassessed and encourage residents to pay the difference.	11/29/2017 9:16 PM
39	Increase the fee.	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
40	The people who have houses in these areas should pay the cost or you cancel the service	11/29/2017 8:41 PM
41	If these are low income areas that cannot afford the upkeep, I think we should continue taking care of it. Otherwise, I think I slight increase could be beneficial, but not a crazy jump.	11/29/2017 8:29 PM
42	A small 1% increase per year over the next 5 years. (5% total increase) seems like it might be reasonable. However I would like to know what \$\$ this equates to.	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
43	The HOA's need to increase their contributions to help offset the difference.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
44	Reduce spending!	11/29/2017 6:20 PM
45	Increase the fees once to catch up, then build in an automatic increase based on inflation after that.	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
46	because theres stuff everywhere we need to do! no question here	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
47	The leaders need to make these kinds of obvious, but politically hard decisions! It's your job! It doesn't make you a tax raising politician. The benefactors of these services must pay for these services. Otherwise you are transferring the cost to all taxpayers. For a conservative City, how is that acceptable?	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
48	No new taxes!	11/29/2017 10:32 AM
49	Is there a way to bill for certain projects? Another billing method, since the city is functioning like an HOA?	11/29/2017 9:11 AM
50	One of the responsibilities of home or property ownership is maintaining that property.	11/28/2017 10:59 PM
51	The appearance of the city is important for maintaining property values.	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
52	If the 'district' concept is equal to HOA's fees for maintenance the current cost needs to be passed along to the residents of those districts...however if someone lives in a HOA how will the fee be adjusted to account for HOA 'sub-districts'?	11/28/2017 6:48 PM

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53	NO Since S.V. forces so many small (10 houses) and large to have HOA's which the city doesnt have to take care of NO MORE MONEY. UNLESS, the city will do its part and start taking care of SMALL 10 home sub divisions. #INSANITY	11/28/2017 3:59 PM
54	As a homeowner, I would be willing to pay a BIT more in landscaping fees. It is very important to me that Simi Valley remains a pretty, well-cared for city.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
55	Make the homeowners associations handle it	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
56	I would suggest a moderate increase to the home owners that benefit.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
57	yes, as long as the taxes cover the bill	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
58	Yes for home owners with city tree and city should replant ALL trees when one falls or is removed. No for businesses that make money off the appearance provided by the service. OUR CITY NEEDS MORE TREES FOR SHADE!	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
59	Absolutely not - the districts should pay for 100% of the benefit they are receiving, An alternative would be to outsource each district individually.	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
60	We don't need to be so concerned about appearance of the city.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
61	Make use of volunteer groups to help.	11/27/2017 5:13 PM
62	You should increase it fairly but put in plants and trees that don't require much water.	11/27/2017 4:29 PM
63	Either increase fees to cover costs or reduce services to meet revenues, with residents in each district making the decision.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
64	Eliminate landscaping entirely and make it the homeowners responsibility, if they choose to do nothing then their home value would suffer if they ever choose to sell	11/27/2017 3:31 PM
65	I live in a tract where our homeowners pays 100 percent of those fees plus we pay very high property tax. Why should we pay 100 percent and they get off not paying?	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
66	I have the side of my house where the city takes care of it and it looks like CRAP. Half the time its not mowed, is full of weeds and dog poop. I could take care of it better! If the city wants to take care of it, do not make the homeowner pay for it when they do a crappy job. Half the time they are sitting out there taking a break and dont speak English!!!! Whats with that? You hiring illegals???????	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
67	should collect from the people living in those districts, much like HOA's	11/27/2017 2:56 PM
68	This proposal will result in unequal distribution & collection of funds based upon neighborhood home values. There is a vast difference in neighborhood equity throughout Simi Valley.	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
69	Raise the fee to offset cost	11/25/2017 5:03 PM
70	These resident fees should be increased commensurate with the costs of the services provided	11/23/2017 6:44 PM
71	People should being their fair share. Fees should be raised so that the city breaks even.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
72	But only to the residents in those areas. I don't want to pay for that landscaping in tax dollars because I don't live in those neighborhoods. It is something that those residents should be made aware of when purchasing homes in those areas.	11/22/2017 1:35 PM
73	We definitely should look at ways to balance this out (I would LOVE for the city to pay the bulk of my landscaping costs) I would vote for raising the rate for these homeowners or coming up with more cost effective landscaping.	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
74	Use contract services to reduce Total Comp required for full time employees	11/22/2017 8:52 AM
75	Not worth the cost. More than I pay my own gardener	11/21/2017 12:28 AM

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76	Why should someone else pay for my gardening? This should be a zero tax burden on the city. If the homeowners have an issue with paying their share then bid it out to a private landscaping company.	11/20/2017 5:55 PM
77	City can provide the landscaping, however it should be at the Homeowners expense. If homeowners do not want pay increase fees, they should be responsible for their own landscaping.	11/20/2017 4:14 PM
78	All this work should be contracted out to lowest bidder and not done by any city employee. Homeowners are ultimately paying no matter if its coming from city or more direct taxes.	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
79	Slightly Raise taxes to offset costs	11/20/2017 4:52 AM
80	I don't appreciate more taxes	11/20/2017 2:49 AM
81	poorly worded scenario/question - if the question is whether to raise taxes to each homeowner within those districts - then yes.	11/19/2017 10:59 PM
82	Increase the fees, only for those in those districts, not for others not in a district. Each homeowner in a "district" should be able to see the landscaping results from their property, if not, they should not be included in a district.	11/19/2017 4:33 PM
83	you are spending more than you are taking in time to cut back	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
84	Yes, this distinguishes our city from other nearby cities and increases property value for all. BUT we should make sure we are not getting ripped off by landscapers doing the work.	11/19/2017 12:42 PM
85	Unless the landscaping increases the value of the town that brings in extra taxes for its prestige or serves as a source of other energy/biological need. If the city is to increase the cost for those paying the fees they should set a plan that increases the payments over a period of time (ex. 5-10 years) to lighten the initial burden of the costs. The city might also consider talking with the residents about changing the landscaping to one that requires less maintenance.	11/18/2017 10:50 PM
86	Let the Home owners associations and the residents in them pay for maintaining their landscaping.	11/18/2017 1:08 PM
87	I would support increasing the landscape district fees to cover the increased costs.	11/18/2017 11:37 AM
88	I answered no only because I don't know what "districts" you are referring too. Are they private housing areas or public areas? If they are private home areas like the areas in wood ranch (walking paths etc. I think the fees should be raised but also allowing the residents input on use of the money. If they are public areas (i.e. Landscaping on public streets or trimming of sidewalk trees) I believe we already pay enough in taxes and struggling to stay afloat.	11/18/2017 11:15 AM
89	what about " the other rest of people who made simi what it is " before gates and home owners associations "WILL THEY BE NEXT?	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
90	Increase the fee to the affected districts, but keep the same level of service.	11/18/2017 8:06 AM
91	This is a service that should be considered for outsourcing with the benefiting districts paying the cost.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM
92	why should a resident who does not benefit from landscaping in his/her neighborhood pay for someone else's landscaping maintenance? let those who benefit from the service pay for it.	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
93	They can pay for their own landscaping	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
94	No as a homeowner I must pay for my landscaper, I don't see the community not accepting similar responsibilities.	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
95	Why can't the property taxes in those areas be raised to cover the costs, especially if there has not been an increase to n over 20 years?	11/17/2017 10:25 AM
96	Yes, that is one thing that makes Simi Valley unique compared to other cities in the Valley.	11/17/2017 9:38 AM

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97	Landscaping is part of what separates Simi from the San Fernando Valley. If we give up on it, we signal giving up on the town. It would have a very negative impact on home values and, I think, on crime. People behave better when the neighborhood looks like good behavior is expected.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
98	Raise the fee	11/16/2017 8:12 PM
99	Same as previous comment. Learn to live more judiciously and work more efficiently	11/16/2017 6:42 PM
100	Charge the homeowners more	11/16/2017 6:41 PM
101	Increase the charge, but also first look at ways to reduce costs, e.g.outsource, change to lower maintenance landscape options,e.g. less grass, evergreens, cactus, etc.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
102	Maybe replace some high maintenance areas? Cities in Arizona and Nevada changed to rocks or statues.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
103	Again cut services rather than "raise fees". It makes no difference how long it's been since "fees" were raised.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
104	Why should I support and pay for someone else's bill? This needs to end immediately or charge at least the cost immediately	11/16/2017 4:28 PM
105	Don't really understand by how this is worded as to how the service will be performed. Yes, I think fees should be raised to cover costs rather than taxpayer dollars.	11/16/2017 4:03 PM
106	No more taxes	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
107	If you want to take care of my yard for 66% of the total cost you are welcome to make sure every resident receives equal benefit	11/16/2017 3:24 PM
108	This should be treated like a homeowner association fee or the homeowners should be responsible for their own maintenance.	11/16/2017 2:47 PM
109	Landscape taxes should be increased to cover the revenue deficit, based on the amount of work needed in each housing tract. It would be unfair to tax a housing tract that has little landscaping as much as those that have more landscaping.	11/16/2017 1:37 PM
110	Simi is a very eye pleasing community. Without this service, Simi will become as unattractive as most SFV towns.	11/16/2017 1:33 PM
111	Residents with high school & college students should these students do a lot of the landscaping.	11/16/2017 12:55 PM
112	Too many increases lately...I'm still paying off the sewer assessment	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
113	Residents should be responsible to pay the difference.	11/16/2017 11:07 AM
114	WHY AM I PAYING FOR PEOPLES FUCKING LAWNS?	11/16/2017 5:06 AM
115	Why is it fair for normal taxpayers to be paying for someone else's yard work to be done when more people either do their own yard or pay for THEIR OWN yard to be done? It seems more logical to just raise the HOAs for those people instead of making everyone else compensate for it.	11/15/2017 11:20 PM
116	If people are already paying for a gardener in their tract, why should we as a collective help pay for the people who don't want a higher HOA? If they live in a community that has an HOA, certain things are given to them at a cost to the rest of the city.	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
117	reduce landscaping services	11/15/2017 3:44 PM
118	Landscaping is one of the primary attractions to our area.	11/15/2017 2:20 PM
119	Bill them.	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
120	Cut the cost. Remove pension for city employees! Hardly 2% of common residents get pension. Why they need to fund pension for city employees? The pension is supposed to eat up 20% of the city budget in 2022!	11/15/2017 1:40 PM
121	Raise the landscape district fee in the homeowners' property tax bills who live in the districts benefiting from the landscaping.	11/15/2017 8:23 AM

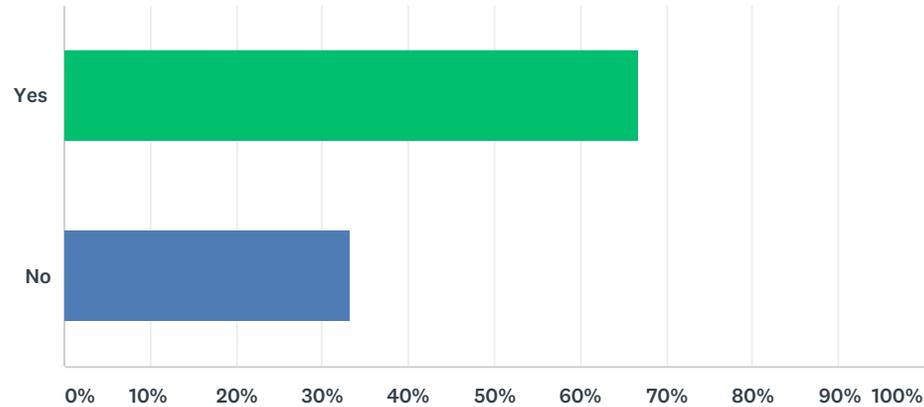
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122	If my gardener increases his fee, then I pay more money for his service.	11/14/2017 8:53 PM
123	HOA fees in many neighborhoods are over priced and provide NO true benefits, just line fillers on the paper. Before considering raising them, perhaps you should provide better service first. If anything, these fees should be LOWERED.	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
124	Please make means to take care of a beautiful Green Simi.	11/14/2017 6:20 PM
125	more taxes! The California WAY!!!! deal with the pension problem! and stop double dipping!!!!	11/14/2017 2:45 PM
126	If want to continue to fund this service, then we need to collect these funds. Are the funds being collected sufficient?	11/14/2017 1:14 PM
127	HOA fees need to go up. In the future, don't build communities with all of these costly landscape features.	11/14/2017 10:11 AM
128	People who live in these "districts" are probably people who live in apartments and can not afford the landscaping fees. If you want to save money then switch landscaping to a low-maintenance and sustainable design like low-water plants and rocks. Don't make people who are already poor spend more money on something they probably don't care about.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
129	The property tax should increase, however the people in the district should have a vote on how much landscaping they want.	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
130	Our neighbor community was taxed for a landscape zone (parkway strip) that was 1,000 ft long and 5-10 ft wide and the City said it cost \$1,000 a month to maintain split between 64 homes. If that was the true cost then the City was getting ripped off by the contractor.	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
131	Heck yeah!	11/9/2017 1:36 PM

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Q7 The City has not increased fees and service charges for Planning, Building, and Public Works since 2008. A 2015 fee study showed that charging users for the actual costs of the service (i.e., the current salary of an Inspector instead of the 2008 salary) would add at least \$1.1 million per year in revenues. Should the City increase development fees and service charges to recover more of actual costs?

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.76%	470
No	33.24%	234
TOTAL		704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Stop raising fees	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	Development fees should be increased to reflect the going market rate for these services.	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
3	if it will speed up the permit process which is ridiculously slow	12/6/2017 3:02 PM
4	Small set increase ok	12/6/2017 2:13 AM
5	It appears based upon the last two questions that the City of Simi Valley has failed to adequately have its fee schedule keep pace with costs. Adjustments should be made on an annual basis.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM

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6	Salaries should be lowered as well	12/5/2017 8:15 PM
7	You should look at the overstaffing of the department.. Need to bring in a specialist to review the working of all the departments and reduce staffing if they are not needed. You need to think like a private business operation. If it comes out that you have too many people in a department, they should be let go and not move them in other areas.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
8	city should have rates commensurate with other cities	12/4/2017 8:31 PM
9	but, is their a way software can replace some of the employees??	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
10	User pays but at the same time, there should be a time management study to see if there are ways to be more efficient with these services.	12/4/2017 4:34 PM
11	without full disclosure of costs current vs proposed it is hard to evaluate what is reasonable. some of the building permit and inspection fees seem excessive. would be good to know what they are not to compare.	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
12	I don't understand the current salary portion of the question. if the fees and service charges have remained unchanged for 9 years then yes it should be increased. To keep up with the growing city population	12/2/2017 6:01 PM
13	Increasing development fees may discourage improvements.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
14	yes increase costs but DO NOT pay personel more money - city employees are OVER PAID now and some dont work a full week...too much expense on salaries !!!! cut it back	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
15	yes, however after having upgrading my home and using the simi program for seniors, the inspectors were not effective. of 3 inspectors I dealt with only one was speedy & efficient. review your personnel and layoff those that lazy and not performing.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
16	Can't trade at a loss...ask any businessman/woman	12/1/2017 12:08 PM
17	New builds not upgrades, modification or improvements. New construction is ridiculous. But let's not ding folks who want to improve the historical/existing stuff.	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
18	Auto the extra charge would go to the end user this would help the city	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
19	2008 is a long time ago, certain things must be adjusted as time progresses	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
20	why should the tax payer supplement the fees for a service they themselves are not using ?	11/30/2017 8:01 AM
21	Cut expenses first	11/30/2017 7:43 AM
22	Marajuana is now legal, by allowing sales in the city, tax revenue would increase. Use this revenue for shortfalls.	11/30/2017 7:28 AM
23	Yes, the city is trying to do a lot of good efforts in this space. We need better public spaces and to attract services/tennants.	11/30/2017 6:57 AM
24	No more tax	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
25	Don't frustrate building and planning!	11/29/2017 9:54 PM
26	Increasing fees will result in people building without permits.	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
27	Why haven't fees been increased since 2008?	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
28	City workers earn too much as it is	11/29/2017 6:05 PM
29	Yes, but phase the increase in gradually, say over 5 years so that it's less noticeable and should cause less disruption	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
30	not sure	11/29/2017 2:16 PM

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31	Of course! That is just good business practice. Why would you transfer that cost to the general taxpayer? Ronald Reagan would not approve!	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
32	as long as the fees are not increased too much	11/29/2017 10:32 AM
33	If the goal is to encourage businesses to come into S.V. or upgrade current facilities the answer is no. However, if the Planning, Building, and P.W department doesn't have an increased activity reductions in staffing this department need to happen. Why does someone need to inspect my dishwasher install? This is an unnecessary intrusion to my home and unneeded activity/expense by the city.	11/28/2017 6:48 PM
34	A small increase in these fees would be acceptable to me. Developers should pay for a substantial part of the service provided to them.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
35	Time for an increase. If your gonna build in Simi you need to pay	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
36	all people seeking to do work should pay the full cost to get the permits.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
37	Yes! if you have the funding to develop, you have the money to pay the door charge	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
38	Outsource the duties of the inspectors - fire the current inspectors and the outrageous costs pension and benefit costs that they receive - if the current inspectors are so great and qualified, let them apply for the outsourced positions.	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
39	Absolutely not. We pay more in property tax when we pull the permit, and permit is already expensive enough. I thought the money was to pay for the inspection service mainly.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
40	Development fees yes, Permit fees to normal homeowner, no. I paid a \$500 permit fee to replace my windows, ridiculous for the 10 minutes an inspector spent at my home. Plus more people forego the permit due to the high cost.	11/27/2017 5:15 PM
41	You should use the city manager recommendation. The increased dollars will help the city's revenue.	11/27/2017 4:29 PM
42	Find ways to make department run more efficiently, or else contract out the work.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
43	100 percent cost recovery	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
44	LIVE in your budget and STOP raising taxes on everything!!!	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
45	This proposal will hinder growth in the development sector of business.	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
46	The city should have hiked to fees to keep pace with the cost of the service.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
47	But Baby steps. ramping up over a period of years.	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
48	Maybe, I think this should be considered because it is a large potential revenue, however, we want to make sure it's not so high that it reduces development or makes things too costly for homeowners.	11/21/2017 8:40 AM
49	Overpaid already. Revenue is not spent frugally / properly!	11/21/2017 12:28 AM
50	The cost of living has gone up substantially since 2008. ( inflation )The fees should be determined by the CPI each year. The little things over a long period of time is what gets you. (Compounding) Systems must be put in placed and followed in good times and bad times. It seems to me when good times are being experienced by the city, and money is flowing prudent governing becomes lax.The issues the city is experiencing currently was sowed ten years-ago and are reaping. Now.	11/20/2017 5:55 PM
51	Individuals should be responsible for the fees. However the city Should NOT increase the number of Inspections required to increase revenue.	11/20/2017 4:14 PM

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52	City employees, when counting benefits and pensions, are paid way more than private employees, and are in a monopoly position (buyers have only ONE choice). The city should lower costs to meet current fees.	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
53	again passing on the cost to residents is not something I agree with	11/20/2017 2:49 AM
54	In your example, we are already paying too much for personnel throughout the city. The city created the salary discrepancies. Public service jobs were never meant to be on the top of the pay scale or compared to private industry. That's why they got a pension. You don't get both.	11/19/2017 4:33 PM
55	everything should be revenue neutral charge what it costs	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
56	City should not increase fees and should put a freeze on all new building. Too many people already on Simi Valley. Its turning into the valley.	11/19/2017 12:42 PM
57	But they should be increased only enough so that developers still want to build in Simi, otherwise, loss of property tax funds may occur.	11/19/2017 9:03 AM
58	Or consider lowering the salary of an inspector.	11/18/2017 10:50 PM
59	Increase amount should be reviewed to determine appropriate % or \$ amount	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
60	Lower the pay of the inspectors and the salaries of the city employees that are already overpaid.	11/18/2017 1:08 PM
61	THE CITY NEEDS" PLANNERS" LOOK AT ALL THE EMPTY USELESS STRUCTURES WICH WE DONT NEED IS THAT PLANNING ? IF SO FOR WHAT?	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
62	How does Simi compare to other nearby cities for planning costs and related services?	11/18/2017 8:06 AM
63	the economy has not improved for many small businesses and for businesses seeking to relocate to reduce costs. raising rates would create a financial burden on those seeking the services. the city and its employees need to realize money does not grow on trees and the rich employment and retirement benefits enjoyed by city employees are but a fading dream for those who pay their salaries.	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
64	I don't think the money raised will go to where it needs to. Someone will pocket it so just leave it as is where we can see where the money is.	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
65	The problem is obvious. The CALPERS pension plan is unsustainable. Until you address/fix/kill that plan our city will never be able to balance the budget. Pensions are non-existent in the Private Sector. Public Sector employees work 20 to 25 years, retire in their 50s and live into their 80s and 90s. Unsustainable!	11/17/2017 12:28 PM
66	But make our city Business friendly we may fill some of our empty buildings	11/17/2017 7:29 AM
67	I am reluctant to say so, since I don't want my own fees for building permits to go up as I engage in remodeling projects, but you really should charge enough to cover costs. I've personally been very pleased with the professionalism of the department, and simply by insisting that the contractor I was working with get a building permit, I was saved from many thousands of dollars of disasterous work that was not compliant with code. Long story, but I love the Planning Department. Pay them.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
68	Absolutely not	11/16/2017 6:42 PM
69	But also look at how to streamline the process so it takes less time for the inspectors, reduce the requirements for permits, simplify the code etc.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
70	I am sure that instead of "increasing fees" administration fat could be cut as a way to save money.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
71	Yes. Charge user not taxpayer at large.	11/16/2017 4:46 PM

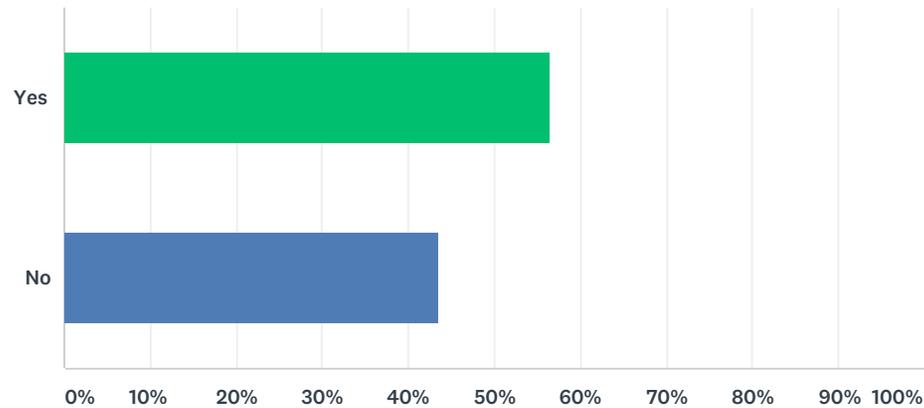
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72	If it lowers taxes, if not no	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
73	I am for a direct relationship for people paying for the service provided even if that means I pay for it later. I shouldn't have to pay for services I don't use. This could also include a graduated level based on size of project to keep cost down for individuals and have a large development pay some more.	11/16/2017 3:24 PM
74	Although it is difficult, since it appears doing business in SV is already challenging...if our rates are far below other areas, then we need to bump it up.	11/16/2017 2:47 PM
75	If people want to build, they have to pay	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
76	I am curious to how this compares to other cities. I am inclined to say yes, but I am concerned it could chill development.	11/15/2017 10:01 PM
77	Considering the por service we receive now why on earth should we pay more!	11/15/2017 5:40 PM
78	Yes, the taxpayers should not be paying for things that thwy did not necessarily ask for. This extra money should fund things that the city might otherwise cut, or even provide new programs.	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
79	inflation	11/15/2017 2:20 PM
80	Only to new developments, not homeowners doing their own work.	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
81	Cut the cost. Remove pension for city employees! Hardly 2% of common residents get pension. Why they need to fund pension for city employees? The pension is supposed to eat up 20% of the city budget in 2022!	11/15/2017 1:40 PM
82	Eliminate pension plan for city employees. In the private sector most companies have eliminated pensions in favor of higher 401k matching. Thus controlling expenses.	11/14/2017 8:53 PM
83	Fees collected for this service need to be reviewed periodically, how do the fees collected compare to other cities?	11/14/2017 1:14 PM
84	City taxpayers are subsidizing out-of-area developers under the current system. Make developers pay their fair share.	11/14/2017 10:11 AM
85	Anyone who can afford to build businesses and use these services should pay current prices to develop the city.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
86	The service fees for the senior center should not go up as this is the only activities for many seniors as they are on a fixed income. The other fees are too many and I have no idea what a lot of them are for. I would not like to go up for someone fixing their own home.	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
87	I would take the consultant's recommendation over the City Manager. Why pay for a consultant to do a study and not implement it. Also there needs to be a cost adjustment for waiting 2 years to make up your mind.	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
88	Increasing fees will drive developers away	11/9/2017 1:36 PM

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Q8 Simi Valley’s business tax rates have not changed for over 40 years. Currently, a business reporting \$20,000 to \$300,000 in annual gross receipts pays \$50 for an annual business tax certificate. A comparison of business tax fees which includes Simi Valley and other local cities can be viewed here. Would you support an increase in the business tax rates?

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.53%	398
No	43.47%	306
TOTAL		704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Increasing taxes is not good for business.	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	But not raised so high as to drive businesses out of the City. I realize this sounds like a paradox.	12/8/2017 12:35 PM
3	We can't keep businesses in Simi as it is. Provide incentives, not additional taxes.	12/7/2017 9:56 PM
4	An increase to \$75 for the annual business tax certificate would increase revenue and not be a tremendous burden on those business owners.	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
5	it is mid range which is where it belongs.. Higher Business tax fees make it hard for the small business to stay in business	12/6/2017 3:02 PM
6	But I would raise only the lowest 2 brackets to the same as Thousand Oaks and leave the highest bracket as is. We want to encourage businesses in Simi and not run them out. New businesses are needed in the mall.	12/6/2017 1:16 PM

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7	Do what you can to keep business in Simi and California	12/6/2017 10:43 AM
8	A study should be undertaken to determine the impact of the fees on attracting and retaining businesses in Simi Valley. It may be appropriate to increase the fee. That being said, a critical factor is how the fees generated by the tax are used to support the economic vitality of the community.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
9	Paper filing type fees are so small they generally don't pay for themselves when taking into the administrative costs associated. Get rid of this or charge the inclusive true cost to administer this "certificate"	12/5/2017 8:15 PM
10	A nominal increase won't be too bad. The tax money has to be used very carefully and not get wasted on inefficient ways.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
11	Keep Simi Valley business-friendly! No new or higher taxes!	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
12	how about enforcing taxes in those operating business from home without paying?	12/4/2017 8:31 PM
13	taxes on businesses are just passed onto customers. just different way of doing it and increasing taxes of people.	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
14	you need to encourage businesses to want to make Simi Valley their home. any edge we have on being a lower cost to other local cities should be pushed as a positive to make simi valley business friendly. business brings jobs and the traffic in and out of simi valley in the morning and afternoon shows too many people have to leave the city to work.	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
15	Business is difficult enough in this city with all the regulations and restrictions.. Don't strangle business owners even more!	12/4/2017 10:47 AM
16	We need businesses in Simi. If you increase the tax, the businesses may move elsewhere. Don't shoot yourself in the foot.	12/3/2017 12:53 PM
17	Since we seem to lose businesses so often (at least retail), it seems risky to increase fees to do business here. Unless there is some other incentive to entice businesses to come here.	12/2/2017 5:25 PM
18	Despite not changing in 40 years, the current business tax rates appear well positioned across cities within the county.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
19	yes as long as its reasonable - we can barly keep business in our town ...lets not make the rest vamoose.	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
20	watch this one, you lost State Farm and Simi needs to keep businesses in Simi. Find another place to pull in more income. Consider the movie industry and music festivals draw business to Simi don't continue to push them out.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
21	No...we need new business	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
22	A slight increase after 40 years seems reasonable.	12/1/2017 10:08 AM
23	The city needs to find out how to get more businesses to come in to cover those charges	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
24	Simi needs more businesses, they keep failing	12/1/2017 8:43 AM
25	businesses here in Simi Valley have a hard time already staying open	11/30/2017 3:13 PM
26	I support a small increase.	11/30/2017 11:25 AM
27	How about a graduated fee structure.	11/30/2017 11:23 AM
28	It seems as if the numbers that are mentioned above are reflecting smaller business. I don't believe smaller businesses should be subjected to a higher tax. However, I do support taxing big companies more such as Walmart, Target etc.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
29	businesses are already have a tough enough time staying open in simi valley	11/30/2017 9:15 AM
30	It seems that a modest increase would be reasonable. However, it is always better in the long run to keep Simi Valley business friendly.	11/30/2017 9:12 AM
31	Cut expenses	11/30/2017 7:43 AM

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32	Yes but it should be split up more. 20,000-300,000 is a difference between the lower and upper class.	11/29/2017 11:13 PM
33	No! We are losing businesses. Our mall is a joke. We need more business and this will not be business friendly.	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
34	We do not need to drive businesses out of Simi by increasing taxes.	11/29/2017 9:54 PM
35	However would their be a negative impact to this if increased by steering businesses away from Simi?	11/29/2017 9:16 PM
36	Businesses are barely making it as it is.	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
37	20,000-200,000 can be \$50. \$200,000 to \$300,000 be \$60 and so on.. increase it small but \$10 is a lot in the bigger picture	11/29/2017 8:41 PM
38	Yes, but minimal. However, how about maintaining the current fees or giving the business owners who also live in Simi Valley a "break" so their fees remain the same.	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
39	Again, the increase is not enough to offset our deficits and hurts our small businesses.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
40	What kind of question is this? Stop increasing taxes.	11/29/2017 6:20 PM
41	This fee is lower than other cities I work with in California.	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
42	How is it acceptable that we are significantly behind our counterparts and have not raised this rate in nearly 1/2 a century? Really? How can Simi leadership consider reducing services and let our streets and sewers fall into disrepair or reduce police services without making these simple "hard" political decisions? Stop blaming retirement system costs for all the fiscal woes.	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
43	as long as it doesn't get raised too much	11/29/2017 10:32 AM
44	But only very little. We do not want to be more expensive than TO.	11/29/2017 9:11 AM
45	I own a small business in Thousand Oaks and my tax is much higher.	11/28/2017 10:59 PM
46	Yes, but there should be more levels to keep taxes low for the smallest businesses.	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
47	Only increase top tax rate	11/28/2017 8:05 PM
48	HOWEVER, I would not support such an increase for the very small business owner. I think there should be a more levels between a \$20,000 business and a \$300,00 one. I would leave the rates the at the current level for businesses grossing under \$75,000.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
49	That will hurt small business in town. Walmart and target already run the city	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
50	We need more business here in Simi, higher fees force them to lower cost areas.	11/28/2017 7:24 AM
51	I think small business should get a real break. I think we should be much lower than surrounding cities to attract new businesses.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
52	yes, but only to increase the business tax certificate costs	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
53	Why do the bureaucrats always insist on a comparison survey when they want to increase their pay and benefits, or impose fees on those who pay their salaries? Small business is just now recovering from the 2008 market crash - why would anyone feel it appropriate to penalize small business as it is recovering?	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
54	We need to help the businesses, not punish them when they are starting out.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
55	Stay competitive and open to new businesses in the growing California markets.	11/27/2017 5:13 PM
56	It should not be an amount that would be affordable to the business.	11/27/2017 4:29 PM

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57	I think the city has a hard enough time getting business headquartered here. Maybe highlighting this fact is something the city should be doing when courting more business. And please, enough with the Walmarts and fast food.	11/27/2017 4:15 PM
58	We need to incentive small business owners and increase occupancy in our mall and strip malls. Do not make it harder on them.	11/27/2017 3:50 PM
59	Simi Valley should be a low-cost leader in business tax rates, to encourage more businesses to locate and stay here.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
60	The small amount difference would not be worth the burden on small businesses	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
61	Exactly what does this do for the owner. Nothing. Its a piece of paper. I have one, I know. NO MORE taxes.	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
62	reasonable amount. do not discourage growth	11/27/2017 6:12 AM
63	We should try to be more on the par of Thousand Oaks.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
64	The amount of money generated for the city is minuscule.	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
65	But within reason, we don't want to make business leave.	11/21/2017 8:40 AM
66	Brown has already raised gas taxes. Time to move out of CA	11/21/2017 12:28 AM
67	Only on the two higher income.	11/20/2017 9:19 PM
68	This city NEEDS businesses. With the mall dying, and big businesses such as Apple leaving, why on earth would this city seek to tax businesses?	11/20/2017 7:15 PM
69	Sliding Scale. A smaller business should not be required to pay the same fee as a larger business.	11/20/2017 4:14 PM
70	Keep Simi competative.	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
71	No more than 3.5%	11/20/2017 8:21 AM
72	No, we have many businesses that can't stay open in town. Raising fees will cause businesses to go under and discourage others from opening.	11/19/2017 12:42 PM
73	*Reporting \$20,001 to \$300,000 I think that range should be split into a more even distribution though. Or for the amount of profit collected or something like that.	11/18/2017 10:50 PM
74	Small business keep cities alive, again lower the pay for the city employees that are already over paid!	11/18/2017 1:08 PM
75	While I believe keeping costs low for businesses may be more prudent to encourage companies/retail to invest in our city, I'm not sure that's fiscally sound. In regards to retail, our city is severely lacking. We have a mall that aside from the theater and restaurants is not really useful. To few stores for the average family. The Macy's is not nearly as good as Macy's in the Valley or TO and beside Kohls, there are no modest stores, i.e. old navy. The majority of non-online shopping I do, occurs in Moorpark (shoe store) or TO/Westlake (mall/old navy).	11/18/2017 11:15 AM
76	depends on how much increase.	11/18/2017 10:43 AM
77	SUPPORT WHAT LITTLE REAL BUSINESS THERE IS LEFT IN THIS CITY INCREASING COST IS A PASS THRU AND WILL ONLY LEAD TO MORE EMPTY STORE FRONTS CANT WAIT TO SEE HOW THAT WILL WORK OUT MABY A NEW ROAD TO OTHER PLACES SO WE DONT HAVE TO FIGHT TRAFFIC GETTING THER AND SPEND OUR MONEY. NO STORES NO SALES.	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
78	I would support an increase in the business tax for Simi Valley.	11/17/2017 11:24 PM
79	A conservative increase would be acceptable.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM

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80	why in the world, except in government, would anyone want to discourage businesses from relocating or remaining in simi? most private sector people have not fully recovered from the 2008 crash, and many have not found jobs in the years since. they have been forced to become self-employed to feed their families - and increasing the costs on those eeking out a living just not right.	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
81	We need to encourage local bushiness to stay, give them a break, they are providing jobs for the community.	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
82	Absolutely, yes. Businesses need to pay their fair share.	11/17/2017 5:42 PM
83	Only if council can prove that this would not be a deterrent to new business startup	11/17/2017 4:46 PM
84	Keep the increase modest, though. I suggest a tiered rate -- for example, a small home business grossing less than \$100,000 might continue to pay \$50, but businesses grossing \$100,000-\$200,000 could pay \$75 and those grossing more than \$200,000 could pay \$100.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
85	Charge more for the business license, but no new taxes	11/16/2017 6:42 PM
86	Businesses in Simi Valley struggle. Raising taxes and fees would only create more failed business.	11/16/2017 5:32 PM
87	The tax should be more progressive based on the size of the business and its impact in the City, e.g. bars and clubs should pay more than an insurance agent, as they require more law enforcement and other city oversight.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
88	Not for small businesses. I'm not a business owner but I don't want to see them close their doors. Losing Farmers and store after store is bad enough...	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
89	We have enough empty business buildings from companies leaving Simi. That horrid so called mall is a prime example. More needs to be done to attract businesses to Simi and raising tax rates will certainly do just the opposite.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
90	Don't mess with small businesses!	11/16/2017 4:46 PM
91	They should double it to 100	11/16/2017 4:28 PM
92	Charging businesses more fees passes the cost on to the customer	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
93	My wife was actually informed that her license was free after the first fee unless she made more than \$300,000 because she does not sell goods. We felt that was strange and would have expected a yearly fee. The revenue chart mentioned does not take into account that larger cities have more businesses per capita as well.	11/16/2017 3:24 PM
94	Simi need strong support of businesses. Would depend on how much tax rate would increase	11/16/2017 1:33 PM
95	We need jobs, and we have too few as it is	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
96	Businesses struggle to survive in Simi. We need to encourage them to stay here and not drive them out.	11/16/2017 11:07 AM
97	Just the certificate, not overall tax hike	11/16/2017 10:52 AM
98	Why is West Covina on the list?	11/15/2017 10:01 PM
99	Sure follow California's example on how to run off business and have more empty buildings!	11/15/2017 5:40 PM
100	Only increase if based on a % - we should continue to be business-friendly.	11/15/2017 3:46 PM
101	As long as it's a reasonable increase. I think a 10% increase would be reasonable.	11/15/2017 2:20 PM
102	Are you kidding? make it more expensive to do business in Simi?	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
103	\$50 for 20,000-100,000 and higher for rest	11/15/2017 1:44 PM

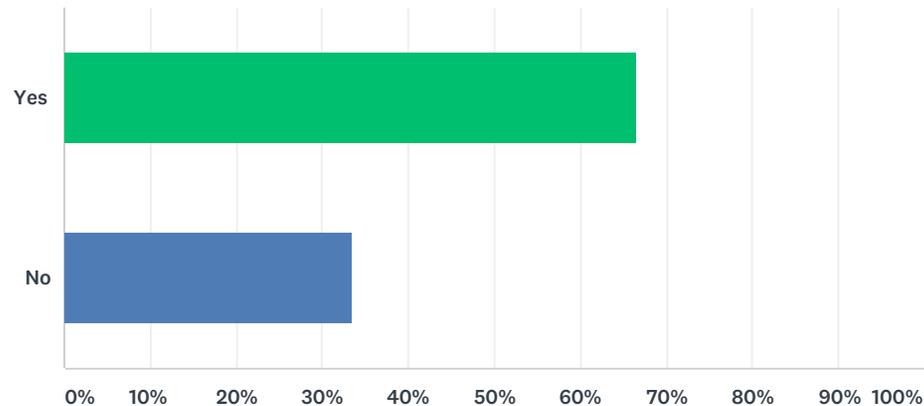
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104	Cut the cost. Remove pension for city employees! Hardly 2% of common residents get pension. Why they need to fund pension for city employees? The pension is supposed to eat up 20% of the city budget in 2022!	11/15/2017 1:40 PM
105	a small increase is suggestd	11/15/2017 9:15 AM
106	Up to \$75.00	11/14/2017 9:51 PM
107	We need to help support business's.	11/14/2017 8:53 PM
108	Finding more reasons to scare off small businesses I see...	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
109	small businesses in this town cannot survive now!	11/14/2017 2:45 PM
110	We need to update these fees with the cost of doing business	11/14/2017 1:14 PM
111	Costs go up, we are not paying the same price for a gallon of milk or gasoline as we were 40 years ago. It is irresponsible and embarrassing for the City not to be updating their fees accordingly with inflation.	11/14/2017 10:11 AM
112	Not small business, but diffently, Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Lowes ,Kohl Starbucks, CVS, Longs, etc....	11/14/2017 7:04 AM
113	We need to encourage that business STAY in Simi Valley and not close due to high taxes and fees. California is one of the worst states to own and operate a business	11/14/2017 5:42 AM
114	slightly only, \$5 a year for 5 years.	11/13/2017 10:19 PM
115	But not for businesses making less than a certain amount. A business only making \$20,000 a year isn't enough to support a family and should not be burdened further.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
116	this would limit growth	11/13/2017 8:00 PM
117	but keep in on a sliding scale	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
118	Should be based more fairly on the gross receipt. \$50.00 for \$20,000.00 and more like \$250.00 for \$300,000.00. (For example....)	11/13/2017 4:01 PM
119	Since everything else has increased in the past 40 years, it makes sense to increase the fee to obtain a business tax certificate in Simi Valley. An annual fee of \$15.00, required of a business owner to obtain a Simi Valley business tax certificate, is obscenely low. In addition, a "Special Event" fee or "Single-Event" fee should be considered for vendors of local events.	11/13/2017 3:24 PM
120	Stop over restricting businesses and the community with all the resolutions and ordinances, you scare off the businesses and no one wants to come here because we are ultra conservative.	11/13/2017 3:09 PM

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Q9 The City charges a Business Tax to all businesses operating within city limits. Businesses register themselves on the "honor system." Should the City enforce this existing ordinance more strictly by auditing against State tax records to ensure all businesses are paying? The City estimates such an audit could raise at least \$150,000.

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	66.48% 468
No	33.52% 236
TOTAL	704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	what would be the cost for the audits	12/8/2017 4:33 PM
2	Honor system is fine	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
3	We can't keep businesses in Simi as it is. Provide incentives, not additional taxes.	12/7/2017 9:56 PM
4	we would need to hire personnel	12/7/2017 9:07 PM
5	The entire city needs an audit department	12/7/2017 4:48 PM
6	A business friendly city is what Simi Valley needs, and we should keep the businesses on the honor system. The audit may raise \$150,000, but the costs incurred to perform the audit would reduce the benefits the city anticipates receiving.	12/7/2017 9:31 AM

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7	I have a neighbor that runs a business from her home and still has 2011 temporary transport tags on her vehicle from out of state	12/6/2017 3:02 PM
8	It would probably cost more to audit all the businesses than the city would gain.	12/6/2017 1:16 PM
9	It's not fair to businesses that pay the fee to know that a competitor or other businesses don't pay the fee and suffer no ill effects. Either everyone pays the fee or no one should have to pay the fee! If a new staff person will be fulfilling this role, by the time salary and benefits, plus overhead are factored, the \$150,000 revenue will essentially pay for that new staff person. However, system fairness is important.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
10	maintain the honor system. Hiring people to monitor will defeat the whole purpose.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
11	Government is in enough of our business!	12/4/2017 10:47 AM
12	but what is the cost of enforcing and auditing?	12/3/2017 2:49 PM
13	The cost of the audit may be more than the revenue you will raise.	12/3/2017 12:53 PM
14	no opinion	12/3/2017 6:20 AM
15	What's fair is fair	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
16	yes if you have a business here you pay here...	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
17	this means hiring a person or persons to collect the money. Look for a positive way to pull in revenue, not spending more money on salaries to TRY and collect what you think is lost revenue.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
18	the audit would cost more potentially than revenue raised I fear	12/1/2017 2:07 PM
19	Keep them honest, by auditing their books; otherwise,they are cheating	12/1/2017 1:20 PM
20	Only fair to those who do register	12/1/2017 12:08 PM
21	No...don't you think we have enough problems losing businesses,	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
22	The law is the law and should be enforced.	12/1/2017 10:08 AM
23	Definitely on the bigger businesses small mom mom and pops businesses I think would scare him away	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
24	All items in the city should be audited there is probably a lot more funny stuff going on we just don't know it Hire a full time auditor to look at everything the city does it would probably pay for itself if items found	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
25	As long as the cost of auditing does not exceed the profit margin. Hold people accountable	12/1/2017 8:43 AM
26	There are too many empty stores. Rents too high. Businesses are leaving	11/30/2017 5:34 PM
27	Wondering what the expense for the audit would be and if the expense was more than what you would collect.	11/30/2017 11:23 AM
28	I believe everyone should be following the law and if they are not paying their required taxes we should know about it.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
29	Cut expenses	11/30/2017 7:43 AM
30	\$150,000 is probably less then the audit would cost.	11/30/2017 7:28 AM
31	No! Business owner employ people who In turn spend in the community! Don't penalize the ones who creat jobs!	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
32	Why spend money to do this audit on a "could raise" and not a for sure.	11/29/2017 9:41 PM
33	The audit would cost more than \$150K	11/29/2017 8:54 PM

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34	Then you have to pay employees to do this work. Too much work.	11/29/2017 8:41 PM
35	Unless it would cost the city that much in a salary to have someone do the audit.	11/29/2017 7:46 PM
36	As long as the "audit" can be completed efficiently and in a cost effective manner.	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
37	Not unless the audit cost created a significant increase in revenue for the City.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
38	The city is already not easy to own a business in and has a bad reputation. People do not want to bring business here and if its made more complicated, I am afraid it will be worse.	11/29/2017 7:11 PM
39	Without audits to catch the cheaters, the honest business owners are penalized for paying.	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
40	WHY would they say this The "the honor systems" not working/ Please let me know when there a city council meeting about this its crazy....First how much dose the audit cost? How many people and how long will it take? What if big 'if' most are paying. I think we pull out more than we bring in	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
41	Now that it has been revealed that its an honor system you have to do this! Frankly, it is baffling why it ever was an honor system?	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
42	should put a late fee to encourage people to pay	11/29/2017 10:32 AM
43	Should have an I don't know option because the question is how much would it cost to raise a rather small amount of revenue?	11/28/2017 10:59 PM
44	What is the cost of the audit?	11/28/2017 8:05 PM
45	I believe that the cost to audit this information would be as much as any proposed increase in revenue.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
46	Another push against small businesses. This is a family city and honor should mean something	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
47	Use existing laws to catch people who don't report. Consider an amnesty program before enforcement.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
48	At what cost? If we don't raise money there is no need for the audit.	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
49	and how much would the audit cost? a better alternative would be to make non-compliance penalties massive and punitive.	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
50	Then, we need to higher more staff with special qualification.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
51	The audit process would cost more than the potential fees the city would collect.	11/27/2017 5:15 PM
52	Tax rates should be kept low, but should also be fairly apportioned.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
53	What would be the increased cost of auditing all businesses?	11/27/2017 3:31 PM
54	While I would not advocate raising the rates, they should pay something or their fair share.	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
55	businesses are supposed to have that business permit visible	11/27/2017 2:56 PM
56	Honor systems work in very small communities. It's time business pay their fair share.	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
57	How much would the audit cost? Are you going to break even? If so would it be worth it?	11/27/2017 12:58 PM
58	Make it fair by having people charge what is already law	11/24/2017 11:18 AM
59	We should crack down on tax cheats.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
60	Cost of policing would wipe out new/higher fees.	11/22/2017 2:35 PM
61	How much would the enforcement cost the city. Maybe a check could be made in another way (?)	11/22/2017 11:27 AM

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62	What would the audit cost each year?	11/21/2017 2:35 PM
63	It depends on how much effort will be required to get the \$150,000	11/21/2017 8:40 AM
64	The cost of the Audit would probably offset any gains. If the Audit can pay for itself and still raise monies, then YES an audit should take place	11/20/2017 4:14 PM
65	act like a real business audit things	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
66	Cost of audit should be determined prior to ensure cost vs. recovery is reasonable	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
67	How much would it cost to perform the audit? It may not be worth the effort.	11/18/2017 11:37 AM
68	AT WHAT COST? \$ 300,000.? PLUS COST AND OTHER CHARGES ? YOUR STARTING TO SOUND LIKE A CABLE CO,	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
69	What is the cost of the audit? How about adding it to the duties of code enforcement. I see tow trucks operating in the city that are not based here, it would be simple to check those and impose a fine if they are not licensed.	11/18/2017 8:06 AM
70	I would even go back to five years to audit all the businesses operating within city limits. If any of the businesses didn't pay it for the last five years, then charge a 10% penalty for each year not paid.	11/17/2017 11:24 PM
71	As long as audit costs are a small percentage of resulting increased revenue.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM
72	and increase the costly bureaucracy and pension costs? you must be joking.	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
73	as long as we do not hire someone or pay for a consultant to perform the audit. Must be done with existing staff	11/17/2017 4:46 PM
74	But only do it if the revenue raised is at least \$50,000 more than the cost of the audit.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
75	What is the cost of the audit. It would cost more than that	11/16/2017 6:42 PM
76	Only if the cost of doing so is not more than 10% of the benefit and it needs to be automated.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
77	This audit would work but only if the auditors were already employed by the city. We do not need to hire new workers and put out more expense to do something that should be done by current employees.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
78	All should pay their fair share. No more. No less.	11/16/2017 4:46 PM
79	As long as the audit doesn't cost more in tax payer dollars.	11/16/2017 3:59 PM
80	People not following the rules should	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
81	but i would want it to be provisional over 1-2 years to see if it actually raised money. If it eventually costs money this should not be a service provided	11/16/2017 3:24 PM
82	Depends on how much the actual cost is for doing the audit.	11/15/2017 3:46 PM
83	The costs for administration will deplete the profit.	11/15/2017 3:42 PM
84	Na how much for the audit? \$200K?	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
85	not sure this would be cost efficient	11/15/2017 9:15 AM
86	How much would the audit cost?	11/15/2017 8:23 AM
87	yes,,keep it cheap but make everyone pay! Even the fruit stands (illegal) on the corners!	11/14/2017 2:45 PM

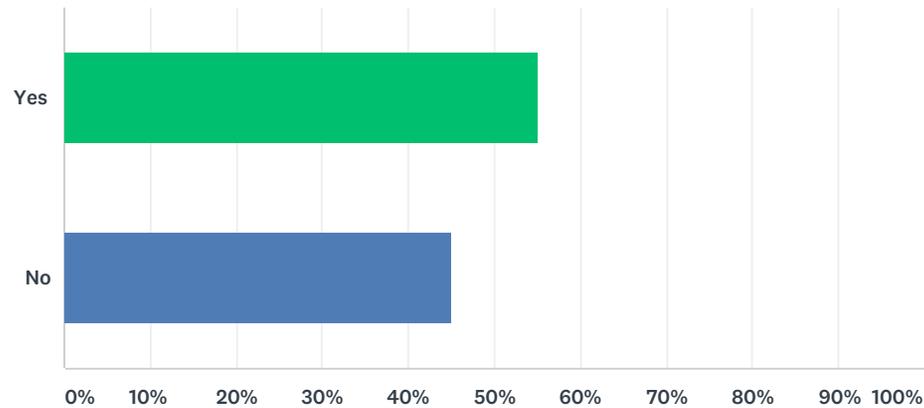
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88	Would the audit and enforcement process create more cost than the current system? If it is fiscally better for the City, then implement the changes. If not, then keep the current system as is.	11/14/2017 10:11 AM
89	This should be done so that Simi gets it's tax revenue	11/14/2017 5:42 AM
90	I'm sure an audit of every business in the city would cost just as much (if not more) than what you'd make if you caught people. Waste of time.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
91	How much time and money will the audit cost, if the business isn't honorable with the City who says they will be with the State	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
92	all businesses throughout the city should be adhering to the same rules and regulations.	11/9/2017 4:08 PM
93	No brainer, enforce what is already on the books.	11/9/2017 1:36 PM

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Q10 If the City were to "outsource" some services by hiring private firms to do the work instead of using City employees, would you have any concerns? (i.e., outsourcing various services in other cities has included using private firms to process building and planning permits, or using a private law firm instead of in-house staff, etc).

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	55.11% 388
No	44.89% 316
TOTAL	704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	cost and quality	12/8/2017 4:33 PM
2	Outsource anything you can. The private sector can do any job or service better and cheaper	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
3	There may be some services that could make a use of thi, but I feel that for the most part that these are best kept in-house.	12/8/2017 12:35 PM
4	privacy concerns, as well as cost concerns, would outsourcing be more expensive than in-house staff	12/8/2017 11:55 AM
5	Loss of control over how things are completed.	12/8/2017 11:52 AM

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6	Target the police we have too many police being used in non-police non-essential positions which could be farmed out to outside firms or even civilian city employees. If you are not out on patrol that job should be outsourced to non-police people. We have about 8 police on a shift on patrol 3 shifts so that accounts for 24 officers add detectives 10 and you have about 34 add in backup of another 20 and you have about 50 officers . This makes about 50 positions that could be eliminated and given to much lower cost non-police staff the savings would be significant . With little change in the level of protection to Simi. The police officer numbers are too large because they are using officers for positions that could be done by civilians at a much lower cost. The police cost 50% of the Simi valley budget and its even more if you factor in their pension costs. Yes this will be tough to do for the police union will resist this tooth and nail but if we keep going the police will cost Simi almost 100% of the budget in a few years. We need to start moving towards a smarter use of the staff , I think the number of police used has no logic to it they just keep adding more and more officers having them do desk jobs which could be farmed out and much lower cost people . There should be a non-political committee that should study this and recommend what police positions should be eliminated and replaced with civilians. As you reduce the number of officers the layers of management in the police ranks can also be reduced this will create significant savings for the city which can be used elsewhere with no change in protection levels	12/7/2017 4:48 PM
7	Customer service levels may decrease by farming out work to a private company, but the cost savings will benefit the city depending on the specific services that will be not be kept in-house.	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
8	already outsourcing building permits and any changes can no longer be made at the counter and take to long to process	12/6/2017 3:02 PM
9	This way if a firm is not producing you can fire them. Competition is good.	12/6/2017 1:16 PM
10	Outsourcing can be a cost effective means of reducing costs while providing excellent municipal services.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
11	Some type of auditing may be needed to ensure outsourced work is being done as requested.	12/5/2017 8:41 PM
12	Outsourcing is demeaning to the company culture, in this case the city of Simi Valley and the residents. Private firms have their own interests to make money. This does not align with the values of working for the residents of the city. Companies outsourced to always overcharge for their services. Or under deliver value for the money paid. Considering the administration costs associated with selecting, managing and auditing etc an outsourced firm, it is less expensive to hire a part time city employee or temp city worker.	12/5/2017 8:15 PM
13	You should give that a very serious thought. Look at the police department. In the past the city has given all kinds of benefits including overtime, pension benefits which often times get misused.. Times are getting tougher and the benefit packages have to be reviewed very carefully. All the extra allowances given, should also be reviewed.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
14	Great idea!!! Perhaps we could outsource the whole governing class to India! Then they could experience the real pressure of working harder for less take home while taxes go up and the government whines about their pensions.	12/5/2017 3:07 PM
15	This is a big issue right now in Indio and Coachella, where the city prosecutor's office has contracted Silver & Wright to handle prosecution of nuisance crimes and homeowners are getting ripped off. Please read: <a href="http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/crime_courts/2017/11/15/he-confessed-minor-crime-then-city-hall-billed-him-31-k-his-own-prosecution/846850001/">http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/crime_courts/2017/11/15/he-confessed-minor-crime-then-city-hall-billed-him-31-k-his-own-prosecution/846850001/</a> Or, just Google: "municipal code enforcement coachella". Don't let Simi Valley become like Indio and Coachella!	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
16	if the outsourcing is proven to be more cost effective	12/4/2017 8:31 PM
17	If the localists can not offer the services, I would say yes "outsource" , but my first option would be hiring people from inside.	12/4/2017 7:17 PM
18	Public employee benefits nowadays are more generous than what average citizen receives. and city employees get civil service and union protections too. Less strikes with outsourcing. rigoursly audit outsourced firms.	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
19	Out source VENTURA county animal control. Poor response time. Look at how well the city of Thousand Oaks has enjoyed switching to LA county for animal control needs.	12/4/2017 3:43 PM

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20	with competitive outsourcing you could reduce city payroll as well as reduce the city's pension exposure	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
21	It depends of the overall cost to outsource vs. a city employee with paid vacations and all paid benefits.	12/4/2017 10:47 AM
22	Outsourcing is the first step to losing our self identify as a city. Eventually, this city will be contracting things the city should be doing like public safety.	12/4/2017 8:39 AM
23	What is outside cost vs. in-house salaries, benefits and associated long-term pension costs. Could be cheaper, especially with long-term pension costs. If the city changes how it determines it's pensions, i.e., 2% of average of last 10 years vs. 2% of the last, highest year, it could be financially beneficial to keep services with in-house city employees.	12/3/2017 2:49 PM
24	If we can get similar services for less money, it makes sense to go in that direction.	12/3/2017 12:53 PM
25	yes, no loyalty and control	12/3/2017 6:20 AM
26	As long as the services are provided fairly	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
27	Out Sourcing some services makes sense however, if it eliminates an in house staff's position they should be reassigned.	12/2/2017 6:01 PM
28	Outsourcing usually means that a private company, one working "for profit", is taking over. I would worry that the for-profit company would raise prices, while not being as efficient as a public employee (or as transparent). I would rather that no monies were spent on bonuses to a for-profit CEO, and the monies spent, instead, on public administration.	12/2/2017 5:27 PM
29	as long as a good appeal process is in place	12/2/2017 4:35 PM
30	I think private firms may influence laws based on profits. I don't like this at all!	12/2/2017 8:37 AM
31	This question does not include enough information on cost. Oftentimes, outsourcing is more expensive. I'd also prefer to see that money spent within the city rather than outside it.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
32	no outsource it - our city employees are over paid and then some.	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
33	the private sector should be more cost effective and competitive for the job. Your biggest overhead are you personnel salaries & benefits.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
34	What you might save in salaries, or pension costs, you will lose, in contractor overcharges, & poor job performance, due to their cost cutting measures	12/1/2017 1:20 PM
35	It depends but the concept is VERY appealing.	12/1/2017 12:08 PM
36	Seriously?!	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
37	Private businesses are more efficient and we won't have to pay the ridiculous pensions that none of us in the private sector get....	12/1/2017 11:07 AM
38	Keep as much in house as possible. I want my government responsible for its own actions.	12/1/2017 10:08 AM
39	Yes since there is not a love for the city	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
40	yes this biggest expense is the police. Simi cannot afford its own police dept. we should farm the protection out to the sheriff dept. All the surrounding cities do this and they do not spend 50% of their budget for police protection. The police started out years ago with volunteers in green blazers and have morphed in a police force that now consumes half the city budget its much more if you factor in pension plans with medical. Switching to the sheriff would take more political will then the city counsel has so I guess the police will just bankrupt the city much like what happened in Detroit.	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
41	I trust City employees	12/1/2017 8:27 AM
42	Just don't hire your buddies for too much money.....	11/30/2017 7:35 PM

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43	Where is the cost/benefit analysis in this question?	11/30/2017 1:25 PM
44	if the outsourcing makes sense, this is something that needs more data to make a decision	11/30/2017 11:48 AM
45	If the same service can be performed more efficiently/cheaper.	11/30/2017 11:25 AM
46	It would reduce city pension plans which are too expensive, so probably a good thing to outsource.	11/30/2017 11:23 AM
47	This could potentially cost many people their jobs. Private business will always be ok. But city employees may have been working with the city for many years and I don't believe it's right to fire them or lay them off just to save some money.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
48	Prefer in-house staff that probably know about and care more for the city.	11/30/2017 9:12 AM
49	I would have no concerns as long as it saves the City money.	11/30/2017 8:29 AM
50	As long as those companies and their staff are vetted to the same or higher standards that the city uses currently.	11/30/2017 8:01 AM
51	This would save money, so outsource. You have worded this question poorly though so the accuracy of the result may not reflect what people think.	11/30/2017 7:43 AM
52	Costs need to be compared.	11/30/2017 7:28 AM
53	#1 Priority.	11/30/2017 7:12 AM
54	I would prefer to keep the business and jobs in Simi, with locals.	11/30/2017 6:57 AM
55	Outsourcing reduced long term benefit costs	11/30/2017 5:24 AM
56	Could the vetting process to hire competent outside businesses be costly? If an outside business didn't work competently, who would be responsible or held liable? The city or the outside business? What would be the process of firing an outside business (if need be) and could the city be held liable for breach of contract if said business didn't perform to an acceptable standard for the community? I'm sure I could think of many other concerns over f it weren't so late at night.	11/29/2017 11:24 PM
57	We should keep the work local.	11/29/2017 11:13 PM
58	These services and agencies would need to be closely monitored. Sometimes going to a third party can become more costly. However, the option should be researched	11/29/2017 9:43 PM
59	This might cut down on how many would be on the books for retirement payments the rest of their life under Simi Valley city.	11/29/2017 9:41 PM
60	This has a plus and negative to it. There could be a potential for reduced employment for the city of simi valley, although it would be better if the city outsourced their services to companies and firms within city limits.	11/29/2017 9:16 PM
61	No concerns.	11/29/2017 8:41 PM
62	Cheaper labor can always be found. Let's keep the payroll to our city employees please. They work hard and deserve it.	11/29/2017 8:36 PM
63	Ummm....maybe? What is the cost of these private firms in comparison to city employees? You can bet any private firm hired would raise their fees over time....as they should.	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
64	The question is too broad in scope. I would only agree if the outsourcing opportunities were more defined.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
65	If the in house people are no longer doing the work then please cut funding.	11/29/2017 6:20 PM
66	We live here, hire here !	11/29/2017 5:39 PM
67	Would we be spending less on the services or would there be an exorbitant contract that we're obligated to pay for 20 years? Who would monitor the quality of their work?	11/29/2017 5:19 PM

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68	"In house" will hopefully put more heart into the work then an outside firm. Local city employees are my first choice.	11/29/2017 4:29 PM
69	Who would police them. If we have any issues will complaints & concern be passed around to the next person that says: not my job or I don't know	11/29/2017 4:02 PM
70	Outsourcing of city services quickly leads to corruption and lack of accountability. Try to avoid this strategy of outsourcing anything important.	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
71	There needs to be a benefit-cost analysis. If the analysis show cost savings without service loss, then of course. This is just good organizational management.	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
72	At the senior center the City employees remodeled the multi-purpose room in slow slow slow motion. We should have had other outside bids on the job for sure. They took more breaks than any remodel service I know of.	11/29/2017 10:56 AM
73	The outsourcing should first go to Simi Valley residents.	11/29/2017 10:32 AM
74	Yes, I would have great concerns. It takes away jobs from local residents and removes control. Outsourcing always costs more than a company thinks it will, and the ability to change is significantly more difficult once a contract is signed. Residents will end up screwed, and the city will struggle with management of external employees.	11/29/2017 9:11 AM
75	Please keep city workers local - it truly is only us that care about our community!	11/29/2017 8:39 AM
76	I believe the City has a responsibility to be fully accountable to residents for the services it provides.	11/28/2017 10:59 PM
77	The awarding of contracts is at risk of being corrupted.	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
78	My main concern would be for any loyal city employees who would lose their jobs.	11/28/2017 7:54 PM
79	Outsourcing for all services except by the 'core' city provided services makes sense.	11/28/2017 6:48 PM
80	Don't do it	11/28/2017 5:55 PM
81	NO, city, union workers, and pensions are bankrupting all cities and states nationwide. Where in the private sector do you get 30-50 days off, ever single holiday, PLUS a pension? #NoWhere	11/28/2017 3:59 PM
82	Will you be laying off current employees to do this?	11/28/2017 2:22 PM
83	Outsourcing seldom gets the quality work or savings projected	11/28/2017 11:24 AM
84	If outsourcing is used to cut costs, which usually means lost jobs, I would not agree with this. City employees would, hopefully, be more likely to make better decisions especially if they have a vested interest in the community where they reside, assuming that a majority of our city employees actually live here in our community,	11/28/2017 10:57 AM
85	I would be concerned about the quality of out-sourced services and the employees who provide them.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
86	Privatization has been shown to be beneficial on a local level if implemented in the correct manner. Depending on the service, a competitive process versus a prequalified collective should be considered to best achieve the City's goals.	11/28/2017 8:05 AM
87	Will lead to lack of transparency, poor record-keeping	11/28/2017 7:35 AM
88	If they are cheaper	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
89	If it's less expensive then of course the city should outsource.	11/28/2017 7:24 AM
90	Quality needs to be assured. I also worry about loss of jobs.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
91	hire local. city employees should handle city business in this regard.	11/28/2017 5:40 AM

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92	Don't want this firm to be friends and family of city officials!!	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
93	Keep the SVPD in house	11/27/2017 9:12 PM
94	the city has too much dead wood on its employee tree, and, combined with the impending budget disaster caused by unfunded pension liabilities, the responsible thing to do is to reduce staff and outsource at lower net costs.	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
95	Would this save money? I would agree with outsourcing if it were cheaper, disagree if there were no savings or increased cost.	11/27/2017 6:48 PM
96	Private firms will raise the price eventually, and I don't know the quality of work when it doesn't affect them directly. We still need city employee to manage the firms.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
97	Probably much more waste and corruption in outsourcing.	11/27/2017 5:15 PM
98	Absolutely no outsourcing! It always ends up with bad service and eventually costs more. It reduces the middle-class by lowering incomes and benefits, and is harmful to our society.	11/27/2017 5:14 PM
99	If private company can do the work faster and cheaper why not?	11/27/2017 5:13 PM
100	Stay in-house	11/27/2017 4:57 PM
101	I wouldn't mind has long as they were reputable good firms.	11/27/2017 4:29 PM
102	What's the fiscal impact?	11/27/2017 4:15 PM
103	Outsourcing is a great idea. If private firms can do it better at lower cost, go for it. That will also reduce the city's pension problems.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
104	Keep Simi Valley money IN Simi Valley	11/27/2017 3:31 PM
105	Outsource as much as you can! No pensions or healthcare costs there.	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
106	Why punish your city employees for your problems? Employees that work FOR the city are more responsive than those reporting to another company as contractors.	11/27/2017 3:11 PM
107	But they must have NO financial interest or gain.	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
108	if outsourcing is done, it should be outsourced to businesses/people living in Simi Valley. For example, I just paid my tax bill it was sent to a Los Angeles address.....that concerns me.	11/27/2017 2:56 PM
109	close oversight of private contractors would be necessary. Over the long term, city employees may in fact remain a better work force with a controlled pay scale, vs a private contractor.	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
110	I find that outsourcing is good in the beginning, but most likely we will end up paying more and it is hard to prove any wrong doing on their part if it should come up.	11/27/2017 12:58 PM
111	employ local citizens	11/27/2017 6:12 AM
112	With care	11/25/2017 5:03 PM
113	Outsourcing is not the answer to improve cost efficiencies. City employees can operate just as efficiently as outsourcing.	11/24/2017 3:00 PM
114	It could increase the in-city unemployment rate.	11/24/2017 1:54 PM
115	Use Sheriff for police, save a LOT of money	11/24/2017 11:18 AM
116	City employees need to provide city services, NOT private companies.	11/23/2017 6:44 PM

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117	We should never privatize city services. This option should be off the table.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
118	Not always cost effective, eliminates jobs within the city.	11/22/2017 12:09 PM
119	I like the checks and balances we have in place.	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
120	There must be a cost-benefit analysis to determine exactly which services should be outsourced...	11/22/2017 8:52 AM
121	Outsourcing still requires a lot of oversight and coordination for the employees at the City which reduces what they can accomplish.	11/21/2017 8:40 AM
122	Should be competitively bid, instead of just paying for overpriced services.	11/21/2017 12:28 AM
123	Not if it would generate more income and reduces costs.	11/20/2017 9:19 PM
124	I like the idea of not having to fund more city employee pensions. However, I would like to know what the savings would be as often consultants are paid at higher rates.	11/20/2017 7:15 PM
125	1. Would it increase cost - Yes- Issue 2. Would it decrease accountability. - yes - Issue 3. Decrease cost - No Issue 4. Increase accountability - No Issue	11/20/2017 4:14 PM
126	I am STRONGLY in favor of this, as long as it results in lower cost with equal quality of work.	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
127	Must have adequate transparency	11/20/2017 2:06 PM
128	Cost to the city as opposed to having city employees do the job	11/20/2017 8:21 AM
129	I don't agree to a private firm having autonomy within the City - there should be full transparency. The library is run by LSS, who has no obligation to share their profits, which is ridiculous.	11/19/2017 10:59 PM
130	This question is too vague, even with the examples cited. Outsourcing should only be used when it saves a substantial amount of money in both the long and short term.	11/19/2017 4:33 PM
131	I believe it will increase the risk of something going wrong.	11/19/2017 4:06 PM
132	The people doing city business should be city employees. They should earn a fair wage, get benefits they are entitled to, and be compensated appropriately. Outsourcing is usually just contractors. We should be an example of how to treat employees properly.	11/19/2017 2:41 PM
133	this is the only way to save the city. The city of Simi pays way too much for an office administrator. across the board there should be a review of all positions including police (ie look at CHP) instead this is the only way to save the city. the longer you wait the worse it gets day by day. Losses will continue for years you must act quickly or things will get worse fast	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
134	yes, I am worried about outsourced employees and companies gouging us. Most companies gouge municipalities when quoting.	11/19/2017 12:42 PM
135	Outsiders should not be involved in our city building and planning!	11/19/2017 10:31 AM
136	keep the jobs in the city	11/19/2017 10:21 AM
137	As long as increased consultants fees are passed through to permittee and not covered by the city. Calabasas fees have more than tripled since they started using Johnathon Kramer.	11/19/2017 9:26 AM
138	Increase lead time not worth cost savings	11/19/2017 9:09 AM
139	This will take away from jobs that Simi residents or Ventura County residents could potentially hold.	11/19/2017 9:03 AM
140	Unless it reduces costs to the city. In the way that buying bulk items can be cheaper than single items.	11/18/2017 10:50 PM

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141	If the city could save money by outsourcing some services, we should do that.	11/18/2017 8:47 PM
142	I have a huge concern of outsourcing, this is not what we pay the city for.	11/18/2017 6:38 PM
143	City Attorney's office should be dissolved and sourced out. Save some money. You can also thin out some management positions in city hall and the police department.	11/18/2017 1:22 PM
144	No concerns	11/18/2017 12:12 PM
145	Yes but only if these businesses are contracted fairly. A blind bidding procedure and no "political kickbacks" or involvement of those making the decision from our City. And only if the cost savings was substantial.	11/18/2017 11:15 AM
146	MABY WE GET WHAT WE NEED IN THIS CITY AND NOT WHAT "OUR CIITY COUNCIL THINKS WE SHOUD HAVE EMPTY STORES EMPTY MALLS CRIME BAD STREETS RUNDOWN NEIGHBORHOODS " WISE UP CLEAN UP REDUCE CRIME MAKE THE CITY ATTRACTIVE " OH FORGOT AND JUST HOW WILL YOU CONTROLL COST WIT NO COMPETITION ?	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
147	The city wouldn't have any control for any services.	11/17/2017 11:24 PM
148	Outsourcing is OK, but should be phased in to minimize employee layoffs.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM
149	SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA !!!!! - much easier to hire/fire vendors than bureaucrats who have been known to milk the system and have no consequences for poor performance might also improve the attitudes of the survivors	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
150	Absolutely no way, keep the jobs within the community. How will someone outside the community know how to address my needs?	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
151	Keep city jobs in the city. No privatization.	11/17/2017 5:42 PM
152	Need to see what the reduction in costs to the city ie pension and benefits vs expense of hiring the private firm	11/17/2017 4:46 PM
153	Only if current employees are able to transfer or be hired by the outsource company. Do not do this unless current employees are taken care of.	11/17/2017 3:44 PM
154	I do not see any benefit of hiring outside services and paying them. What is the point of putting an employee out of work, and now must find new employment.	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
155	My only concern is that after outsourcing the services, their would be no corresponding reduction in city work force.	11/17/2017 12:28 PM
156	Yes I would. I would be concerned about Privacy issues. I also believe that things relating to Simi Valley, should remain in Simi Valley, i.e., hire Simi Valley people.	11/17/2017 10:25 AM
157	DO NOT OUTSOURCE. For-profit private companies are obliged to put the PROFITS TO SHAREHOLDERS above every other concern. The business can actually be sued by shareholders who feel they've been cheated of profits by a business that tries too hard to deliver quality. But GOVERNMENT is chartered to provide SHARED SERVICES TO THE CITY. It can put the city first and it has no requirement to earn a profit. It's a better form of organization for civil affairs. Also, by keeping work in-house, you gain the same economies of scale that a business gains from scale. Besides, outsourcing is an administrative nightmare. You lose too much control and can't hold employees of the private company directly accountable for screwups. You're not their boss.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
158	Hiring private firms would give better services to the public.	11/16/2017 10:29 PM
159	Outsourcing isn't an answer and would take away potential jobs from Simi Valley residents. Instead of outsourcing, hire an additional employee (or 2) as needed. It may cost a little more, but that money would stay in Simi Valley,	11/16/2017 5:32 PM
160	If it makes sense financially and does not impact the quality or availability of the service. Also, maybe look at pooling resources with other cities/county to gain a size efficiency using a shared services model.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM

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161	I cannot think of anything that concerns me. I would not like them outsourced to other countries.	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
162	That is the biggest problem we in this city and this country have. Why is it that businesses and politicians think that outsourcing is always cheaper? If the excess such as administrators for administrators would be cut and we stayed within a budget we would be able to keep current employees and outsourcing would not be needed and should not be an acceptable practice.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
163	IF it saved money and IF they are held accountable.	11/16/2017 4:46 PM
164	Depends on services being outsourced, and monies spent or saved	11/16/2017 4:28 PM
165	As long as private firms competitively bid for the job and it will cost less to the tax payer.	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
166	unless this is something that can be done to keep cost down eg. hiring a specialist.	11/16/2017 3:24 PM
167	As long as the contracts were negotiable and checked regularly to ensure desired outcomes and business practices.	11/16/2017 2:47 PM
168	Concerns include expense, quality of work, etc	11/16/2017 1:33 PM
169	depends on the position	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
170	As long as efficient work is being done and \$\$ can be saved...this would be a good initiative	11/16/2017 11:07 AM
171	It's always good to consider outsourcing, but not at the risk of lowering standards.	11/16/2017 10:58 AM
172	Jobs should stay local and private companies may charge more	11/16/2017 10:52 AM
173	Out souce the police department. Use VCS.	11/16/2017 10:10 AM
174	THE CITY IS NOT FOR PROFIT, UNLESS A SPECIALIZED CONTRACTING JOB KEEP IT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR	11/16/2017 5:06 AM
175	Yes I'd have concerns. I disagree with outsourcing. Keep it in-house.	11/15/2017 9:09 PM
176	We should support things in the city so we could get the tax revenue, as well as support the people who live or work here, just as we should support businesses in Simi, and go to schools in SVUSD. The more we support in the city, the more our city can grow, prosper, and welcome and encourage other people to live here.	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
177	who are your buddy's at these private firms that these money will be going to?	11/15/2017 4:47 PM
178	concerns - yes; opposition - not necessarily	11/15/2017 3:44 PM
179	Less oversight and no control of costs. Look at Amgen, they have flip flopped doing this knid of thing for years, it's not time or cost effective.	11/15/2017 3:42 PM
180	Outsource has proven in many markets to be the right way to go and far more economical.	11/15/2017 2:20 PM
181	No outsourcing.	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
182	Do not outsource.	11/15/2017 1:44 PM
183	That will be good as at least I would not be paying for the pensions for the contract employees!	11/15/2017 1:40 PM
184	Would they be overcharging, would a screw that used to cost .10 now cost .25?	11/15/2017 12:59 PM
185	Not police services	11/15/2017 7:56 AM
186	Go for it.....	11/14/2017 8:53 PM

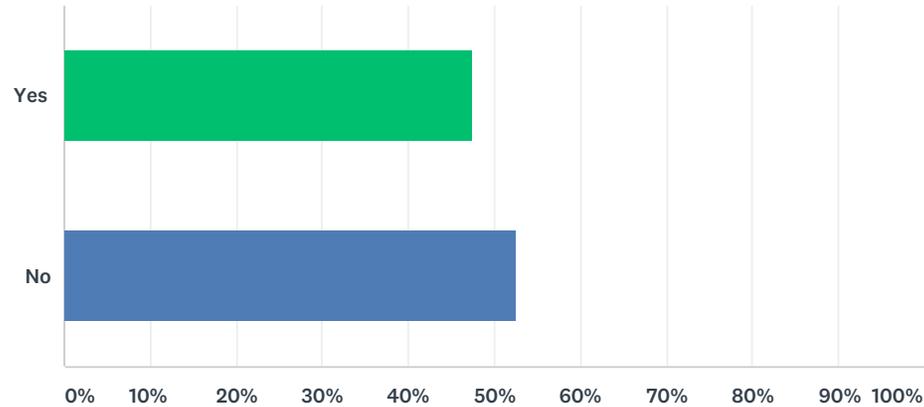
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187	What "services"?? How can I raise concerns if I don't know what the positions are? This seems extremely sketchy and like it will render more people not working in the city. There is nothing wrong with current employment methods done through the city.	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
188	yes...no ridiculous pensions!	11/14/2017 2:45 PM
189	I would carefully review what services could be outsourced and what benefits would be gained by outsourcing. Could any adjacent cities share services?	11/14/2017 1:14 PM
190	The biggest cost to the City is the police department. Explore fiscal savings by outsourcing to the County Sheriff.	11/14/2017 10:11 AM
191	Outsourcing daily city legal or regulatory services may introduce unwanted business profit models and investor/share holder influence into city services for tax payers and fee payers.	11/14/2017 10:07 AM
192	It would be idea if people who lived here worked here.	11/14/2017 9:30 AM
193	How would that affect our quality and level of service?	11/14/2017 8:01 AM
194	its life, it would save the city on retirement and benefits.	11/14/2017 5:42 AM
195	Outsourcing is not the answer! Too many Simi residents work for this city and would be affected. Layoffs are not the solution.	11/14/2017 5:09 AM
196	keep city employees employed, they cost less than outsourcing generally.	11/14/2017 2:09 AM
197	Outsourcing is a bad idea, it transfers decent paying jobs with good benefits to low paying jobs with no benefits. Less city jobs means a smaller middle class. I don't trust outside companies to treat employees well.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
198	city employees are from the local population.	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
199	only if outsourced resources were subject to same rules that face current full-time employees.	11/13/2017 4:09 PM
200	Yes, I would have concerns. Lack of transparency, loss of quality control, increase in prices because outsourcing to private firms tells me that profits would be the goal, and those profits would pass down to the business owner/shareholders or in the form of bonuses to managers. The City can conduct its own business, for which City staff would be held accountable.	11/13/2017 3:24 PM
201	Out-source Human Resources, Transit, and the SVPD to the Sheriff's Department. The library is great being run by LSSI. Get rid of extra managers or bump them down to general unit. consolidate departments at City hall	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
202	We should use Ventura County Sheriff's Department as our Police Department	11/13/2017 10:20 AM
203	We should use the Venture county Sheriff as our PD	11/13/2017 10:19 AM
204	I think stream lining in-house staff to run more efficiently is a better way to go in order to avoid lay offs and the City is a one stop resource for so many things.	11/9/2017 4:08 PM
205	Research and investigate...	11/9/2017 9:58 AM

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Q11 Neighboring cities in Ventura and Los Angeles counties have voted for an increase in sales tax, which is added to the cost of items purchased in town. Sales tax rates in other cities in the County range from 7.75% to 8.25%. Simi Valley's current sales tax rate is 7.25%. A 0.25% increase would generate an estimated \$3.9 to \$4 million a year for programs and activities supported by the General Fund. Would you support a sales tax increase for Simi Valley?

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.44%	334
No	52.56%	370
TOTAL		704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Increasing taxes only hurts the taxpayers	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	Sales Taxes are truly the only fair tax as the more you buy, the more you pay.	12/8/2017 12:35 PM
3	a small increase to 7.5, yes. not crazy raising it to 8.25%	12/8/2017 11:55 AM
4	If the raised tax is not more than .25%	12/8/2017 5:43 AM
5	we get no cost of living raises. why/how can we afford to pay even more?	12/7/2017 9:07 PM
6	While nobody enjoys paying sales tax, an increase in the tax will benefit the city tremendously!	12/7/2017 9:31 AM

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7	I know of MANY people in the Valley who shop here because of the lower tax rate. We need to keep Simi attractive for shopping.	12/6/2017 1:16 PM
8	Every increase in revenue cannot come from business and tax payers	12/6/2017 10:43 AM
9	As a revenue source to enhance the general fund, a local sales tax is not something I would support. However, I might support a local sales tax to fund specific activities or projects, with a sunset to evaluate the effectiveness of the activities or programs.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
10	An increase of 0.25% ONLY.	12/5/2017 4:54 PM
11	People don't mind paying extra taxes, but the money is not for any frivolous benefits or over hiring of people. It is a know fact that the city employees are not working as efficiently as in a private sector. The jobs should not be perceived as a life time job safety. If you don't perform, you are out of a job.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
12	Really...where does that end 15%, 20%, 30%, 100%? Is the Simi Valley government capable of living within the taxpayer's means?	12/5/2017 3:07 PM
13	If Simi Valley raise the local sales tax, I will shop in Moorpark and Thousand Oaks. No new or increased taxes!	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
14	sales taxes are regressive and hurt the poor and seniors with limited incomes the most	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
15	Worth a try but there would be resistance by many.	12/4/2017 4:34 PM
16	you need to encourage people to buy locally and not push them to the neighboring cities.	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
17	Really? Don't we pay enough taxes courtesy of Jerry Brown's gas increase without public vote. Didn't we fight a war over no taxation without representation?!	12/4/2017 10:47 AM
18	Seems reasonable	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
19	Such an increase may not be noticeable to the consumer and those dollars could go a long way if appropriated properly.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
20	But only a .25% increase	12/1/2017 10:29 PM
21	no leave the tax rate alone its too high now. find another way.	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
22	Absolutely NOT! I'll shop elsewhere in Moorpark or Thousand Oaks.	12/1/2017 1:52 PM
23	"If you wanna dance, you gotta pay the band"; everybody wants more \$. Funds have to come from somewhere; nothing in life is free	12/1/2017 1:20 PM
24	For the common good	12/1/2017 12:08 PM
25	I don't care what L.A. and surrounding cities do. For real?	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
26	CUT EXPENSES like we the citizens have been doing...No one bails us out. Cut the fat....	12/1/2017 11:07 AM
27	A sales tax is hardest on the poor.	12/1/2017 10:08 AM
28	This is why I moved to see me is for the cheaper taxes I didn't think the government was getting the best to me	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
29	No more taxes cut services	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
30	Easy tax increase	12/1/2017 8:27 AM
31	Yes. I say increase 0.5%	11/30/2017 7:47 PM
32	This is a regressive tax and will hurt my income-poor friends and also gives up a competitive advantage to local business owners.	11/30/2017 1:25 PM

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33	No, while I understand taxation is needed to have a functioning government I believe there are many other ways to generate revenue other than taxing the average person more. I would support higher taxes on big businesses though.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
34	I often and whenever possible make my purchases in Simi Valley because of the lower tax rate.	11/30/2017 9:12 AM
35	CUT EXPENSES	11/30/2017 7:43 AM
36	Taxes, taxes, taxes!	11/30/2017 7:28 AM
37	More tax? Are you crazy?!? No!	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
38	Raising taxes lowers profits for business.	11/29/2017 9:54 PM
39	I would propane a see increase even .12 could raise \$2m	11/29/2017 9:43 PM
40	Sales tax affects the poor more than the wealthy.	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
41	Why did we even lower our tax rate? We should be at least 7.5 or 7.75 percent	11/29/2017 8:41 PM
42	I wouldn't mind an increase if I was given a choice of where that money would be spent.	11/29/2017 8:36 PM
43	Businesses are closing all over Simi. Particularly the Simi Mall. We need to encourage people to come buy things in Simi and having a lower sales tax rate might help.	11/29/2017 7:46 PM
44	I'm ok with 7.5%	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
45	It really would not be that noticeable when purchasing items but would have a definitive affect on the budget.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
46	No way in hell! Reduce spending!!!!	11/29/2017 6:20 PM
47	People are struggling to live now and too many below poverty level	11/29/2017 6:05 PM
48	A qualified yes. If sales tax is increased, what would incentivize people to buy local? Could it be an increase that expires if other revenues increase?	11/29/2017 5:19 PM
49	It is important to give people an incentive to shop locally. Increased retail activity supports local jobs.	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
50	Everything that this community has worked to achieve in the last 50 years is at stake. The City leaders cannot let it fall into disrepair over reluctance to approve a .25% sales tax increase that would still have Simi below surrounding cities. What is worse to our leaders? Presiding over the decline of a formerly exceptional City or raising sales tax 1/4 percent in a time of great fiscal need? Tough decision? No, an obvious one!	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
51	Absolutely not! The money never seems to go where it should.	11/29/2017 10:32 AM
52	Absolutely not!!!	11/28/2017 9:35 PM
53	Sales taxes are hardest on the lower-income families, and are a regressive way to raise money.	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
54	I can't say for certain that I would support a tax increase for the general fund. MAYBE if it was earmarked for affordable housing or youth services. However, I know for certain I would support an increase for EDUCATIONAL funding.	11/28/2017 7:54 PM
55	Keeping sales tax rates low in S.V. in a great way to help support retail sales in the S.V. Town Center and all businesses in S.V.	11/28/2017 6:48 PM
56	by .25% only	11/28/2017 3:59 PM
57	As long as it is made clear where those additional funds will be allocated within the General Fund. Accountability is very important when you are asking for more money from taxpayers.	11/28/2017 10:57 AM

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58	I would support this if strictly limited to a 0.25% increase.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
59	Raise taxe... continue to watch small business suffer in town. Including our failing mall	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
60	It's hard enough to get people to buy in Simi.	11/28/2017 7:24 AM
61	I think the lower sales tax encourages people to shop in Simi Valley. I would leave it the same.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
62	no new taxes. nothing has changed in this town in 30 years. stable population... same basic roads. shouldnt need it. developers should cover needed changes to infrastructure along the way as a result of their projects.	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
63	why should the city bureaucrats be able to penalize the taxpayers to make up for their poor past performance? the alternative should be to cut staff (and its unfunded liabilities) and outsource at lower costs.	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
64	YES	11/27/2017 6:48 PM
65	We should keep the rate low, but advertise to bring in more shoppers to the city. It will be good for businesses and the city to collect more business taxes. People go shop somewhere else, if the sales tax is high.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
66	No new taxes. Plus its incentive to shop here	11/27/2017 5:13 PM
67	Are we using this 7.25% tax rate in Simi Valley as an incentive to those who live here and shop locally? In other words, is the community aware of the lower tax in our city? This is too general a question.	11/27/2017 4:15 PM
68	Absolutely not! Per my comment above we need to support and encourage spending in Simi and make it more enticing for small businesses to be here	11/27/2017 3:50 PM
69	A lower sales tax rate is good for businesses and consumers. Simi Valley needs to be more frugal and set serious spending priorities. It also needs to do everything possible to reign in its pension liabilities.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
70	We are taxed enough	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
71	We just voted this down. What do you not get about the word.....NO.	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
72	it's needed	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
73	An increase would be fine, but I am wondering what shops will be here to spend our money.	11/27/2017 12:58 PM
74	I would, however, support an increase in sales tax for improving our high speed public transportation system. I wish that voter measure had passed.	11/24/2017 1:03 PM
75	We should have done this a long time ago. I would support this and campaign for it.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
76	It would probably drive more sales, especially on big ticket items, away from Shopping Simi Valley First.	11/22/2017 2:35 PM
77	I am against raising the tax rate at this time	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
78	If limited to .25%	11/22/2017 8:52 AM
79	Learn to live within a budget like everyone else has to!!	11/21/2017 12:28 AM
80	No. More. Taxes. The city needs to balance their budget just like it's citizens do. I don't get an automatic raise when I spend more than I have and the city shouldn't either.	11/20/2017 7:15 PM
81	Income is not the issue, its over spending, especially on pensions (police!)	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
82	This is one of the reasons I moved out here	11/19/2017 7:41 PM

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83	does the fund give money for the library-very outdated and they need lighting at night. was surprized to learn the Library was run by the City	11/19/2017 2:17 PM
84	cut services	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
85	.25% only	11/19/2017 9:09 AM
86	I would support no more than a .25% increase.	11/19/2017 9:03 AM
87	Those funds might be considered for the increasing costs of pensions in the next 5 years.	11/18/2017 10:50 PM
88	Increase the sales tax rate by .25% but no more!	11/18/2017 8:47 PM
89	Again lower the pay for the city employees that are already over paid which will lower their pensions as well.	11/18/2017 1:08 PM
90	A sales tax increase impacts the lower income residents disproportionately and discourages local business.	11/18/2017 11:37 AM
91	WHY IS THE CITY ALWAS THINKING OF RAISING TAXES in ONE WAY OR OTHER? GENERAL FUND ? OR SLUSH FUND? GO AHEAD RAISE THE TAXES WE HAVE A COUPLE FAST FOOD STORES AND A COUPLE OF CAR DEALERS LEFT.WHEN THERE GONE JUST LET THE VALLEY GO AND LET NATURE TAKE IT BACK THINK ABOUT IT NO MORE TAXES	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
92	Why can't the city live within their budget? What would you do with that additional revenue generated with this sales tax increase? I have all over the US and found that cities and towns increased their sales tax rate. They mishandled the sales tax increase money and then want more from the taxpayer.	11/17/2017 11:24 PM
93	As a last resort only, to maintain a balanced budget.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM
94	cut costs and reduce the bureaucracy first. sounds too similar to the scam used in Santa Paula that ended up in the pockets of the bureaucrats at the expense of the taxpayers	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
95	I spend my money here because the sales tax is lower than surrounding counties.	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
96	We need to bring in new businesses. Questioning the performance of the business development manager.	11/17/2017 4:46 PM
97	The problem is obvious. The CALPERS pension plan is unsustainable. Until you address/fix/kill that plan our city will never be able to balance the budget. Pensions are non-existent in the Private Sector. Public Sector employees work 20 to 25 years, retire in their 50s and live into their 80s and 90s. Unsustainable!	11/17/2017 12:28 PM
98	I think this is a no brainer especially if this will solve most problems f the City's financial problems.	11/17/2017 10:25 AM
99	of only .25 !!!!!	11/17/2017 10:14 AM
100	One thing I LOVE about living and shopping in Simi Valley is the lower sales tax. It ATTRACTS MY BUSINESS. I could eat at the Corner Bakery on my way to or from work in Chatsworth; it would be more convenient as far as driving goes; but the Simi store is cheaper because of sales tax! So I eat here. (Also, they're great people with good food.) You don't want to mess with that. In fact, if I were you, I'd ADVERTISE it. Come to Simi and save!	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
101	Absolutely not!	11/16/2017 10:29 PM
102	There is no need to copy bad policy elsewhere.	11/16/2017 6:42 PM
103	We pay enough taxes, especially with Brown's new gas "fee". Citizens are seeing less and less of their money.	11/16/2017 5:32 PM
104	Having a lower sales tax encourages people to spend money in Simi, if anything make it less to encourage more sales in Simi, which would increase the revenue.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM

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105	grudgingly	11/16/2017 5:08 PM
106	Once again the answer is not raising taxes. The answer is to live within a budget. The word budget is self explanatory. Cutting programs in the welfare state is a good start. I do not relish the thought of my tax dollars being used for drug addicts when I know children that are going hungry. Paying for illegal immigrants on welfare but children in this city going without is an extremely sad statement. It all's lays at the feet of the politicians. Shameful.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
107	Simi Valley has enough trouble keeping local brick and mortar stores open. A resounding "NO!"	11/16/2017 4:46 PM
108	Stop raising taxes, cut programs	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
109	Yes, BUT ONLY to 7.50%. We need incentives for people to shop n Simi. Keep their dollars in our community	11/16/2017 1:33 PM
110	We JUST had water, sewer, trash and more raise their rates. We need the San Fernando Valley shoppers come here to shop and raising out sales tax will stop them from shopping here.	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
111	I strive to buy in Simi due to low sales tax.	11/16/2017 11:07 AM
112	Please do not raise sales tax. We are fortunate to have it low.	11/16/2017 10:52 AM
113	Not only no, hell no.	11/15/2017 9:27 PM
114	I prefer shopping in Ventura county for the fact we have a low tax rate.	11/15/2017 6:10 PM
115	We already have families in Simi Valley having difficulties making ends meet due to the fact that we have no low income housing. If we raise taxes, some of the people might leave the city if they can't afford the prices as is. If we increase low income housing programs more, then I would support this more.	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
116	republican supporters will cry on this	11/15/2017 4:47 PM
117	only a .25% increase	11/15/2017 3:46 PM
118	Spend what you already get better.	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
119	Cut the cost. Remove pension for city employees! Hardly 2% of common residents get pension. Why they need to fund pension for city employees? The pension is supposed to eat up 20% of the city budget in 2022! Stop pension expenses!!	11/15/2017 1:40 PM
120	Might as well, no one shops here anyway.	11/15/2017 12:59 PM
121	no brainer	11/15/2017 9:15 AM
122	These other cities offer more services (including varying marijuana distribution services). Until our city offers comparable services, what makes you think this city is deserving of a sales tax raise to people who already get so little out of their city government.	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
123	this tax hurts the poorest in our community ....but then again it is the CALIFORNIA WAY! TAXES TAXES TAXES thats why i am getting the hell out of here! When the people that you rape for taxes to pay for all the illegals and ridiculous pensions that you have given government workers leave this state.....then what are you going to do? because that is what you should do now!	11/14/2017 2:45 PM
124	We pay enough in taxes especially with all the new added taxes	11/14/2017 1:14 PM
125	Support a 7.5% tax rate by increasing 0.25%	11/14/2017 10:07 AM
126	If you can't bring business here, we have to do something. I don't like raising taxes.	11/14/2017 7:38 AM
127	we live in the one of the highest taxed state in the union enough with taxing our citizens to death!!! NO NEW TAXES!!	11/14/2017 5:42 AM

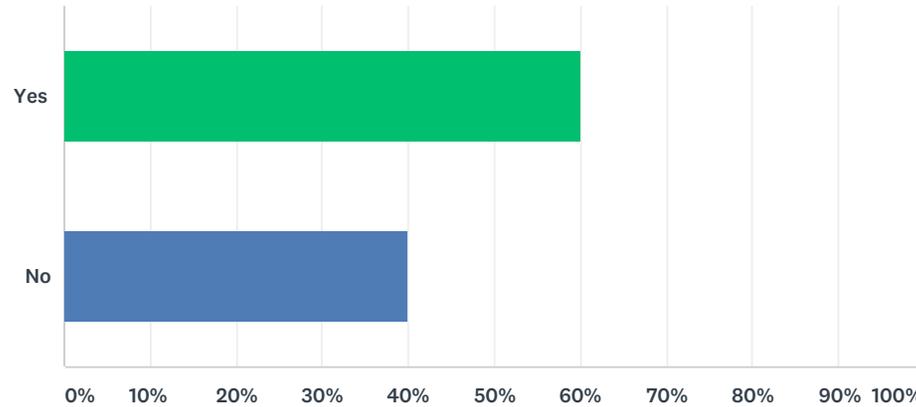
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128	Priority for funding should go to public safety.	11/14/2017 5:09 AM
129	We need to stop raising sales tax - when will it stop? There needs to be a federal cap on sales tax.	11/13/2017 10:19 PM
130	But not on essentials like food and clothing.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
131	I would rather see an income tax.	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
132	Heck yes!	11/13/2017 3:24 PM

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Q12 Should the City consider the authorization of retail sales of marijuana products and taxing it as a potential source of revenue?

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.09%	423
No	39.91%	281
TOTAL		704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	We do not need marijuana in our city	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	I would prefer that the City authorize sales so they can be regulated and taxed. If we don't, then just as in states with "dry" counties, people will simply drive over the hill to purchase what they want.	12/8/2017 12:35 PM
3	people will use it anyway, might as well provide a legal and taxed sale of it	12/8/2017 11:55 AM
4	Unless the City is so strapped for money that we can't survive without the marijuana tax revenue, leave it outside the city limits. We do NOT need to bring the marijuana issues and products, legal or not, into the area. It is still a federal offense.	12/8/2017 11:52 AM
5	Tax them stoners.	12/7/2017 10:16 PM
6	We have enough drug problems in Simi without inviting more. Families don't want marijuana dispensaries in our community.	12/7/2017 9:56 PM
7	I my family is against drugs of this nature, so taxes should be high to avoid that it's a pleasure to have this drug	12/7/2017 9:38 PM
8	no drugs!	12/7/2017 9:07 PM

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9	I strongly believe marijuana is a drug that creates more harm than good and retail sales should not be allowed; we would like to generate additional revenue for the city, but not at the expense of the city's reputation as a family friendly environment.	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
10	only if no choice if it has to be allowed in the city then tax and regulate and regulate the heck out of it	12/6/2017 3:02 PM
11	No! No! No! There are enough drug problems, crimes and overdoses already! Let the Valley keep those problems. It will bring more crime. I know this because we recently moved from the Valley area where there are many pot shops and major crime issues!	12/6/2017 1:16 PM
12	NEVER!!!! Once Allowed, Simi crime will increase! More drugs and crimes, robberies, ! Children become addicted xand suicides will INCREASE! !	12/6/2017 2:13 AM
13	Simi Valley schools and the police department have spent significant financial and Human Resources in advocating against drug use, specifically marijuana. Without a sound reason beyond simply using legalized marijuana sales as a source of revenue, the City will be undermining years of efforts championed by the school district and its own police department.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
14	Not sure what this means as this will be legal anyways, but yes, of course, get this business and the corresponding tax revenue.	12/5/2017 4:16 PM
15	If you can't beat them, join them, is not a good motto. If you start on this path, it is a very slippery slope for other drugs.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
16	So we should do something harmful and illegal (federal violation) for the money?	12/5/2017 3:07 PM
17	Simi already has a reputation for meth. No need to add pot to that list.	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
18	absolutely- people are using it anyway, why not?	12/4/2017 8:31 PM
19	It is already here in force. Tax it and regulate it.	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
20	It is still illegal under federal law. Please do not allow dispensaries in the City	12/4/2017 3:43 PM
21	I think it is ridiculous that simi valley tries to have a higher moral standard than the state laws. if it is legal and can provide revenues to the city we should not be turning our nose up. that will crate revenue for the city instead of pushing it to other cities who will embrace it.	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
22	Do not want us to turn into San Fernando Valley!!	12/4/2017 10:47 AM
23	Great revenue for our city!!!	12/4/2017 10:20 AM
24	The amount of tax needs to be worth the additional resources that will need to be devoted to enforcement and regulation. The police department is understaffed as it is and will put a further dent in their already limited resources.	12/4/2017 8:39 AM
25	Absolutely! Just look at what it's done for Denver and Seattle	12/3/2017 4:38 PM
26	Absolutely not, sales will lead to other problems necessitating more city costs	12/3/2017 2:49 PM
27	Marijuana is going to take off in California. If the city does nothing, then people will drive elsewhere to purchase their products. People in Simi who use Marijuana will continue to use it, so why not get the tax revenue.	12/3/2017 12:53 PM
28	I am against the open sales of marijuana. This will encourage more young people to use the drug. If it is harder to find then maybe a smaller number of people will use it.	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
29	NO on authorization YES on taxing	12/2/2017 4:10 PM

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30	Huge potential for increased crime, drug use, while being a contradiction to the "Just say no" program we are trying to teach our youth. I personally don't want one near my house, my grand children's homes or the places we shop or go in the city. I feel this would be a very slippery slope and filled this survey out mainly to express my opinion on this matter! Please find other ways than this, we've managed to in the past and can do it again with hard work and ingenuity!	12/2/2017 3:49 PM
31	People are buying it anyway, why not make money on it for the city.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
32	This would a disaster if Simi approved the commercial sale of marijuana within the city. It would lead to more crime, buys from outside the city, and lead to easier access and increased use in our schools. Look at what it's done in Colorado, it's lead to dramatic increases in DUI's, underage abuse, and various other crimes. The answer should be never!	12/1/2017 10:54 PM
33	I really disagree on this issue; however, if his was to happen you must make sure the store is not within a mile of a school. You would have to have the area patrolled by the police more often.	12/1/2017 10:29 PM
34	Yes i attended those meetings and you have council members with no clue...dispensaries will generate more monies than anything else you proposed...get your heads out of the sand and do something right for a change ( i do not smoke nor grow this ) however it will bring in revnue that we need !!!!	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
35	I'm not in favor, of marijuana consumption, nor do I consume alcohol; but alcohol is both sold & served, all over Simi Valley. The city does gain revenue, from alcohol sales	12/1/2017 1:20 PM
36	Head in the sand otherwise. We have the police to observe.... and it could be substantial revenue	12/1/2017 12:08 PM
37	If they are allowed here--yes!	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
38	This was voted "Legal" by the citizens. Regulate it, tax it, and you will have more than enough revenue. Stop the taboo talk about canibus. I do not use, but the government Must follow the direction of the citizens.	12/1/2017 11:07 AM
39	Absolutely! I would much rather purchase my medical cannibus here in my city. Enough of the prejudice against it!	12/1/2017 10:08 AM
40	It helps as much as i dont think the drug should be legal	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
41	Hard to believe we are forced to do this but all the surrounding cities look at this as a revenue generator if we don't. Moorkpark and TO will	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
42	This is too wholesome of a community to allow that	12/1/2017 8:43 AM
43	Should've already been done	12/1/2017 8:27 AM
44	Consider? Yes.	11/30/2017 1:25 PM
45	Missing out on huge potential revenue.	11/30/2017 11:25 AM
46	It's still federally illegal, isn't it?	11/30/2017 11:23 AM
47	PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THE SALE OF MARIJUANA IN OUR CITY!!! I prefer to not have people traveling to our city for the sole purpose of purchasing this mind-altering drug and for there to be more individuals who are under the influence driving on our roads. Keeping the sale of this drug out of our city will keep our roads a bit safer. Thank you	11/30/2017 11:01 AM
48	100% yes. It makes no sense not to take advantage of a major revenue producer such as taxation in marijuana sales. If we are going to allow alcohol and cigarette sales and earn tax revenue on that there is no reason to not allow marijuana sales and earn even more tax revenue. Otherwise people will just drive over the hill to the valley and purchase it there and giving the tax revenue to another city. This is a no brainer.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
49	Definitely!! This would generate so much money and possibly lessen the use of harmful drugs, such as heroin, in simi valley	11/30/2017 9:15 AM

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50	Never. Simi Valley should not be known as an illegal drug friendly city. Crime will follow.	11/30/2017 9:12 AM
51	No drug sales.	11/30/2017 7:48 AM
52	Look at what other cities in states like Colorado, Washington, etc. have experienced. You have had plenty of time to consult.	11/30/2017 7:28 AM
53	Worth considering but enforcement would be a concern and I would not want the retail shops in our city, honestly.	11/30/2017 6:57 AM
54	It's time that this medicine became legal and taxed in our city. Make marijuana not a big deal.	11/29/2017 11:13 PM
55	NO, NO, NO WAY	11/29/2017 10:58 PM
56	No!!! This will create more problems!!! Look at the issues Colorado already suffers from because of this!	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
57	It would be foolish not to consider this option as way to combat rising expenses.	11/29/2017 10:14 PM
58	We'd be silly not to capitalize on this movement.	11/29/2017 9:36 PM
59	Yes lots of city's are against this. It is happening all around the city already. Legalizing it would allow us to control it however we deemed necessary and you would be able to tax that accordingly. People would come from other cities where they can't buy it.	11/29/2017 9:33 PM
60	We should not allow the sale of Marijuana at all.	11/29/2017 9:30 PM
61	Please fight for other sources of revenue	11/29/2017 9:21 PM
62	This is another easy increase of revenue. Considering Simi Valley is the home of the nuclear plant meltdown at Santa Susana, the least we can do is allow for cancer patients and families to obtain marijuana and cannabis from local sellers in our community to aid in their pain management routines.	11/29/2017 9:16 PM
63	Absolutely not. It's bad enough with all the vape stores. Yuck. Let's keep Simi Valley a family town.	11/29/2017 9:00 PM
64	Simi should not have retail sales of marijuana!!!!	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
65	Increased crime.	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
66	I am strongly against the commercial sale of marijuana in such a child-friendly city.	11/29/2017 8:51 PM
67	Yes, absolutely. It's beneficial.	11/29/2017 8:29 PM
68	ABSOLUTELY NOT!	11/29/2017 8:15 PM
69	Absolutely not. That would completely degrade the family-centered image of Simi.	11/29/2017 7:50 PM
70	never, such bad idea. we are already fighting illegal drug issues in simi, do not blur the lines with this consideration	11/29/2017 7:39 PM
71	Since Simi already seems to have a drug problem, people will travel to neighboring cities to get marijuana. Why not gain some tax revenue. ** I strongly suggest creating some kind of legislature for smoking in multi family dwellings that they are non smoking unless your outside. Low income housing/apartment complexes, etc.	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
72	Even though the state approved it, I would like to keep it at a minimum.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
73	NO!	11/29/2017 7:11 PM
74	This is a drug that leads to addiction. Ignore the crazy liberals.	11/29/2017 6:20 PM
75	There's a lot of tax money in it, and people that are going to buy it will buy it anyway	11/29/2017 6:05 PM
76	It will be a legal product soon. Let's allow local distributors and keep the taxes and fees local.	11/29/2017 5:19 PM

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77	Colorado, WA, Oregon states report increase in joblessness, increased drug use and homelessness. Not worth the revenue.	11/29/2017 4:29 PM
78	As long as the city comes up with strict security requirements for these companies, why shouldn't we collect some revenue for this legal activity?	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
79	Its more than a Potential source of revenue, its Bank! Check Any California city selling it. No question more money for Simi	11/29/2017 2:16 PM
80	This should be the number one priority. This is a huge source of income that is being lost to LA county right now. All the research looking at other communities says it is a no brainer. No what is right for the community by adding it and taxing it!	11/29/2017 1:05 PM
81	Simi didn't pass the law, but since it has passed it would be irresponsible not to collect the one benefit legalization provides. This will offset additional law enforcement costs that statewide legalization may create. No moralizing on this issue, please. The City accepts liquor sales related revenue, right?	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
82	I think that could force people to buy from the black market.	11/29/2017 10:56 AM
83	as long as it is carefully regulated. People who truly need it should be able to easily get it.	11/29/2017 10:32 AM
84	Absolutely not!!! It will attract all drug seekers and diminish the wholesomeness of the city of Simi Valley.	11/28/2017 9:35 PM
85	Marijuana is legal in California. If businesses can be licensed and the law enforced, there should be opportunities for retail sales, just as there are for liquor sales.	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
86	Simi already has a drug problem. Why not get tax money from the drug that arguably does the least harm?	11/28/2017 4:38 PM
87	no leads to harder drugs, ALL pot heads dont work or dont care, and need to wake up. keep all drugs out of the city and off the street	11/28/2017 3:59 PM
88	But only if they lay out clear city rules for use and posing the sold product in city limits and enforcement of the rules	11/28/2017 2:22 PM
89	NO! Nothing good has or will ever come from legalizing recreational drugs. While it would generate a lot of money, it will also generate more addiction issues.	11/28/2017 10:57 AM
90	Move into the 21st Century and tax these products! They will be here anyway whether sold here or brought in from another city. Let's earn some revenue from them.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
91	At a higher tax rate than regular sales taxes.	11/28/2017 9:59 AM
92	It Would solve the deficit by itself	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
93	If the rest of the state is doing it, we should handle in a controlled manner consistent with the laws.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
94	are you kidding? you ok weed you ok heroin out the back door. Thats a no!	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
95	TAX IT A LOT! The tax should go to the police to deal with all the crime and low life people that will come for the product!	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
96	Yes, yes, yes. The city council's stubborn attitude towards Medical Marajuana and the state's legalization of marajuana will cost Simi Valley the potential loss of millions of dollars in tax revenue yearly.	11/27/2017 9:32 PM
97	It's already legal in the state so take advantage of that fact	11/27/2017 9:12 PM
98	yes, and tax it to the moon	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
99	I don't want city or any workers high on the job. That's my main concern.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
100	Of course. Tax it high!	11/27/2017 5:14 PM

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101	California and Simi voters voted yes by a healthy margin. It will be better to tax and regulate it like liquor. 5 dispensaries would be nice and cultivation in industrial zones. Even deliveries. Other cities in the county are for it. And the revenues will help the city budget cuts.	11/27/2017 5:13 PM
102	We need medical marijuana at the minimum	11/27/2017 4:34 PM
103	No, there are other ways to generate revenue. Allowing marijuana products is a gateway to more crime.	11/27/2017 4:21 PM
104	This would bring in an incredible amount of revenue and would make it easier for those who need medical marijuana in our city who have to travel to the valley to get their meds. It would have been helpful if there was an estimated amount of potential revenue listed in this question. Based on a simple google search I'd say the tax generated would be significant and could close a lot of gaps. <a href="https://www accuratetax.com/blog/legal-marijuana-states-revenues/">https://www accuratetax.com/blog/legal-marijuana-states-revenues/</a> <a href="https://money.cnn.com/2017/07/19/news/colorado-marijuana-tax-revenue/index.html">https://money.cnn.com/2017/07/19/news/colorado-marijuana-tax-revenue/index.html</a> Wow!	11/27/2017 4:15 PM
105	We're losing money if this isn't already happening. Chatsworth it's just a few minutes away and there are a ton of places like this. People should be spending the money in Simi Valley	11/27/2017 3:50 PM
106	Yes to authorizing the retail sales of marijuana products. No to imposing any additional taxes on it, other than the normal 7.25% sales tax rate.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
107	Tax it the same as cigarettes and alcohol.	11/27/2017 3:31 PM
108	Sets the wrong example... gateway drug to other problems	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
109	HELL YES - this is a big source of revenue and why you do not want to get your share is a real puzzle to me and most thinking people in the city. Stop playing games with the law that the people approved and get with the program. BTW - I do not use marijuana products; so this is not for me.	11/27/2017 3:11 PM
110	I dont support sales period and voted against this. Just what we need, more high people driving around. The govt in this state is insane.	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
111	absolutely	11/27/2017 2:56 PM
112	That's why so many people voted for this. So NOT taking advantage of the new laws is being wasteful. Also it's a slap in the face to have the local government veto something the voters approved.	11/27/2017 2:43 PM
113	yes, medicinal & recreational cannabis can be regulated with profitable results. Perhaps a study of Colorado based companies and how they interface with regional government may provide insights into planning a realistic set of parameters to initiate productive, slow growth, regulated cannabis sales.	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
114	I would limit how many can operate here, and I would ask that the PD and any and all emergency units know exactly what the signs are while driving under the influence. I do not want the city to be sued for stupid acts by our personnel. The people that are using medical marijuana are most likely to stay home and use their product.	11/27/2017 12:58 PM
115	On a limited basis, perhaps two stores.	11/24/2017 1:03 PM
116	It would be a poor decision not to.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
117	Absolutely!	11/22/2017 1:35 PM
118	It seems stupid not to take advantage of this. If people want it they will get it and it is legal so why not benefit from the taxes	11/22/2017 1:33 PM
119	No, but I think we should be discussing all options for a future decision.	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
120	In an town of 80,000 they now plan to reduce their city tax as the tax revenue from Marijuana sales exceeds the revenue from their existing city tax!	11/21/2017 2:35 PM

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121	No Excessive Taxation!!	11/21/2017 12:28 AM
122	Never!!! That would be stupid.	11/20/2017 9:19 PM
123	HELL NO!! One step closer to the Valley. We have enough liquor stores, smoke shops and high density housing being built. We do not need Simi to become an extension of the SFV.	11/20/2017 7:15 PM
124	The citizenry has spoken why aren't you listening? You will have no choice eventually because of the tax shortfall and future unfunded pension cost and health cost that will continue to rise. Why waste time and find the city in a position of vulnerability in the future. We need forward thinking leaders at this point in the city's history, lead, follow ,or retire.	11/20/2017 5:55 PM
125	Medical marijuana - Yes All other - NO, Increase crime, and DUI"s. As well as extra cost of Policing Parks and Other Public spaces where people will be unlawfully smoking.	11/20/2017 4:14 PM
126	Making it against city regulations will send buyers to the valley. We allow alcohol sales which is at least as dangerous as marijuana.	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
127	drugs are already a big enough problem in Simi Valley...	11/19/2017 10:59 PM
128	YES!!! This would be such a huge source of income for the city. Other cities have realized this. This is such a huge opportunity for the city to have more income but they city council decides to ignore it and let other cities figure it out. Other cities have figured it out and use the income to fund areas of the city.	11/19/2017 4:06 PM
129	just NO	11/19/2017 2:17 PM
130	if you do not people will just go to surrounding cities	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
131	I do not indulge myself but think its a good way for the city to make money.	11/19/2017 12:42 PM
132	There is no point to fall behind the rapid economy of marijuana sales. We are currently losing all of our revenue from sales to the Valley. It would provide our city with a huge boost in revenue that will continue to provide for years to come. Exactly what we need to pay pension costs and grow the city.	11/18/2017 10:50 PM
133	We will spend more for police activity to pay for the consequences than we can raise through revenue.	11/18/2017 8:47 PM
134	THIS QUESTION IS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR	11/18/2017 4:27 PM
135	People will go into Los Angeles to get if they can not buy it here. So why lose the money from taxes to another city?	11/18/2017 1:08 PM
136	I understand that all the neighborhood councils recommended this, but the city council enacted regulations against it? So much for listening to the will of the people...	11/18/2017 11:37 AM
137	DONT WE HAVE ENOUGH CRIME? WHERE IS THE MONEY FOR ENFORCING COME FROM? OOPS FORGOT " THE POTENTIAL SOURCE" HERE WE GO AGAIN MORE TAXES FOR SOMETHING NO ONE WANTS OR NEEDS IN THE FIRST PLACE	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
138	The City of Palm Desert has successfully done this in a responsible manner.	11/18/2017 8:06 AM
139	Medical marijuana only.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM
140	yes, and tax the hell out of it.	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
141	Marijuana products will only generate more crime and deviant behavior, not a good idea to a community whose slogan is Not One More. Makes no sense.	11/17/2017 6:59 PM



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163	Dispensing Retail, Wholesale Distribution,Transportation,Cultivation,Manufacturing,Testing	11/15/2017 10:53 PM
164	Only for medical use.	11/15/2017 6:10 PM
165	Medical marijuana could be an amazing revenue in itself because many people with actual disorders can use it to help calm their symtoms down. (See kids with epilepsy or spasticity or chrones disease). Recreational is slightly more complicated though, as if it is around more, we might have more problems of people being high and then breaking laws.	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
166	It goes on anyway! Might as well receive tax revenue fro it.	11/15/2017 4:51 PM
167	of course, if they can't buy in Simi Valley, they'll buy it from other cities and bring it here anyway.	11/15/2017 4:47 PM
168	By authorizing sales, the City could put stricter rules regarding products that may be sold and how they are advertised (such as no edibles that look like they could be marketed to youth, e.g. gummies).	11/15/2017 3:46 PM
169	Duh!	11/15/2017 3:44 PM
170	The cat is out of the bag. Control it, tax it, and monitor the progress of the industry above board instead of keeping our heads in the sand. Also, raise taxes on cigarettes and alcohol.	11/15/2017 3:42 PM
171	Could generate a lot of needed funds for the city.	11/15/2017 2:40 PM
172	Revenue. We may as well get the benefit because other cities are getting our dollars right now. You won't stop the sale of marijuana so we may as well benefit from it by using a tax structure.	11/15/2017 2:20 PM
173	Tax it, people will just buy it somewhere else anyway.	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
174	The city shall not consider any kind of authorization regarding marijuana. There are enough shops around Simi Valley for this. It will be counterproductive and potentially harm minors.	11/15/2017 1:44 PM
175	HUGE Tax revenue	11/15/2017 12:59 PM
176	Yes, yes, and YES!!!!	11/14/2017 10:06 PM
177	YES. I wonder how many potential millions of dollars aren't being shown here (like in all the other propositions listed) will go to the city? Because I'd be willing to bet it's 5 million in revenue or more. With room to grow. Do it or let the city be left in the dust. Hundreds, probably thousands (I'd imagine 1/4 if the city smokes marinuana) of marijuana users leave Simi Valley and spend their money in other counties or cities that have dispensaries. Instead of making revenue for it City, we're giving it to other communities using it to strengthen theirs in multitudes of ways.	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
178	The use of cannabis keeps me from having to suffer from chronic pain. I cannot go out and get it myself. This is a very important business for me. Please get a big piece of this Revenue.	11/14/2017 6:20 PM
179	Absolutely not. These businesses are cash only and cannot make deposits into Federally backed institutions. They will bring violent crimes to the City. If you get real information from LAPD, you will see that they have had at least 5 dispensary robberies this year resulting in a death. Some of the death was suspects being shot by the business operator, the other were business operators being murdered for drugs and money.	11/14/2017 7:38 AM
180	this is a BS law drugs are drugs NO MJ sales!!!	11/14/2017 5:42 AM
181	Please dont legalize another addictive substance, it will cost more in accidents, and lives, and rehabs. In fact Im waiting for the day you ban smoking all together and alcohol too. might bring down crime, and save us money on the lives of the citizens and police officers	11/14/2017 2:09 AM
182	Denver has tax revenues of \$70 million/yr from marijuana sales- Simi would gain approximately 10-12 million/yr in tax revenue- that would end our deficit	11/14/2017 1:52 AM

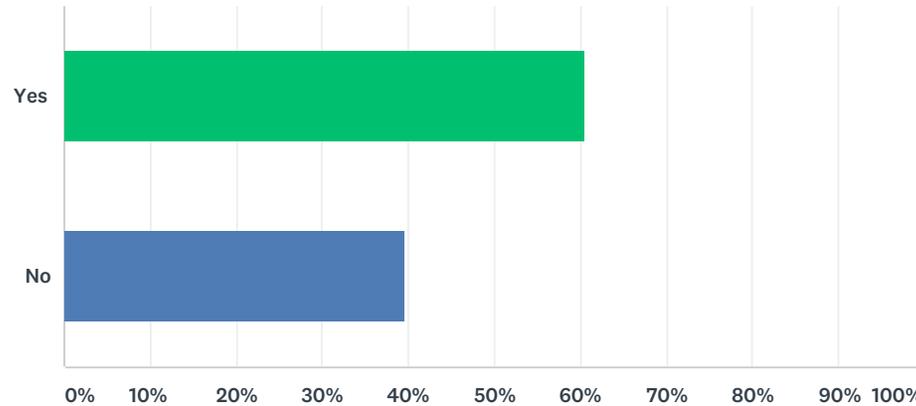
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183	keep it out of simi, we already have a heroin problem. Keep it out.	11/13/2017 10:19 PM
184	YES YES YES. This would be a boon to our economy, and it's going to end up happening whether we like it or not, that's just the direction the country is moving in. Let's be on the front end of forward thinking and start benefitting from it now. We could use that money for addiction treatment and prevention in the county and have a greater impact on our opioid issues than anything the (extremely expensive) police force can do! What an opportunity and we'd be silly not to take it.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
185	The state voted for it.	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
186	Will only add to illegal use/overdose of drugs and increase property crimes which is already high in Simi Valley.	11/13/2017 4:01 PM
187	Yes, as long as it made sense that the regulation of sales and the enforcement of reporting/paying of taxes would be financially considered along with the revenue.	11/13/2017 3:24 PM
188	Why let neighboring areas make money that we can make here.	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
189	If surrounding cities are able to tap into that resource I think it would be beneficial for us as well.	11/9/2017 4:08 PM
190	Not one more!	11/9/2017 1:36 PM

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Q13 Should the City consider permitting warehouse manufacturing (in a secure, controlled environment) of marijuana products, not for public sale, and taxing it as a potential source of revenue?

Answered: 704 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.51%	426
No	39.49%	278
TOTAL		704

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	No on marijuna - period	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	It would make for use of buildings that are available and sitting idle to be put into operation, thus doing to the City Budget.	12/8/2017 12:35 PM
3	Same comments as in question #12.	12/8/2017 11:52 AM
4	Even if it is in a controlled environment, industrial and manufacturing owner operators of other goods produced would be a much more viable alternative than marijuana product manufacturing.	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
5	I prefer that marijuana be kept out of city.. if it has to be in city then tax the heck out of it	12/6/2017 3:02 PM
6	No! No! No! It will still bring unwanted problems, crime and issues! Not good for a nice family area!	12/6/2017 1:16 PM
7	NEVER!!!!!! , AGAIN SAME PROBLEMS!!!!!!!	12/6/2017 2:13 AM

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8	Same concerns as expressed under #12.	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
9	Undecided!!!	12/5/2017 4:54 PM
10	I don't believe it will be possible to block sales after the first of the year, nor would I think we would want to, given to the revenue generated for other states.	12/5/2017 4:16 PM
11	It is a very slippery slope to start.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
12	So we should do something harmful and illegal (federal violation) for the money? I thought we arrested people for that?	12/5/2017 3:07 PM
13	Simi already has a reputation for meth. No need to add pot to that list.	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
14	I think it is ridiculous that simi valley tries to have a higher moral standard than the state laws. if it is legal and can provide revenues to the city we should not be turning our nose up. that will crate revenue for the city instead of pushing it to other cities who will embrace it.	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
15	Absolutely not!	12/4/2017 10:47 AM
16	The marijuana industry is going to take off. If businesses need space and it is controlled, why not tap into the revenue source.	12/3/2017 12:53 PM
17	See above comment	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
18	See my notes above please. Keep drugs out of Simi Valley!!!	12/2/2017 3:49 PM
19	On a limited basis and within existing industrial areas. Simi shouldn't turn into a warehouse farm for weed.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
20	No, keep these drugs out of our city. The increase in crime is not worth it, and it's cultivation is still a federal crime. How much more simple could it be?	12/1/2017 10:54 PM
21	yes this too will bring in revenue	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
22	but NOT in the east valley near the Santa Susana water runoff from Teledyne.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
23	Jobs, jobs, jobs	12/1/2017 1:20 PM
24	REVENUE!!!! The one thing the city needs more than anything....	12/1/2017 12:08 PM
25	Yes.	12/1/2017 11:48 AM
26	Anything to bring in money	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
27	That sounds reasonable	12/1/2017 8:43 AM
28	Consider? Yes. And then give over to the citizenry for approval.	11/30/2017 1:25 PM
29	NO, NO, NO!!! PLEASE, NO!!!!!!	11/30/2017 11:01 AM
30	Again, yes. This would not only gain tax revenue but would also create jobs. Another easy yes.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM
31	Unless marijuana becomes legal at the federal level, ...NO	11/30/2017 9:12 AM
32	To be sold for medicinal purposes and not recreational use.	11/29/2017 11:30 PM
33	NO, PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS AND MORE PROBLEMS	11/29/2017 10:58 PM
34	NO!	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
35	One has to consider this option as a way to generate income for the city.	11/29/2017 10:14 PM

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36	In a secure and controlled environment, there are a number of empty buildings in industrial areas which could be repurposed for this.	11/29/2017 9:16 PM
37	No, no, no.	11/29/2017 9:00 PM
38	Keep this stuff out of Simi!!	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
39	Not sure. Not sure how dangerous it is	11/29/2017 8:41 PM
40	Majority of Californians voted to legalize it. Why not listen to them?	11/29/2017 7:56 PM
41	More jobs to Simi, fill up some empty warehouse space, more tax revenue.	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
42	As long as we can monitor the overall affect to our community.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
43	Our city does not want this!	11/29/2017 7:11 PM
44	Keep marijuana away.	11/29/2017 6:20 PM
45	I don't see the harm in allowing people to manufacture products that are legal. The city needs to make sure there really are adequate security requirements before allowing any development to proceed.	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
46	Along with allowing the sale! I don't even know why this is a question.	11/29/2017 1:05 PM
47	Don't make the front page doing it, but same argument as No. 12. A dynamic outside of our City created this opportunity. If we don't take advantage of that opportunity, LA, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, etc. will. We are talking about the economic survival of the City. This is a gift for any City willing to act.	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
48	I don't understand the question.	11/28/2017 10:59 PM
49	Hell yes! Have the youth of Simi legally engaged in activities that they are already skilled at and get tax money from it?! Two birds man!	11/28/2017 4:38 PM
50	There is NO way to control this.	11/28/2017 10:57 AM
51	Why not? Other municipalities will be earning money from this new business. Why not Simi Valley?	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
52	Also will solve our tax problem. Just open land behind the dump it will mask any smell	11/28/2017 7:29 AM
53	The drug problem in simi is bad enough	11/28/2017 7:24 AM
54	If the rest of the state is doing it, we should handle in a controlled manner consistent with the laws.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
55	No!!	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
56	If you permit it, CHARGE A LOT, you'll be inviting problems.	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
57	Yes, get with the program. The new law says that unless the city allows services it cannot participate in earned tax revenues.	11/27/2017 9:32 PM
58	yes, and tax it to the moon	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
59	Why not? As long as the stench is controlled, that is.	11/27/2017 5:14 PM
60	Buildings inspected by the city for safety and hazardous materials is a good thing, Especially in the extraction of cannabis. People can cause explosions if not properly using butane and other items. Having them inspected would be good. If you want the tax dollars in cannabis rush don't wait until all the other cities get the good tenants. There are people who want to work with the city to open these businesses up. Work with them.	11/27/2017 5:13 PM

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61	Any marijuana related will result in problems for the city. There will be more crime and attracting the wrong types of people into our city.	11/27/2017 4:21 PM
62	Again, some indication of what the income could be would be helpful. But, yes, we've got empty warehouses all over this valley!	11/27/2017 4:15 PM
63	Yes to authorizing warehouse manufacturing of marijuana products. No to imposing any additional taxes on it, other than the normal business tax rate.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
64	same as above	11/27/2017 3:12 PM
65	Again - you are letting other cities get the money that could come to Simi - get with the program or people will force the issues with a new proposition that you cannot ignore	11/27/2017 3:11 PM
66	I dont support dope in any fashion.	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
67	No reason not to.	11/27/2017 2:43 PM
68	Yes, cannabis is now proven scientifically that there is great potential for medicinal uses that provide greater results/ relief for cancer, Parkinson's, Alzheimers, & Epilepsy patients, as well as many other debilitating illnesses. Edible, topical and alternative uses for cannabis have a proven track record of success in other countries across the globe, i.e. Israel, Canada. Simi has an opportunity to lead the way in regulating the SAFE production of regulated cannabis development based upon research.	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
69	We could do this with the right person to make sure the manufacturer is abiding by our guidelines. I personally do not use this item, but I do see the money in it that we can use for our city.	11/27/2017 12:58 PM
70	operative word, consider	11/25/2017 5:03 PM
71	Without question, this should be allowed. Why would the city not permit it?	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
72	I'm not totally convinced that this "secure, controlled environment" can be achieved but...worth exploring	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
73	It depends on the potential revenue amount	11/21/2017 8:40 AM
74	No Excessive Taxation!	11/21/2017 12:28 AM
75	See response to question 12.	11/20/2017 7:15 PM
76	This is a no-Brainer. If the City of Simi Valley have the opportunity to tax a lawful regulated business that is in compliance with State and local laws why in the name of (fill in the blank) wouldn't you welcome,if not beg that business to locate to east Ventura county. If You don't other Cities and counties will. And then you're putting yourself in a negative negotiating position .Not a good place to Negotiate from.	11/20/2017 5:55 PM
77	if its legal.	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
78	Again, this would be such a huge source of income for the city. I love this city and I hate that the city is ignoring such a huge source of potential income.	11/19/2017 4:06 PM
79	NO	11/19/2017 2:17 PM
80	its probably one of the only sources of new money	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
81	We do not want to encourage the marijuana industry in our city.	11/18/2017 8:47 PM
82	THIS QUESTION IS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT IT IS ABOUT	11/18/2017 4:27 PM
83	People will go into Los Angeles to grow it if they can not grow it here. So why lose the money from taxes to another city?	11/18/2017 1:08 PM

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84	Ditto the above comment.	11/18/2017 11:37 AM
85	REVENUE REVENUE FOR WHO? THE CITY AGAIN I GUESS THEY NEED IT TO ENFORCE RULES AND CRIME PREVENTION. JUST THINK ABOUT THE CITY TURNING DOWN A "POTENTIAL"REVENUE SOURCE. YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE? I DID NOT THINK SO EITHER. CRIME AND GREED WILL TAKE OVER BUT I HOPE THE CITY WILL WISE UP	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
86	Same comment as #12	11/18/2017 8:06 AM
87	Medical marijuana only.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM
88	and tax the hell out of it	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
89	Not a good idea to a town that was rocked recently by a heroin epidemic.	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
90	NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO !!!	11/17/2017 4:46 PM
91	Marijuana products will increase crime, wrong cliental and really, do we want Simi Valley to recognized a marijuana friendly community. Isn't it enough with the massage parlors and that cliental?	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
92	This will bring more crime to Simi. It's not with the revenue.	11/17/2017 1:15 PM
93	I know there are potential problems, but I think you could put extra patrols around the locations zoned for marijuana production and tax sufficiently heavily to pay for that PLUS a net revenue to the city. Lord knows it's hard to get businesses to locate here, but perhaps a reputation for strict enforcement of crime-free marijuana production would attract a non-criminal, entrepreneurial type of pharamaceutically minded grower. Criminally affiliated individuals need not apply. That sort of thing.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
94	Why stop there. I'm sure you would make more money with heroin. Despicable.	11/16/2017 5:32 PM
95	Why not, it would provide jobs and other drugs are a much bigger issue.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
96	Absolutely not. First we do not want that kind of manufacturing. Second "not for public sale" is being naive or just a flat a lie to get this accepted.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
97	as long as it is overseen by those tax dollars I see no problem	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
98	Nope	11/16/2017 3:28 PM
99	This is a possibility. With absolutely no public or retail sales	11/16/2017 1:33 PM
100	As long as tax dollars stay here and don't go to the state.	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
101	Unwanted guests are not needed in Simi	11/16/2017 11:07 AM
102	The city should take the lead in this.	11/16/2017 10:10 AM
103	Of Course the City should 55 % voted yes	11/15/2017 10:53 PM
104	Why would they not be for public sale? What would be the purpose? What would the warehouses entail? What kind of polution would be released by the warehouses?	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
105	It goes on anyway! Might as well receive tax revenue fro it.	11/15/2017 4:51 PM
106	of course, "bad people" will still buy it from other places but we will lose that revenue	11/15/2017 4:47 PM
107	No different than any other product being made or manufactured.	11/15/2017 2:40 PM
108	Good business is where you find it. Why let those businesses go to another city and give them the tax base.	11/15/2017 2:01 PM

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109	NO.	11/15/2017 1:44 PM
110	Will also bring jobs to the area. This is not a backdoor issue anymore, it's technical, and it would bring needed jobs to the area.	11/15/2017 12:59 PM
111	YES.	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
112	Additional problems arise when you allow this type of business, security, theft, etc.	11/14/2017 1:14 PM
113	Once again, this is a bad idea.You will bring violent crime and bad people from surrounding areas to our town. Keep it out.	11/14/2017 7:38 AM
114	More criminal activity will take over with it being in our city ..	11/14/2017 7:04 AM
115	Keep it out of Simi.	11/13/2017 10:19 PM
116	I have no idea what products would not be for public sale.	11/13/2017 4:27 PM
117	NO. KEEP THE DRUGS OUT OF SIMI VALLEY !!!	11/13/2017 4:01 PM
118	Yes, as long as the cost of regulation and enforcement is considered.	11/13/2017 3:24 PM
119	same comment as #12	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
120	Yes! We are in a great location for this and should make money.	11/9/2017 1:36 PM

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Q14 Please include any additional comments or suggestions you may have regarding the City's budget. Your input is welcome!

Answered: 239 Skipped: 501

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Reduce staff and salaries and benefits - period.	12/8/2017 3:46 PM
2	Keep up the vigilance on being fiscally responsible.	12/8/2017 11:52 AM
3	Lower the pensions of public servants. Tax the rich more. Stop the development of land in the hills of Simi. Stop spending money on homeless people. If you throw bread to ducks they will keep coming around.	12/8/2017 1:42 AM
4	The city of Simi Valley has a terrible reputation for attracting and maintaining businesses. Community members have to go elsewhere or use Amazon-type services to get what we need. We need a WholeFoods type grocery store. We need a children's shoe store, and a larger department store than the meager Macy's. Build businesses we can support at home! We recently visited the new shopping center north of Westfield Topanga. It has a varied offering of stores, invites families to come for recreation and entertainment and is thriving. Why can't we support a "mall" such as this? Our shopping offerings are very meager.	12/7/2017 9:56 PM
5	I think the city is already overspending	12/7/2017 9:07 PM
6	Marijuana is scientifically proven to be less harmful than alcohol - allowing it in certain areas of the community under regulation is a great idea	12/7/2017 5:20 PM
7	I recommend changes to the police for they are the largest cost to the city.	12/7/2017 4:48 PM
8	I believe the increase in the sales tax, TOT, and landscaping service fee increases will provide the city the operating budget needed to provide the services the city needs without compromising the city's reputation as one of the safest cities in the nation to live in. Thank you.	12/7/2017 9:31 AM
9	All of your programs are important - I hope that rating a program lower does not mean that it should be eliminated.	12/7/2017 8:56 AM
10	Asking our opinion is awesome. A step in the right direction. Has the option of surveying traffic been addressed? As we continue to grow (read apartments) I dont see increased changes in roads.	12/6/2017 10:43 AM
11	Increase schools and police. The better the schools rate, the lower crime will bring income in higher property values and businesses	12/6/2017 2:13 AM
12	There should be a significant review of budget expenditures to determine if activities and programs should continue to be funded. Clearly, the failure of avoiding cost recovery in some areas for almost a decade is suggestive that a comprehensive review is appropriate. Thanks for asking for resident input on budget priorities! Are you able to differentiate between respondents who are residents of the City of Simi Valley and those who are not?	12/5/2017 9:53 PM
13	Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey.	12/5/2017 8:15 PM

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14	Please change the "Town Center" it was a horrible idea to do an outdoor mall in the first place. Enclose the "mall" or build them as outlets. The place is a ghost town and we don't need anymore decor stores, sports stores, or dance studios. By making the mall indoor and building up or making it into outlets it would increase Simi Valley's revenue and/or take away business from the Camarillo outlets and surrounding malls	12/5/2017 8:15 PM
15	We need a dog park in wood ranch. Dog park in Big sky is over crowded. There is space near existing park. I just moved from Camarillo and miss the many beautiful dog parks they have.	12/5/2017 6:49 PM
16	Less on police, more on parks and arts.	12/5/2017 4:16 PM
17	The entire city operation should be reviewed by some independent efficiency expert and those recommendations should be looked at very carefully. The times are tough and we need to approach the city operations accordingly.	12/5/2017 3:10 PM
18	I'm sure it feels great to be so generous with other people's money but as the world economies become more intertwined nearly all private sector jobs are at risk of being outsourced or taken over by the Amazons of the world. Keeping cost down, including taxes, is a significant part of keeping people employed jobs here in Simi Valley.	12/5/2017 3:07 PM
19	The city needs to live within its means, but, by all means, audit ALL government spending. Find the waste. Reallocate those funds to areas that need it.	12/5/2017 2:51 PM
20	we should be attracting new business to Simi and filling vacant storefronts and restaurants	12/4/2017 8:31 PM
21	Do we really need all the toys the police keep? Mobile command vehicle? armored vehicles? these types of things sit around a lot of the time. Why not cost share with other cities? survey-- do other small cities have these toys. Do we really need that many officers? I like safe city. but where are we compared to other surrounding cities?? would sheriff cost less? should we get more volunteers officers on the road to patrol?? they do a good job in T.O.	12/4/2017 6:41 PM
22	Save big money by getting rid of the police SWAT team. They cost several h7 did thousand a year. Yet only get called out once or twice a year. Save the money and get the patrol officers more training, seeing how they will be the first ones on scene. Also, since the PD has their new range why are they still allowed 2 hours of overtime per officer per month? They can go while on duty saving the taxpayers BIG. They do not need 2 hours of overtime to drive to the Madeira off ramp. Waste of tax dollars.	12/4/2017 3:43 PM
23	what is the City doing to reduce cost and especially payroll and overtime since it is over 50% of the budget? and why are flex benefits not broken out being that they are 11.3% of the budget	12/4/2017 2:47 PM
24	You need more surveillance cameras for crime areas that are monitored by police dept. REAL problem for commercial property owners who pay real taxes!	12/4/2017 10:47 AM
25	Prescription opiods, alcohol and tobacco are all legal and allowed in Simi Valley so why not allow Marijuana??? Good revenue for Simi Valley... If its about "saving our children ", all I can say is that they will get it if they want it just Like they get alcohol, prescription opiods and tobacco... Makes no sense not to allow marijuana and the revenue it will produce for Simi Valley...	12/4/2017 10:20 AM
26	formula for pension determination needs to be changed, ie., 2% should not be of just the last, highest salary year but maybe an average of the last maybe 10 years. Also, one should need to work a minimum of 25 years to be eligible for a pension. Also, possibly those retiring at the current allowed age of 62 should not get medical coverage as part of their retirement package. They should pay for it themselves or wait to retire until they are 66.	12/3/2017 2:49 PM
27	Eliminate government waste. You know where the inefficiencies are, end them.	12/3/2017 2:32 PM
28	City employee pensions should be converted to private 401K or IRAs so that the individuals are responsible for their own accounts.	12/3/2017 12:53 PM
29	stop threatening pensions already earned	12/3/2017 6:20 AM

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30	You are doing a good job. Let's keep Simi a great place to live.	12/2/2017 7:41 PM
31	Keep crime low in this City and continue to fund animal services and always be a non kill shelter!	12/2/2017 8:37 AM
32	It'd be nice to see continued rehabilitation for older retail centers. For instance, Tapo Canyon and Cochran or North and South west corners of Sycamore and Cochran.	12/2/2017 12:00 AM
33	Do more to attract corporate employers to Simi- expand the tax base, allow more housing to be built, help fix our broken Simi Town Center, there are lots that can be done within the current tax regime. We need to do better, not just look for residents to pony up more. And with the federal deduction for state and local taxes being eliminated, we cannot make living in Simi even less affordable.	12/1/2017 10:54 PM
34	City employees are over paid, no raises, no bonus...get real 10 to 20 % cut of pay...shoot they dont even work 5 days a week any more.	12/1/2017 5:14 PM
35	if a department isn't performing or cannot stay within budget, re-organize it and make Managers responsible to stay within budgets or cut costs.	12/1/2017 4:16 PM
36	These are all bandaids. Pensions are the real problem and all of these little fixes won't solve a thing.	12/1/2017 1:52 PM
37	I think the city is run conservatively and rightly so. The future is uncertain and additional resources are necessary. The purple line the for recycled water, the pot industry, outsourcing etc etc opportunities exist to get things looking better.	12/1/2017 12:08 PM
38	As I said before....Cut your expenses, stop spending, reduce the redundancy in employees, stop pensions, offer 401K's like the rest of us.....	12/1/2017 11:07 AM
39	Please put affordable housing at the top of your priorities. Housing here is far too high. Without a younger generation Simi Valley will not succeed!	12/1/2017 10:08 AM
40	Thank you for having this survey	12/1/2017 9:27 AM
41	Tackle the big ticket items which is the police either go with the sheriff entirely or downsize the dept and supplement with the sheriff say for traffic enforcement and other tasks. They are cheaper for each hour of coverage. Everyone uses them Simi needs to follow most of the nearby cities use the Sheriff.	12/1/2017 8:56 AM
42	Reserve funds are not included in the budget... All of our money must be published.	12/1/2017 8:27 AM
43	There are so little and few small businesses left in Simi Valley, to many of who I know including myself have a small business in S.V. Keep the faith and the budget to save and encourage small business to stay open.	11/30/2017 9:24 PM
44	Na	11/30/2017 9:21 PM
45	Reduce pensions	11/30/2017 4:49 PM
46	Thanks for putting together this survey! Excellent way to get community input.	11/30/2017 12:30 PM
47	Watch your overtime payments to city employees and cut back on travel....	11/30/2017 11:52 AM
48	More police!	11/30/2017 11:23 AM
49	i believe there should be a liaison between the three primary government agencies (SVUSD, RSRPD and the City) which might provide cooperative, money saving programs and opportunities.	11/30/2017 10:37 AM
50	#simistrong	11/30/2017 9:41 AM
51	I believe I have shown my opinion and beliefs with my comments above. Thank you.	11/30/2017 9:21 AM

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52	We definitely need more cell towers throughout Simi Valley. So many dead spots - texas tract, simi town center just to name a few. We need crossing guards at every elementary school - Big Springs currently does not have any and drop off/pick ups are very tough without them.	11/30/2017 8:57 AM
53	Please start street sweeping again. Our gutters make us look like the valley! Medians need to be cleared of shrubs, weeds and trash. Our streets don't look clean like they used to. Please sweep and tidy all main streets.	11/30/2017 8:20 AM
54	There were a lot of questions regarding raising taxes, government has to learn to run lean. Eventually you will run out of other peoples money. Cut your expenses, government employees need to pay for their retirement and health care like the rest of us.	11/30/2017 7:43 AM
55	Utilize nonprofit CFM athletics to empower the youth and bring in health educators to prevent bullying .In with the new out with the old	11/30/2017 7:22 AM
56	Make it more welcoming for businesses come in to replace some of the vacant, decaying sites (I.e. old Marie Callendar building)	11/30/2017 5:24 AM
57	Get rid of the fluff. Flyers, posters, unnecessary things. Use the internet and free resources when possible.	11/29/2017 11:13 PM
58	Audit and cut don't increase taxes. No weed shops or manufacturing/packaging it might be great \$\$ but it will be bad for our community	11/29/2017 11:09 PM
59	Implement fiscal responsibility, lower taxes!	11/29/2017 10:42 PM
60	Cut the city council pay and retirement. Start at the top and leave the bottom alone so they can continue to support themselves and the city	11/29/2017 10:35 PM
61	Don't take money from the police. We have rising crime, we need more officers and more resources. Cut your budget elsewhere. There's so much waste going on it should be pretty simple.	11/29/2017 10:30 PM
62	The Code Enforcement Dept. is a joke.	11/29/2017 10:22 PM
63	Safety and the city's appearance are key to a livable community. Do not cut any of these programs. A small sames tax increase would raise additional funds, but still keep taxes lower than neighboring communities.	11/29/2017 10:03 PM
64	Phase out pensions	11/29/2017 9:39 PM
65	Please dont approve new retail building projects for the one time \$. We need to fill or redevelop current vacant shopping centers.	11/29/2017 9:35 PM
66	Keep marijuana out of Simi Vally!	11/29/2017 9:24 PM
67	Hope as a mother of three, and a homeowner, and addiction counselor to keep Marijuana of Simi.	11/29/2017 9:21 PM
68	Taking city resources away is never the answer to help a community. Encouraging resident participation in the community and volunteers will help support the community to thrive once again.	11/29/2017 9:16 PM
69	New members who can spend the money wisely. And don't limit us on this survey to only one choice from highest to lowest when giving our opinions as to what we want.	11/29/2017 9:07 PM
70	Try to deal with the pensions.	11/29/2017 8:54 PM
71	I'm happy to pay slightly higher taxes to ensure the community, safety, and beauty of our city is maintained	11/29/2017 8:51 PM
72	The City just like the tax payers need to live within it's means. Let's educate our government on how to budget money and not spend more than it has.	11/29/2017 8:37 PM
73	Please please please stop building unaffordable homes for the average Simi citizen in our once beautiful hills. My own children can't even afford to live here! Even in an apartment. Crazy! Just stop building new homes.	11/29/2017 8:36 PM

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74	I think it might help the city's budget to build affordable condos for less money to people wanting to buy.	11/29/2017 7:59 PM
75	Why didn't the survey include any reduction in pension costs or benefits, if that's the primary cause of the budget short fall?	11/29/2017 7:56 PM
76	I would be so incredibly disappointed if the city allowed the manufacturing and sale of marijuana simply to make money. Some things are more important than revenue.	11/29/2017 7:50 PM
77	more money still needs to be going to the public schools which are all over crowded.	11/29/2017 7:46 PM
78	We have to be small business friendly with minimal roadblocks and taxes. This should help create jobs and generate revenue in other ways for the city. Although I'm not a pot smoker, I believe there is some validity to the medicinal properties.	11/29/2017 7:36 PM
79	Simi has turned into the valley. There is nothing special about it. If you keep adding more fees people will move out. Maybe just maybe you should stop building in Simi again. To get back to the way things use to be. This city wasn't ment to have as many people as it has. I hate raising my kids here because its the same as L.A. you need to figure this out.	11/29/2017 7:32 PM
80	Our Police Department and other quality of life issues are the most important things to our community.	11/29/2017 7:26 PM
81	We need a sales tax reduction. Spending reduction all around. Cut cut cut!	11/29/2017 6:20 PM
82	Take out those stupid flower street dividers and put in left turn lanes inasmuch as U turns are dangerous you FORCE us to make, and would save on landscaping costs.	11/29/2017 6:05 PM
83	Decrease your spending, we are being tax to death. SS tax, Disabilitytax, unemployment tax, Fed tax, State tax, sales tax, property tax, and many more.	11/29/2017 5:31 PM
84	Thank you for soliciting our input on this important matter. I've lived here for 21 years and love the city. I believe the Council and City Manager have done a consistently good job of helping Simi to be a desirable place to live, work, and run a business.	11/29/2017 3:46 PM
85	Simi Valley does not seem to be able to keep new businesses (especially of the mom + pop variety) around and I am wondering if this is because of permitting or taxation or simply a lack of interest from the community. I would love to see Simi embrace businesses other than major chains and stop having so many shopping centers in the city lay vacant.	11/29/2017 2:37 PM
86	People don't move to Simi for cultural opportunities. People live in Simi for security, safety, K-12 education, clean, well maintained streets, and a sense of service above what they would get in Los Angeles. That is where the funds need to go first: Police, Fire/EMS, disaster response, streets, sewer, code enforcement, smart development, and smart, professional administration. This is what you must focus on during difficult fiscal times. City leaders need to show leadership and charge what services cost and assign those costs to those who are receiving them, not transfer them to everyone. Those are the most basic principles of conservatism, which I believe all of the council members support.	11/29/2017 11:13 AM
87	Do a better job of controlling overtime activities and not include overtime monies in figuring retirement benefits. Also retirement benefits are too generous and will break the bank. Have less government employees and have them contribute more to retirement.	11/29/2017 10:56 AM
88	We need more youth programs to keep our young people busy and out of trouble.	11/29/2017 9:33 AM
89	Please tell the council that the very, very few individuals that show up in front of Council during meetings are not representing the rest of the city. The rest of the city consists of people who have jobs and families and cannot attend every council meeting in person, let alone complain about every single cost to the city. It may seem like certain people hate everything the city does, but most residents are just fine, happy, or support most of what the council does as long as it is tied to the Neighborhood Councils and intelligent staff recommendations. You're also likely only going to get a strange representation of responses from this survey. Only some people have the time, and again, most of the people who will have the time to do this survey are not your average resident.	11/29/2017 9:11 AM

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90	The city would generate a tremendous amount of revenue if it wasn't difficult to open or expand a new or existing business here.	11/29/2017 8:15 AM
91	Thanks for asking.	11/28/2017 10:59 PM
92	Do not raise taxes on residents!	11/28/2017 9:35 PM
93	I appreciate the opportunity to provide my thoughts.	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
94	More transparency is needed about the City of S.V. future pension/medical liabilities in our current year budget process.	11/28/2017 6:48 PM
95	no, voiced comments on previous pages.	11/28/2017 3:59 PM
96	I have been so impressed with this city's fiscal responsibility. Keep doing what you are doing!	11/28/2017 11:24 AM
97	Thanks for providing this survey opportunity to the residents of Simi Valley.	11/28/2017 10:06 AM
98	There are city employees driving around this city all the time. Why are street lights on all day, every day? Are the city employees including the police blind? Do their radios not work so they cannot call the problem in to either their dispatcher or the proper authorities to have something done about them? Also I think there is a city ordinance about open trash containers. Why are those businesses not cited for not keeping their trash containers closed, particularly on windy days when their trash is blowing out onto other peoples and the cities properties? There should not be a need for these items to be pointed out by the general public in order for them to be enforced.	11/28/2017 9:59 AM
99	ITHINK SIMI DOES A PRETTY GOOD JOB. !	11/28/2017 7:24 AM
100	None at this time.	11/28/2017 7:17 AM
101	City should visit getting a bid from ventura county sheriff dept to cover our policing. Policing is extremely necessary but eating our budget. in contract, specify they hire all our local officers and provide minimum same services. How do we justify having our own PD when thousand oaks doesnt while having a comparable city safety record and crime rates. If the price is right, do the deal. Our roads are a mess. Our city landscape needs help, We have few monuments. no sales tax increase! No marijuana!	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
102	When you do OPEN bids on jobs it should EXCLUDE ALL family and friends of people in office like the Mayor and such!	11/28/2017 5:40 AM
103	welcome cultivation of cannabis	11/28/2017 4:21 AM
104	Please keep your focus on this wonderful city, there is no other place I would rather live!	11/27/2017 9:12 PM
105	the impending budget disaster can be solved by outsourcing and reducing staff; along with forcing city employees to bear the brunt of the shortfall - the taxpayers do not benefit from what city employees gain in terms of pensions and benefits. SVUSD must pay for the school resource officers that are assigned to the schools, just like special event sponsors (Reagan Library, July 4th, Simi Valley Days, etc.) should pay for police services.	11/27/2017 9:09 PM
106	The City should implement a flex schedule that will shut down the entire City thus saving overhead costs. Only health and safety personnel would be required to be work at a reduced level on that/those days. Palmdale does this and it is effective.	11/27/2017 8:15 PM
107	We should cut on expenses rather than increasing the revenues. Employees salary should be cut across instead of laying off some. We all need to sacrifice, not some. I'm sure we can cut excesses if you look for them without punishing us.	11/27/2017 6:38 PM
108	You have done a very good job, everyone. You all deserve a big raise for working harder with fewer people.	11/27/2017 5:14 PM
109	It looks like there are a lot of shortfalls in the budget. The response to raise taxes is normal but these times require the need for new and innovative strategies ina changing world. Please consider regulating cannabis industry instead of pushing people to the black market or thr valley. Wouldn't the city get sales taxes from that as well? Don't underestimate the number of people who use recreationally because we already know how the city feels about medical cannabis, which I feel is a slap in the face with people with actual medical conditions that the council is neglecting in a detrimental manner.	11/27/2017 5:13 PM

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110	Stop spending money on signs that say things like slow down your home and welcome to simi - more night patrols to stop all the theft	11/27/2017 4:57 PM
111	Legalizing the manufacture and sales of Marijuana products would be a boon for the city. This is an emerging business and being on the ground floor of such will be great for the city's budget.	11/27/2017 4:18 PM
112	Nothing to add regarding the budget, thank you. I found that the rating system was pretty unfair and shouldn't have been 1-10 without the ability to give the same rating to two or more items. I'm curious to know how this information will be assessed. For example, I rated animal services low on one item but high on another. I'm very concerned about stray animals but not sure this survey makes that clear.	11/27/2017 4:15 PM
113	Develop a prioritized list of automatic cuts which will be made in City expenditures throughout the year if existing revenue sources fall below expectations, in order to maintain a balance budget. Renegotiate contracts with City employees and police so as to reduce pension liabilities.	11/27/2017 3:40 PM
114	Police should crack down more on minors that use bicycles and skateboards without helmets, there is a significant health and hazard risks and it saves the city from any frivolous suits against it should an incident occur	11/27/2017 3:31 PM
115	RENT CONTROL IS DESPERATELY NEEDED ESPECIALLY FIR SENIORS	11/27/2017 3:14 PM
116	We need to think about city council by districts and not at large - the council is a bunch of 'old' men and we need new blood in Simi. I am older in age than the city council but not old in thinking	11/27/2017 3:11 PM
117	I made the comment about street workers not speaking English. Are you hiring illegals or companies that do? SHAME on you. If you don't speak English it means you were not born here. There is no other reason for that. Either hire Americans or get rid of the companies that don't. This is disgusting.	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
118	Thank you for this survey	11/27/2017 2:39 PM
119	Spend the money you already have more efficiently.	11/27/2017 2:14 PM
120	This city has always been family oriented. I love living here. We do need all that you have started here, so I believe that opening up to the medical marijuana subject is sure to bring more financially to this city. There can always be a trial period of ten years to see the impact it has made economically and criminally.	11/27/2017 12:58 PM
121	stop the building of so many apartments in the city. Consider instead condo/townhouses for ownership.	11/27/2017 6:12 AM
122	Fix the water quality and contamination Please. That should be number 1	11/27/2017 12:59 AM
123	good survey	11/25/2017 5:03 PM
124	The City needs to enact pension and compensation reform before asking voters for tax increases.	11/24/2017 9:28 PM
125	Many of the city's streets are in desperate need of repaving. Cochran Street has been repaved several times over the past several years, yet First Street and Fitzgerald have not been paved in more than 15 years. First Street has a lot of traffic and the road is in terrible shape, especially south of Lincoln Park.	11/24/2017 3:00 PM
126	We, as a City, need to be more business friendly, and attract new businesses to Simi Valley.	11/24/2017 2:00 PM
127	My parents and I have noticed that while Cochran Street is paved every year or so, Fitzgerald Road is full of potholes. We've had to replace the tires on both my parents cars every 15,000 miles or so, even though the tires we bought are supposed to last for 35,000.	11/24/2017 1:54 PM
128	Hard choices. I can see why you want the input. I can't understand why the Neighborhood Council costs so much. The participants are volunteers. What kind of support staff do you have? Can it be trimmed?	11/24/2017 1:03 PM

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129	Need more investment in infrastructure and less social programs that only help a few people.	11/24/2017 11:18 AM
130	Address the big costs like salaries and pensions first. Cut these to stay within the budget we have. No new taxes or fees...thank you	11/23/2017 9:03 PM
131	I think we need to focus on raising revenues, not cutting services. The city already runs leans and the cutting anything else isn't an option.	11/23/2017 9:42 AM
132	I think the city council tends to vote for themselves and not for the residents. We are a lot more forward thinking that the city council. I would love to see limited terms enforced to get members who truly represent us and are not stuck in the age of oppression. The current council is tired outdated and doesn't represent the city population	11/22/2017 1:33 PM
133	Regulating and taxing marijuana production should be done BEFORE considering a raise in the Sales Tax.	11/22/2017 12:09 PM
134	Give more money to the police dept to help with what they do.	11/22/2017 11:27 AM
135	Your survey does not place things in context; IE police services for July 4, Reagan Library, etc... Those viewing the survey have no way of knowing that other events are charged for services and the City gives similar services to those mentioned in the survey without any fee to the noted entity. The question should be, "Should the City continue to supply free police services to (name the event) rather than charging the event organizers for the cost of said services. When someone reads the way it is written the citizen will say "Of course we should have police services at those events"	11/22/2017 8:52 AM
136	Businesses come to Simi Valley to die. Placing an aggressive business marketer or planning in the City Manager's office that would have a truthful feel for the community and its business needs may help to stimulate our retail. Look at Moorpark and Thousand Oaks, they are doing something right. Let's learn from other cities and help make Simi Valley a thriving business city once again.	11/21/2017 12:16 PM
137	I appreciate that our City is financially conservative and I hope we can stay that way while increasing potential revenue sources and lower operating cost while increasing services provided. What about the police department, other Cities in our County contract with the the sheriff department, how much potential savings would that provide us?	11/21/2017 8:40 AM
138	raising the tax rate should take care of the problem. increasing the number of apartments will will eventually destroy our city so it all does not matter	11/21/2017 6:58 AM
139	Live within the budget that is already there. Reduce pensions! Quit Neglecting road repairs.	11/21/2017 12:28 AM
140	Reduce spending, reduce pension costs. Employees need to manage their spending and saving habits.	11/20/2017 9:19 PM
141	I would like more information on the pension deals that have been made recently with the police department as well as other city employees plans. I would like to know what percentage of the budget is being used to fund these. While city and safety employees provide valuable service, are they doing at the expense of the city's long-term financial well-being?	11/20/2017 7:15 PM
142	Would it be such a bad thing if the city contacted three or more cities the size of Simi where marijuana has been legalized for retail and manufacturing and warehousing and inquire about the good the bad and the ugly. What do you have to lose?	11/20/2017 5:55 PM
143	Simi is need of improved Retail, Dining and Recreation Options. This would help increase taxable revenue and visitors to our Great City.	11/20/2017 4:14 PM
144	Pensions are the big issue, and they must be curtailed or eliminated. The reason that only governments now have pensions is because they are monopolies and cannot fail (tax payers must bail out). If any private company was run like government, they would quickly go out of business (with no bailouts).	11/20/2017 2:44 PM
145	We do not want to be a sanctuary city! 3 Walmarts really.....	11/20/2017 2:06 PM

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146	City officials, staff, and employees should be reduced, have their salaries and their pensions reduced. The Code Enforcement Dept. should be reduced. Code Enforcement violators should pay a bigger fine if they do not comply within the allotted time. The Police Dept should be reduced in size. Outside contractors should be paid far less. The fireworks company should be paid less. Anderson Rubbish should be taxed more and residents should pay less money for their monthly trash pickup services. All monies from recyclables recovered and sold by Anderson Rubbish should go to the city. The firm conducting this survey and audit should be paid less.	11/20/2017 8:21 AM
147	Salaries and pensions will continue to be the issue without reform. Allowing a high end hotel combined with residential on the Countrywide/bank of America property is a good idea. Linking that by street additions to the Simi mall would be a plus.	11/19/2017 4:33 PM
148	The transit system needs work. No one rides it and it is a waste of money if no one utilizes it.	11/19/2017 4:06 PM
149	Simi Valley is fortunate to view themselves as a community so far and I have seen alot of funds donated and help given-sadly fewer can afford to live here and are moving out, not a good trend. Simi seems to be at the edge of that change but I hope for the best.	11/19/2017 2:17 PM
150	Attack the big items cut police spending its half the budget bring it in line with surrounding cities in terms of cost/hr . I know this will result in a big fight politically but you need to bite the bullet with the POA Need to enforce term limits otherwise the city will do what they have done in the past kick the can down the road ie review what happened to the city water rates.	11/19/2017 1:24 PM
151	Increase revenue by having law enforcement ticket people for texting and driving. you could quadruple the budget in a year from what I see.	11/19/2017 12:42 PM
152	Any tax increase revenues should be transparent so the funds are not collected for one purpose and then used for another.	11/19/2017 9:26 AM
153	Please consider investing in the marijuana business. I have been to places that sell it and the people that shop there ranges from those that shop only at liquor stores and those who shop at antique stores. It is for everyone and is a growing agricultural industry.	11/18/2017 10:50 PM
154	I appreciate that you sent out this survey. We have a great city. It's safe and well-run. Please use our revenue to keep our city safe and encourage small business. That's what I love about our city!	11/18/2017 8:47 PM
155	I would investigate the use of speed cameras to not only enforce the law and make our streets safer but increase revenues !!	11/18/2017 4:42 PM
156	The city has too many management positions ans should thin them out. You can also get rid some of the dead wood that is in the management positions.	11/18/2017 1:22 PM
157	Lower the salaries of the upper management city employees which will also lower the amount of their pensions. This last city's manager retired at age 62 and his pension is over 190K a year this is insane! How many citizens of the city that are still working get paid that much money? Do any of you politicians ask yourself this question? Do any of you even care?	11/18/2017 1:08 PM
158	Reduce the pension spending!	11/18/2017 12:12 PM
159	I am sorry to hear that we will be facing a deficit. Especially due to pensions. As a family without a pension and struggling to put three children through college I would hope that salaries and upcoming raises are also being looked at. The economy is barely starting to move and small businesses like my husbands employers haven't given raises in many years. While I'm certainly not begrudging city workers and politicians a fair living we all know that there is often abuse in these situations	11/18/2017 11:15 AM
160	THE CITY SHOULD HAVE A BUDGET A REAL BUDGET NOT A WISH LIST AND A DREAM LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD WITH REAL PEOPLE GOOD LUCK WITH THAT WE NEED IT	11/18/2017 10:36 AM
161	Spend money to attract businesses. That includes the Arroyo Greenway and transportation systems.	11/18/2017 10:13 AM
162	We need more police on the street! As it is right now after dark I do not let my wife go shopping alone.	11/18/2017 8:06 AM

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163	Live within your city budget. The city is doing a poor job of repairing roads in subdivision and roads throughout the city. The city does a poor job of having a five year, ten year, fifteen year and twenty year plan for Simi Valley. I have been on a city P & Z and helped the city of Frisco, TX to reach their 5, 10, 15 and 20 year city plan.	11/17/2017 11:24 PM
164	The City should review how businesses have changed employee benefits, retirement and insurance, and should consider phasing in similar changes.	11/17/2017 7:42 PM
165	city employees from counter personnel and public works personnel to the city manager seem to have lost sight of the poor economy and ongoing damage that has been done to simi's residents. while most city employees may have missed a raise and are now being required to pay into their own retirement plans, many simi residents lost 100% of their income, careers, and life savings. increasing the financial burdens of simi's residents for the benefit and comfort of the bureaucrats is simply not a wise idea.	11/17/2017 7:04 PM
166	How can we as a community see where all the tax payer money is going?	11/17/2017 6:59 PM
167	Recently watched a crew replace a piece of sidewalk. Could not believe the number of men and vehicles. Many stood around while one or two worked. Check your manpower distribution as well as their efficiency. We could be getting more done for less money. Not getting value from the amount of base pay from many of the employees including the business development. Police and code enforcement are great, don't cut. You need to bring your private business budgeting skills to the city.	11/17/2017 4:46 PM
168	I am curious how you choose certain positions such as Crime Prevention and Volunteer positions. How about cutting some of the fat from the top positions of the city.	11/17/2017 3:05 PM
169	The problem is obvious. The CALPERS pension plan is unsustainable. Until you address/fix/kill that plan our city will never be able to balance the budget. Pensions are non-existent in the Private Sector. Public Sector employees work 20 to 25 years, retire in their 50s and live into their 80s and 90s. Unsustainable!	11/17/2017 12:28 PM
170	Save money, live better.	11/17/2017 11:31 AM
171	The city should look into departments that are potentially over-staffed. There are times that employees are sitting around waiting for work to come in (public works, transit, vehicle mechanics). It would be beneficial to look at these departments in more detail. Maybe the work week should be a standard Mon-Fri from 8-5 and then less people would be required.	11/17/2017 9:57 AM
172	reduce spending tax based on use	11/17/2017 9:00 AM
173	I'm pleased that you actually solicited the opinion of city residents on social media. That's awesome.	11/17/2017 12:06 AM
174	The city needs to cut expenses and increase taxes. Every time there is an increase in taxes there is an increase on expenses. I think that maybe getting rid of some of the counsels would save us some money. Cutting expenses is better than increasing taxes.	11/16/2017 10:29 PM
175	Investigate the use of Lean and 6 Sigma efficiency tools. Only after every process has been 'leaned', should you come back and discuss changing fee structure	11/16/2017 6:42 PM
176	Solicit the film and television industry for more projects to be filmed here as well as promoting large production studios to be built similar to Santa Clarita,	11/16/2017 6:41 PM
177	Encouraging more film production. Also suggesting the film community be aware of the upcoming sale of the Farmers insurance building and land which seems like a perfect building for the film industry to purchase.	11/16/2017 6:12 PM
178	Thanks for doing this.	11/16/2017 5:45 PM
179	Approval of a variety of restaurants not repeating establishments like subway target and Walmart	11/16/2017 5:24 PM
180	Outsource police services to Ventura County. Similar to what T. O. does. Attract more businesses that generate sales tax	11/16/2017 5:19 PM

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181	Fire and Paramedic services was not part of the survey, however they are very important to the City. Also, higher priority to law enforcement as we seem to have an increase in crime.	11/16/2017 5:09 PM
182	I would like to see the politicians in this city go back to working to keep our bedroom community as they did when I moved out here 50 years ago. They worked within a budget and turned Simi Valley into the quaint lovely city everyone wants to live in. They would never have allowed a four story apartment building like the one being proposed at Tapo and Alamo to ruin our bedroom community. They had a budget but would have utilized the empty buildings first for revenue without sacrificing our community. Shame on you politicians for not standing up for the community we love.	11/16/2017 5:04 PM
183	Schools schools schools. Can we allocate more money into improving schools so that people will want to move here and stay here??! When u can attract those families who come here to Simi For good schools, then businesses will flourish and taxes will increase!	11/16/2017 4:20 PM
184	Stop raising taxes, cut the fat	11/16/2017 3:44 PM
185	I would also like to se a requirement for large construction or work to pay for damage to roads for excessive use. Walnut Ave from Tapo to Tapo Canyon as an example has been deteriorating during the new housing project construction. This should be on them to fix not the city or residents. I also believe it would be worthwhile to consider more projects to bury power lines as they are dangerous in high wind areas.	11/16/2017 3:24 PM
186	Continued support of the SV Chamber is crucial in ensuring a focused effort on important economic development initiatives.	11/16/2017 2:55 PM
187	The city should suggest, if the city has any say or influence, that our mall becomes an outlet mall. I believe it would draw more business than its current use. We have so few businesses in the mall, especially big stores, that people would rather drive to Thousand Oaks or Northridge to shop. Many people drive clear to Camarillo to shop at an outlet mall. I believe we would draw people from the San Fernando Valley and Moorpark, as well as our town. We could still have our restaurants and theater in our mall. Everyone I talk to wishes it would become an outlet mall. If the owners of the property want it to remain a regular mall they need to attract other large retailers, which might be difficult with so many of them closing due to internet use. Another good addition would be a large furniture store such as Living Spaces or Mathew Brothers. I also strongly suggest they cover the outdoor area with some type of roof or atrium cover. When it's cold, windy, hot or rainy, most people would rather drive to another mall to be more comfortable. Making our mall open air was a very poor planning decision. It may work for Fashion Island, but the weather in Newport Beach is far better than Simi Valley. If the city has no say or influence in the mall, possibly passing on suggestions of the residence of Simi might be of influence.	11/16/2017 1:37 PM
188	We moved to Simi to get away from the crime and ugliness that is most of the valley now. Please do not be short sighted in your cuts to services that keep crime to a minimum in Simi. Also, Simi is a very attractive town. All landscaping/beatification budgets should be protected. The beauty of Simi is what separates it from areas near it.	11/16/2017 1:33 PM
189	Thanks for giving us a say!!!!	11/16/2017 12:12 PM
190	Outsource the police. It's a waste of money for Simi to have their own police department with VCS down the street. I don't smoke it, but make pot legal here. Open a corridor between Simi and the 101 Oak Park/Westlake/TO area. These 3 actions will make Simi profitable.	11/16/2017 10:10 AM
191	Simi Valley should allow the 1 site of medical and 1 recreational marijuana retailer	11/16/2017 9:09 AM
192	Cannabis Revenue will produce employment, housing and a need for stabilization within the economy.	11/15/2017 10:53 PM
193	Don't understand the multi-layer of employee titles. For example, deputy director, director, supervisor, manager, etc.. Maybe some of these postions should be combined or eliminated. Why is there a need for a deputy director AND a director of community services? Seems like a waste.	11/15/2017 9:38 PM
194	Do something about the homeless. They are making life here intolerable.	11/15/2017 9:27 PM

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195	Make it easier for new business to come to Simi. Promote the film industry here. Simi is known to be difficult to work with. Too many restrictions.	11/15/2017 9:09 PM
196	Thank you allowing our input!	11/15/2017 7:39 PM
197	Interesting Survey!	11/15/2017 6:51 PM
198	Our small town has been growing since I moved here in '89. I was against the Town center being built as to the Moutain Gate Plaza would have been more appropriate place since it was empty at the time. And now our Town center is almost that, empty. Take a survey from the citizens of Simi to see what stores they would love to shop at. Most of us have to drive to T.O. or the Valley to go to stores like Old Navy, JCP, H&M, Barnes & Noble, Hobby Lobby, Micheals, BJ's resturant & more. If the shopping was local, we'd shop there. And stop building more business's buildings. We have quite a few of empty ones, use those first.	11/15/2017 6:10 PM
199	SVPD's budget numbers do not seem accurate! K9 program only cost taxpayers for salaries. The Crime prevention unit. (CRO) officers are payed extra and unlimited OT! Where did these numbers come from? Something dirty here!	11/15/2017 5:40 PM
200	The city needs more youth activities, especially for teenagers. Also,	11/15/2017 5:20 PM
201	Budget cuts are inevitable!	11/15/2017 4:51 PM
202	hire smarter people who can make better decisions not just anyone or who know that are incapable of bringing creative ideas. Get rid of those people. There are many in the city offices.	11/15/2017 4:47 PM
203	Ask churches or other organizations to adopt a highway in those areas where safety is not a main concern. The cities of Oxnard and Camarillo use these groups effectively to defray the cost of using city workers.	11/15/2017 2:20 PM
204	I wanted to choose lowest priority for just about everything on page 2. The City isnt a social justice program. Just do your jobs and do a better job about it. If the council cant get it done, they should be voted out.	11/15/2017 2:01 PM
205	Cut the costs. Remove pension for city employees! Hardly 2% of common residents get pension these days. Pension is so outdated concept!!. Why they need to fund pension for city employees? The pension is supposed to eat up 20% of the city budget in 2022!	11/15/2017 1:40 PM
206	For repaving streets, if you could have the streets that actually need repaving done instead of the same ones that always get repaved, that would be awesome.	11/15/2017 10:55 AM
207	Improve the quality of Simi Valley living through investing in culture, seniors, teens, education, etc. and you will see crime rates decline.	11/15/2017 8:23 AM
208	We need to attract more industry and companies to fill the vacant industrial buildings we have. We also need to address all the vacant commercial spaces in almost every "strip mall." I've heard that the City of Simi has a terrible reputation of working with small businesses and other larger businesses. We need to make an environment where businesses want to be here.	11/15/2017 7:56 AM
209	No specific further comments, but I think being able to provide feedback online, rather than at meetings, is a great option.	11/14/2017 11:45 PM
210	marijuana and Its products will bring enough tax revenue to pay most of all the fees that Simi Valley needs. Also, Simi needs to enforce more energy saving programs and utilities that stores and homes can use.	11/14/2017 10:06 PM
211	The fees should have been increased years ago and you would not be in this mess!	11/14/2017 10:03 PM
212	Outsource and eliminate the city pension in favor of additional 401k contribution.	11/14/2017 8:53 PM
213	Keep up the good work. The survey is appreciated.	11/14/2017 8:09 PM
214	Make some nice money off this marijuana Revenue.	11/14/2017 6:20 PM

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215	Keep taxes low, keep the City safe and take care of the youth and elderly.	11/14/2017 5:51 PM
216	i have already said it! deal with the ridiculous pensions that you decided to give every government employee! stop the double dipping! and stop giving every illegal that steps in this state everything for FREE!	11/14/2017 2:45 PM
217	Implement a first time home buyers program. Most of simi valleys homeowners purchased homes here in the 70s and 80s. Young families simply can't afford these homes here in the \$600,000 range now. Take some of the money generated from marijuana sales or .5% sales tax increase and invest some back into the city to create a first time home buyers program. Otherwise simi valley will just turn into a senior citizen town. Or implement rent control...a lot of younger families can't afford to live here, that's why there's 10 people living in one household. Keep it simple with home buyers program...remember the city will be getting property taxes from these folks	11/14/2017 2:24 PM
218	The City is only 50 years old and there is already \$160 million of needed infrastructure repair. What is this deficit going to be in another 50 years? We need to stop accepting more public infrastructure. New development with future streets and utilities must be privately maintained.	11/14/2017 10:11 AM
219	Increase organization and service efficiency coupled with revenue enhancements	11/14/2017 10:07 AM
220	Safety and codes being enforced	11/14/2017 9:30 AM
221	The fact you guys refuse to allow businesses such as Dave & Buster's or Bass Pro Shops (mostly because you made them jump through ridiculous hoops) for the sake that Simi Valley is a "mom and pop" city, is asinine. The revenue one of these businesses could bring in is great. I have seen this city decline over the years, and don't want to see it turn into the valley, but it feels as though it is turning that way slowly. Simi must change with the times and grow; not be stuck in the way things were done 40 years ago.	11/14/2017 8:22 AM
222	Rather than build the Town Center, we could have built a stadium/sports center for minor league teams, concerts, etc. Is there still open space where we could do that?	11/14/2017 8:01 AM
223	I think the City needs to look at the number of people classified as managers. Some of these people in City Hall and the Police Department should not be managers. They don't even manage people. They are one person units in some situations. I also think the City Manager needs to evaluate the performance of some of these managers a little closer.	11/14/2017 7:38 AM
224	You guys are great!	11/14/2017 5:29 AM
225	Be open to new options of revenue. If you want to move expenses forward to more current amounts then recognize you must also look forward at new avenues for revenue. Look forward - plan ahead - stop cleaning up from mistakes caused by not being more aware.	11/14/2017 5:18 AM
226	TOT increases and sales tax increases are the most practical ways to increase revenue. I will not support any layoffs or impacts to city employees. The increased pension costs are not the fault of the city employees.	11/14/2017 5:09 AM
227	any way to back lash pensions so they dont kill us, by a vote?	11/14/2017 2:09 AM
228	There are quite a few vacant storefronts in some strip malls & town center .... Marie calendars has been vacant for years. To encourage new start-ups , my suggestion is to offer the 1st yr rent free w a 3 yr lease.	11/14/2017 1:52 AM
229	marijuana production could greatly improve the city's income	11/13/2017 8:47 PM
230	cannabis is an obvious answer. it's legal, stop resisting the future.	11/13/2017 8:45 PM

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231	The Simi Valley police department is a HUGE drain on our resources and it does not need to be that extensive or have that many resources. Officers are largely bored, waste time, sit around, pull people over for no reason, profile anyone who isn't white, etc. if you want to save money, reduce the police force and spend that money on PREVENTION, and I don't mean DARE which is not evidence based, I mean real mental health based prevention programs to reduce recidivism and addiction. It's time to stop spending so much money on punishment and spend it on prevention instead.	11/13/2017 8:29 PM
232	Allowing and taxing cannabis is the smartest option for our city. Even the most conservative estimated returns justify a well organized and professional grade system being installed and taxed. Sales and processing should also be taxed but also embraced and welcomed. We as a city are running out of options, and Prop. 64 and 215 are key to continued growth of our city and a push to a modernized way of thinking. Other cities all over our state are pulling themselves up by working directly with the cannabis community. if you look outside of our state, where cannabis has been taxed legally - they have money for schools and to remodel for a better future of the community. Roads are fixed, the states have more secure pensions for their state and local workers. Cannabis is happening, and people involved are open to working with cities directly to form a mutually beneficial relationship that is regulated and will have a positive impact on the community.	11/13/2017 8:00 PM
233	Please consider charging a "per-event" fee for vendors participating in special events.	11/13/2017 3:24 PM
234	eliminate management waste. 2 many managers and not enough workers. Cut management benefits and eliminate the tier of benefits, cut City Council benefits it is an elected position not a full-time job, no take home cars, get rid of useless programs, or jobs that are budgeted but stay on the books forever.	11/13/2017 3:09 PM
235	Why you should contract with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department to provide art Police Service	11/13/2017 10:20 AM
236	Sheriff dept as our Police dept.	11/13/2017 10:19 AM
237	I think the City has done a good job in trying to balance the budget and still maintain the level of service that is provided. However I think increases in certain things, without gauging the residents, is beneficial in allowing the City to run more efficiently.	11/9/2017 4:08 PM
238	Thanks for the opportunity to give my two cents.	11/9/2017 1:36 PM
239	Cut taxes...	11/9/2017 9:58 AM