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Measure M - Parks for All

Public Input Report

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Park Planning Division



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Combined Results

VoxVote

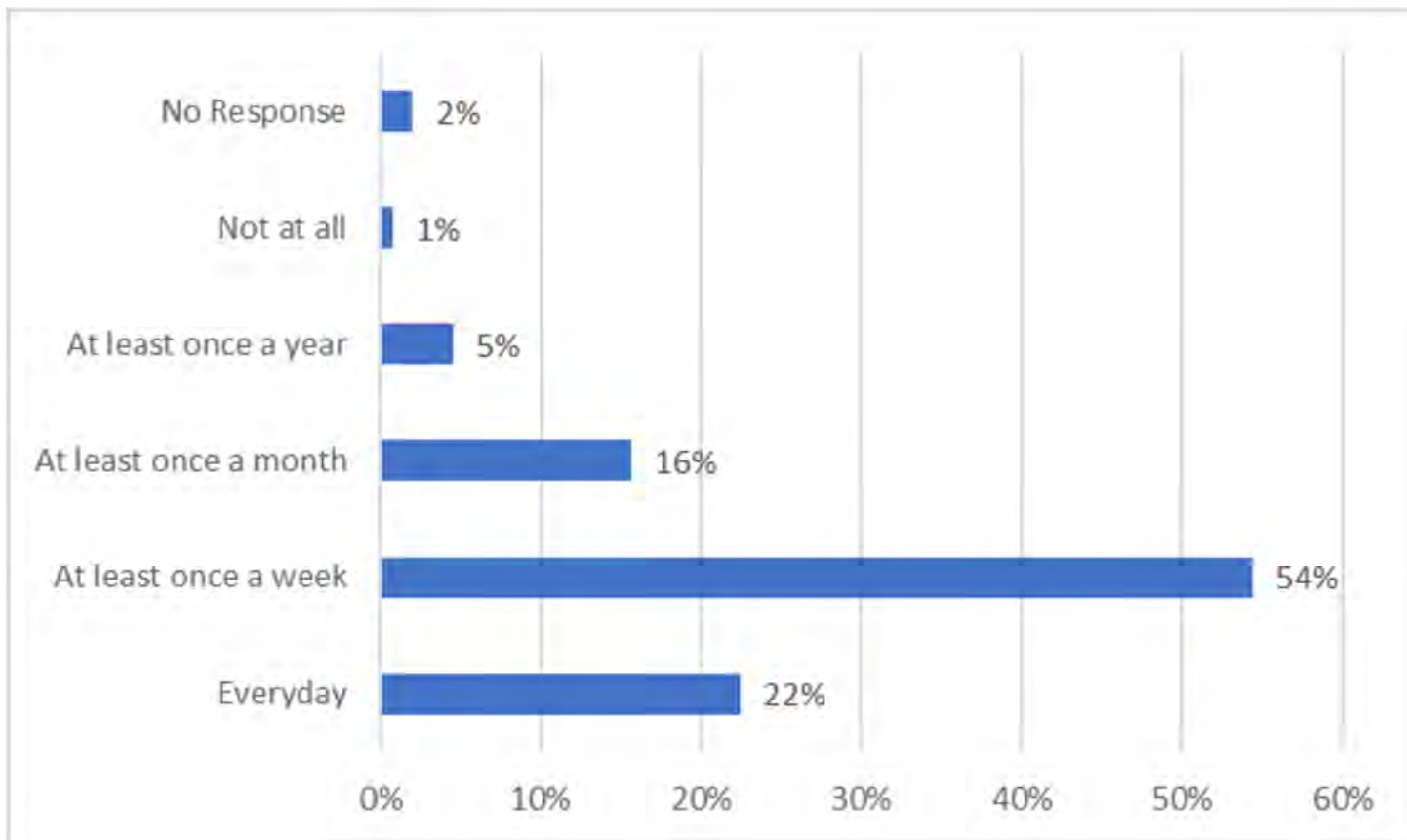
Zoom Meeting Polls

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1691 Responses

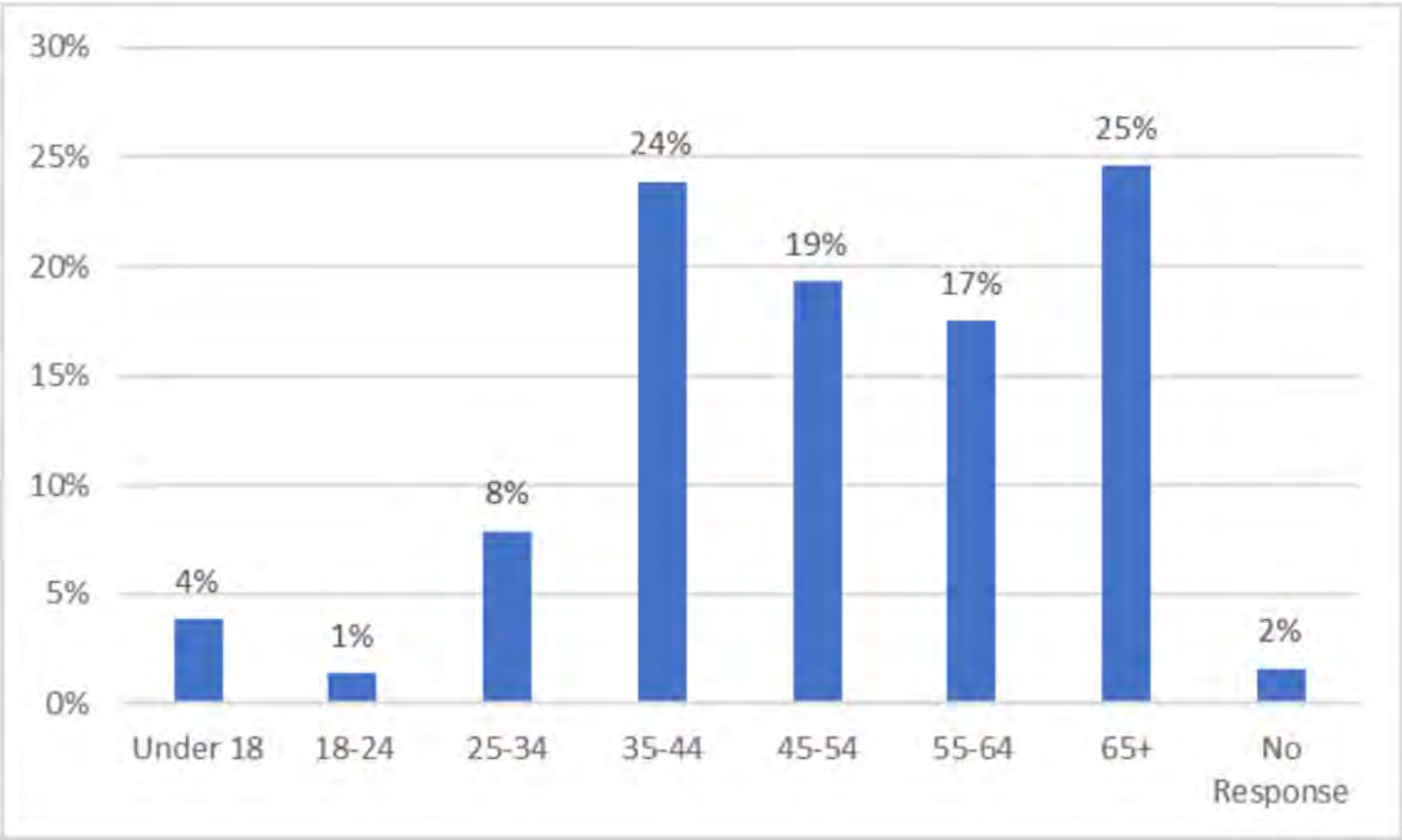
Question 1: How often do you visit a City of Santa Rosa Park or Recreation Facility? (1692 Responses)

[¿Con qué frecuencia visita un parque o Centro Recreativo de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa?]



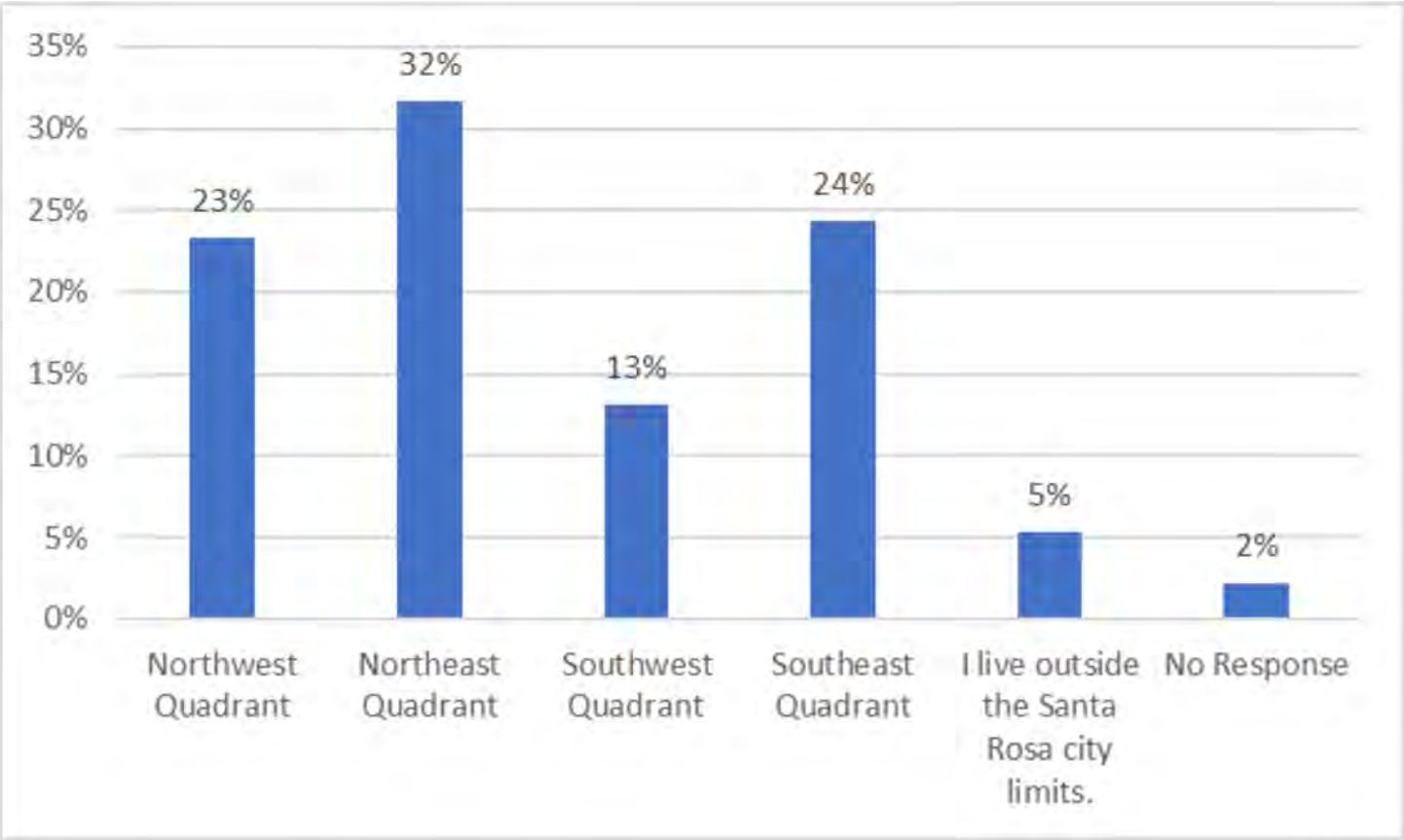
Frequency	% of Responses	# of Responses
Everyday [Todos los días]	22%	380
At least once a week [Al menos una vez a la semana]	54%	921
At least once a month [Al menos una vez al mes]	16%	266
At least once a year [Al menos una vez al año]	5%	77
Not at all [Nunca]	1%	14
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	2%	34

Question 2: What is your age group? (1 692 Response)
[¿Cuál es su grupo de edad?]



Age Group	% of Responses	# of Responses
Under 18 [Menor de 18 años.]	4%	65
18 - 24	1%	23
25 - 34	8%	134
35 - 44	24%	404
45 - 54	19%	327
55 - 64	17%	296
65+	25%	416
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	2%	27

Question 3: Where do you live within the City of Santa Rosa? (1691 Responses)
 [¿Dónde vive usted en la Ciudad de Santa Rosa?]



Quadrant	% of Responses	# of Responses
Northwest [Cuadrante noroeste]	23%	394
Northeast Quadrant [Cuadrante noreste]	32%	536
Southwest Quadrant [Cuadrante suroeste]	13%	222
Southeast Quadrant [Cuadrante sureste]	24%	412
I live outside the Santa Rosa city limits. [Vivo fuera de los límites de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa.]	5%	90
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	2%	37

Question 4: Which city park or recreation facility do you use most often? (569 Responses)

[¿Qué parque de la ciudad o instalación recreativa utiliza con más frecuencia?]

City of Santa Rosa Parks	# of Responses	City of Santa Rosa Parks	# of Responses
A Place to Play Community Park	33	JX Wilson (currently closed)	1
Airfield Neighborhood Park	4	Live Oak Park	7
Bayer Gardens & Neighborhood Park	10	Luther Burbank Home & Gardens	19
Bellevue Ranch Neighborhood Park	6	Martin Luther King Jr Neighborhood Park	6
Bennet Valley Golf Course	24	Matanzas Neighborhood Park	10
Bicentennial Neighborhood Park	6	Mesquite Neighborhood Park	6
Brendon Neighborhood Park	2	Nagasawa Community Park at Fountaingrove	1
Brush Creek Neighborhood Park	4	North Neighborhood Park	1
Coffey Neighborhood Park	25	Northwest Community Park	13
Colgan Creek Neighborhood Park	6	Pump Track	3
Cook School Neighborhood Park	1	Oak Lake Green Neighborhood Park	2
Courthouse Square	3	Pearblossom Neighborhood Park	2
Mary Traverso Open Space	1	Peter Springs Neighborhood Park	2
Dauenhauer Neighborhood Park	4	Peterson Lane Neighborhood Park	7
DeMeo Neighborhood Park	4	Pioneer Neighborhood Park	6
DeTurk Neighborhood Park	2	Railroad Depot Neighborhood Park	1
DeTurk Round Barn	3	Red Hawk Neighborhood Park	1
Doyle Community Park	23	Ridgway Swim Center	6
Dutch Flohr Neighborhood Park	4	Rincon Ridge Neighborhood Park	7
Eastside Neighborhood Park	2	Rincon Valley Community Park	7
Finali Neighborhood Park	3	Rinconada Neighborhood Park	2
Finley Community Park	42	Roseland Creek Community Park	3
Flat Rock Neighborhood Park	3	Rural Cemetary	9
Frances Nielsen Ranch Neighborhood Park	2	Skyhawk Community Park	2
Franklin Community Park	16	Skyhawk Open Space Area	2
Galvin Community Park	52	Sonoma Avenue Neighborhood Park	1
Harvest Neighborhood Park	2	South Davis Neighborhood Park	3
Hidden Valley Neighborhood Park	4	Southwest Community Park	17
Howarth Memorial Park	134	Strawberry School / Neighborhood Park	3
Lake Raphine	2	Tanglewood Neighborhood Park	6
Humboldt Neighborhood Park	5	Triangle Neighborhood Park	1
Jack London School / Neighborhood Park	1	Village Green	2
Jacobs Neighborhood Park	1	Westgate Neighborhood Park	3
Julliard Neighborhood Park	25	Youth Community Park	16
Julliard and surrounding small parks	1		

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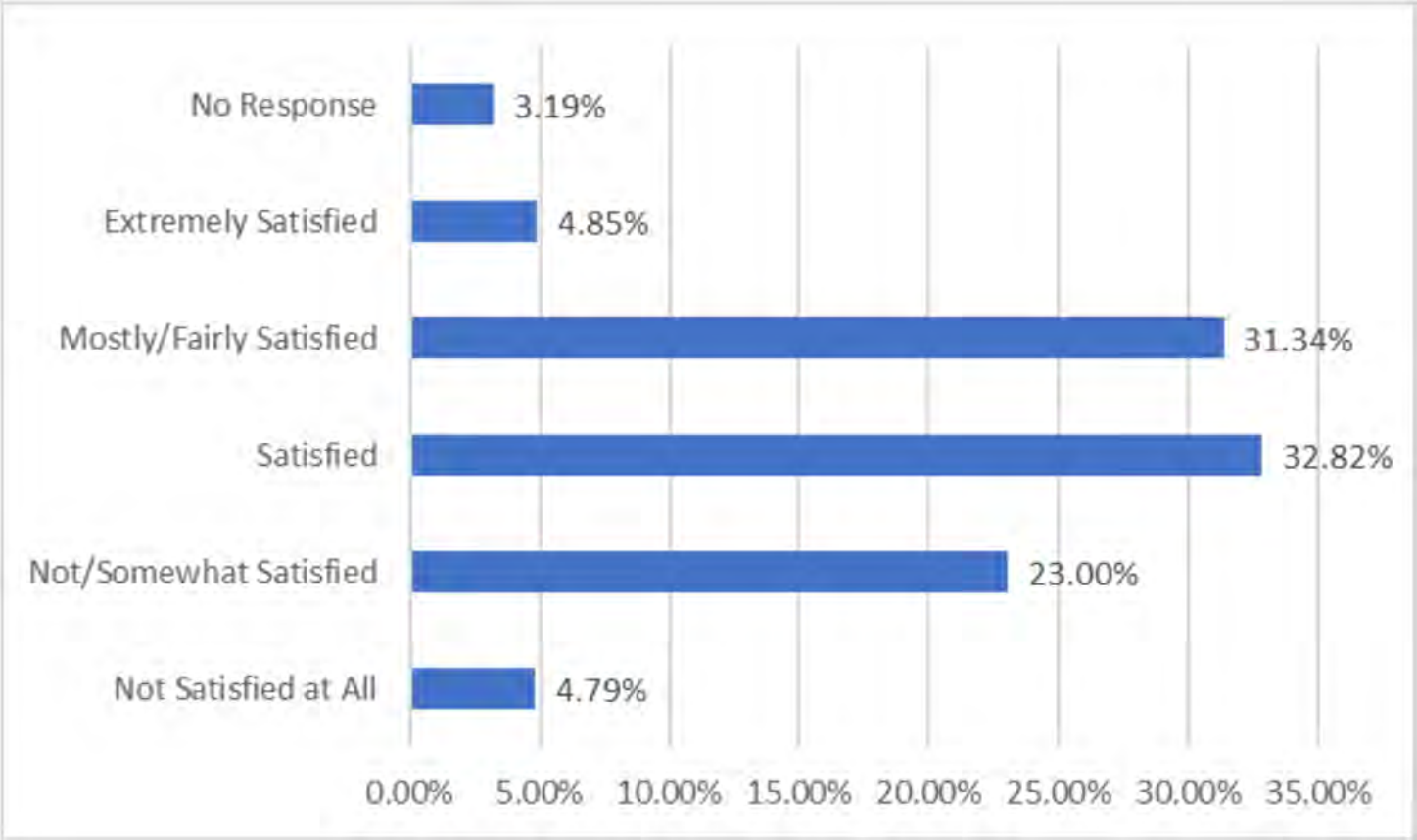
City Trails	# of Responses
Upper Brush Creek Trail	2
Colgan Creek trail	1
Prince Memorial Greenway Trail	7
Santa Rosa Creek Trail	12
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Trail	2
Creek Trails and Paths	5
the bike paths along Austin Creek and Brush Creek	1
Bike path between Acacia Lane and Middle Rincon Road	1
Other Trails	
Joe Rodota Trail	5
Joe Rodota Trail -- and trails along other creeks, such as Forestview, which is adjacent to Raleys on Fulton Rd.	1
Laguna Trail	3
Paulin Creek Trail	1
Sonoma County Regional Parks	
Andy's Unity Park	2
Crane Creek Regional Park	3
Doran Beach Regional Park	1
Foothills Regional Park	2
North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park	1
Ragal Ranch Regional Park	2
Riverfront Regional Park	3
Shiloh Regional Park	3
Spring Lake Regional Park	56
Steelehead Beach Regional Park	2
Taylor Mountain Regional Park	21
California State Parks	
Annadel State Park	25
Annadel—The other parks have too many homeless people Which creates a dangerous environment for myself and my eight-year-old daughter	1
Sugarloaf Ridge State Park	1

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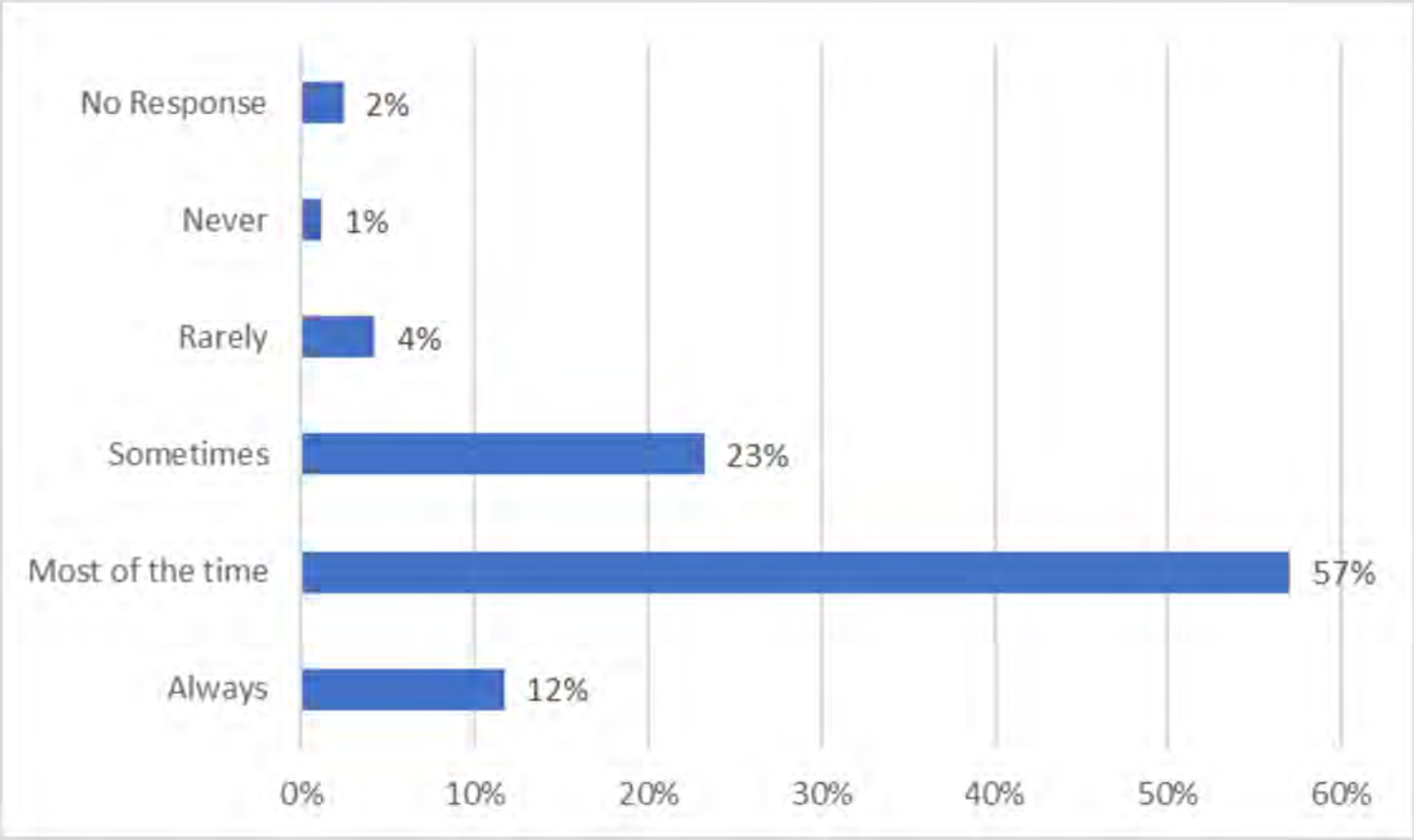
Other Responses	# of Responses
Range park	1
Rosa Park Disc Golf Course	8
Lincoln Park	1
Any one with disc golf	
área jardín y caminar, área juegos voleibol	
Willowside Road	
WINDSOR	
Windsor where I feel safe. I leave Santa Rosa	
We try to visit a plethora of parks and not just one	
The park bench	
the park next to Maria Carrillo	
The yet to be named park adjacent to Jack Londen School, Santa Rosa Creek, Coffee Park	
Those on the west side.	
Thursday	
Cooper Creek (not city-owned)	
Corner of Lombardi lane and Gardner ave	
Darla park	
dog parks of santa rosa	
Elsie Allen High School (not city-owned)	
Empty field between Burbank Ave. and McMinn.	
I live near Taylor Mountain, so I frequent that location. However, it would be great to expand other parks for minimal impact recreation projects like disc golf courses.	
I USE MANY PARKS, NOT JUST ONE.	
Lake Ilsanjo	
Maddox Ranch	
Natural open space	
none they are inhospitable, lack community character, vibrancy and lack tables and bumping places to gather	
park by Maria Carrillo	
Ribbon valley dog park	
RV Park	
Schurman	
Soccer fields	
Montecito	
Pinercrest Park	
Youth Community Park, now that the back end is clean, safe and includes a heavily trafficked disc golf course.	

Question 5: How satisfied are you with Santa Rosa parks? (1691 Responses)
 [¿Qué tan satisfecho(a) está usted con los parques de Santa Rosa?]



Level of Satisfaction	% of Responses	# of Responses
Not at all satisfied [Nada satisfecho(a)]	4.79%	81
Not / Somewhat satisfied [Insatisfecho(a)]	23.00%	389
Satisfied [Satisfecho(a)]	32.82%	555
Mostly / Fairly satisfied [Generalmente satisfecho(a)]	31.34%	530
Extremely satisfied[Extremamente satisfecho(a)]	4.85%	82
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	3.19%	54

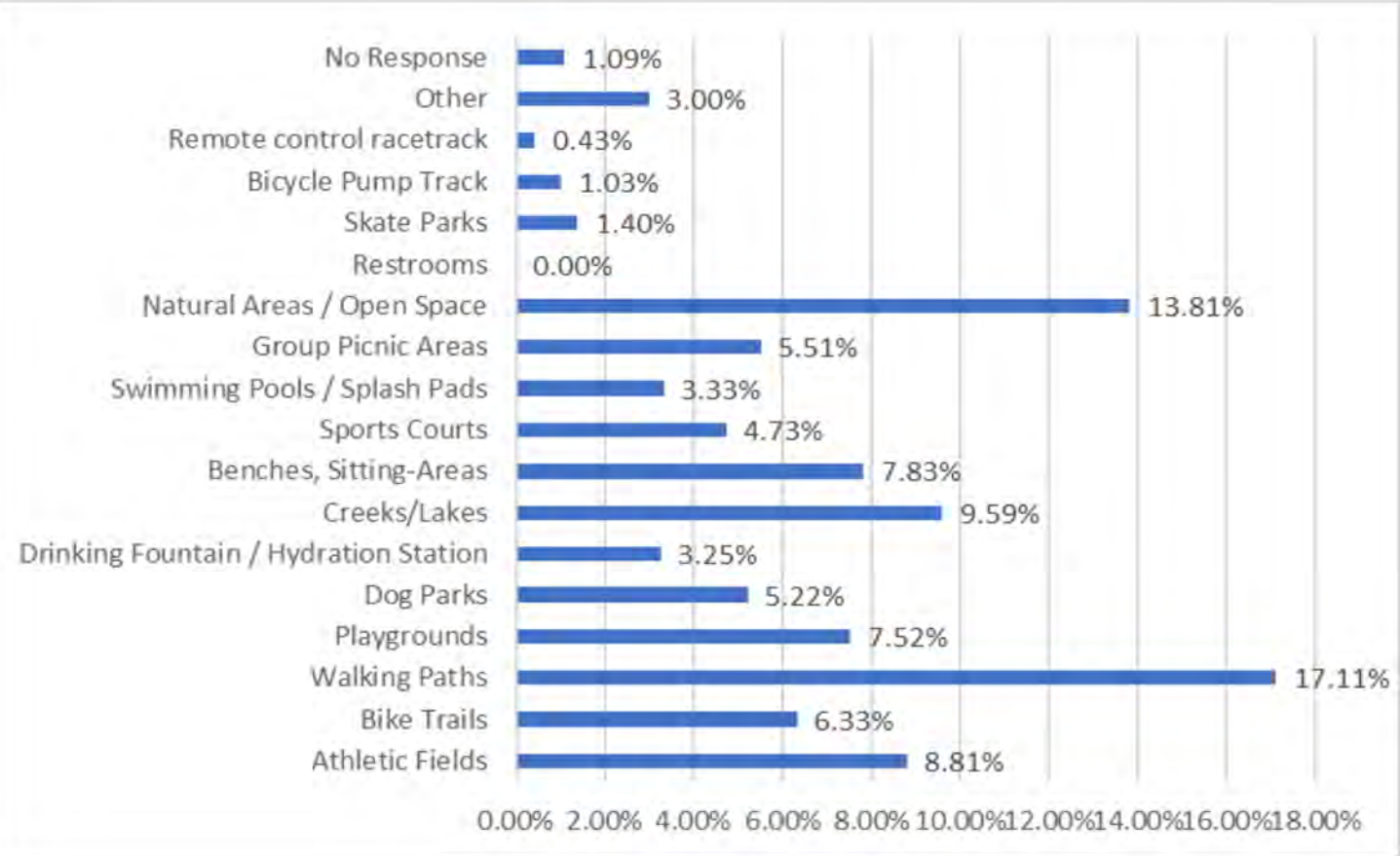
Question 6: Do you feel safe when you visit Santa Rosa parks? (1 659 Responses)
[¿Se siente seguro(a) cuando visita los parques de Santa Rosa?]



Frequency	% of Responses	# of Responses
Always [Siempre]	12%	194
Most of the time [La mayoría de las veces]	57%	947
Sometimes [A veces]	23%	386
Rarely [Rara vez]	4%	71
Never [Nunca]	1%	20
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	2%	41

Question 7: What Park features do you use most often? (5133 Responses)

[¿Qué elementos de los parques utiliza más a menudo?]



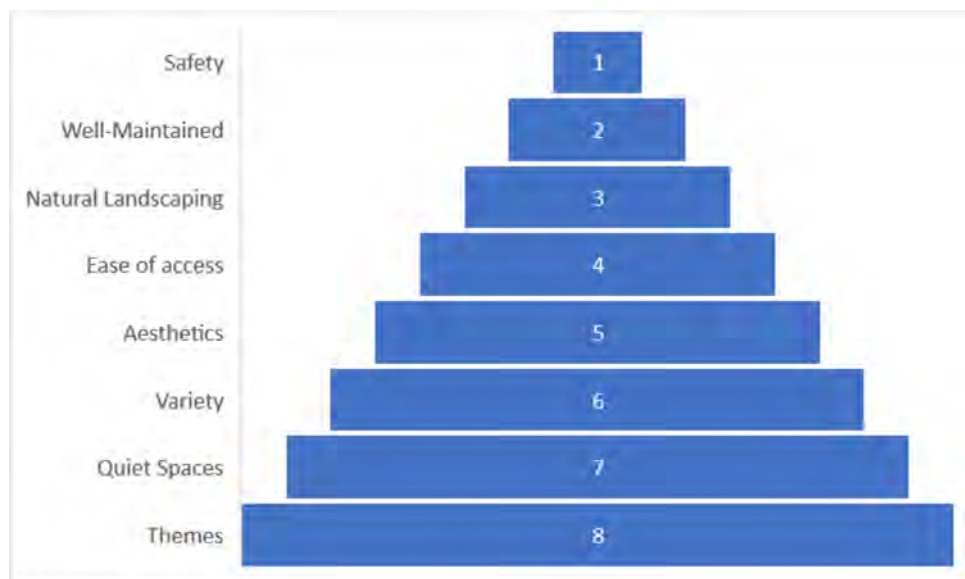
Park Features	% of Responses	# of Responses
Athletic Fields [Campos atléticos]	8.81%	452
Bike Trails [Senderos para Bicicletas]	6.33%	325
Walking Paths [Senderos para Caminar]	17.11%	878
Playgrounds [Parques infantiles]	7.52%	386
Dog parks [Parques para perros]	5.22%	268
Drinking Fountain / Hydration Station [Fuentes de Agua / Estaciones de hidratación]	3.25%	167
Creeks / Lakes [Arroyos / Lagos]	9.59%	492
Benches / Sitting Areas [Bancas / Áreas para Sentarse]	7.83%	402
Sports Courts [Canchas deportivas]	4.73%	243
Swimming pools / Splash pads [Piscinas / Juegos de agua]	3.33%	171
Group Picnic Areas [Áreas de Picnic para Grupos]	5.51%	283
Natural areas / Open space [Áreas naturales / Espacio abierto]	13.81%	709
Restrooms [baños]	0.00%	0
Skate parks [Parques de patinaje]	1.40%	72
Bike pump track [Pista de malabares de bici]	1.03%	53
Remote control car racetrack [Pista de carreras de autos a control remoto]	0.43%	22
Other [Otro]	3.00%	154
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	1.09%	56

Question 7 continued: What Park features do you use most often? (5133 Responses)

[¿Qué elementos de los parques utiliza más a menudo?]

Other (please specify) [Otro (por favor, especifique)]	110 Responses
Music at galvin park/legends	Don't use the park
grassy areas	Bocce (3)
Driving range	walking paths
like to walk thru nature areas, birding and wildlife observation	Grass area, play ground is RUN DOWN and OLD!
Foot trails, creek paths	Access for handicapped.
Lawn area	need resrooms
exercise equipment / exercise stations (2)	Ponies, carousel and train
open lawns for picnic and croquet.	Corn hole (3)
Bbqs	Ping pong table (2)
Walking/hiking on all trails	(answers to the above include non-pandemic times)
Lake	I like parks with lawn, walking paths and benches.
grandkids use skateparks	Horse riding
Non group picnic areas	Water feature play areas
Equestrian trails	Pickleball courts (5)
Bennett Valley Golf Course (13)	more pickleball!
in non-Covid times, Finley Center	Fishing pond at place to play
Horseshoes	Parks close enough to walk to from where I live.
Community Centers	Casting Pond
Vistas	Luther Burbank Home & Gardens
Disc Golf Courses (47)	Par course; special themed exhibits
Disc golf courses or open fields	Trash cans
Disc Golf Course. How is R/C car race track an option and disc golf isn't? Crazy.	Public restrooms near sports facilities
Disc golf (shame on you for not including above).	Restrooms
Disc Golf Course at NW Community park and Taylor Mtn	Need Community Gardens to be adopted by Parks. We DONT need all of the playing fields we need more community gardens for families and free activities for youth
I play disc golf on both the course located on Taylor mountain and the disc golf course residing in Rosa Park.	Spring Lake (county) park: trails, benches, lake
	We use most of the areas with our grandchildren

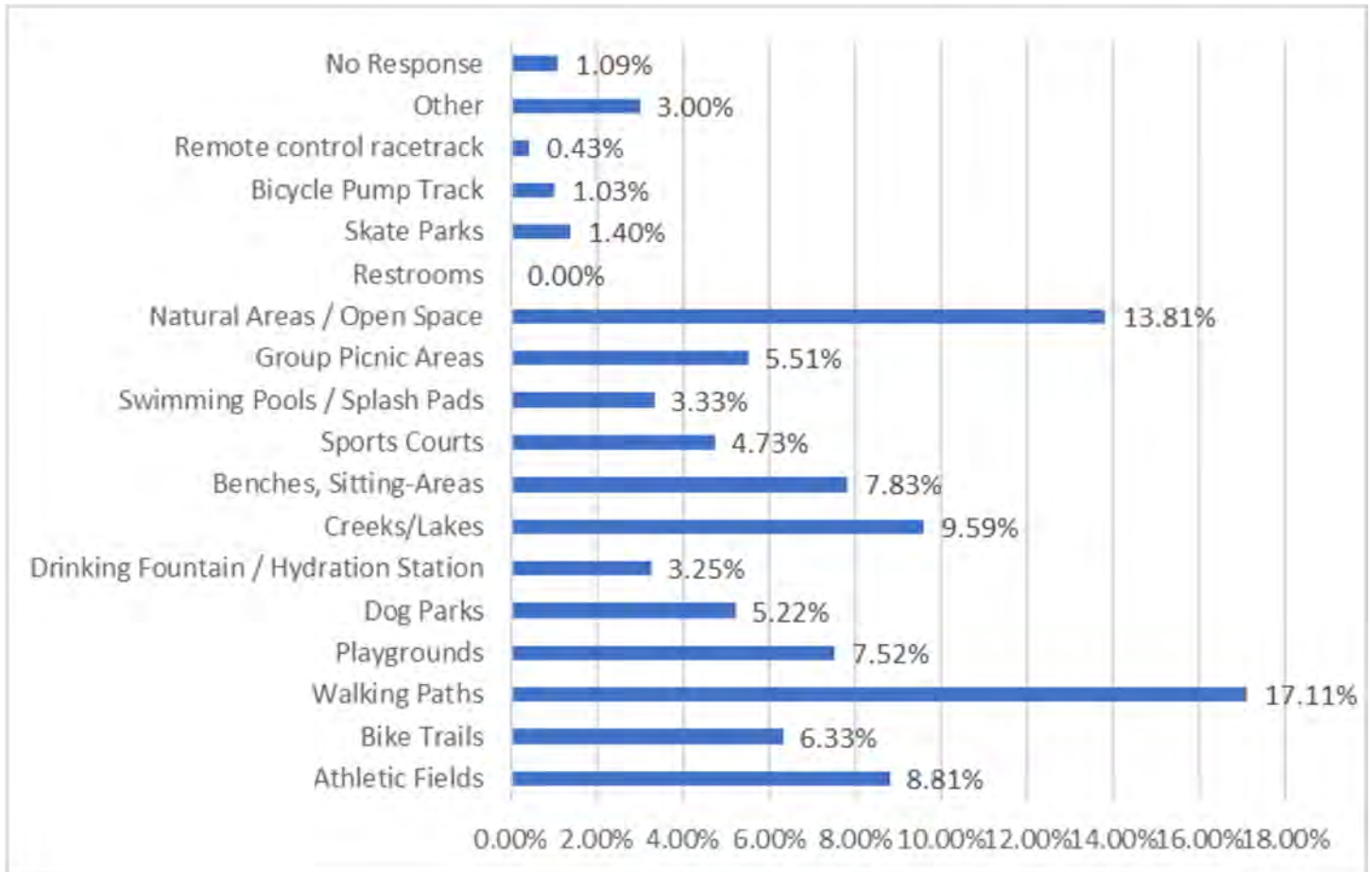
Question 8: What are the most important qualities you want in a park? (prioritize with 1 as the most important and 8 as the least important)
 [¿Cuáles son las cualidades más importantes que desea usted en un parque? (De prioridad con el número 1 siendo mas importante y el 8 como menos important)]



Measure M Meeting	NW Voxvote	NE Zoom	SW Zoom	SE Zoom	City Zoom	Spanish Zoom	Sports Zoom	Spanish Survey	Sports Survey	Combined Survey	Total
Park Qualities	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank
Safety [Seguridad]	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	1
Well-Maintained [Bien mantenido]	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	4	1	2	2
Natural Landscaping [Paisaje natural]	5	4	3	3	1	5	3	2	4	3	3
Ease of Access [Facilidad de acceso]	4	2	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	4
Aesthetics [Estética]	3	5	8	7	0	5	6	3	6	4	5
Variety [Variedad]	8	5	4	5	0	3	8	8	3	7	6
Quiet Spaces [Espacios tranquilos]	6	7	6	3	0	5	7	6	8	6	7
Themes [Temas]	7	8	7	8	8	8	5	7	7	8	8

Measure M Meeting	NW VoxVote	NE Zoom	SW Zoom	SE Zoom	City Zoom	Spanish Zoom	Sports Zoom	Spanish Survey	Combined Survey
Park Qualities	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses
Safety	24.2%	18.6%	20.4%	18.4%	12.5%	26.8%	33.3%	21.3%	18.5%
Well-Maintained	23.4%	13.6%	18.4%	28.9%	15.6%	23.2%	41.7%	19.8%	17.6%
Natural Landscaping	9.9%	8.5%	17.5%	10.5%	28.1%	1.8%	8.3%	16.4%	14.6%
Ease of access	11.5%	13.6%	11.7%	5.3%	9.4%	3.6%	8.3%	11.2%	12.5%
Aesthetics	12.3%	6.8%	2.9%	2.6%	6.3%	1.8%	0.0%	12.7%	13.2%
Variety	4.8%	6.8%	12.6%	5.3%	6.3%	7.1%	0.0%	6.5%	7.7%
Quiet Spaces	8.7%	5.1%	7.8%	10.5%	6.3%	1.8%	0.0%	9.6%	10.8%
Themes	5.2%	0.0%	3.9%	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	8.3%	2.6%	5.2%

Question 9: What existing park features would you like to see most improved in Santa Rosa? (6278 Responses)
 [¿Qué características de los parques existentes le gustaría ver más mejoradas en Santa Rosa?]



Question 9 continued: What existing park features would you like to see most improved in Santa Rosa?

(6278 Responses)

[¿Qué características de los parques existentes le gustaría ver más mejoradas en Santa Rosa?]

Park Features	% of Responses	# of Responses
Athletic Fields [Campos atléticos]	7.53%	473
Hiking Trails [Senderos]	9.56%	600
Park Access [Acceso al parque]	4.00%	251
Benches [Bancas]	3.44%	216
Drinking Fountains / Hydration Stations [Fuentes de agua / Estaciones de hidratación]	4.79%	301
Trash & Recycling Receptacles [Recipientes de basura y reciclaje]	7.34%	461
Park Pathways [Caminos en el parque]	6.59%	414
Park Lighting [Iluminación del parque]	7.28%	457
Picnic Areas [Zonas de picnic]	4.40%	276
Swimming Pools / Splash Pads [Piscinas / Juegos de agua]	3.57%	224
Trees / Landscaping [Árboles / Paisajismo]	6.83%	429
Playgrounds [Parques infantiles]	5.72%	359
Basketball Courts [Canchas de básquetbol]	6.67%	419
Bike Racks [Estacionamiento para bicis]	1.29%	81
Bike Trails [Senderos para bicicletas]	4.70%	295
Public Art [Arte público]	3.44%	216
Fitness Equipment [equipo de entrenamiento]	0.30%	19
Restrooms [baños]	0.61%	38
Community Gardens [Jardines comunitarios]	0.88%	55
Skate Parks [Parques de patinaje]	1.61%	101
Volleyball Courts [Canchas de voleibol]	0.97%	61
Bocce courts [Canchas de bocce]	1.39%	87
Site Furnishings [Mobiliario del sitio]	0.65%	41
Other [Otro]	5.77%	362
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	0.67%	42

Question 10: What new or additional park features would you like to have in Santa Rosa? (900 Responses)

[¿Qué características de parque nuevas o adicionales le gustaría tener en Santa Rosa?]

Updated playgrounds. Better maintained too. Also better maintained trails
Another pool
Water features, picnic areas
Places to sit down
Paved pump track
Zip lines
Updated playgrounds, play equipment for big kids
Lighting in DeMeo Park. It's scary at night!
Beauty in near. Water features and relaxing areas
More bicycle pump track
More parks in nw
Maintenance, trees & bushes trimmed up off the ground. Youth community park
Flat paved paths, shade, benches
Lighted all weather soccer fields
All weather lighted sports fields
Safety
Pools
Updated playgrounds
Benches only with sleep inhibitors.
more natural areas
Greenway please
better all around maintenance
maybe more colorful art in parks, I like the colorful benches in Juilliard Park. And also more benches with backs in Court-house Square
More parks in the Roseland area.
I would just start with replacing and maintaining playground equipment. And dealing with weeds and overgrown areas.
Wildfire educational signs
Turf fields
More turf soccer fields and public swimming.
Campos sintéticos para soccer
Más acceso a campos de fútbol para niños
New all weather lighted fields
Turf fields
Canchas con luz
Synthetic soccer fields
Espacios para ciclismo con rampas , baños limpios y acceso
None until we get our current parks in order. Pathways in Skyhawk Park are impassible at present. Blackberry is out of control in creek - choking the creek. More work is needed to restore and maintain the open spaces that have been impacted by recent fires, even though they are "wild" spaces.
I would love to see some small concerts - similar to Juilliard Park, perhaps with a food truck or two. It also would be nice to have more art installations.
Public pool and bike paths in Bennett Valley. Currently we are the only SR quadrant that has neither!
Connect Cooper Creek and Taylor Mountain hiking trails
I think the existing features are good. Better maintenance, safety, etc. is what I'd like to see. Also, a sign for Place to Play.
Fitness Equipment, Dog Agility Course
Splash zones for hot summer days so kids can play in water
All weather sports complex for youth
Multi sport field complex or synthetic fields
Southeast Greenway with open space, trails and community gardens.

Question 10 continued: What new or additional park features would you like to have in Santa Rosa?
(900 Responses) [¿Qué características de parque nuevas o adicionales le gustaría tener en Santa Rosa?]

Pools like in Rohnert park
Bird viewing area, but transient unfriendly
Better landscaping and art in Courthouse Square. It's a big disappointment, clearly designed for large corporate gatherings and not for regular locals.
More open space in suburban neighborhoods, more off leash areas for dogs, clean playgrounds with activities for all ages (up to maybe 12), more public swim centers, more picnic areas for friends to gather,
To me bicycle access is very important as is bike parking.
A greenway park between farmers lane and Summerfield
Rangers
Open space parks
More Pickleball courts at Howarth (enough to host a tournament - 12) like at Galvin for tennis...
Mixed urban/rural hiking trails. New bike paths/dedicated streets. Improved creek trail - e.g. Santa Rosa creek trail wilderness areas
Bicentennial park needs a dog park. Please!
Velodrome
Improve Santa Rosa creek trail access (unfortunate to have to walk on hwy 12 for part of it)
Meditation gardens
Less money on new and more on other city infrastructure. Santa Rosa is sadly falling back into a 1950s community.
shuffle board
Nature Parks and Wooded Areas near creeks preserved.
Mountain bike single track
Southeast Greenway from Farmers Lane to Spring Lake, bike and pedestrian paths, trees, community garden space, benches, shaded picnic tables
Please maintain the parks and landscaping
More Pickleball courts please
Turn Caltran land between Farmers Lane to Spring Lake into the Greenway that was approved last year.
more swim lanes
More landscaping with native plants and low-water plants.
A lure coursing track for dogs to run
Disk golf
Pools, native plants, tree care
More Pump tracks. There are none on the East side
More water / lake options for recreation
50 meter swimming pool Archery course Frisbee golf course
trails that aren't ruined by bikes - I run and trails not used by bikes are far superior
More dedicated pickleball courts
Disc Golf Courses
More open space
I do Live-Action Roleplay that involves foam weapons, including very safe ranged weapons (thrown, arrows) and it would be really nice if we could play at a local park some times (not that Rohnert Park is far away, where we usually play). It would add to the variety of people we could get to know and have fun with!
More Pickleball Courts with or without lighting
More pools,
More trail systems developed throughout the parks system
Improved wheelchair access at picnic tables and pathways
More pickleball courts. Fastest growing sport. Should be enough to sponsor large scale tournaments
More tennis courts. Updated tennis courts. Golf course
Picnic benches for outside spaces for our families.
More pickleball courts

Question 10 continued: What new or additional park features would you like to have in Santa Rosa?
(900 Responses) [¿Qué características de parque nuevas o adicionales le gustaría tener en Santa Rosa?]

I'd like the City to improve the one of best and significant assets within the City, the Bennett Valley Golf Course.
SECURITY SERVICES
Better maintenance.
more cultural and natural resource protections Include Native Americans--the Graton Rancheria-POMO
I'd like to see Chanate/old community hospital site turned into a lovely 80 acre park.
kids play area with water feature, like howarth park had before
Walking with dogs
Remove all the growth on both sides of North Austin Creek in Tanglewood & Oak Park Green. If egrets no longer visit the creek due to all the brush why post signage with egret? Brush is perfect place for unsavory behavior. No new parks until existing are cared for.
It would be a major positive to secure a par with a natural setting and varied uses in Southwest Santa Rosa. The need for a park is critical given that Southwest Park is at overflow capacity seven (7) days per week from noon and especially at late afternoon well into the evening. A park in the SW quadrant of Santa Rosa is imperative.
Keep working on keeping parks clean & safe
More places for evening basketball with lights
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CALTRANS LAND WEST OF SPRING LAKE TURNED INTO A PARK/TRAIL
Well maintained hydration and bathroom facilities, clean up Doyle park it's not for camping
we need more natural areas. Studies show that this dimension to parks helps to quiet a neighborhood, relieve stress and tensions, and reduce crime and delinquency.
GOOD music at Julliard park, of the same quality as in Windsor, Healdsburg, Cloverdale, etc. Old time rock and roll, Cajun, blues.
Updated equipment and not just plastic cookie-cutter playground equipment. Taylor Mountain has an epic new swing for one example and Howarth has some unique offerings as well with a wooden town.
More drinking fountains
More open space
Onsite park workers
Community gardens, bathroom at each park, frisbee golf, fruit trees, less turf unless its in an active play area.
mountain bike dirt jumps- different from the pump track BMX jumps more skate park options synthetic soccer fields in a central SR park Depot Park in Santa Cruz is a great version of a city park!
water features in more areas that work
fewer not native species introduced, stressing "nature-based", cutting foxtails prior to going to seed (if cut after seeding, rake up and compost off site.
Fit Trail - exercise stations
Bocce courts, fun! More dog baggy stations with compostable bags, rather non recyclable plastics, even though I have a cat. People run out or forget. More recycling and compost able bins
Spend money maintaining current facilities.
Focus on safety , have more SRPD officers drive through park areas. Do not allow homeless population ruin our parks along with our city.
All weather fields
well maintained restrooms
A nature center that show cases California flora and fauna
Locked gates at night
Splash pads, playgrounds with shade over the structure, more parks with bathrooms
Soccer fields
All weather turf soccer fields for soccer clubs that do not have access to them and lights to extend hours of use for practices and games
More soccer turf or natural fields to help kids stay away from trouble and keep busy in this sport
Soccer fields in SW
Fountain, water play areas
Turf Soccer/ Sports complex for youth sports
More soccer fields

Question 10 continued: What new or additional park features would you like to have in Santa Rosa?
(900 Responses) [¿Qué características de parque nuevas o adicionales le gustaría tener en Santa Rosa?]

I'd love to see a dog park in the Northeast quadrant

I just want see what we have maintained. I want landscaping maintained and garbage picked up. I want law enforcement to keep homeless encampments out of and away from our parks. I do not want to see more toilets or drinking fountains because unfortunately these attract even more homeless and drug addicts. I want to use any park and feel safe. Right now there are many that I would never take my kids too because they are not safe.

Security guards at parks

Club house

Bigger playgrounds

Permanent gym equipment. Malaga, Spain has a good example of this

More pickleball courts

More large dog parks !!!

less bike paths

natural landscaping to serve as examples of sustainable and beautiful habitat for pollinators and birds; pesticide/herbicide free parks.

better bath rooms and more drinking fountains, less bums

More splash pads, with posted times of availability.

More Pickle Ball Courts with lights for night play.

New pickleball courts with lighs

Ban on homeless camping and car camping. security guard daily

I'd like to see the existing structures and landscaping maintained more frequently

I wish southwest park was safe to visit. My dad went there with our little dog and someone else's larger dog attacked our dog. My sister went walking there and has not visited since she noticed people selling drugs. I walked there myself and don't feel safe. I prefer Bayer park. I love the area because I live here, but there's a stark difference in safety between both parks. If there is something missing is probably children museum outdoor exhibits that allow kids to explore science

Splash pad, 'play' equipment for teens/adults

Lights for soccer fields and all weather turf. Futsol courts

Public art, garbage cans, parking on or close to the park, restrooms

I would like to see existing structures more adequately maintained.

Pool party

Pool party

Pool party

Years back more

Park employees should empty the trash in the dog park. Uses os the dog park should not have to do it. Who would even think that a park trash can is not emptied by the parks dept!!! Think about it!

None. We should focus on preserving and maintaining what we have.

do not know

Access to more beaches

New Pool in Roseland

Lighted Athletic Fields.

More trash cans!

more Soccer Fields would be ideal!

some parks need more parking spaces

More parking at Howarth Park

Golf

More sports fields

más arte , sombras área picnic,canchas de voleibol con cemento en el piso

As it refers to Doyle park I would like to see covered grandstands, move the infield back to the original position so we can have collegiate size fencing as far as distance and improve the dugouts and concessions as well as the playing surface, lights and irrigation

Water bottle filling places

Question 10 continued: What new or additional park features would you like to have in Santa Rosa?
(900 Responses) [¿Qué características de parque nuevas o adicionales le gustaría tener en Santa Rosa?]

Turf Fields with lights and better parking.
Volleyball courts and all weather fields
More softball fields
all weather-lighted sports fields
maintained camping areas, small organized, monitored. Dog areas
Maybe inside/ outside storage lockers Free high speed internet
Pool on the east side
Elimination of dog parks all together, because it's an UNSAFE, manmade idea humanizing dogs. Dogs naturally avoid other dogs outside their pack (period). Even trained dogs are prone to be aggressive or misunderstood behavior issues at parks because it is an UNNATURAL, awkward situation. Most dog owners DON'T UNDERSTAND DOG BEHAVIOR or pay attention to their dog(s) making it an even more dangerous place. If dog parks are kept then regulation is necessary. Required licensing, training, behavior training, and onsite camera surveillance. Ultimately, dog parks don't make sense ask any veterinarian or dog behavioralist.
Better maintenance of park bathrooms and pathways for safety, pick up of trash, needles, feces, etc.
Receptacle for doggy bags for forgetful owners.
All-weather turf fields for Fall baseball and soccer
Better signage
swimming pool on east side
Water parks
Safe facilities for seniors and children
Southeast Greenway, trails, beautification
none I can think of
splashpad/water features
I would like to see a public archery range somewhere in Santa Rosa.
Please avoid letting the unsheltered live in the parks
Additional event offerings for children
None, if they were safe they'd be fantastic
More par courses
More natural play areas, and par course or exercise type recreational equipment that can be used by both all age groups
more pickleball courts in locations other than howarth and finley. if vacant tennis courts could be converted, you could make 2 pickleball courts on one tennis court!
Disc Golf course or two
dog park at Rinconada
The best and most important thing you can do for our parks is have a security service to enforce the no loitering and homeless encampments.
Disc golf course
No homeless encampments
Well lit and secure bike parking areas. Water bottle filling stations for people and animals. Emergency phone stations.
Security of some sort to deal with homeless issues or vagrants
A meeting room for nonprofits.
I would like them to clean and make the park a centerpiece for the neighborhood.
More police patrol presence
no homeless drug addicts
Nothing new until deferred maintenance is taken care of.
See my answers in this survey
Artificial turf full size soccer fields with lights

Question 10 continued: What new or additional park features would you like to have in Santa Rosa?
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Playgrounds more spread out for social distance

Additional restrooms, water fountains, and trash/recycling receptacles.

Bathrooms

Adding volleyball courts to parks that have the capacity

Dog park

Kids play area

More botanical gardens.

Poor quality sand causes micro abrasions for experienced players. We drive to ragle in Sebastopol. Poor nets

Well, just answered this, but more things to draw you in/drum up excitement, like an outdoor climbing wall. Or water features. Or engaging art. Or an obstacle course. We're a pretty big city, so let's act like it!

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Question 11: What recreational activities or park features do you travel outside of Santa Rosa to find?

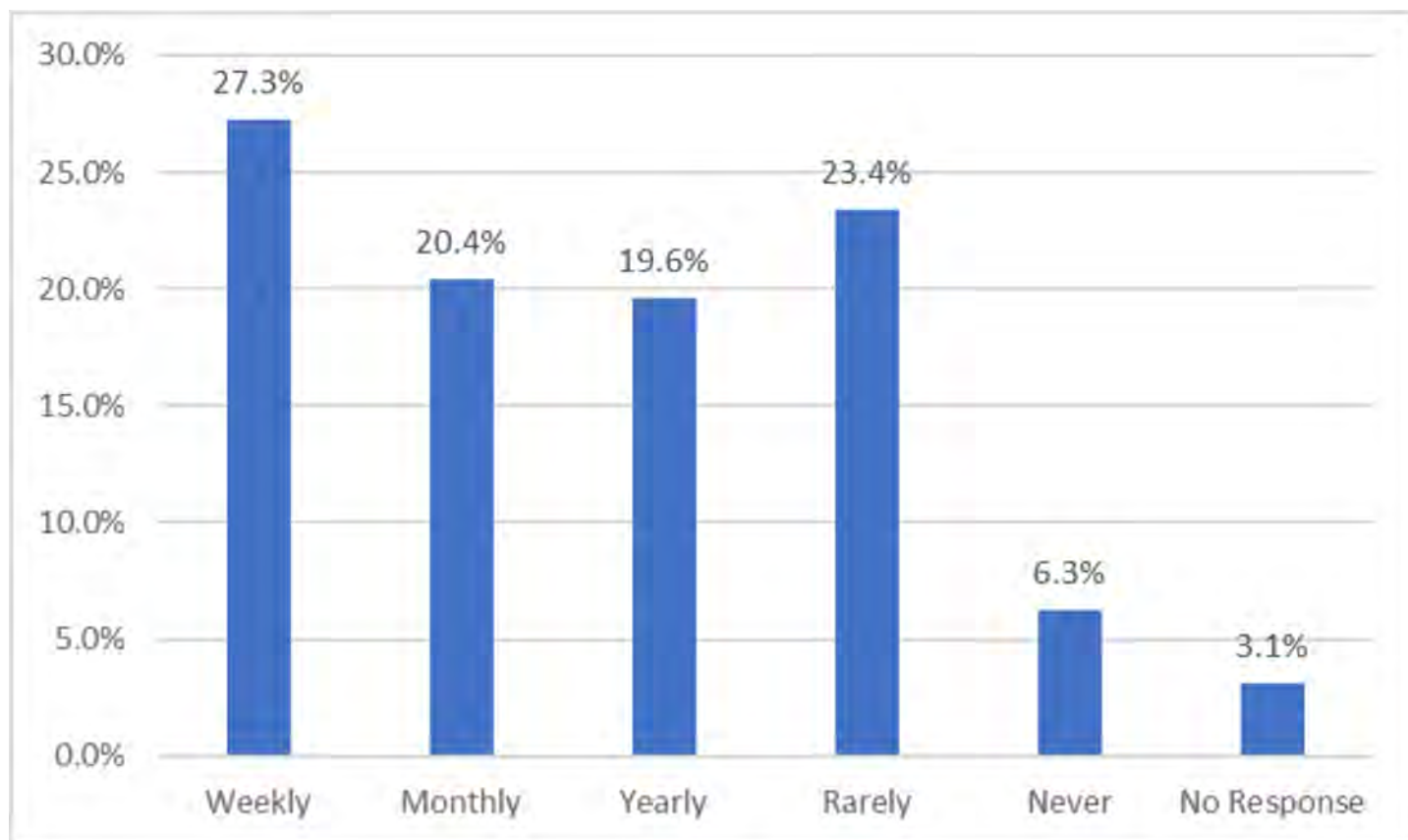
(892 Responses)

[¿Qué actividades recreativas o características del parque viajan afuera de Santa Rosa para encontrar?]

Question 12: How often do you have gatherings / events at parks and facilities (pre Covid-19)?

(1691 Responses)

[¿Con qué frecuencia tiene reuniones / eventos en los parques y las instalaciones (antes del Covid-19)?]

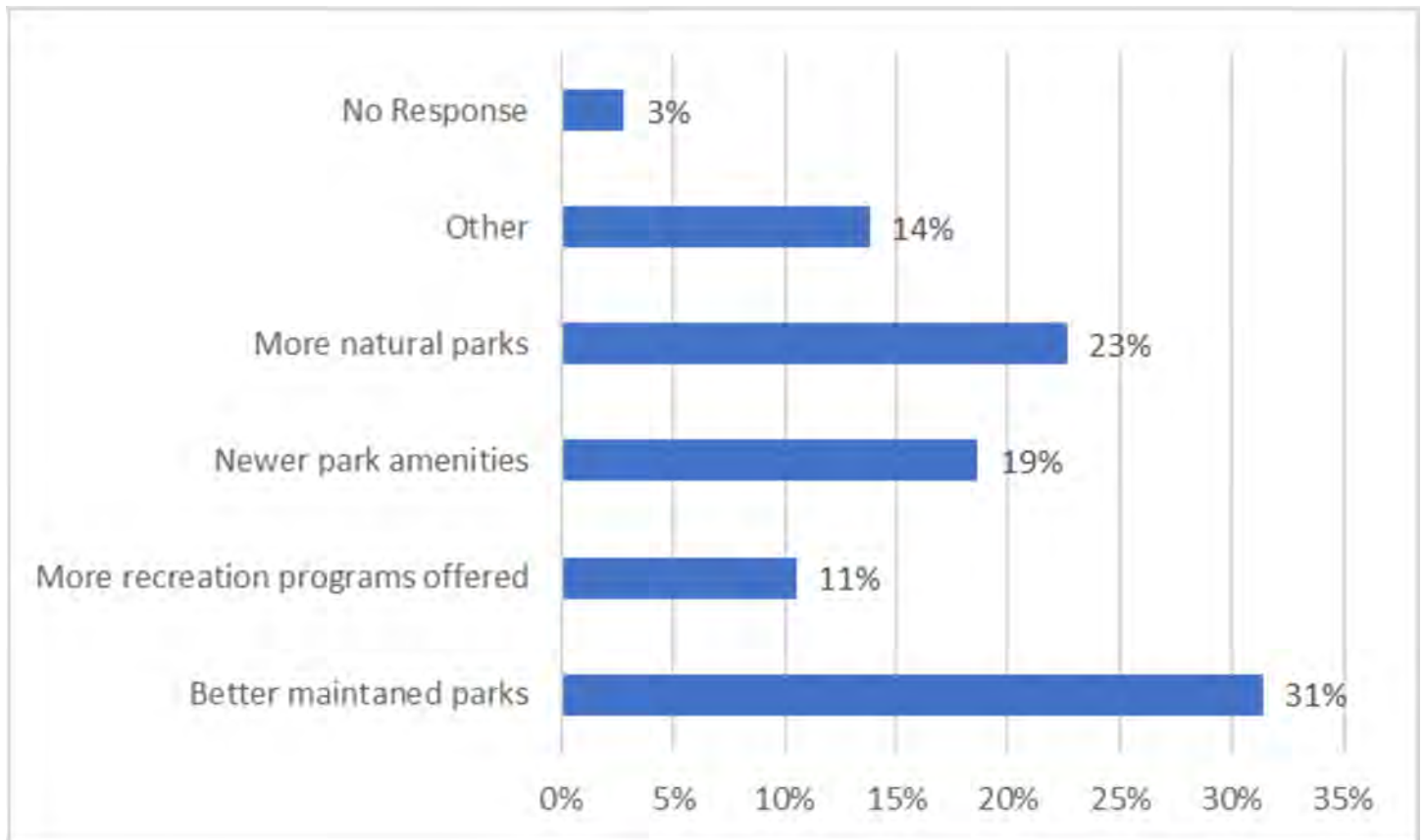


Frequency [Frecuencia]	% of Responses	# of Responses
Weekly [Cada semana]	27.3%	461
Monthly [Cada mes]	20.4%	345
Yearly [Cada año]	19.6%	331
Rarely [Rara vez]	23.4%	395
Never [Nunca]	6.3%	106
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	3.1%	53

Question 13: How could your City of Santa Rosa parks and recreation experience be improved?

(2465 Responses)

[¿Cómo podría mejorar su experiencia de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa?]



Improvements	% of Responses	# of Responses
Better maintained Parks [Parques mejor mantenidos]	31%	775
More recreation programs offered [Oferta de más programas de recreación]	11%	260
Newer park amenities [Nuevas amenidades en los parques]	19%	460
More natural Parks [Más parques naturales]	23%	559
Other [Otro] - see below/next page	14%	341
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	3%	70

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 [¿Cómo podría mejorar su experiencia de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa?]

Other Responses:

Updates and maintenance and safety measures

Better maintenance and lighted all weather fields for winter recreation.

Pumptrack

Safety

More seating, cleaner, safer, bathrooms open!

Maintenance

Remove homeless from prince memorial greenway

Maintained playgrounds

Cleaner, weeds gone, dog parks better maintained

Safety! Get rid of lawbreakers, public health and fire safety issues

More kid friendly trails, addressing homelessness

No homeless hiding in the shadows

Maintenance, beyond mowing

Lighted all weather soccer fields better maintained grass fields

Upkeep of grass fields or access to all weather with lights

More classes for the community

Funding for maintenance (ongoing and deferred)

Safety, no vagrants

Santa Rosa does not have a viable adult softball complex. Our travel teams regularly travel 1.5 to 4 hours to play on viable fields with fences.

Honestly, I think you do a great job already. I get that this is about Galvin and the Golf Course. Do we need all 18 holes? I don't play golf but know lots of folks who do. I think a compromise that keeps driving range open and maybe a smaller course, with some added housing and attention to things like inevitable floods and fires is important. You won't be able to please everyone and should proud of what you already do. SR's a great place to live and I'm proud to pay taxes to sup-

Current parks, including BV golf course maintained and left for public use

Safety

Lighted artificial fields

golf

I love the existing variety of parks

Curtail homeless encampments

Improve and add tennis courts and pickleball vourtd

Pickleball courts

bring softball fields on the East Side of town.

Lights

Field lights at Trione

Lights for playing fields

Lighting at soccer fields

More lighting on the soccer fields

Integrate lit futsal courts into every park! Kids love it and there is a much higher need for these in high risk areas

Lights on fields

Lighted all weather fields

Lighted fields

And Better maintained parks

All weather fields

Parks that people can actually use for purposes, not as places for homeless to live

Splash pads

Less homeless at and around parks

Question 13 continued: How could your City of Santa Rosa parks and recreation experience be improved?

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[¿Cómo podría mejorar su experiencia de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa?]

Upgraded swimming facilities + areas surrounding pools (umbrellas and seating....really no fun for ANYONE standing in the hot sun; especially during lessons) Friendliness all around would go a long way.
yes to all
this town is not modern and is very outdated. Homeless ruin the park experience, they are everywhere
More fields, and or more turf fields. Galvin being turf would be amazing!
more surfaced courts for the abundance of players trying to play on these courts
More pickleball courts
Convert some Howarth Courts to pickleball
Build more Pickleball courts due to the increased interest just as neighboring cities are doing due to the explosion of interest and consider turning more of the tennis courts that aren't used as much into Pickleball or multi use courts isn't Pickleball lines,
Increase patrols in parks. There are many homeless people exhibiting negative behaviors.
Need more pickleball courts.
I love our parks...just would like more pickleball courts
clean out the bums
More community gathering spaces and located within walking distance to home.
Family events and local concerts
More dog parks, art and fountains back in Courthouse Square
Fruit trees, off leash areas for dogs that aren't dog parks
Homelessness is such a sad part of our beautiful parks and this has hindered public access and safety.
Feeling safe from homeless
More parks in SW Santa Rosa
More Pickleball Courts, especially at Howarth.
Safer and cleaner
more fountains, benches and bath rooms
develop the Southeast Greenway
Need to upgrade current pickleball facilities, e.g. have lighting so that we can play in the evening. Water fountains, better access to restrooms at these facilities
require bicyclists to have bell or horns to warn hikers of their approach; VERY dangerous now. Someone will get hurt if this is not addressed.
The high levels of invasive grass and other plant species in, for example, Paulin Creek open space. It looks like it could use more grazing.
Disk golf
Disc Golf Courses
More facilities for table tennis
Don't let people stay overnight
create more pickleball courts
Continue to support the youth golf and High School golf programs
The people on the east side of Santa Rosa got all the parks. How about a shared county/city/community park at Chanate. County donates the land, city parks maintains it with Measure M money
Enforce laws and do not allow homeless to have such a large presence and impact on recreational/family areas
Reply to emails/phone calls. Do not just ignore requests.
More like Howarth park
clean up trash from the homeless, provide garbage receptacles, city staff visit each park daily to ensure clean and neat, and remove campers.
adding other bike and skate options
More pollinators and organic sprays for the bees and monarchs
Do not allow homeless population ruin our parks. Focus on safety.
During the summer the play structures get hot, so more shade or water features
All weather turf soccer and baseball fields
More soccer turf or natural fields

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[¿Cómo podría mejorar su experiencia de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa?]

Turf Soccer Fields
Volleyball, pickleball, dog park in northeast quadrant
Bathroom facilities upgrade & maintenance. Newer playgrounds, climbing walls, permanent gym equipment, sinks/prep area next to bbq area (see Goleta CA parks)
More pickleball courts
More dog parks with benches for people who might need them. I am an active senior who can hike and walk my dog without issues. When I go to dog parks I am amazed at the number of seniors with mobility issues who bring their dogs for exercise. Let's be mindful of our seniors and their furry friends who NEED to utilize dog parks to exercise their pups. Also, the owners create social connections.
Diligence to protect against homeless sleeping in the parks. It's not a campground and when they move in, other people stop visiting. It's a theft of our proper use of the parks.
Better maintained courts and lights
Safety. Southwest is a block away from my house, but I drive to Bayer Park and sometimes even Howarth rather than going to Southwest Community Park. If there could be family friendly events held and invited the community and I could see the change I'd go there.
I've used to frequent the Prince Greenway trail but have not gone there in over 2 years, because its sad and frightening to see so many homeless people. Maybe we FIRST need to find a more suitable place for the homeless folks and help for those drug addicted.
Empty trash cans at dog park
Parking at Howarth Park
Allow dogs at all parks
clase zumba Andy unity park
Winter kk this light trainings
Safe clean bathrooms
Access must be maintained, even if times of pandemic. Fresh air is good for people's health.
Policing
East side pool & Greenway
Serveillance cameras and rangers onsite.
Better baseball and soccer fields, no bums scaring children
swimming pool on east side
Better security
Removal of transients and associated criminal, fire danger, harassment and litter
ensure that new development includes larger park areas and that in more densely developed areas there are play areas for children in easy walking distance. I am concerned that in areas with many apartments in older neighborhoods there is less easy access to play areas
Safety at playgrounds- no homeless sleeping at the park
Perhaps food and drink concessions at most frequented parks. i.e. Laguna
Development of the Southeast Greenway
clean
Good parking areas
Improved playground maintenance and repairing of damaged equipment
Less homeless drinkinh/doing drugs in the park
Enforcement of park rules- more police patrols-
With the amount of used the Parks get, they really need at least a roving Ranger type position checking on people adhering to ordinances and being safe and respectful of others. I'm tired of seeing drugged-out homeless people flopped on the lawn, Unleashed dogs, loud music, Etc
Garbage pick up
The equipment at my local playground (Bicentennial Park) looks like it hasn't been updated since I was young.
Kids play area and programs for kids
By making it feel safer to be thre.

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Your Question asks "How could your City of Santa Rosa parks and recreation experience be improved" For me and almost everyone I've talked to about going to a park in Santa Rosa is that something should be done about addressing the homeless that live in our parks. No one should feel unsafe going to our parks. Or feel that they can't use their park in fear of encountering an unkempt a homeless encampment or groups loiterers that seem to hang out all day, day after day.

Also, the obvious: dealing with homelessness in city parks, but this is obviously a tough, nuanced challenge.

Not sure. We haven't visited other parks last year because of covid

No Homelessness Please!

Keep Luther Burbank's place kept nicely and well funded! It's a great place to pass down to all generations☐

Restrooms s

running trails with soft surface, like shredded bark

Equestrian facilities and trails

cleaner bathrooms

weed control without toxic chemicals

Safety & Security

All of you that out in the hours to make our parks awesome is much appreciated.

Community Gardens

Better maps showing where parks are located and parking areas.

Save our history. It's what makes us unique.

Fire the individual(s) who proposed the Housing Assessment for replacing Galvan Park/Bennett Valley Golf Course

No allowing drug use or alcohol.

More walkable access

Please upgrade the bathrooms as they are GROSS

Safety. Kids are seeing people inject themselves with drugs at the parks

California Native planting, indigenous inhabitant recognition

Cleaner sand as and structures

Safety

New irrigation system at Bennett Valley Golf Course

Dog area

Open containers for picnics and homeless abatement

fenced in area for dogs, at Franklin park :)

Another golf course

Solve homeless problem

Bathrooms

FUEL MANAGEMENT Spring Lake is a fire waiting to happen and so is Howarth Park!!!

Armed Guards everywhere with machetes to stop anyone from picking flowers

Keep the golf course the same

Give money to the garden

recreations sports like badminton & croquet

Patrolling. Snack bars. Emergency call areas, AEDs

Music event space, more restrooms, dog park in FranklinPark, a small dog only hour in a dog park. Small dog owners trend older, get knocked over by big dogs. Many friendly dogs can easily trample a dog 1/10 their weight. Small dog owners are frequently intimidated by large dog owners and their dogs. That's why I haven't been to rincon valley park for a long time. I drive all the way to ragle park in Sebastopol.

More disc golf courses

Keep Bennett Valley Golf course and Galvin open and viable

Better lighting

get the mountain bikers somewhere else!!

As expressed before the Santa Rosa Creek trails west of Fulton St. to Willowside needs a few seating benches.

Senior focused programs to promote physical exercise and decrease isolation

More dog parks too

More activities (Saturday Farmers Market/Thursday Market) offered in a park-like Windsor does!!!!

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The parks are well maintained and the staff works hard, but sometimes staff appears to take very long breaks parked in their work trucks not at the lunch hour. Please be sure their work hours are accounted for and productive. Sturdy places to sit at the dog parks would be nice, and more places to sit...several benches, several picnic tables, shade for people and pets, signs reminding people to pick up dog poop. One guy at Galvin says picking up dog poop is "unnatural". He never does. I need to use the dog park at night in the winter. Some lighting would be nice. Please give back the section of dog park not used by the Russian River Fly Fishermen. That was a very egregious deal done underhandedly and a large section of the land they took, they do not even use. (And the Russian River is a few minutes away. Why in heck did they need to build that

Greater police presence, reduced vagrancy, stricter leash law enforcement.

Again, bathrooms are a minimum park amenity

Getting homeless people out of the parks. Homeless people living in parks makes them inaccessible. This entails providing other places for homeless to live, to store their belongings, to congregate. This is the biggest detractor to using our parks.

My wife often feels unsafe with homeless folks who yell a lot and leave piles of items/trash behind.

Más árboles .que haya más eventos recreacionales paraniños y jóvenes adolescentes..a un costo no tan alto.

Keep drug and homeless out of parks...not safe anymore.

Safer, no transients drugs or alcohol

Wish the bathrooms were better maintined, less homeless, more security

Prevent homeless from taking over areas of certain parks (most are OK, some are very bad condition)

Police or security along Santa Rosa Creek Trail

Getting rid of homeless

Redo Peterson on park it's OID out dated and RUN DOWN!!

Fix lake Ilsanjo. It looks like someone fought a war there, it's just depressing as hell and has been for at least a year!

A new modern skatepark in Santa Rosa would be amazing.

Having access to more developed disc golf courses.

Less weeds and anything that makes them look unkempt

stop people from driving on park grass to set up inflatable structures - I have called PD without result

miter parking up to 2 hours

clean useable restrooms

homeless and drugs removed.

Keep them clean and free of the urban campers.

Mist stations in summer

Water; Wildlife

lighting at all tennis courts in the parks for greater accessibility

no homeless encampments...

provide Parks Maintenance with more staff to maintain conditions of sports fields

Sense of Safety

no homeless encampments

Keep the homeless from camping/trashing in our parks

Please keep Doyle Park clean and SAFE

More parks with natural features but wasy access and no sports fields.

More disc golf courses that are maintained wel

safety I guess, there is a neat natural area at Franklin, the homeless love. Otherwise we have grown out of that park

Get rid of the homeless

Get rid of illegal campers.

Please see #9 & 10. Use some of these funds to create safe camp grounds for the homeless. As long as we're trying to recreate in parks where people dump garbage, defacate and live on the pathways it's a lost cause. I want to be where it is safe & clean.

Better maintenance, particularly at Doyle

As a woman, I do not feel safe anymore in a lot of our city parks or the restrooms in the parks. I used to always feel safe and thus, utilized the parks much more than I do now.

Safety

Question 13 continued: How could your City of Santa Rosa parks and recreation experience be improved?

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More public input
More disc golf courses
No homeless
Safely, if women are being sexually assaulted then people will leave this town
Better and safer restrooms
refreshment vendors
Bathrooms!!
Stop commercial development on every empty spot. Make available land into parks with trees.
More disc golf courses. Also, just more large hiking parks in general
safe park with no violence/drug use/violent people shooting and illegal fireworks
City sponsored basketball tournaments
There is a lack of access to parks, when I drive from south west Santa Rosa to Howarth Park it is difficult to find parking. Ive been turned away due to lack of parking.
No homeless loitering and shitting in the bushes and leaving needles and trash.
Enforcement of camping/loitering laws.
It's been frustrating trying to get into some of the classes being offered as they are usually full by the time I get the e-mail.
Lots of cities have cool water feature parks, where families sit around and kids can run and play in the fountains. I was disappointed in the downtown area that there is not some sort of water feature or even activity space (permanent art installation that can be crawled in/on etc.)
Cleaner, nicer, more bathrooms
Better restaurant and golf course facilities.
Remove the homeless
Park leadership that respects the wishes of the local community.
Better connected off street trail/ paths
Dog parks!
PRIMARILY BATHROOM MAINTENANCE AND CLEANLINESS
Don't let homeless stay overnight
Maintenance has declined significantly and safety is truly a concern with homeless camp areas. Hammocks set-up at Howarth park near the lake area is unnerving!
More Disc Golf courses
More access for disc golf
More Disc Golf Courses
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More/improved disc golf courses
Opening the parking lot as Rosa Park would be great.
disc golf course
Bathrooms
Better enforcing of CoVid prevention protocols/mask-wearing/distancing
More live events. Particularly music or festivals. I don't care much for sports. Especially if the city loops the cycling events around my home and makes it impossible to get out, sometimes more than once a year.
Host more golf tournaments and fund raisers/auctions for the community. My spouses company did this before the pandemic. Have youth golf tournaments to get kids more involved.
Keep the homeless squatters out and put bike friendly things at each park
The parks in the Northwest side of town get less "attention" by the city than those in the richer neighborhoods. Youth Community Park could be turned into a Peanuts-themed park, if you can get permission. Make it on par with Howarth.

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Dog park facilities at Franklin and Julliard Parks
Clean bathroom
Increase safety, reduce illegal activity
Extend the bike trail to Spring lake Park, use money for Southeast Greenway
Swimming pools
Better vegetation maintenance so they don't burn as well and defensible spaces where they interface with neighborhoods.
Bathrooms
No bark at playgrounds.
Do the Greenway! Worry about that, not the BV Golf Course!
prevent trash and littering by any means necessary
ROSELAND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT. REBUILT PLAYGROUND AT ROSELAND SCHOOL
I know this is not completely in the control of the Parks Dept, but the presence of shelterless individuals, trash, and drug use at public parks makes it very difficult for all members of the public to use the parks. I don't want to push shelterless people out of the parks if they have no where else to go. So I think a robust improvement to the parks system requires addressing homelessness as well.
Musical Events
Too many of Santa Rosa's parks in my quadrant of the city are only accessible by car (especially for families with small children). The Southeast Greenway would help solve this... giving all our apartments and homes nearby easy access to green space and a safe connection to even larger rec areas (spring lake and Annandale).
Security
Historical Preservation
better swimming facilities and lockerrooms.
more pump tracks
Remove homeless
Fewer illegal campers, more frequent clean-up when there is illegal camping. At MLK Jr Park there is often food hidden in various places after the food bank distributions.
More lighting for safety
I'm bothered by the condition and safety at home town favorites like Doyle Park. I hear rumors of needles left at our neighborhood parks. Very unsettling.
Separated trails from bicycles
Remove/clean up after homeless
I hope to see the creation of the Southeast Greenway as a community park.
remove the homeless
grt dogs and homeless out of the parks
Homeless people
Remove encampments permanently!
No homeless camping leaving trash everywhere
Benches
Safety. Don't let parks become overrun with ODeD junkies & panhandlers, cardboard huts. It's hard on little kids, dangerous for others.
More police patrols of parks to reduce illegal activity
More disc golf courses!
Less homeless
Irrigate - keep up appearance with recycled water (detecting a theme here?)
safety, ;parks in Santa Rosa are unsafe, Homeless, needles, its scary. We have stopped using children playgrounds
No homeless or loitering in parks — like drug sales etc.
Enforce no camping by homeless people. ENFORCE. Clean up creeks everywhere, remove trash and fallen trees that block flow.
Usuable restrooms and water fountains that are not taken over or vandalized so they feel dirty or unsafe

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More Disc Golf courses
There is a day care center at the park, but I don't know who uses it. It has a locked playground. Our MKL park feels neglected.
less chemicals. Please don't use pesticides on grass, plants, etc. Too toxic.
More things for the handicapped people.
Don't let the homeless live in them. Make them generally safer.
more pickle ball courts
Safety. Get housing for the homeless! And patrol for gangs.
Keep homeless people out
Better safety patrols
N?A I'm fine with Coffey Park I don't visit others
Community events for the family, we just moved here 2-years ago so we're not sure when and where events happen.
Keep the homeless and thugs out
Improved safety, less trash/debris
Drug paraphernalia maintenance
Recycling bins
More pedestrian trails, separate from bike trails.
Personally, I would love more disc golf courses
More Pickleball Courts at Howarth and Findley parks
Trail signs
More swimming facilities
Finding homes/shelter for the unhoused people who frequent parks.
More security, less trash, cleaner and more WELL LIT BATBROOMS!
No homeless living there and trashing everything
Bike paths that allow access to parks while not using city streets so much. How about a path from Galvin to Annadel to Spring Lake to the Greenway to Joe Rodota?
We desperaltly need better playgrounds!!
Did I say more pickleball courts?
More disc gulf
Add compost bins please!
more pickleball courts
Poner vigilancia permanente en los parques. Definitivamente prohibir que en los parques se consuma alcohol o drogas. Aumentando la vigilancia en los parques.
More pickleball courts in Santa Rosa
Pickle ball courts
more disc golf
Bicentennial Park in NW Santa Rosa needs upgraded playground equipment and a dog park to increase traffic to the park and improve park safety.
Additional large off-leash dog areas
more pickleball courts
Build more Pickleball courts to meet increased demand and interest
More bike access, kid friendly bike park w learning skills center
18 hole disc golf course to be located at Gavin Park/BVGC area.
Acquire as much land as possible. Connect parks from one side of the county to the other, like European towns.
most definitely More parks! more open spaces and land preserves for people to go out, enjoy and explore!
I have no suggestions...howarth can get a little "trashy", but i really can't complain

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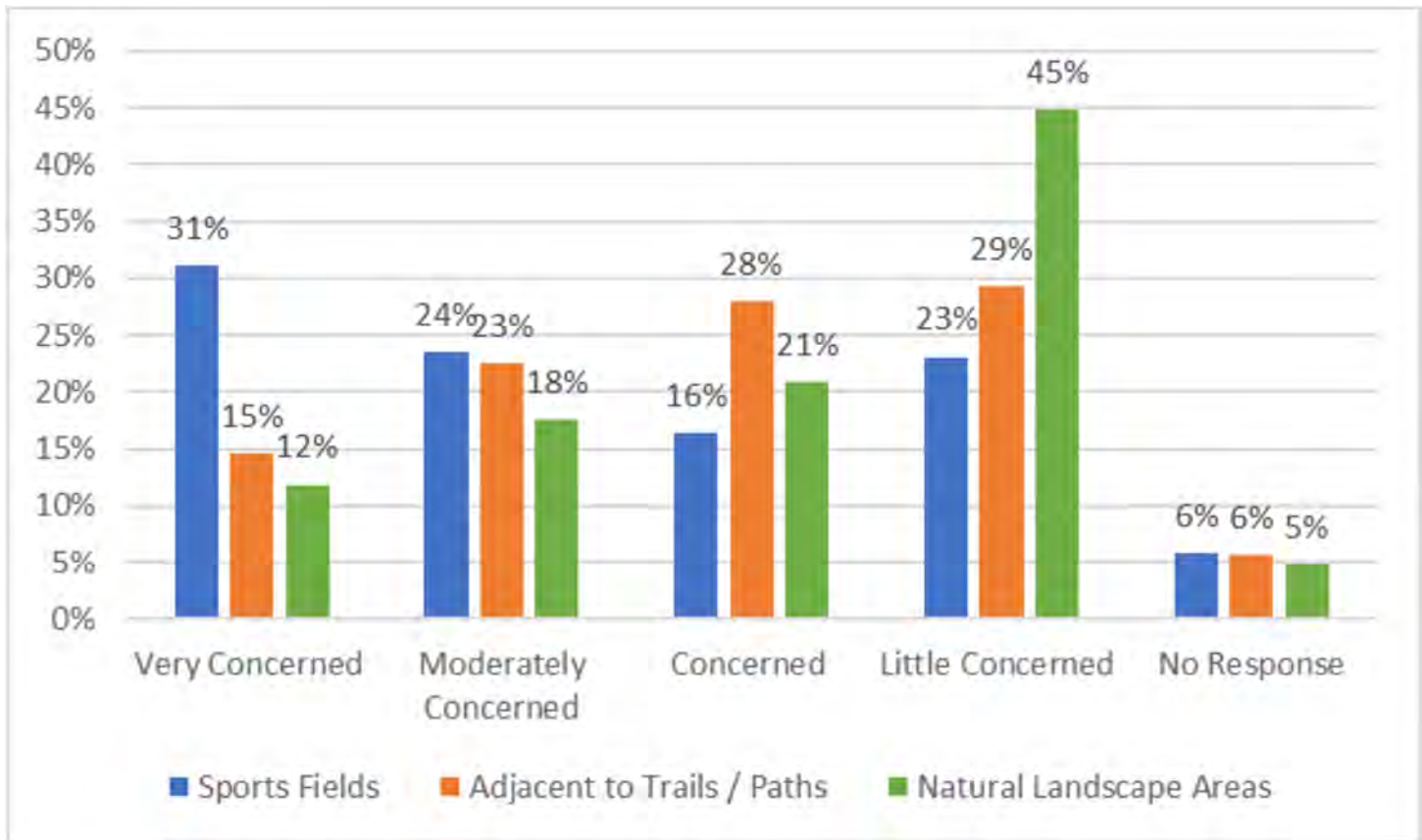
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[¿Cómo podría mejorar su experiencia de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa?]

More garbage and recycling cans. Playgrounds more accessible and enclosed for special needs kids.
This is not news: we have a problem with homelessness and it often makes some paths/trails feel unsafe and dirty (urine, left items, trash, etc.). Also, people like to bike on windy roads that make it dangerous. I wish we had more scenic bike paths for bikers and for families on bikes.
Fire and crime safety: Vegetation management, law enforcement patrols, prevent/remove homeless and loiterers
More disc golf courses
safety: work with police for more gang patrol. clean up graffiti
Having a city park that is actually close to my house. Please put a park and sidewalk in the kawana springs neighborhood like it was promised 20 years ago
COMMUNITY GARDENS!!!!
Public art. Hiking trails that alternate days of bike riders. Ex M,W,F for bike riders and the other days for hikers. It's done in some places and works great. You could have it with different hiking trails so everyday there is a place for hikers or bikers. I get tired of jumping to the side as bikers whiz by me. So much for a relaxing hike.
Do not allow homeless encampments and RVs anywhere near parks- they should be safe for dogs, kids, and residents. Encampments are not an appropriate use of parks or libraries.
Keep Bennet Valley Golf Course as a regulation 18 hole course.
More creative structures like outdoor sculptures that have exercise equipment built into it so it's functional but aesthetically attractive features that as to a city's appeal. Make the sign up process to get to lap swim at Finley more accessible or ...I can never get a slot they're always taken. Maybe one week at time advance reserve, or a lottery with text alert day to day? IDK but it's frustrating as a new person to the pool...i think it's all the same people reserving over and over as they know how to work the reservation system. Probably all old people with no jobs so they can sit there and wait for the system to open up and sign up for all the days. I'm so busy so always miss the reg days and it's full up when I get a free moment and remember to sign up. I'm trying to recover from an operation and need the rehab of swimming! Dumb covid.
More accessible and disabled friendly
Security.
Link more of the multiuse trails together, light them at night and include maps. We could have a vast network of these and take some cars off the roads.
Bicentennial Park in NW Santa Rosa needs upgraded playground equipment, community garden, and a dog park to increase traffic to the park and improve park safety
Do a survey of all parks and make sure you improve the parks in underserved areas - especially bicentennial park, it needs some upgrades and has been neglected for years.
Splash pads are needed
no homeless encampments
Get the gang out of the park. Security. Get the participants to use the restrooms, no alcohol. More parking along the Hearn side of the park
Lighting for sports fields, more well maintained fields NOT reserved by soccer
Tennis court are heavily used and very poorly maintained. Please fix what we have. The sport is very popular.
Disc Golf
Safety
Another Disc Golf Course would certainly improve my experience, but in a more general sense, I think if there were more clubs or groups that were able to maintain certain parks and commit their time to building them and making them nicer, that would improve the parks greatly.
We have so much simple open space in Santa Rosa. Let's move our focus in Parks & Rec. on creating more community centers like the Finley Center (but they don't need to be so massive!)
More disc golf courses
Disc Golf
more pop up events, make easy (inexpensive) permits for pop up art and music events. Love Live in Juilliard.
Teens needs something to do... basketball courts at parks!!
Age friendly for aging county.
Stop buying up all the land with Sonoma Land Trust money and then not let people use it!
Linked green space access to connect parks — upkeep to keep these spaces free of homeless/garbage. Don't build on BV golf course Galvin Park area!

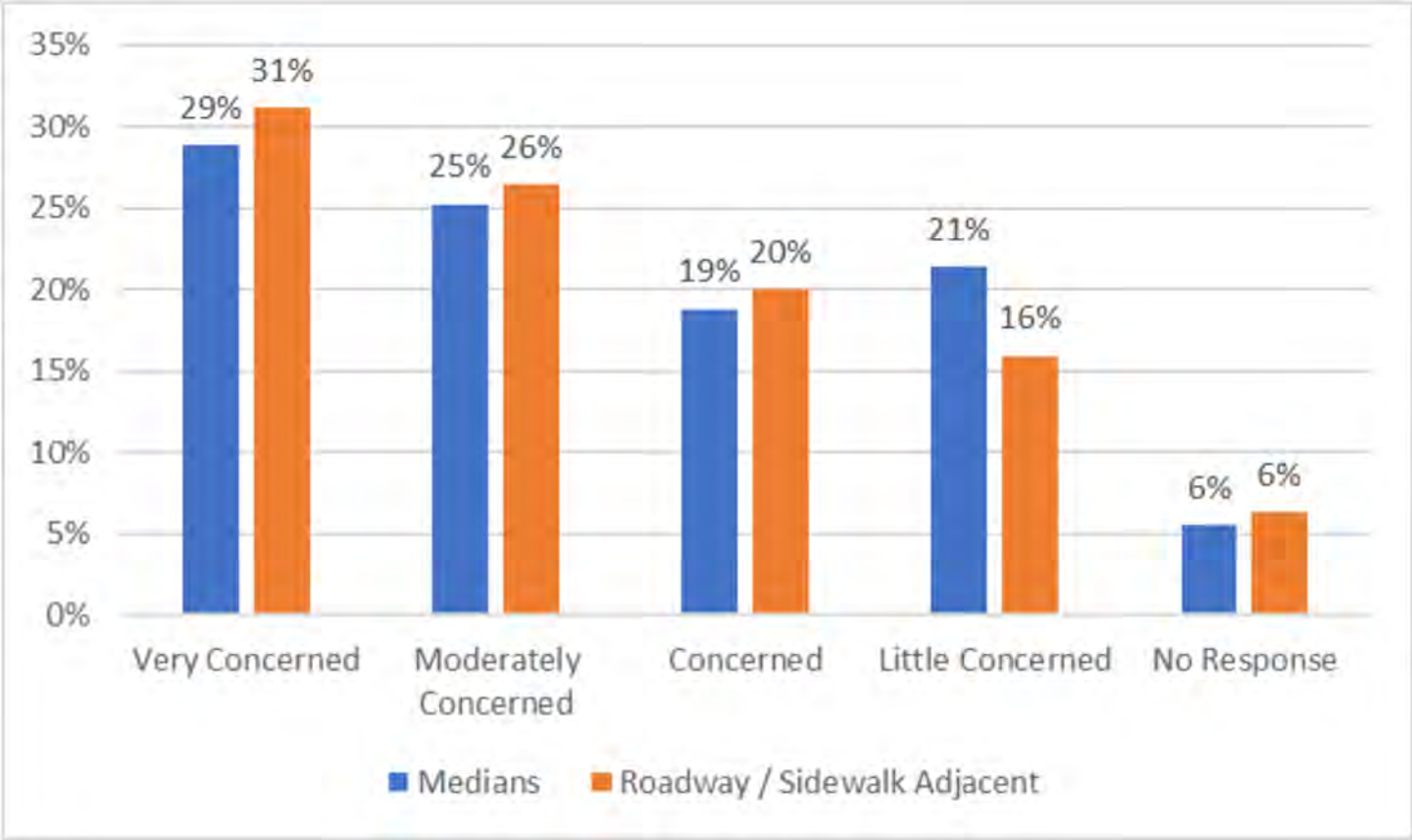
Question 14: How concerned are you with weeds in the following park spaces and what level of weed control do you think is acceptable? (1147 Responses)

[¿Qué tan preocupado está usted con las malezas en los campos deportivos y qué nivel de control de las malezas cree que es aceptable?]



Type of Park Space	Sports Fields [Los Campos Deportivos]	Sports Fields [Los Campos Deportivos]	Adjacent to Trails / Paths [Cercano a Senderos / Caminos]	Adjacent to Trails / Paths [Cercano a Senderos / Caminos]	Natural Landscape Area [Areas de Paisajes Naturales]	Natural Landscape Area [Areas de Paisajes Naturales]
Level of Concern	% of Responses	# of Responses	% of Responses	# of Responses	% of Responses	# of Responses
Very Concerned (>85% weed removal) [Muy preocupado] (>85% eliminación de malezas)	31%	357	15%	167	12%	136
Moderately Concerned (>75% weed removal) [Moderadamente] (>75% eliminación de malezas)	24%	270	23%	258	18%	202
Concerned (>50% weed removal) [Preocupado] (>50% eliminación de malezas)	16%	188	28%	321	21%	240
Little Concerned (<50% weed removal) [Poco preocupado] (<50% eliminación de malezas)	23%	265	29%	336	45%	515
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	6%	67	6%	64	5%	55

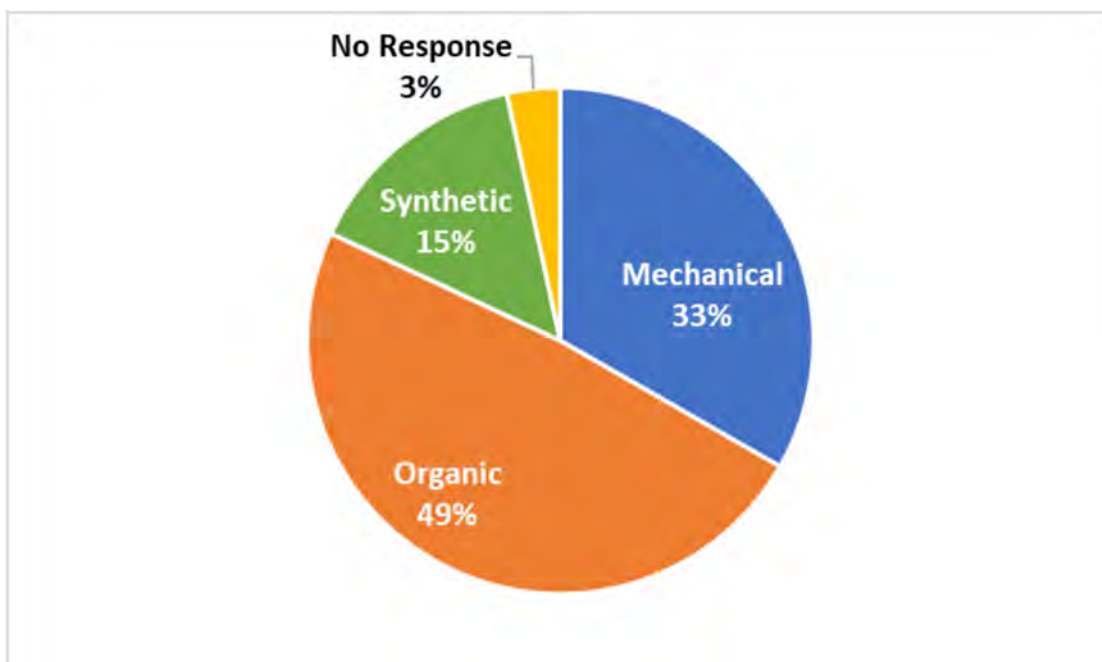
Question 15: How concerned are you with weeds in the following roadway landscapes and what level of weed control do you think is acceptable? (1148 Responses)
 [¿Qué tan preocupado está usted con las malezas en los paisajes de carreteras y qué nivel de control de malezas cree que es aceptable?]



Type of Roadway Landscape	Medians [Media]	Medians [Media]	Roadway /Sidewalk Adjacent [las malezas en la calzada / acera adyacente]	Roadway /Sidewalk Adjacent [las malezas en la calzada / acera adyacente]
Level of Concern	% of Responses	# of Responses	% of Responses	# of Responses
Very Concerned (>85% weed removal) [Muy preocupado] (>85% eliminación de malezas)	29%	332	31%	358
Moderately Concerned (>75% weed removal) [Moderadamente] (>75% eliminación de malezas)	25%	290	26%	304
Concerned (>50% weed removal) [Preocupado] (>50% eliminación de malezas)	19%	216	20%	230
Little Concerned (<50% weed removal) [Poco preocupado] (<50% eliminación de malezas)	21%	246	16%	183
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	6%	64	6%	73

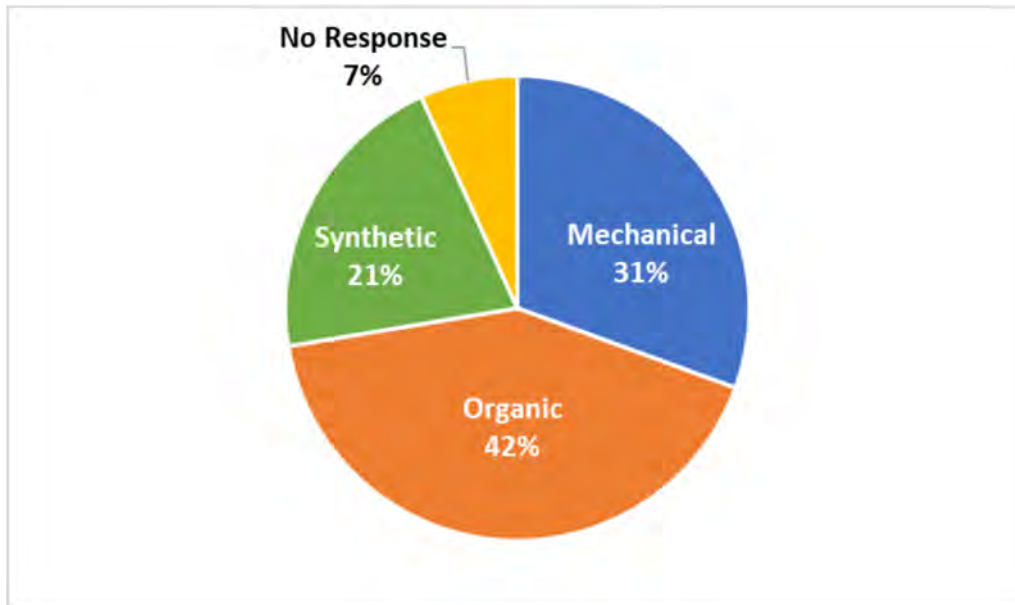
Question 16: Which type of weed control method would you accept for Santa Rosa parks? This does not include mandatory fire abatement areas. (1148 Responses)

[Qué tipo de método de control de malezas aceptaría para los parques de Santa Rosa? Esto no incluye las áreas obligatorias de extinción de incendios.]



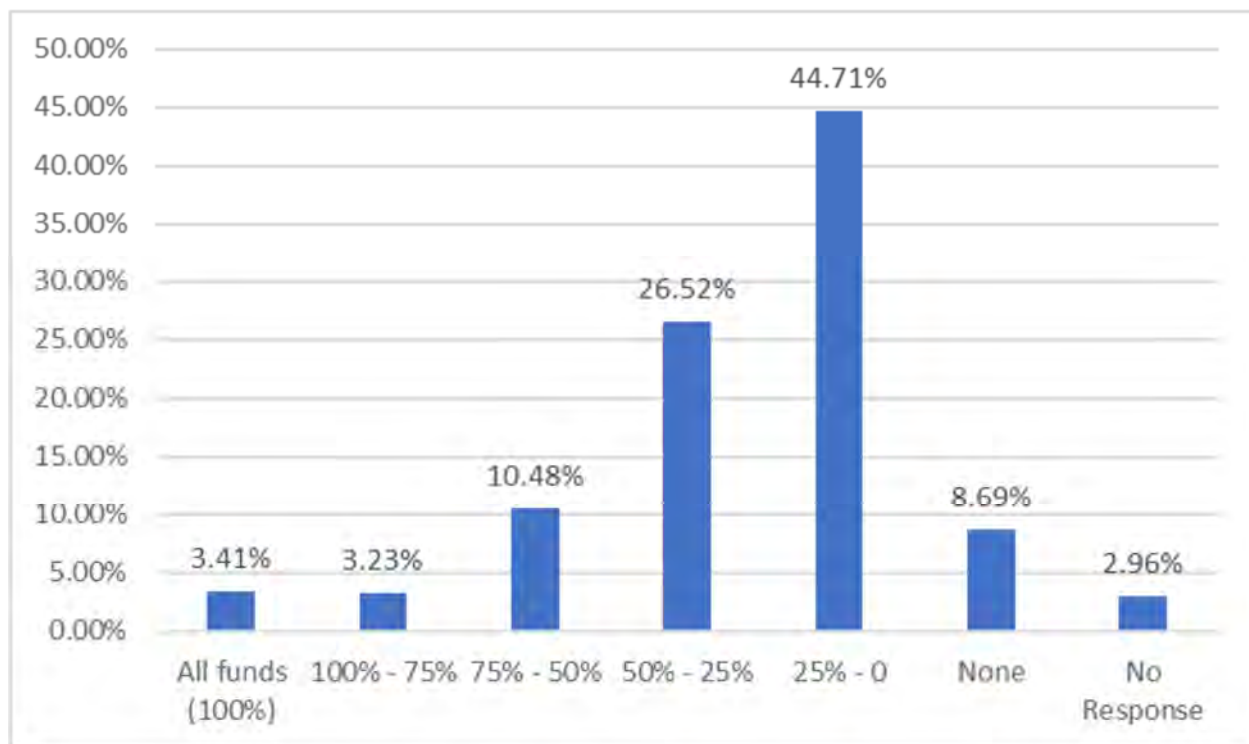
Weed Control Method	% of Responses	# of Responses
Mechanical Weed Removal (No organic or synthetic (chemical) herbicides used. Mechanical weed removal includes hand or machine removal of weeds such as but not limited to mowing, clippers or similar. (50% weed removal is possible) [Eliminación Mecánica de Malezas] (No se utilizan herbicidas orgánicos o sintéticos (químicos). La eliminación semanal de las malezas incluye la eliminación manual o mecánica de malezas, como por ejemplo, podadoras, tijeras o, entre otros similares. Es posible eliminar el 50% de las malezas)	33%	382
Synthetic Weed Removal Use of synthetic (chemical) and organic herbicides as needed and mechanical weed removal. (75% - 85% weed removal is possible) [Eliminación de Malezas Sintéticas] (Uso de herbicidas sintéticos (químicos) y orgánicos según sea necesario y eliminación mecánica de las malezas. Es posible eliminar 75% - 85% de las malezas)	49%	559
Organic Weed Removal Use of organic herbicides as needed and mechanical weed removal. No synthetic (chemical) herbicides used. (50% weed removal is possible) [Eliminación de Malezas Orgánicas] (Uso de herbicidas orgánicos según sea necesario y eliminación mecánica de malezas. No se utilizan herbicidas sintéticos (químicos). Es posible eliminar un 50% de las malezas)	15%	168
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	3%	39

Question 17: Which type of weed control method would you accept for Santa Rosa roadway landscapes? This does not include mandatory fire abatement areas. (1148 Responses)
 [¿Qué tipo de método de control de malezas aceptaría para los paisajes de las carreteras de Santa Rosa? Esto no incluye las áreas obligatorias de extinción de incendios.]



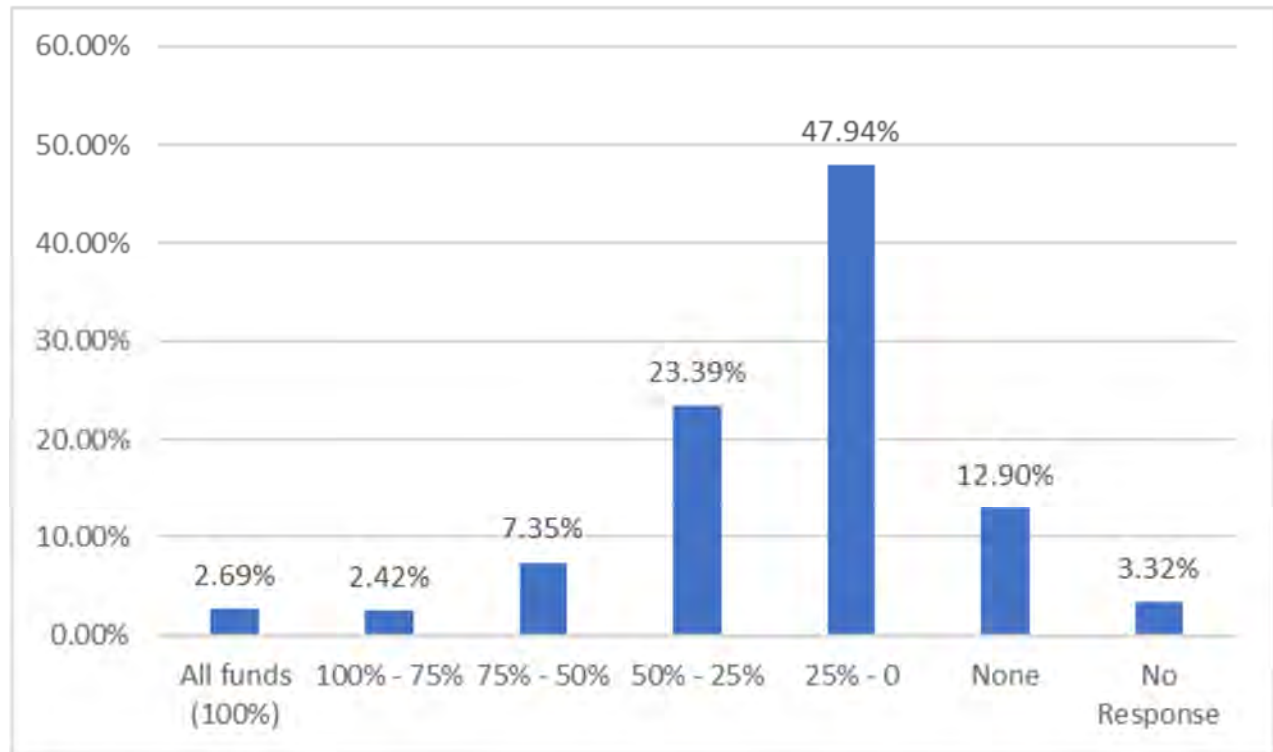
Weed Control Method	% of Responses	# of Responses
Mechanical Weed Removal (No organic or synthetic (chemical) herbicides used. Mechanical weed removal includes hand or machine removal of weeds such as but not limited to mowing, clippers or similar. (50% weed removal is possible) [Eliminación Mecánica de Malezas] (No se utilizan herbicidas orgánicos o sintéticos (químicos). La eliminación semanal de las malezas incluye la eliminación manual o mecánica de malezas, como por ejemplo, podadoras, tijeras o, entre otros similares. Es posible eliminar el 50% de las malezas)	31%	351
Synthetic Weed Removal Use of synthetic (chemical) and organic herbicides as needed and mechanical weed removal. (75% - 85% weed removal is possible) [Eliminación de Malezas Sintéticas] (Uso de herbicidas sintéticos (químicos) y orgánicos según sea necesario y eliminación mecánica de las malezas. Es posible eliminar 75% - 85% de las malezas)	42%	480
Organic Weed Removal Use of organic herbicides as needed and mechanical weed removal. No synthetic (chemical) herbicides used. (50% weed removal is possible) [Eliminación de Malezas Orgánicas] (Uso de herbicidas orgánicos según sea necesario y eliminación mecánica de malezas. No se utilizan herbicidas sintéticos (químicos). Es posible eliminar un 50% de las malezas)	21%	239
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	7%	78

Question 18: How much of the remaining years (3-10) of the Measure M funding would you like to be used to fund enhanced weed maintenance in parks? This does not include mandatory fire abatement areas. (1116 Responses)
 [¿Cuánto de los años restantes (3-10) de la financiación de la Medida M le gustaría que se utilizara para financiar el mantenimiento de mejoramiento de las malezas en los parques? Esto no incluye áreas de extinción de incendios.]



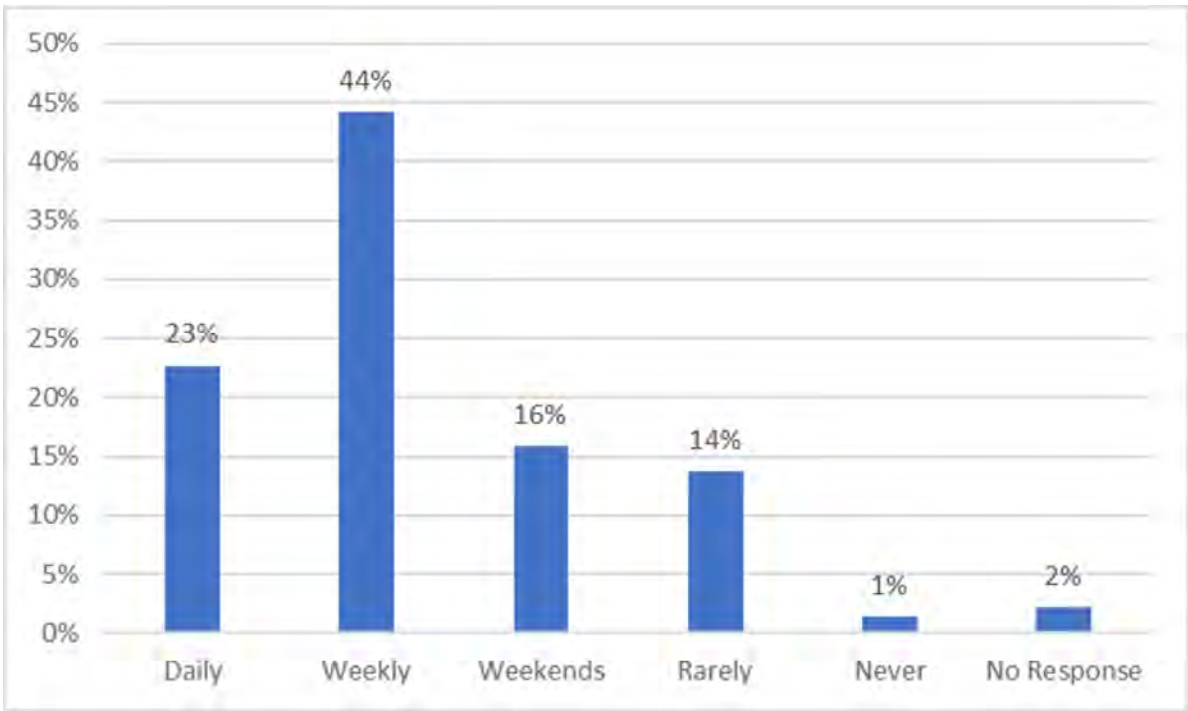
Funding for Maintenance	% of Responses	# of Responses
All funds (100%) [Todos los Fondos (100%)]	3.41%	38
100% - 75%	3.23%	36
75% - 50%	10.48%	117
50% - 25%	26.52%	296
25% - 0	44.71%	499
None [Ninguno]	8.69%	97
No Response	2.96%	33

Question 19: How much of the remaining years (3-10) of the Measure M funding would you like to be used to fund enhanced weed maintenance and new plantings for roadway landscapes? Roadway landscape includes medians and landscaping on public land from the back of the curb to the sidewalk. (1116 Responses)
 [¿Cuánto de los años restantes (3-10) de la financiación de la Medida M le gustaría que se utilizara para financiar el mantenimiento de mejoramiento de las malezas y nuevas plantaciones para el paisajismo de las carreteras? El paisaje de la carretera incluye medidas y paisajismo en terrenos públicos desde la parte trasera de la acera hasta la pared lateral.]



Funding for Maintenance	% of Responses	# of Responses
All funds (100%) [Todos los Fondos (100%)]	2.69%	30
100% - 75%	2.42%	27
75% - 50%	7.35%	82
50% - 25%	23.39%	261
25% - 0	47.94%	535
None [Ninguno]	12.90%	144
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	3.32%	37

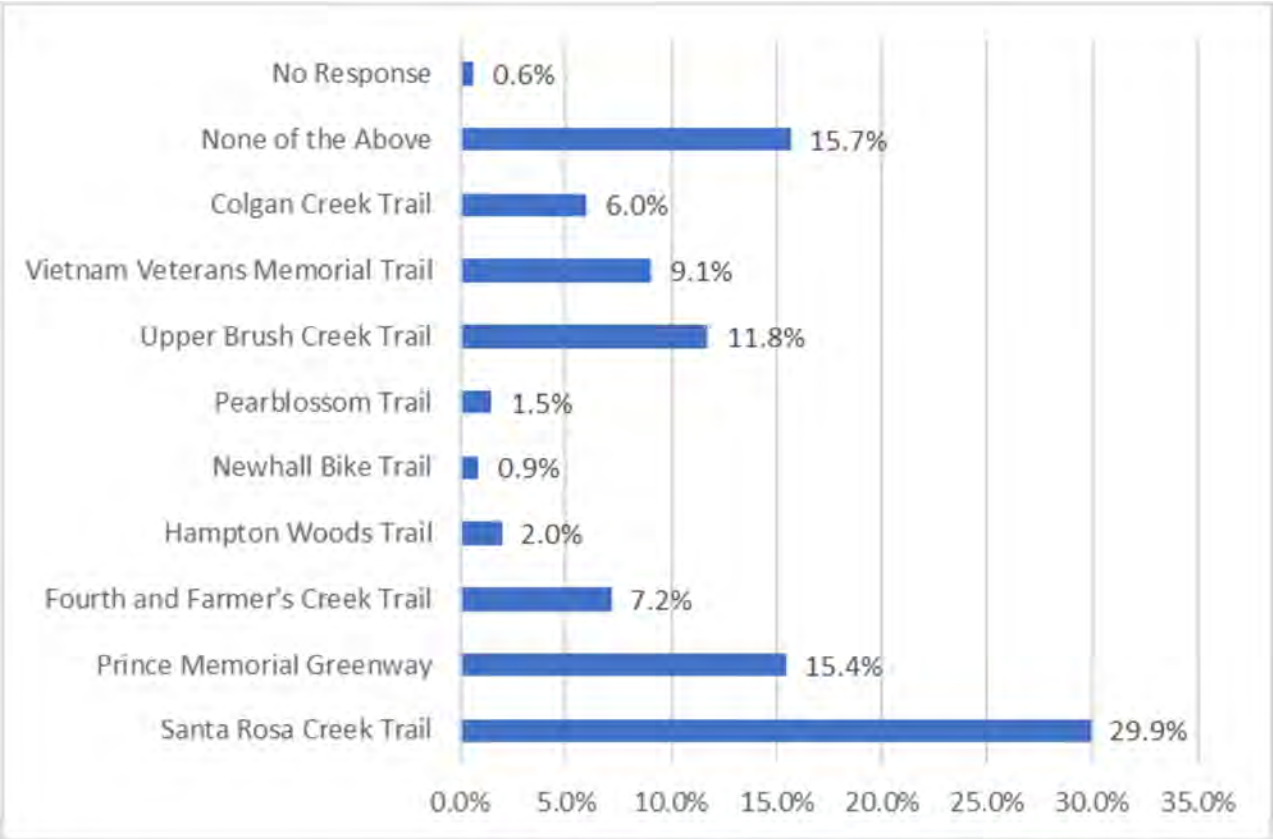
Question 20: How often do you use city park trails, walkways and bicycle paths? (1148 Responses)
[¿Con qué frecuencia usa los senderos, pasarelas y carriles para bicicletas de los parques de la ciudad?]



Frequency [Frecuencia]	% of Responses	# of Responses
Daily [Diaria]	23%	260
Weekly [Cada semana]	44%	507
Weekends [Fines de semana]	16%	182
Rarely [Rara vez]	14%	158
Never [Nunca]	1%	16
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	2%	25

Question 21: Which of the following city park pathways and trails do you currently use? (Please note: There are several popular places in Santa Rosa such as Spring Lake, Annadel-Trione, Joe Rodonta Trail etc. that are not City of Santa Rosa properties. These properties are owned by either the County or State.) (2033 Responses)

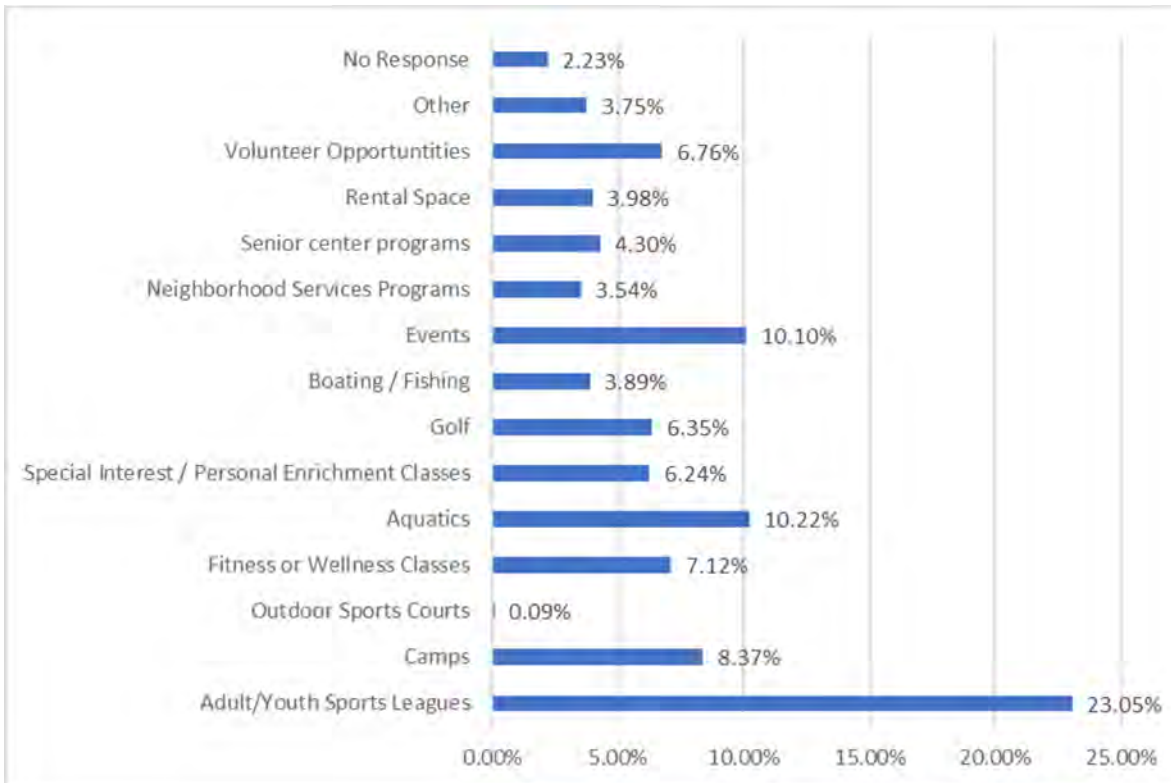
[¿Cuáles de los siguientes senderos y senderos de los parques de la ciudad utiliza actualmente? Tenga en cuenta: Hay varios lugares populares en Santa Rosa, como Spring Lake, Annadel-Trione, Joe Rodonta Trail, etc. que no son propiedades de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa. Estas propiedades pertenecen al Condado o el Estado.]



Trail Name	% of Responses	# of Responses
Santa Rosa Creek Trail [Sendero Santa Rosa Creek]	29.9%	608
Prince Memorial Greenway [Vía Verde Prince Memorial]	15.4%	314
Fourth and Farmer's Creek Trail [Sendero Fourth y Farmer's Creek]	7.2%	146
Hampton Woods Trail [Sendero de Hampton Woods]	2.0%	40
Newhall Bike Trail [Sendero para Bicicletas de Newhall]	0.9%	18
Pearblossom Trail [Sendero Pearblossom]	1.5%	30
Upper Brush Creek Trail [Sendero Upper Brush Creek]	11.8%	239
Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Trail [Ruta Conmemorativa de los Veteranos de Vietnam]	9.1%	184
Colgan Creek Trail [Sendero Colgan Creek]	6.0%	122
None of the Above [Ninguna de las Anteriores]	15.7%	319
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	0.6%	13

Question 22: What City of Santa Rosa recreation programs or activities do you currently participate in or have in the past? (3415 Responses)

[¿En qué programas o actividades recreativas de la ciudad de Santa Rosa participa actualmente o ha participado en el pasado?]



Recreation Programs & Activities	% of Responses	# of Responses
Adult/Youth Sports Leagues [Ligas Deportivas para Adultos y Jóvenes]	23.05%	787
Camps [Campamentos]	8.37%	286
Outdoor Sports Courts [Canchas de deportes al aire libre]	0.09%	3
Fitness or Wellness Classes [Clases de Ejercicio o de Bienestar]	7.12%	243
Aquatics [Acuáticos]	10.22%	349
Special Interest / Personal Enrichment Classes [Clases de Interés Especial / Enriquecimiento Personal]	6.24%	213
Golf [Golf]	6.35%	217
Boating / Fishing [Navegación]	3.89%	133
Events [Eventos]	10.10%	345
Neighborhood Services Programs [Programas de Servicios de Vecindario]	3.54%	121
Senior Center Programs [Programas de Centro para Adultos Mayores]	4.30%	147
Rental Space [Renta de Espacio]	3.98%	136
Volunteer Opportunities [Oportunidades de Voluntariado]	6.76%	231
Other [Otro] - 128 Responses	3.75%	128
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	2.23%	76

Question 22 continued: What City of Santa Rosa recreation programs or activities do you currently participate in or have in the past? (3415 Responses)

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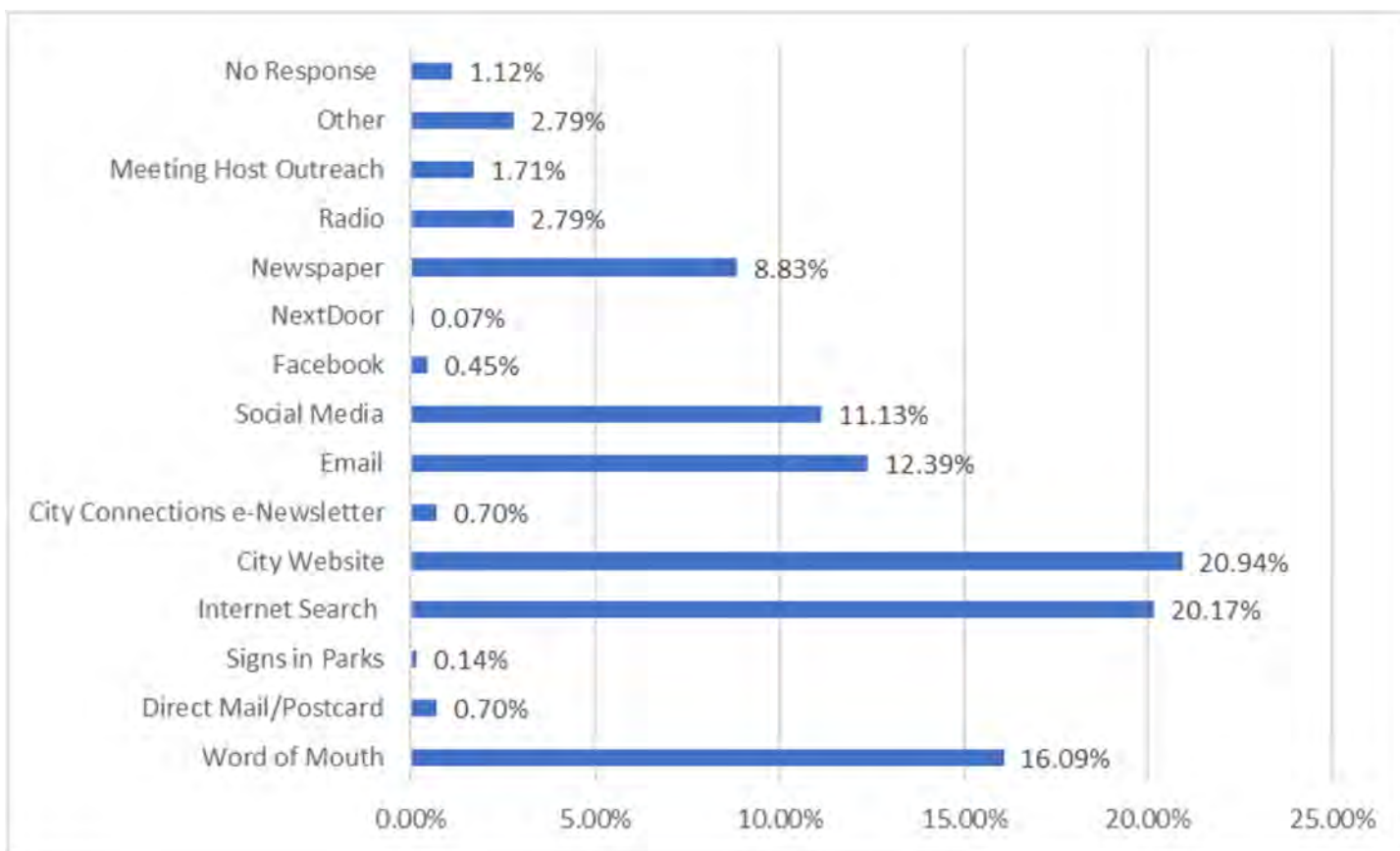
Other: 158 Open-Ended Responses
Many it won't let me do more than one!
The form only allows me to select one.
Youth Spots, Golf
This question should have multiple selection checkboxes not single choice radio buttons.
Adult and Youth Sports Leagues
tennis
Tennis and pickleball
Whoever set up this survey should have used check boxes instead of buttons so we can select more than 1
Pickleball
Golf aquatics youth sports
Nothing city organized, but I play tennis, hike, play tennis, walk the dog, and occassionally fish.
Youth sports, aquatics, adult sports, but I can only click one
Aquatics, Events
Soccer and aquatics
This does not let you choose more than one.
Camps, youth sports, biking
and youth soccer, weekly pre-covid
Camps
many listed above. the survey should allow more than 1 selection
Adult AND Youth Sport Programs. Why can't I select more than one?!
The question asks for multiple answers but does not allow more than one answer. I would add: Camps, Events, Aquatics, Boating
youth sports, camps, aquatics, personal enrichment classes
And adult. It dosent allow me to pick two.
golf, aquatics, fitness classes
Baseball
This question should allow for multiple answers. I qualify for 4 but could only select 1.
Should let you pick more than one answer here.
I would have checked multiple entries, but am not permitted
Youth and adult soccer leagues
Pickleball i
Drop in Pickleball
playing pickleball
Senior Games - Pickleball
Pickleball. Once again, questions asks for multiples but unable to keep more than one selection

Question 22 continued: What City of Santa Rosa recreation programs or activities do you currently participate in or have in the past? (3415 Responses)

[¿En qué programas o actividades recreativas de la ciudad de Santa Rosa participa actualmente o ha participado en el pasado?]

125 Open-Ended Responses	people and dog gatherings for hiking, training, photos
None, but if SR had Pickleball programs/leagues, I would participate and help facilitate.	Participation in work with local conservation groups.
Disc golf courses (26)	Get rid of restrictions and open fully
Disc Golf/ UFOS	Julliard Park concerts
Disc golf through the United Fliers Of Sonoma	Pickleball (7)
Disc golf clinics	recreational pickleball
Disc Golf weekly events	Pickleball and Table Tennis
We play weekly disc golf events. No contact, all digital and safety first	pickleball 3x per week
Disc Golf (run by local club, not by the city)	Senior games Pickleball
United flyers of Sonoma disc golf club	Drop in pickleball
Disc golf Sonoma county	Tennis (6)
Dog Parks	tennis lessons
Bike Monkey races	walk
None; generally use parks to bike and walk dog and take my son to the pump track	Youth programs such as dance classes, enrichment classes and kindergym
picnics	Limpieza de ríos pequeños en la área
dog training classes	Luther Burbanks place
Senior games	hiking
Community Gardens	dog splash
I used to do aquatics before covid and homeless at Finley	Yoga
Soccer games & practices for my children	I don't know about programs offered.
None - just personal/family exercise	Personal time — walking
none can not walk	KinderGym
Races	Aquatics and classes but not during COVID
Music Events	art shows at Finley
Bike ride to neighborhood parks	Live music
Rosie tours at downtown market.	Kids aquatics
Walking at spring lake and trail along Paulin creek	It's Covid bro, I didn't even know there were adult sports leagues
Class 1 trails ps many are too short to bother like Colgan	COMMUNITY GARDENS AT EVERY PARK!! EVERY NEW LOW INCOME HOUSING

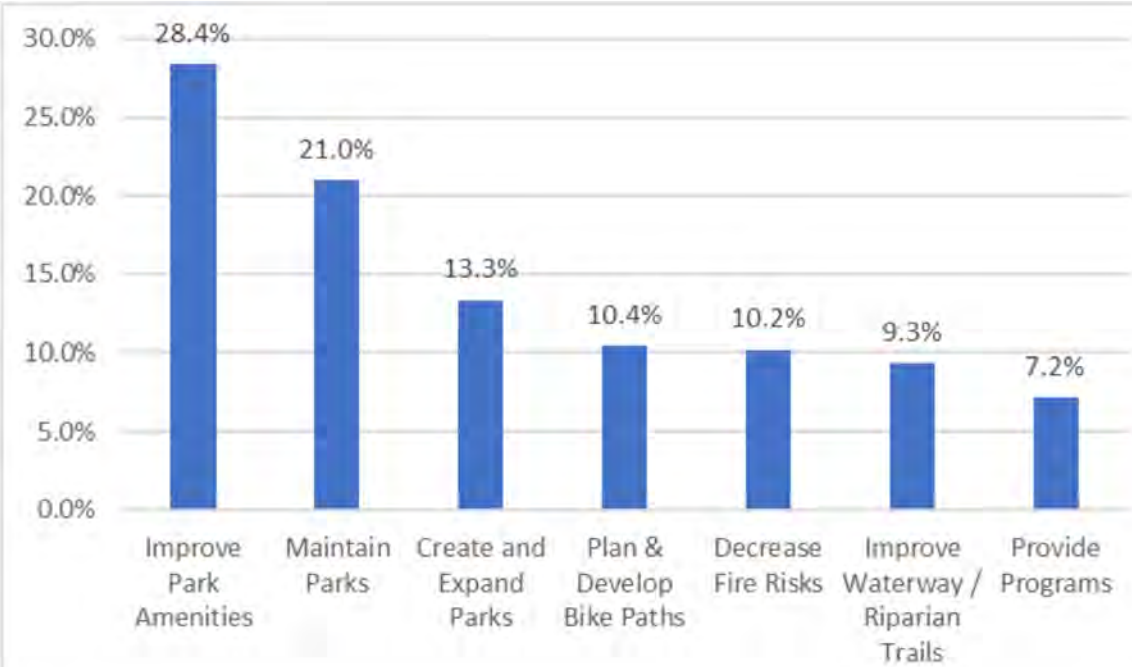
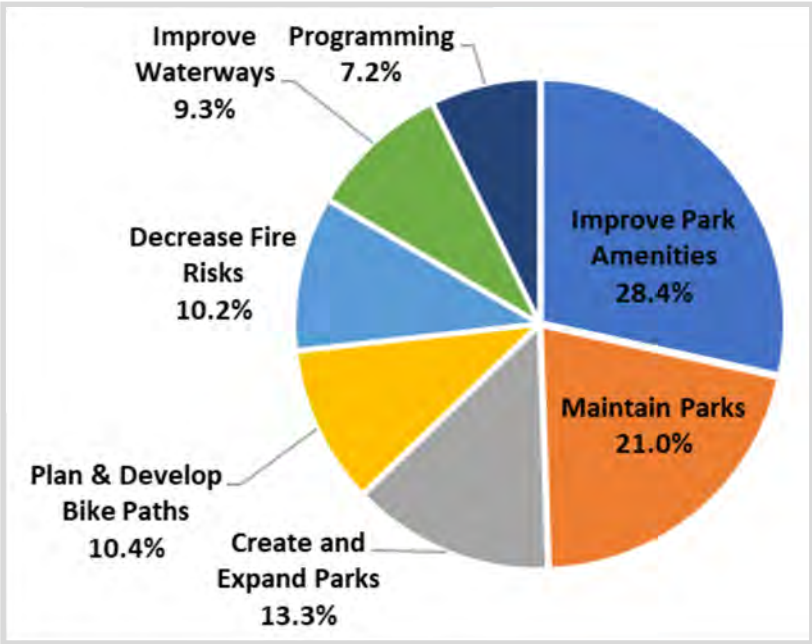
Question 23: How do you find information about city parks and recreation programs? (2866 Responses)
 [¿Cómo encuentra información sobre los parques de la ciudad y los programas de recreación?]



Information Source	% of Responses	# of Responses
Word of mouth [Por la voz de otros]	16.09%	461
Direct Mail/Postcard [Correo directo / Tarjeta postal]	0.70%	20
Signs in Parks [Señales en parques]	0.14%	4
Internet search [Busquerda de internet]	20.17%	578
City website [Sitio web de la ciudad]	20.94%	600
City Connections e-Newsletter [Boletín electrónico de City Connections]	0.70%	20
Email [Coreo electronico]	12.39%	355
Social media [Redes sociales]	11.13%	319
Facebook	0.45%	13
NextDoor	0.07%	2
Newspaper [Periódicos]	8.83%	253
Radio [Radio]	2.79%	80
Meeting Host Outreach [alcance de la reunión de acogida]	1.71%	49
Other [Otro] - 52 Responses	2.79%	80
No Response [Ninguna respuesta]	1.12%	32

Question 24: How would you like to see Santa Rosa Measure M - Parks for All funding prioritized?

[¿Como le gustaría que se diera prioridad a la financiación de la Medida M de Santa Rosa - Parques para Todos?]



Measure M Meeting	NW VoxVote	NE Zoom	SW Zoom	SE Zoom	CITY Zoom	Spanish Zoom	Sports Zoom	Spanish Survey	Sports Survey	Combined Survey	Total
Funding Priorities	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank
Maintain Parks	1	4	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	2
Improve Park Amenities	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	1
Create and Expand Parks	3	2	4	2	1	4	0	4	3	3	3
Plan and Develop Bike Paths	4	4	5	4	0	0	0	3	4	5	4
Provide Programs	7	4	7	0	0	3	2	7	0	7	7
Decrease Fire Risks	6	4	6	0	2	0	0	5	5	4	5
Improve Waterway / Riparian Areas	5	2	1	4	0	4	0	6	6	6	6

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Funding Priorities	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses	% of Responses
Maintain Parks	22.29%	3.57%	16.98%	47.37%	7.69%	23.21%	0.00%	15.73%	21.82%	20.24%
Improve Park	21.21%	25.00%	16.98%	15.79%	0.00%	57.14%	91.67%	15.24%	62.15%	15.98%
Create and Expand	14.50%	7.14%	14.15%	15.79%	61.54%	1.79%	0.00%	13.11%	5.25%	15.76%
Plan and Develop	12.77%	3.57%	13.21%	2.63%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	13.88%	4.70%	12.81%
Provide Programs	7.58%	3.57%	9.43%	0.00%	0.00%	3.57%	8.33%	6.89%	0.00%	9.80%
Decrease Fire Risks	9.96%	3.57%	12.26%	0.00%	7.69%	0.00%	0.00%	11.17%	2.49%	13.44%
Improve Waterway/ Riparian	11.69%	7.14%	16.98%	2.63%	0.00%	1.79%	0.00%	10.39%	0.83%	11.97%

Full text for Measure M - Parks for All funding uses:

1. **Maintain parks** and recreation facilities to ensure safe, clean, accessible visitor experiences
[Mantener los parques y las instalaciones de recreación para asegurar una experiencia segura, limpia y accesible para los visitantes.]
2. **Improve** and develop athletic fields, playgrounds, restrooms, picnic areas and visitor **amenities**
[Mejorar y desarrollar los campos atléticos, los parques infantiles, los baños, las zonas de picnic y los servicios para los visitantes]
3. **Create and expand parks**, trails, bikeways, public art, and recreation and historical facilities
[Crear y ampliar parques, senderos, ciclovías, arte público y las instalaciones recreativas e históricas.]
4. **Plan and develop bike paths** and trails with connections to schools, community spaces and regional trails
[Planificar y desarrollar ciclovías y senderos con conexiones a escuelas, espacios comunitarios y senderos regionales]
5. **Provide** recreation, education and health **programs** for the community
[Proporcionar programas de recreación, educación y salud para la comunidad]
6. **Decrease** future **fire risks**, fuel loads and invasive plants on city owned open space parks
[Disminuir los riesgos de incendios futuros, las cargas de combustible y las plantas invasoras en los parques de espacios abiertos de la ciudad]
7. **Improve** the trails along **waterways** and **riparian areas** to benefit fish, wildlife habitat and water quality
[Mejorar los senderos a lo largo de las vías fluviales y las zonas ribereñas para beneficiar a los peces, el hábitat de la vida silvestre y la calidad del agua]

Question 25: Would you like to receive the City of Santa Rosa monthly e-newsletter "City Connections" to stay informed about the latest City news, events, community meetings, volunteer opportunities, and job openings?
(275 Responses)

[¿Le gustaría recibir el boletín electrónico mensual "City Connections" de la Ciudad de Santa Rosa para mantenerse informado sobre las últimas noticias, eventos, reuniones comunitarias, oportunidades de ser voluntariado y trabajos vacantes de la Ciudad?] If so, please provide your email address in the comment box below.

Please note that data for this question is not included in the report due to the personal nature of the information (personal email addresses).

Question 26: Is there anything else you'd like to share or want us to know? (600 Responses)

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Open-Ended Responses:

I think basic fire prevention weed control needs to be part of the regular maintenance and budget, NOT specific to Measure M funding. There are several parks we go to, but I avoid others and all the city trails and bike paths because there are people living on them or they feel unsafe (secluded, few others on trail). Put these funds to work on improving or adding things, make what we have better, and keep the tall dry weeds under regardless of extra funding. That's basic public safety.

Southwest was not an option on what part we live in. Remove trash before mowing to reduce micro-plastic pollutants to waterways
you are all wonderful people and I hope you have an amazing day

Necesitamos más canchas sintéticos con luces

Queremos mas aceso a los campos para futbol de niños

We need better soccer fields. Kids play and get hurt with the pot holes it's just not safe for the kids.

I know that to many people "making parks safer" means "getting rid of the homeless people". I do not feel that way, and that's part of why I didn't rank "safety" improvements highly. People without consistent access to housing deserve parks just as much as anyone else, and need them a whole lot more. Parks are among the only places with public water, restrooms, and trash pickup. I would strongly support any efforts you make to improve those services, or even to dedicate public land & funding to a self-managed tent city or tinyhouse village - I saw some of these succeed remarkably well in Portland, OR. Also, tangentially related: I don't drive. When I travel long distances by bicycle (e.g. over 100 miles) it's difficult to find camping in urban areas, and hotels are rarely in my budget. Santa Rosa is already on an alternate loop of the Pacific Coast Bike Route - the most popular bike touring route in the US - and I would expect an increase in bicycle travel through the area as the SMART trail approaches completion and work commences on the Great Redwood Trail. It would be fantastic to have urban or semi-urban camping spaces for hikers and cyclists in Sonoma County that are comparable to the hiker/biker campgrounds in state parks, or the hike/bike/boat campsite in Independence, Oregon. Also, it would be nice if public showers like the ones adjacent to the bathrooms at Santa Rosa & Sonoma Avenues were turned back on! One final, relatively small thing: When producing signage for trail/road intersections, please indicate the name of the road that the trail is crossing! (The signs on parts of the Santa Rosa Creek Trail, for example, tell you how far to the next several cross streets, but not which street you're currently at.) Generally, I think the more wayfinding signs the better (e.g. "This trail is ending, but there's another one 2 blocks over, here's a map") That said - I love all the creek trails around here, and it's wonderful that so many creeks have been left open and publicly accessible! Thank you!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Me preocupa la seguridad en los parques, muchas personas sin hogar , en casas de campaña dentro de los peques, senderos y caminos, fumando y rondando cerca de los niños .

Burned areas need to be prioritized.

We live in a beautiful town. I know the parks budget has been very low and I just want to say I appreciate the work that you have been able to do.

Having used city park facilities all around the US while visiting family and friends, I have come to think of Santa Rosa as not actually having a public recreation system. We have Spring Lake and Finley Park which does not come close to providing for the entire city. And we have great recreation programs. But we don't have nearly enough interconnected and safe bike paths, athletic field availability, interesting park features like outdoor exercise equipment or imaginative playgrounds, or impressive water parks with lazy rivers and waterslides. And I'm not talking about big cities with big budgets or small cities with big community support. I don't know what the issue is in Santa Rosa, but we just don't seem to have options for public recreation here much at all.

I regard Santa Rosa's parks as one of the City's most attractive features

Keep the homeless out. Measure M Taxes are paid to enjoy the parks, not provide free living space.

The community really needs a sport field complex or synthetic fields. This would be less maintenance and would allow youth to have a safe place to spend time and enjoy sports.

Santa Rosa does not have a viable adult softball complex. Our travel teams regularly travel 1.5 to 4 hours to play on viable 300' fields with fences. It's hard to imagine that the City of Santa Rosa cannot provide a suitable softball facility like other cities such as Hayward, Pleasanton, Sacramento, Elk Grove, Galt, Turlock, Yuba City, Tracy, Lodi, Manteca, etc.

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Thank you

Please have nets on the soccer goals, and have movable soccer goals not chained to each other, nobodys gonna take them.

Field lights at Trione soccer field would benefit the sports community as it would increase opportunities for play time for everyone, especially during the winter months. Its an all weather field that could offer so much more to the SR community if there was lights. The newly renovated Sunrise Park is great and offers so much to the community. Why not have this in Santa Rosa?

Get the homeless tweakers, their trailers and their feces OUT

Lighted All Weather Turf Fields is where I would like to see Measure M funding prioritized.

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Open-Ended Responses:

Baseball fields need water. Without it, the infield becomes extremely dangerous.

For many of the questions (e.g. 37), I would like to be able to choose more than one answer, but that's not possible. I get that tough choices need to be made, but multi-use and multi-purpose is also good :-). Thanks.

I utilize many facilities for our child and ourselves. It would not let me enter multiple in questions. We use tennis courts, trails for hiking/ biking, camps, golf course (which is awesome bc we would never be able to in a private manner), aquatics and playgrounds. The great facilities and variety are wonderful for so many different families to have access to that can't afford private clubs!

Do not move the homeless into our neighborhood parks !

Save Bennett Valley Golf Course!

Youth sports fields that could host tournaments and keep the golf course for kids/taxpayers that prefer non team sports outdoor activities. Buy the Sutter site on Chanate and develop it into a multi use park/trail, athletic field site with about 25-50 low income, single level, senior housing units. Off hours traffic, low residential for fire evacuations and earthquake safety. Build a new community center there with indoor basketball courts/volleyball courts etc and convert the one on Steele Lane into housing.

Save Bennett Valley Golf Course

Don't use the money for "studies". Such as the \$150,000.00 expenditure, be proposed for Bennett Valley. We have plenty of professional resources with in our community to help us make informed decisions.

Keep and maintain Bennett Valley Golf Course as a treasure it is !!!!

While athletics are important, I voted (and advocated for the measure) for ecological and stewardship/management reasons, and my priorities for the funds are along those lines (e.g., creating/improving habitat for wildlife while providing public outdoor rec opportunities and mitigating fire risk, invasive species, etc).

Need lighting at fields/parks. Also safer facilities where homeless cannot congregate and/or camp!!!

Keep up the good work!

More Biking trails and Dog parks

First, take better care of existing facilities, especially soccer fields. The City's facilities are well-spaced out across the city and offer diverse experiences. Second, prioritize projects that allow City facilities to act as refuges from extreme heat: splash pads, shade trees, and an additional aquatic center. Third, offer a robust, affordable city-wide soccer league. Expensive club soccer (\$120/month) is the only option right now for much of Santa Rosa. The clubs monopolize the best fields because they can afford it. This is a failure of our City Parks Department. We are letting our youth down.

Please stop allowing homeless camps all over our city. We the tax payers should not have to look at trash built up all over the city.

Do not develop the Bennett Valley Golf Course and Galvin park into a housing development. This is horrible path we are on. This survey made us pick between youth sports, walking/bike paths, and golf. Our family is active (multiple times a week) in all.

Fields need much maintenance

Some of the baseball/softball outfields have gopher holes. One of my athletes sprained an ankle. I'd like gopher holes filled and outfields to be safe for baseball/softball.

My interest in baseball. I would like to see all baseball fields remain natural surface. I would like to work with the city to renovate Doyle Park and bring back baseball to the place where it all started. I would love to see Doyle Park as the main attraction for baseball once again. I would like to see A Place To Place baseball come to life. I am here to do my part to see though. I am available 24/7.

Please do something about the homeless. It is absolutely disgusting.

We appreciate the fine work you are doing.

Decrease future fire risks, provide drinking fountains and increase restrooms at tennis courts

Replace the tennis court surfaces with concrete at Galvan that need it. Surfaces are cracked with weeds growing thru them and are dangerous. Thank you.

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We live on the Northwest side which has been completely ignored by the park system. We have some of the worst fields and play grounds out here! The Skyhawk park is a disgrace and hasn't been touched in over 20 years which is absurd. How about investing in kids on the Northwest side of town for once. All the new parks and improvements are always in the south or west part of town. We have to drive 30 mins to find anything in reasonable condition. Ridiculous! The softball and soccer fields on the northwest are a complete disgrace. The last season we played the infields were covered with weeds that I would spend pulling during practice. The soccer fields are horrible shape RVMS fields don't even have grass anymore they let it die in the summer and in 2019 season our kids played soccer on DIRT!! Unacceptable that's why I voted for measure M! But I don't want to see all the money going to the south and west lets improve RV. Its not fair to our kids! Nice parks for all not just the west and south parts of town. I am very disturbed on you map to see all the investment again going to the south and west and basically nothing in the north east! If this continues I definitely will not vote for measure M again as we will again be left out and my kids left to play in some of the worst playgrounds and fields I have ever seen!!! I coach softball and soccer for my kids every year and I am so disappointed with the park system!!

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Open-Ended Responses:

Lighting at Trione Soccer fields, install turf fields and lighting at Pace to Play.

We sadly stand out as one of the few (only?) cities in our area that don't have all-weather athletic fields, especially for soccer. Youth soccer especially is huge in our community and the demand is there for more opportunity beyond the 2/3rds of the year we can play while the weather and natural fields allow.

All weather and lights

Galvin Park has potentially a premier tennis facility. Some old courts badly need resurfacing

Place to play is the perfect place to add lights and all weather fields . You would only need to add more restrooms a as well and let soccer clubs charge for parking when we have tournaments. Please add lights there. It's already established and ready to go.

Lights at athletic fields to serve multiple organizations. Turf fields so programs can run year round.

The clubs that play soccer year round really struggle to accommodate all of their teams without available lights in the winter. We either have to travel outside of SR or not hold practice during the week nights. It is hard to stay competitive during the winter months without having lights for our soccer fields.

I really believe an aquatic center would be a fantastic addition to the city parks. By no means is our climate suitable for year round outdoor swimming and kids need a place to go in the winter months.

more and more people are playing pickleball. The courts are cleaned by the players, but too many cracks have formed and weeks appear. Courts need better maintenance. Courts need to be expanded at Finley instead of using measure M money to create courts somewhere else.

Must have all weather fields

All soccer fields need to be lite at night .thank you

I am a big advocate of futsal for athletic and sport development in children and would love to chat more about how adding futsal can be integrated to and positively impact our community. Please call if you would like more info!

Need light in the park & field

Lighting on fields

I have over in Santa Rosa most my life. The more places I visit (outside of Santa Rosa/CA) it clear how horrible our overall parks are - maintained, hardly any lights for evening/night activities like soccer or baseball.

If we had a sports complex with multiple all weather lighted fields and storage sheds/clubhouse, we could use them for sports leagues and large tournaments which will add to the local economy. Many other cities charge for parking at their tournaments, draw many out of town teams who stay at hotels, eat at restaurants and this feeds tourism. Sonoma county is such a wonderful place to visit that if we had the proper facilities, we could host amazing tournaments.

Please focus on lighted soccer fields! Thank you!

We need more all weather fields for kids with lighting. Place to play on 3rd street is a great place to convert although the homeless frequent the area.

Some of the tennis courts at Galvan require major work before someone trips on a crack and is severely hurt.

My daughters all played soccer for many years. The fields at Place to Play were often poorly maintained and hazardous.

I had multiple answers for several of these questions. I only could select one option. Frustrating.

The above question, how would you like to see Measure M Parks funding prioritized.... I checked plan and develop bike paths and trails with connections to schools etc. but I think it is equally important to improve and develop athletic fields, playgrounds, restrooms and such. As well as protect the fish, wildlife and water work trails

My daughter plays competitive soccer and there are not enough fields for all the teams to practice when it gets darker early because most of the fields don't have lights. Please light more of the soccer fields!!! My son plays hockey and he and his friends would love a outdoor inline roller rink. The only one in SR is by the Snoopy rink and that is going to be shut down soon. Please use the money to support all kids athletic interests. Thanks for asking the general public.

The number of fields or courts for tournaments really depends on the length of the games in the tournament, age of players because older players need more space, and how many teams are playing. I think that maintaining and improving what we already have or adding another pool would be a good use of funds

I amazed at the extensive park network in Roseville, Ca. Numerous community parks and bike paths.

We need all weather fields for both youth and adult sports. Soccer, baseball.

We want our kids to be safe and feel safe when they are playing by themselves or in an organized setting. We feel there are too many older individuals loitering around.

As time as gone on the parks have become hard to use with kids because of the constant issue of transients at the park locations. As a parent I worry about cleanliness (drug paraphernalia, urine, etc) in and around the playground equipment, I worry about safety, and I also worry about my children being subject to questionable language and behavior. There has also been an increasing problem of people smoking marijuana at the parks which makes it difficult to take your young children to these places.

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Open-Ended Responses:

Lighted turf fields for youth soccer please.
Santa Rosa would benefit from having a sports complex for the youth.
Having Lit Soccer Fields is extremely important to our family. Thank you
Sadly, most things that are negative are directly related to the homeless and drugs (having to be cautious at most playgrounds because of needles, condoms, etc.). And more easily accessible/intuitive locations for trash cans would probably help a lot (i.e. steele lane park there are no trash cans until you get back to the sidewalk?)
We live on the NW side of Santa Rosa and there has always been a lack of parks. Findley and a place to play are wonderful but are really impacted by their neighborhoods and sports and currently homeless campers. Please try and keep them clean and safe.
Would be nice to have Place To Play dry grass MOWED much earlier than it has been for the past few years. Complete fire hazard.
We desperately need more all weather, ideally lighted athletic fields in Santa Rosa! My kids all play multiple sports and every season, every sport we struggle with field access. We also travel great distances to go to tournaments and events that would bring so much money to Santa Rosa if we could hold them here! Hotels, restaurants, small businesses...all would benefit from soccer and baseball tournaments in the area!
Can't wait to have Rincon Ridge Park renovated.
Local, lighted soccer fields would be amazing.
Athletic parks with holes are liability issue. Those need to be attended to. All ideas above are good.
There are several questions above where I would have liked to select more than one response but it wasn't available and seems ridiculous that I can't express my entire opinion with this survey. It needs to be reworked and redistributed!!
The parks could be better. That's why the measure passed. More parks, better parks, more trails, better trails.
Outdoor recreation is so essential, anytime - yet even more important during the pandemic. Providing range of outdoor activities with some indoor facilities can help everyone to stay healthy and promote beneficial family time (away from home environment). We hope that the 'country' roots of our city are not forgotten. Please keep an emphasis on the agricultural aspects of our community through the fair grounds. Although I couldn't list more than one priority, we do hope that more can be done to prevent devastating fires, too.
We need more baseball fields. It would be nice to have all-weather field too. Having lights also expands usability. Thanks!
Also more groomed bike trails for technical biking.
I would not support most of these until the homeless problem is addressed first. If you build new parks/rec areas it is basically building a new location for homeless to congregate to. Stop catering to them and allowing them to do/live/sleep/defecate and use drugs
It's ridiculous that we don't have all-weather soccer fields. Smaller cities than us have multiple. It is a huge need for our city.
More fields in east santa rosa, but we know its hard for land. So converting galvin or franklin to turf would be great as well! Fix the lights on galvin and franklin, they are poor quality and hard to see. Actually dangerous to play under. Keep letting kids use the soft-ball fields for baseball has been GREAT!
More pickleball courts, please.
Stupid survey....what are you trying to find out?....how much to raise taxes how to kill rats?
more pickleball courts
There is current need in Sonoma County for a dirt bike track. I understand the concerns around noise and safety. I would propose having the track open for riding twice a week for 6 hour stints. You can charge a minimal fee that would help maintain the park and require a signed safety waiver to limit any liabilities. This track could be managed and supervised by program volunteers. You can also limit the engine size of dirt bikes that can ride at the track. I.E. only allowing bikes with >250cc engines. This would reduce the noise and only subject neighboring residents to the noise twice weekly. There is also open land available at A Place to Play Park in Santa Rosa. This would be a prime location since it not too close to neighborhoods. It is also the current home of a remote control car track. There is a large dirt bike community in Sonoma County and the nearest place to ride is in Ukiah or the bay area. Thank you for your attention to this need. Feel free to reach out to me directly if you need any assistance in organizing or creating this plan. best, Chris Donahue
Tennis courts numbered 7-12 at Galvin Park need to be rebuilt with concrete due to cracks and flooding and water entering the courts when it rains. Two of the tennis courts could be converted in 8 pickleball courts when they are rebuilt with concrete. 4 pickleball courts can be put into the space of each tennis court as was done at one of the tennis courts at Howarth Park several years ago.
We need more baseball fields for our kids. We have many baseball families in Rincon Valley, and there are not enough baseball fields for practicing, despite our dedicated little league park, which can only accommodate games during the baseball season. Thank
Baseball facilities and all weather facilities are severely lacking here. It could be a huge revenue generator. Poorly managed park department
Fix the tennis court surfaces at Howarth Park. Install a bench on court 1
Travel baseball tournaments and soccer tournaments provide economic benefits to offset The costs of maintaining the facilities
You need to fix the tennis courts at Galvin. The park gets lots of use all the time and with all the courts playable it would expand the number of people who can play

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City of Santa Rosa is too big of a city to not be able to host any tournaments due to lack of fields. Our kids are held back because of the lack of lighted fields. In the winter, the kids can't practice past 5, and parents can't accommodate early practice times (not to mention the kids are in school until 3.) Athletic facilities have not grown to match the population growth. Furthermore, lighted fields offered to my children's soccer team are often unsafe and riddled with homeless.

Yes we need more lighted soccer fields

Safe lit all weather fields and courts for the youth are needed. Tennis, baseball/softball have them, but soccer, lacrosse do not.

We need more pickleball courts at Howarth, Finley and Galvin as well as at other existing parks or new parks.

Maintain and update current fields, including updated lighting. Weed control on fields, especially the infield areas for baseball fields and mowing the grass needs to be a priority. Update the dugouts and sprinklers so fields stay nice looking.

We should be focusing on youth athletics. We need to provide more spaces for our kids to play and develop. Youth athletics are a vital part of our kids development.

Take a look at parks in the East Bay.. i.e. San Ramon, Danville, Benicia. We need more amenities, updated fields, etc. For a highly populated area, our parks are very much lacking.

As a lifelong soccer player and coach, I find it very frustrating that a City and County in one of the most wealthy places in California has such horrible sports fields. I have visited many places throughout our state that are relatively poor when compared to Santa Rosa, but their parks and sports fields are much, much better. This is perplexing to me, and shows that our City is not interested in investing in outdoor sports facilities for our youth. Instead, tax dollars are spent on worthless "public art" projects like the horrible bicycle junk statue on Santa Rosa Ave., or reunifying Courthouse Square. The City Counsel is deaf to the calls of the average voter. I won't be holding my breath for the responsible use of public funds to better outdoor activities.

SR should have some all-weather fields with lights.

Given the growing popularity of Pickleball it seems SR lacks adequate courts for PB. Galvin park, in particular needs a few PB courts. Thanks

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. The interest in Santa Rosa has exploded during the last few years and there aren't enough courts for the demand. Please consider building more Pickleball courts and converting more tennis to multi use to keep up with the demand. RP just did this and the courts are very well utilized and they have already converted neighboring tennis courts to multi use for both sports to keep up with the interest. Having a large number of Pickleball courts will allow for tournaments to be held as well which could be a great revenue stream for the city.

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Accommodate the dramatic growth of pickleball with a court complex that can accomodate tournament play

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Keep up the good works...our parks are to be treasured!

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I would like to see some money spent on pickleball.

make parks safer by stopping drug dealers and homeless camps in parks.

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I'd like to see the Southeast Greenway purchased and developed to improve access to parks for SE Santa Rosa. We need safe fenced in areas where our dogs can run and play safely. Many do not have yards so need this nearby.

Transients in the parks make them unusable

Galvin Park and the golf course area should be preserved as open space. Do not allow it to be developed into housing.

THANK YOU!

Allow well behaved dogs to run free, with their owners present, on open, unfenced areas in neighborhoods without fear of being cited. Dog parks are breeding grounds for disease. Animals deserve to run free and play. Keep sand in parks clean!

I love it that the City of SR has expanded bicycle paths making riding safer. The art throughout the city makes me so happy to go downtown and see beauty and inspiration. Regarding weeds and removal, I would like to see an effort made to create native plant landscaping taking pollinators into consideration. Why not include the local schools in this endeavor?

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Open-Ended Responses:

I'm honestly scared to walk on the grass for fear of stepping on needles at Doyle. The homeless populations can get really intense sometimes.
Howarth's current Pickleball courts need patching, resurfacing as well as new nets. Also, here's something funny/not funny. Whomever did mechanical weed removal of weeds at western perimeter of Howarth Pickleball Courts simply scattered remnants both into courts and sidewalk with no cleaning/sweeping/blowing. So, yay for weed removal, but boo that it just made a new mess on the courts.
Thank you for creating this survey, this is a thoughtful way to allow the public to weigh in!
Please make the trails and bike paths safe. Find a permanent home for the unhoused so they don't need to live on those trails. I don't use the creek trails at all because of this.
For God sakes,,DO NOT move county offices to downtown. It will destroy an already substandard area.
Roseland Creek Trail was advertised by Sonoma County Regional Parks to receive funding from Measure M. Please fund Roseland Creek Bikeway/Greenway !
Develop the Southeast Greenway, starting with paths, ASAP
Please continue to have parks!
Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA. Most of the courts currently are being occupied by retired and elderly people. People may age group are being forced to play times that are not convenient, because the courts are occupied otherwise. Please build more courts.
Highest priorities are 1) fund the Greenway and 2) make walking paths safe for pedestrians from the trail bike speeders by requiring them to have warning devices (horn or bell).
Cleaning out invasive grasses and other invasive plants in Santa Rosa's city parks and open spaces will go a long way toward fulfilling other goals, like increasing personal safety, fire safety, and path maintenance. Places like Paulin Creek and Poppy Creek are choked with invasive plants, which is unhealthy for these waterways and the ecosystems they support.
Dog park enhancements! Space for different sized dogs.
Need another pool and more park and median mtc!
more dog friendly paths please - we have very few of these!
I like disc Golf
Restrooms are always needed!
The park system is pretty amazing. It's so fun to drive along and all of a sudden there's a little pocket park! It's so important to have "greenery" close by and local to the neighborhoods! I live very close to Julliard Park (andLB Home & Garden) and I say that's "my" park! :) Thank you for all the different parks around
Hire additional Full Time Employee's to complete Projects to be completed with funding from Measure M.
Please keep tackling the homeless situation close to parks / schools / recreation, ie. Joe Rodota Trail. We have such lovely parks, more maintenance is really all I see as being needed. Bring back the water park at Spring Lake when possible! More bike trails around town and keeping vagrants off trails so residents feel safe to use our public spaces.
More Pickleball courts. With the enthusiasm of existing and future players, Santa Rosa could be the home of Northern California pick-leball, with people spending dollars to visit and play
Walkability to green spaces is important. Weed abatement is on our minds during fire season. I'm sad that Tanglewood Park lost our only park bench and picnic table before the pandemic. Now we have no place to meet friends outside.
Continue to support and maintain the only recreational golf facility in Santa Rosa that is financially self sustaining, that provides a significant factor of safety from wild land fires in South East Santa Rosa. This also one of the most equitable ways to introduce golf to our youth who may not be able to afford golf at private facilities in Sonoma County
please include the Native Americans as co managers for all land decisions
I think you're doing a good job. In years past the restrooms at Franklin Clubhouse were dirty, but this year - nice & clean all the time. Thanks
As before, please enforce all applicable laws to keep homeless/transient and their vehicles away from our parks.
Occasional use of Santa Rosa Creek & Prince Memorial no longer an option because of homeless encampments. Granddaughter frightened on last visit!!
The need for a new park in Southwest Santa Rosa is critical and immediate. In view of the growth of this quadrant of the city, coupled to the very modest focus of attention upon infrastructure for this area (certainly including parks), it would be a major kudo for the City of Santa Rosa to address the infrastructure needs of these City residents by initiating a new park here. It would make a great statement to all Santa Rosa residents that the City is fulfilling it's pledge to enhance the Quality of Life Proclamation declared in October 2020.
Homeless push everyone else out of the parks - give them a place to camp and people will flock to our parks
Thank you for cleaning up the bike paths and making them usable again
Need real bathroom at Coffey park

Question 26 continued: Is there anything else you'd like to share or want us to know? (600 Responses)

[¿Hay algo más que desee compartir o que quiera que sepamos?]

Open-Ended Responses:

Santa Rosa is underparked. We need a systematic survey of new locations for parks so that all sectors of the City have adequate number of parks. The City standard of six acres of parks per 1,000 residents should rigorously be applied. The SW particularly needs a substantial increase in new parks.

There is a huge opportunity to utilize community in helping develop and maintain our local parks. Empowering our neighborhoods with the basic understanding of how to do this while increasing empowerment through taking ownership of spaces would be an amazing step. Our public spaces in general including our streets, bike/ped paths, parks, schools, libraries, and city-owned buildings should be something the public has a say in how they look and what they offer. Finally, daylighting Santa Rosa Creek could serve as one shining example of the city's push to incorporate nature with human needs. That one is particularly important as having a bike/ped path run the entire length of the creek including into downtown from the east side would go a long way as a metaphor for our intentions in the 21st century. Bottom-line, Santa Rosa has very good bones. But until we incorporate our parks and streets into a more traditional neighborhood design plan, the sprawl model will continue to decimate our communities. We need deeper connections within each neighborhood and then connections between neighborhoods and both parks and the paths that run between could be a wonderful place to start. We must prioritize active transportation including public transportation (once we are safely able to do this again) or we will continue to produce a future that is not climate-safe and does not allow for deeper levels of human connection. I am happy to discuss how we might going out doing this at any time as the work I do with our youth in the county is directly related to both our current opportunities and includes input in the city's general plan. We need a bold, comprehensive, vision for the next 30 years. I'm happy to discuss how we can improve our parks and general connectivity to nature, our neighborhoods, and each other. Thanks for all you do. In hope and gratitude, Kevin Anderson (kevand8@gmail.com)

Thank you Santa Rosa - through all the chaos of the past few years you have maintained our parks.

We need more open space! Stop allowing developers to pay to offset their park installation requirements.

It's imperative that the transient population not be allowed to ruin parks by holding this city hostage. Ensuring safe clean parks and waterways are why I voted in favor measure M .

Many parks don't have bathrooms and it's an issue for parents. I highly recommend mother's/caretakers provide input on playground/park development

Si que no todo debe ser rentado o prestado al club de soccer United. Otros clubs también tienen derecho y son los impuestos de todos y deben ser para todos no para un grupo específico.

Sonoma county is one of the top medium to small metropolitan areas to produce professional soccer players Santa Rosa is lacking in all weather turf fields for our under served competitive clubs one of which is ranked top 100 club in United States (Atletico of Santa Rosa)

Please use the fund to build more soccer turf or natural fields for kids to stay away from trouble

Santa Rosa needs more soccer fields and/or Turf sport complex fields for the youth sports programs as well as the community to use. La ciudad de Santa Rosa necesita más campos de fútbol sintéticos y de pasto para los jóvenes y para la comunidad. El Deporte promueve disciplina, habilidades de jugar como equipo y promueven la salud.

More bike trails and soccer fields please

The range park is terrible, the equipment is gone and not maintained. The homeless leave their trash everywhere. They also have become aggressive.

keep up the good work, thanks for the survey input

It is a big shame that the trees are not maintained and allowed to be taken over by mistletoe and other damaging fungus and insects. Doesn't it make more sense to keep healthy than have to spend money to replace dead trees and shrubs?

We need more pickleball courts

Please add more Pickleball courts. Howarth Park courts are unpleasant and hard to access.

Weedy areas could be better managed with native plantings that are drought tolerant, beautiful, useful for pollinators, birds and other native wildlife.

Top priority is better bath rooms and drinking fountains, and get bums/homeless out of parks so all can enjoy safely.

Thank you.

The most important thing to us is keeping the parks as parks, not as homeless camps. We are not unsympathetic to people experiencing homelessness. But giving our recreational spaces over to them is not the right solution. We would gladly pay a tax increase to fund housing for them, but we do not want to lose our parks.

I'd like to see transient people treated with the same respect, with access to the same park facilities, and subject to the same rules as anyone else at our city parks. It feels unsafe to visit parks when there are semi permanent encampments present, but there should be nothing preventing people from enjoying our parks who are doing no harm to anyone else or the grounds or facilities.

Fix the darn road on Hoen ave, o. The way to Doyle park

Please make parks safe so they can be used.

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Open-Ended Responses:
Please add a bench near the Matanzas Park playground (facing the playground).
Thank you for the outreach. Important to know what taxes are going towards.
Thank you!
I love our parks. After retiring from the 'corporate world' and my husband who was a faculty member at SRJC, we love exploring city and county parks. Keeps us active. Thank you to the city and the people of Santa Rosa for providing so many amazing options for all of us to enjoy.
I'd like to see the pathways updated and improved to increase accessibility at the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens.
Come on and do better
Would like better maintenance at the park. Volunteers should not have to maintain it. Average age of volunteers at dog parks 70. Not the best idea
We should focus on maintaining parks that provide educational opportunities, including our area's history, such as Luther Burbank Home and Gardens. The buildings should be properly maintained to preserve the history we are lucky to have here.
Fund replacement of LBH&G home & carriage house roofs
Please spend some of the money on the roof of the Luther Burbank home and carriage house and on maintaining the paths in the Luther Burbank Garden.
LBH&G is a horticultural, city, state and national landmark. The roofs are desperate for replacement to maintain the integrity of the buildings and preserve their historical importance. Please find the funding to help preserve this site.
Thank you for considering our input!
Are there grants available to the public to assist in developing new recreational areas.
cuando no esté en construcción el vecindario Roseland , necesitamos los murales de Andy lopez en Andy unity park por favor <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Please allot funding for the replacement of LBH&G Home & Carriage House roofs.
Would you please fund the replacement of LBH&G Home & Carriage House roofs. The last time there was significant work done was in 1984. Nearly forty years is very old for a roof. The Home is lathe and plaster - very vulnerable to water damage if the roof fails. In addition, the archives are stored in an upstairs bedroom. People from over the country and the world visit this historical treasure of Santa Rosa. The building needs to be preserved the future generations.
I think that if we get it right we could have a greater City for everyone to enjoy!!!!
We desperately need all weather fields for soccer and lights for safe home games and winter months.
Parks really do make living better. Thank you to everyone who works to make this happen.
Again, the parks must be OPEN. Closing them for months is unacceptable. These are taxpayer funded areas, and the residents have a right to use them. Fresh air is GOOD for preventing COVID-19 and other similar ailments.
I think there should be available small camping areas, supervised and maintained spread out around the city, with bathrooms, showers and garbage pickup.
More good parks are needed west Santa Rosa.
Please clean up Prince Memorial Greenway and Joe Rodota Trail, surveil it. In the recent past few times we've been there, we've seen people in public doing lewd sexual acts (blowjob, sex), and cursing at those passing by during this..... plus there are LOOSE dogs. .it's physically become a dirty place. Both these paths are much loved by my family but have simply become UNSAFE.
Money should be allocated to provide new roofs for Luther Burbank Gardens house and Carriage House. These gardens and structures are a historical treasure, that should be maintained.
The City parks have been abused by homeless and transient populations. I do not feel safe visting parks or taking walks along some of the paths (Doyle Park, Prince Memorial Greenway). It has been progressively getting worse to where the parks are not for families anymore.
The bums ruin everything
The main issue with city parks is maintenance. The first priority of park infrastructure projects should be to reduce the need for ongoing maintenance and associated costs of dilapidated, poorly-maintained or short-longevity features, as well as landscaping that requires a high degree of maintenance. With respect to weed-abatement and general landscaping along roadways and sidewalks, repairs or other long-lived solutions should be prioritized above maintenance. On a related note, it's unconscionable that the city has abdicated responsibility for maintaining or repair sidewalks in residential area, foisting the costs to repair or replace this municipal/public right of way. Many California cities of a similar size shoulder the responsibility and costs of making repairs or replacement without increasing their liability. The burden on homeowners in older areas is especially onerous if the sidewalk and planter strip do not conform to current street design and construction standards.

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Open-Ended Responses:
Thank you for taking the time to ask citizens their opinions!
Thank you for your work. I hope you get more funds to improve our parks and public spaces. Maintenance and beautification of our community are very important for residents and local economy
Its in pretty good shape. Thank You!
Nope; great job with the survey questions and for asking for out input!
Thanks!
The transient and associated trash/waste issue on city trails and in city parks is paramount to citizen's safety
I love the parks and green spaces in Santa Rosa.
There is a lot of dumping at place to play park. Trash bins are always overfull.
The howarth pickleball and tennis courts could use a little more regular maintenance on the court surfaces and nets could be replaced as they are getting pretty worn...otherwise thanks for all you guys do to maintain our parks! we are glad to have them!
Need to keep the homeless from camping and taking over the parks.
Roof maintenance at Luther Burbank is important
park maintenance staff does a great job maintaining the parks.
I found this survey somewhat confusing. Location of creeks should be more specific. Some questions seemed inappropriate for the public to know about. If the Coffey Park public art is an example of a well done process, our city will continue to have mediocre art in public places.
The 2 biggest problems at Santa Rosa parks are the fire hazard and homeless encampments/loitering.
Please re roof the Luther Burbank's Home and Carriage house roofs.
Increase parking and make sure parking is off the road and safe. My car was broken into when I was using a trail
Please keep equity in mind when looking at the options! This an opportunity to re-distribute wealth in the form of access to the real green: nature, trees, etc.
Emphasis could be considered to keep paths safe but not allowing homeless tents and settlements
Doesn't matter how nice you make the parks if they're full of homeless people doing drugs and drinking. Address that issue first before you use all the money up
I find City Connections very useful!
I would like to see the Santa Rosa City Council members do physical tours of the parks in their respective districts.
clean up the parks get rid of trash weeds and homeless drug addicts
My little dog and I love Santa Rosa city parks. We have visited almost all of them.
Please allocate funding to repair or replace roofs at Luther Burbank Home & Gardens!
Thank you for the nice parks in Santa Rosa
WE LOVE OUR CITY PARKS, hiking trails and bike paths
Fund the reroof on the Luther Burbank Garden & Home
Southwest Community Park has become less safe than it used to be.
Please preserve and maintain historic buildings such as Luther Burbank's home, which is in need of a new roof.
Pioneer Park really needs work! Broken fences, gates, trash cans. Weeds everywhere. Benches and tables need replaced. Basketball court needs repainted, hoops broken, handball board is full of holes, horseshoe court is all full of weeds and unusable.
We can have people loitering, sleeping, camping, or taking over area of the parks. I've seen too many displaced people making the park visitor at a minimum uncomfortable while visiting parks. I myself have had to call the police on different occasions because of transients/displaced people fighting with each other and making weapons on the second occasion. So perhaps what I'm requesting is better enforcement of the rules and police patrols in the park. I give thanks to the police officers for doing their but why can't they enjoy a stroll around the park and say hi to some kids once in a while. In doing so they would develop a better community ties and

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Open-Ended Responses:

Fund the replacement of LBH&G Home & Carriage House roofs.

Please help fund the repair of roof for the Luther Burbank's Home. The last year it was worked on was 1984.

With the increase of homeless in our parks, I feel the top concerns that Santa Rosa parks and recreation should increase park ranger patrol to improve the safety of our parks. There are some SR city parks I no longer feel safe to go into because of this. Please spend some time and money to try to get our city parks under control so every body who wants to use these parks feels safe.

Yes. Provide a new roof on Luther Burbank's house. Also, it was hard to do this survey since for the past year we haven't been to parks much so can't comment on weeds or maintenance.

Save BV Golf

Let's try and keep the homeless out of our parks. We need to better tend to their housing needs

Please use funds to replace the roofs on the Luther Burbank Home & Carriage House. Thank you ☐☐

Please dedicate money to replace the roofing at the Luther Burbank Home and Garden

I would really like to see less homelessness. I've read in the PD that women have been attacked in the Spring Lake area. As a woman I don't feel safe on the walking trails due to many homeless people. I feel like I have to carry protection and I don't feel safe taking my child to city parks or walking trails. This truly saddens myself and my family because we would like to freely enjoy outdoor activities with the community. Thank you.

Luther Burbank's place should be a top priority new roofs are in order thank you so much

Reroof the Luther Burbank gardens buildings

The Burbank Home is fortunate to have a core group of volunteers who have worked to maintain it since it was left to the city. Building Maintenance is expensive and they need help.

Move city hall and restore Santa Rosa creek

Use money to reroof Luther Burbank Home and carriage house.

Please maintain our National, State, and Local Heritage Site, Luther Burbank Home and Gardens. The roof of the Carriage House and the glass on the greenhouse need replacing. Please protect this valuable piece of SR history.

Open trails along other creeks. Some have maintenance roads, but are not open. Connect the trails so that longer walks / runs / bike rides could use them -- include for transportation across the city.

Santa Rosa needs a public equestrian facility and equestrian only trails

1. Improve landscaping in Courthouse Square with more flowering trees and shrubs. 2. Improved security at Depot Park in Railroad Square.

Water faucets and bathrooms at parks

I rarely use the bike trails due to safety concerns

I'm a volunteer gardener at Luther Burbank H&G. It's a fantastic place and full of history that should be preserved. The home and carriage are in need of a new roof. I hope the City of Santa Rosa can find it in their budget to have this badly needed work done. Thank you

DO NOT MODIFY BENNETT VALLEY GOLF COURSE FROM 18HOLES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I love the park system in Santa Rosa. I support all the people that work in this, office and field staff. I love the variety of parks spread all over the city. I clean litter at parks all over the city for fun. Santa Rosa Utopia. Bicentennial Park playground equipment should be replaced with new trees and landscaping improvements. Expand equipment at Less graffiti. Sorry to have to say it, but less homeless encampments would be nice. I know that's a difficult one for all of us. New bathrooms at Juilliard. Movie nights! More creative and fun city events.

New roof for Burbank Home @ Garden Program to capitalize on Global fame of Ripley. He is more well known than Burbank. Ripley Entertainment is on many continents, interest in him is HUGE. Foreign/Domestic tourists flock to see Church of One Tree & it's not open. It should have Docents like Burbank H & G. \$\$\$\$.

I would like to see creek trails cleaned of trash and the homeless not allowed to pitch tents along the trails.

Thank you!

Maintain building like Luther Burbank gardens-improve parks for evacuation possibilities-especially bathrooms-lights-charging stations-even if it is portable station for evacuations-emergency situations-weed removal

Please fund the replacement of LBH&G Home & Carriage House roofs.

The Luther Burbank Home and Garden has been in decline for years and deserves to be maintained for the asset it is to our city. Weed control, new roof, volunteer or paid staff. The history archives are stored inappropriately and the old adobe is in ruins. Let's take care of what we are charged with before we lose our beauty and history. And don't get me started on the homeless and trash

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Open-Ended Responses:

Fire the individual(s) who proposed the Housing Assessment for replacing Galvan Park/Bennett Valley Golf Course

I would encourage the City to have volunteers adopt portions of parks to steward and create more interesting landscapes cared for with a personal touch.

Please fund the replacement of LBH&G Home & Carriage House roofs.

Your local Resource Conservation District can collaborate on planning land management work.

Please send our hard earned tax money wisely

Can you please use some of the money for the roofs at Luther Burbank Home and Carriage house. That site needs to be preserved!

LBH&G Home & Carriage house roofs

I hope that the Parks Dept. will replace the roof at Luther Burbank Home.

I always stop at the Burbank Gardens when I am in Sonoma County. They are very special, and the structures are historic and special too. They need to be maintained.

Please, please deal with the awful bathroom in all of the park

Please update the building and roof at the Luther Burbank home and gardens.

I would like to the City of Santa Rosa provide more outreach and communicate with the residents regarding plans and progress of projects ie. Place to Play fencing with new water pump site.

Please clear out the homeless encampments. You can't even go to Doyle park anymore. It's unsafe. You find used needles at Franklin park. This is unacceptable we deserve better

Functioning Water fountain must be available

The parks are so scary with homeless now, and we're so worried about fires. Seems like we need to shore up the basics. Thank you.

My children enjoy the public spaces and parks but would like newer surfaces and regularity emptied trash. Some of the parks are worse off than others. Homeless populations need to be mitigated as well. I don't let my kids play at a park where the homeless and mentally challenged are congregating

Make it so there are no needles in our parks and we can feel safe. They are not homes they are parks

That's all!

Thank you for this survey and the great work being done to maintain and improve our parks.

The homeless create garbage & unsafe conditions. We need to stop allowing them to camp in public areas period! We should create a system jail for them to get into a mandatory program. No more free food etc. There has to be accountability! Please no more homeless in our parks.

As a 74 year old, I no longer participate in team activities, but I do play golf at Bennett Valley Golf Course at least twice weekly. I hope there's some method to save the course for seniors like me, young people learning to play and all those who live around this beautiful natural setting. Thank you.

Post more signs to Enforce No Motorized bikes/scooters on creek trails. Add trash cans and post No Littering signs.

please take care of the filthy mess from homeless people. thank you

I appreciate the opportunity to give input.

Please do not replace/remove Bennett Valley Golf Course — a wonderful green space in a fire-prone area.

Again the homeless problem in our parks makes it difficult to feel safe. Health and harassment is an issue we face repeatedly
Bennett Valley Golf Course should remain a full 18-hole golf course (no re-development or repurposing of any part of the golf course or adjacent Galvin Park). Installation of lights and field improvements/maintenance on both of the soccer fields at Galvin Park. Possibly install turf on upper Galvin #2 soccer field. Upgrade lights on Galvin Park tennis courts and softball field. Upgrade scoreboard on Galvin Park softball field. Installation of water bottle filling stations at Galvin Park. Upgrade both bathrooms at Galvin Park. Fix drainage/grading issues at dog park at Galvin Park (and possibly expand dog park size as well). Resurface necessary tennis courts at Galvin Park. Possibly convert some tennis courts to pickleball courts at Galvin Park. Implement City Bus stop at Galvin Park. Resurface parking lot at Galvin Park.

thank you for asking....

We need to put more money into replacing and repairing our current park buildings and infrastructure. Coffee Park is a good example of Park success. Me and my family love the new park and use the dog park a couple times a week.

Please keep and continue to keep homeless / transients off and away from trails like the Santa Rosa Creek Trail, Prince Memorial Greenway, Upper Brush Creek Trail etc. If homeless people are going to be around I rather have them out in open spaces and under the highways since it is easier and safer to maintain a further distance away from them for their safety and my own. I don't like it when transients are or hangout at trails since they often take up a lot of space even make it difficult to pass through safely since very often you have to get up close to them. Considering you are also more isolated on trails and I feel I could be in danger if I am alone with transients on narrow walkways / pathways.

Thank You

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Open-Ended Responses:

Galvin Park is a true gem in Santa Rosa with amenities for everyone: golf course & practice range,, tennis, sports fields, fly casting, dog park, picnickers, & areas to just sit & enjoy the outdoors. The restaurant is an added bonus. Please don't take this area away from us.

I have been playing golf at BVGC for 29 years, do not change it. I would not play it anymore, kind of like Sebastopol.

My primary goal would be the development of the park in the unused highway 12 corridor, hopefully connecting to Spring Lake/Howarth with paths usable for pedestrians and bikes

get rid of the homeless around parks and trails. Especially around Olive Park and Prince Memorial trail. I have stopped using this section due to the trash and lack of safety.

my cat's hungry

Please do more to expand the garden program. Juilliard Park is across the street from an there should be a program where the kids can come and plant a garden.

I would like some of the money to go towards creating an open space/park land/paths/etc in the freeway right-of-way formerly planned for the extension of Highway 12 (between the junction of Hwy 12/Farmers Ln and Summerfield Rd). Altho I am on the west side of town, I feel that development of that area as a large park would provide significant benefits for the entire community.

the growing population of homeless people and druggies are making city paths that follow creeks totally unsafe and filled with garbage.

The city needs to clean up the freeway along Santa Rosa, the on and off ramps are embarrassing, the downtown needs planters and flowers like other cities. Santa Rosa is embarrassing. Surrounding cities are all better kept, cleaner, and free of weeds.

Don't turn Bennett valley golf course into a housing development, have a dog park in FranklinPark, and allow having a small dog hour every day in at least one Santa Rosa park. This last one costs nothing.

Please use extra funds to build new irrigation and drainage systems at Bennett Valley Golf Course.

Please consider allowing a disc golf course on the Bennett's valley golf course. Disc golf is the fastest growing sport, especially during covid since it's played outdoors, and our residents would love additional parks or spaces to play. Thank you!

Please do not destroy Galvin Park. Our community needs it.

I'm devastated that Legends at Bennett Valley golf course closed! Our family was there for dinner at least twice a month, I was a regular at happy hour, and we held family events there too! I hope something similarly family-friendly can re-open there. It would be a great spot for popup dining for restaurants that have lost their commercial space due to the pandemic in the meantime!!

Very concerned to save and improve the Bennett Valley Golf Course /Galvin Park area and Legends Restaurant/event center. All are well used by people from all over Santa Rosa and Sonoma County

I don't want to die by mountain bike while walking a trail.

Please work on making Santa Rosa more bike and pedestrian friendly. The weather and geography make this a perfect place to get from point A to B without a car, but there are so many stretches of road that are not safe for biking or walking. Thank you.

Minimally spend monies. Save save save.

Thanks for getting residents' input!

When life allows group events, I would like to see small park group gatherings promoting physical movement. Simple balance, self awareness, meditation and sense community. Perhaps a volunteer sponsored event with City oversight and guidance. Thank-you for asking for suggestions.

Workers are needed to keep up with the weeds and graffiti on sidewalks, bridges, fences and adjacent landscape areas like along Yulupa Ave, Bethards Dr and Summerfield. My neighbor, John Dennison has done his best for many years as part of Bennett Valley Vision and solo (He weed whacked for 1 1/2 hours this past week along Yulupa btw Neatomas and Tachevah). Dedicated volunteers are hard to find and keep, but teens and people who are required to complete community service hours as restorative justice have time and energy and should be utilized to help out. The issue of saving the Carrillo Adobe, an important piece of Santa Rosa history should be addressed.

Please please upgrade Southwest Community Park. This is a much used and much loved park. Dog park. Volleyball court. And please the restrooms need more than once a day cleaning. This is a great park and really has the opportunity to be the greatest! Thank you for listening!

Find a place for the homeless to go and keep them there. You're wasting all of our money moving them around and they leave a trail of needles and trash wherever they go. They're destroying our city and it's ridiculous that after all these years, you're doing the same wait and relocate game over and over. Waste of our tax dollars!!!

My main concern about the city's parks and recreational trails is that they have become homeless shantytowns. I do not feel safe visiting or even walking through Doyle Park or the Prince Greenway. I fear that any expansions, such as the proposed Greenway between Mayette Avenue and Hoen Avenue, will just provide additional places for people to set up tents.

Provide several large group campgrounds for homeless with showers, laundry group kitchen support, and security and make it illegal to camp in our parks and on our city streets and enforce this.

its very dangerous watching kid cross dutton to get to bayer park there is always cars parked in red zones making it hard to cross the street cars fly down dotton. Please put stop signs and a crosswalk.

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Open-Ended Responses:

I think that the town of Fulton needs a park!

Question #24- most of the options are of equal value to me except for public art. Most public art I have seen is ugly and a waste of \$. Example is art in Juliard Park. Put the \$ into the park instead.

Please stop concreting paths and walk ways. It is very hard on the joints, especially for the elderly. Use a softer material or keep it natural.

Me gustaría que hubiera campañas de plantar más árboles en los parques ,y lugares donde Se puedan plantar ,regalar árboles para plantar..siempre y cuando no causen tanta alergia a la comunidad.

Lots of garbage in creeks from homeless encampments. Clean them out and look into using the old Community Hospital or Eldridge to house, train for jobs, and stop their addictions. STOP BEING A SANCTUARY CITY!

In terms of parks, more is better! It would be great to see an expansion of green spaces across the city, and in unincorporated areas to preserve wild lands, and grant access to parks for more people.

Please continue to keep the homeless out of Doyle Park. No overnight camping and lock the gates at sundown. Thank you

I am extremely unhappy about the transient problem. The trash human waste & drug use is a public health problem that the city is not taking care of. We pay lots of property taxes & they are not being used properly.

Would love public pool access!!

Thank you for working to maintain our public spaces!

maintenance workers need to try harder.

Please help out parks stay safe for the kiddos. Get rid of the homeless in Santa Rosa.

Peterson In park needs a new play ground and face lift. The park is OLD RUN DOWN and honestly depressing to go to.

Please put new bark at a place to play. It's non existent right now

Weeds aren't even on my radar. Why so many questions about weeds? Who cares? Every damn field of poppies or wild mustard should be open to the public, private property be damned. Why is every single mustard field in the city behind a fence?

There are new developments going up all over Southwest Santa Rosa. Please ensure there are sufficient parks for all of the people - especially since the housing lots are quite small. Also, it would be great if the park is intended for the surrounding residences, connected with biking/walking trails & not big parking lots. We should have enough parks throughout the city that each neighborhood has places to enjoy the outdoors without having to get in a car. As stated above, a swimming pool in Southwest Santa Rosa would be dream come true!

Please monitor the infrastructure at the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens. It is an open space in a city that is getting buried in buildings. Nature is healing and very much needed today.

park ranger for safety

Santa Rosa needs more multi-use and large open space areas for people to use - "not more pocket parks" and/or very small children playgrounds.

unable to use most park facilities because of the sharps, trash, and homeless.

Overall I think Santa Rosa does a good job with its parks. I would like another pool in town.

Please work to make our parks and trails safe to use. I spend a day a month cleaning up the creek trails by my house and the amount of urban campers leaving trash and needles is unacceptable.

The Prince Memorial Greenway and the Santa Rosa Creek Trail are the closest to my home and work, the travel routes that have the most potential for my family to reduce our use of vehicles and are the areas where I feel the least safe. After several encounters involving the observation of open drug use, sexual acts, physical and verbal altercations and being physically assaulted myself while passing through, I have ultimately stopped using these paths and won't allow my child to use them. It is heartbreaking. I know that this is not a single entity's problem to solve and I don't blame the City or Recreation & Parks for it, but nevertheless think it needs to be heard.

We must step up fire prevention especially in high risk, more forested areas.

Thank you

Maybe more addressing of homeless in parks.

Safety first and foremost! More Police patrols would encourage use of Santa Rosa Parks. Put Police on bicycles, walk and talk to people.

Safety concerns on creek trails. I won't go alone, fearful of vagrants.

We just discovered the flat rocks area where the Brush creek and Santa Rosa creek meet. Thank you for this access and development. Its a great natural space for kids. Also, I am sorry to say that the homeless "dilemma" keeps us from several places in town. We won't go to Doyle park for instance. Thank you for the survey. I would use the parks more if I lived in the city. We are outside the city limits.

It is not a safe park and it has been taken over by people experiencing homelessness.

Question 26 continued: Is there anything else you'd like to share or want us to know? (600 Responses)

[¿Hay algo más que desee compartir o que quiera que sepamos?]

Open-Ended Responses:

The homeless are a big problem for me. Colgan Creek went from a clean, peaceful trail to one that is littered with garbage, drug-addicted fools passed out on the trails and shooting up drugs in the bushes. Years ago, it was safe to dip one's toes in the creeks, now I would NEVER let my son go near any creek in this city. It's disgraceful what the city has allowed these people to do and get away with.
get the homeless organized in few places. allowing them to camp on sidewalks makes us look and you especially, Stupid.
I think the biggest priorities are upgrading our sports fields to all-weather (while properly maintaining our current ones), getting the homeless out of our parks, and building a recreational center with multiple basketball courts
Safe biking in Santa Rosa is a big priority as is safety in our parks.
Thanks for asking!
We do not use the walking/bike paths for fear of getting mobbed by a homeless person/someone hanging out in the bushes. The paths are very dangerous and my children know that we cannot go on them.
Wake up and open up!
I would like to use more of the creek trails but these days it is impossible to not walk through someone's homeless set up.
We really appreciate SR parks and recreation for all their hard work and wish they got more support and funding for all that they do!
I don't really use the Greenway since the homeless have taken over....but I used to and miss it!
Doyle Park has been wonderful since the parking lot was closed. It has kept homeless out of the park. I encourage the parking lot to be closed even after COVID, if there are no other means of keeping homeless from camping and/or trashing the park.
Our family uses the Rural Cemetary for exercise and recreation on at least three times a week. We are happy with the level of maintenance there. We frequently use Franklin Park as well, and would like to see maintenance there improved--primarily cleaning, more frequent trash removal, recycling bins, and working drinking fountain. We like the access to a bathroom there as well. We would use North Park more often but it is not very inviting and since it isn't well-used, it can feel unsafe because it feels isolated in spite of being on a busy street. Some more active programming or features along the North Street side might be helpful.
Addressing the homeless problem on trails and parks is essential to making these facilities usable and attractive for the community and visitors.
Maintaining existing facilities and programming while providing adequate staff to do so should be prioritized over any expansion or additional park projects.
The city does a good job with the parks.
Dauenhauer Park is a good mode) with groomed and natural spaces. A place for kids but not dominated by athletic fields/kid space. Very well maintained and integrated in neighborhood with easy access.
GET RID OF THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND VEHICLES IN THIS CITY. IT'S DISGUSTING AND EMBARRASSING.
Keep the illegal campers off the trails and parks.
Please don't build or install new city park features if we can't/won't pay what it takes to maintain them. Look at city hall - there was a new landscape installation on the north side and parking lot done about 5 (?) years ago. Now the parking lot plantings are half dead. The south side of city hall is not maintained at all and the northside needs help. Please don't waste these funds.
Too many homeless people on the trails of parks.
It was frustrating to see that the city puts our tax dollars to subsidize ball golf and when we tried to expand or put in another volunteer led and founded disc golf course we get looked down on because people think it's some "hippy" sport. We just need more space and the disc golf community is all about giving back. We just want to get taken seriously like all the other stakeholders like bike trails, ball golf, etc.
We love our parks, but it is critical to provide safe housing for homeless people so they don't camp in the parks and create a safety hazard for everyone. Also, make the Greenway happen!!
I reported relatively low use of parks, but I would like to use them more, and have in the past.
Thank you for the opportunity to share my input.
Focus more attention on the SW side.
The COVID 19 restriction has made us walk on the street and sidewalks in our neighborhood because we meet fewer people tha on the park trails. We used to use the park trails much more.
Thank you for all the wonderful parks and programs in Santa Rosa! With all the budget difficulties over the years and reductions in staffing, you're doing a great job.
Please add more disc golf courses
Before parks are open for organized events and games, please open them for casual use, such as for running and throwing a ball.
As a woman I feel unsafe in Santa Rosa parks by myself
Don't allow the parks or trails to be taken over by the homeless for camping or as a drug dealership for gangs.
Don't waste the money on "consultants". Rely on your experienced, existing workers.

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Open-Ended Responses:

Funds for parks should not be used for the roadways (median strip landscape), as the public does not use them as such

I love Sonoma parks!

Yes. People are walking their dogs without leashes on the colgancreek trail all day everyday and its dangerous. At 1 in the afternoon yesterday i saw 3 people walking on the path with their dogs off leashes. 2 of the people had 3 dogs running everywhere. I have to videotape my walks now because its not safe. There should be noticable, visable signs at the trailhead and also the middle of the path. 1 sign was put up one direction recently yet still i saw 4 dogs without leashes yesterday afternoon. People obviously didnt see the sign.

My neighborhood kids/adults never go down to the creek trail due to the crazy people down there

Get homeless people out of the parks

I think maintenance should be the highest priority and no new parks should be installed until the existing ones are very well maintained.

My biggest concern is the safety, the needles, homeless sleeping and scaring my kids.

Clean up the parks and remove encampments so the kids can enjoy the parks

Equity needs to be the City top priority moving forward and addressing the inequity in the open space available to residents in South West Santa Rosa should be a priority.

Please work with LOCAL NON-PROFITS to build a better community through inclusive, inexpensive projects that can reach everyone.

Disc golf courses, dog parks and trails are an inexpensive way to make sure our community can thrive together and build a better

I believe the analysis and subsequent determination of how funds should be allocated needs a carefully designed program for evaluation. Current park utilization data should be used. TO discover what facilities are most in demand (and used), what facilities receive the most complaints, and which facilities are most in need of repair or maintenane. These variable are not isolated. And require some subjective interpretation. Is a park not used because it is in need of repair, or lighting, or maintenance? Once the history of park usage is well documented, the decision about allocating measure M funds requires another data set. For example, how many children currently within a half mile of the site for a new playground for kids between 5 and 12? What is the overall density of the area around the park? A ricle of 1/2 mile? 1 mile? How acfessible is the park that could use measure M funds? What is the long term benefit of investing in this particular park? Succumbing to the loudest voices (soccer moms, little league dads, tennis club, etc.) may not provide fair and adequate representation for the silent park users. The hikers. The bird watchers. Those seeking moments in nature. Not an easy task to make these determinations, but vitally important to leverage the limited fund Measure M will provide!

I'm concerned about using some trails and bike paths due to homeless encampments along those routes.

Treating west side parks with compassion. Equal funding opportunities to all parks on both sides of the tracks

The parks are a great asset here and I think you all do a great job. I do think relaxing alcohol consumption might bring more use by young adults playing lawn games. It is effectively unenforced but I think people would enjoy in moderation with reasonable restrictions. If I am not mistaken, you can consume in a neighborhood park but not a community park which seems like a confusing prohibi-

Make walking on Prince memorial green way between SR Ave and Pierson Street Safe and Clean. Human feces, Drug use, Nudity, homelessness and gang activity in this location are issues that I would like to see M fund.

City parks are overrun by the homeless.

I appreciate how hard the parks staff work to cover so many parks in the City. I also know that Covid and an injunction against the City have stalled the enforcement of "no camping" in City parks. Looking forward to restoring parks FOR ALL, including the neighbors who want to use the parks close to their homes, but are afraid and disgusted and threatened by the homeless activities and lack of

Make sure that there are enough workers for the many parks and that bathrooms are kept up and locked at night.

We really need a dog park at believe ranch park. With the South West regional park near by, the grass field is underutilized and a waste of water. Part of it could easily be converted to a dog park with space for big and little dogs. This would make it much easier for bringing children to play and have a place for the dogs to enjoy. Whole family wins!!

Save Bennett Valley golf Course and Galvin Park!

Thank you for reaching out to the public about Measure M spending.

Need more professional landscape workers, including arborists.

Please keep in mind Galvin Park's soccer field needs as well as the BV golf course as focus areas for Measure M funding. These areas serve the needs of our residents citywide and need to be properly maintained. Thank you

Not sure if poison oak is weed control. I would like to see more disc golf courses, less homeless camps, and less poison oak. In that order. Thank you!

Disc golf popularity is rapidly increasing and it would be nice to have more opportunities to play. The current courses get overcrowded and it would be nice to have more options.

I would just love to see more disc golf parks opened in the area.

Involve a wheelchair user in the planning and improving please

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Open-Ended Responses:

Since disc golf is a sport that can be enjoyed by any age with any level of sports experience. Disc golf has been the fastest growing sport since Covid hit. It is low cost and in these Covid times it brings people outside and enjoying our beautiful city parks. With only a few disc golf courses in the city they get crowded quickly. We need more courses to ensure people do not get discouraged and just go home. The local disc golf club, UFOS, (United Flyers Of Sonoma), have always helped maintain and put in the courses... even a few courses that are out of county! Please consider putting in more courses since they are, after initial installment, low cost to maintain and they help bring the community together. Thank you

This survey was a bit confusing, as I forgot about recreational programs that the city offers until several questions in. We use play-grounds at least once a week (sometimes every day- Thank you for beautiful Coffey Park- It has been great to have moved back home and enjoy our neighborhood park). We have taken swim classes and soccer classes in the spring/summer and look forward to their offerings. We started to enjoy events, but then COVID. I am looking forward to my daughter enjoying summer camps (too young previously). I would love bike paths to connect various areas (as roads seem to be dangerous for families), but these often become overrun with homeless occupants, which also adversely impacts riparian habitats with trash/garbage. I would love to enjoy some more adult recreation (tennis, love the fact that there is a fishing "cast" practice pond at Galvin), but with a young child haven't been able to, yet. I know there are so many areas to think about and appreciate your efforts in reaching out. Thank you.

The questions about what % of measure M funding would I like to go to xxxxx were kind of bunk. How can I know that with out a clear picture of what that means. What is 50% of a number that I don't have as part of the survey? What does that buy? That is why I answered 'none'. I did not like the question and there was no good way through it.

Remove trash before moving to reduce micro plastic pollution

Connect the bike lanes

I would like to see the parks department adopt parcels a & b in Coffey park

The homeless problem is my #1 concern as it relates to using parks and paths. Garbage, filth and unsafe conditions.

Measure M funds should be used to maintain existing parks. Fire damaged parks should use FEMA & PG&E funds. Use the money wisely and don't over extend, so that the City has to start deferring maintenance on existing facilities.

Well-maintain restrooms in all parks

Graffiti needs to be removed promptly. The ball wall at Pioneer Park has been sprayed with gang graffiti repeatedly. The city has done a good job of removing it, but I would like to see it gone within a day if it happens again. Gang graffiti does not belong in our parks.

Keep them clean, keep homeless out, develop more variety within each park.

Please give more priority to Pickleball. Thanks!

There are so many high grasses and weeds growing along the sidewalks and roads in NW Santa Rosa. There is a LOT of trash too. If there were more public trash cans, maybe it would help.

Please provide more cleaning services to bathrooms at Franklin Park. Thank You!

The neglect seen in parks in the SW area is disappointing. Please prioritize the worst parks in town first on all improvements. We deserve clean, beautiful, up to date parks too.

I live next to Brandon Park on Shelley Dr. I have two young boys. The condition of the playground is unacceptable. The play structure is not maintained and the grass/weeds are knee height. Why is this park ignored while others get maintained?

I want to see the Southeast Greenway project get some of this funding. This is a great project and will be of huge public benefit.

Landscape and maintain Hopper east of Coffey Park along new wall. It's an eyesore and fails miserably to dignify the rebuilding of our community.

Dog poo bag receptacles and bocce and basketball at Maddox Ranch please please please!!!!

Clean the ports potties more!

You have a once-in-a-hundred-years opportunity to make the Greenway a Santa Rosa version of Central Park. You could help make up for the bad planning of the downtown area by creating an exemplary park.

There should be some kind of quarterly or annual review of park assets to ensure that they are being maintained and program needed maintenance before repairs or replacement is needed.

I will avoid parks where dogs run loose and parks and trails where there is a safety risk due to transients, drug use and homeless encampments. I avoid many parks and trails including but not limited to Doyle Park, Northwest Community and Franklin Park for the reasons I mentioned.

I see too many people complaining on social media about what they don't like concerning park upgrades, not sure what can be done to increase public input beforehand as there seems to be a lot of public outreach on the part of the City.

IMPROVEMENT TO ROSELAND

The fields at Ragle are so full of gopher holes you can actually watch them while watching your kid play soccer

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Open-Ended Responses:

I love our City parks, thank you so much for everything you are already doing!!!

We need more small weekend afternoon music events with local musicians. Supports the Arts. Music makes happy people. Gather to dance makes a happy communities.

If there are vernal pools within City limits, would like to see them preserved.

Thanks for working on this! I hope we can at least acquire and build bike/walking path along Southeast Greenway before my kids are grown and leave the house. :)

Leave the BV golf course alone.

WE WANT ANOTHER PUMP TRACK OR BIKE DIRT JUMPS IN RINCON VALLEY!!!!

I believe City parks have been overtaken by homeless, which keeps tax paying citizens like me from using them.

More parks = more fun

Thank you!

I would not be willing ur support any tax increases.

Do not encourage the homeless blight by utilizing city parks for camping and overnight parking!

I hope the City of Santa Rosa will invest in the Southeast Greenway as a community park. The Southeast Greenway would serve many City residents by connecting them to nature and to the neighboring County and State parks

Save bennett valley golf course

Make separate dog parks. Get all dogs out of the parks. I take small grandchildren to parks and dogs are always running loose. even dogs on leashes are not safe with toddlers. I never feel safe with homeless around. Many are not stable and are unpredictable.

Clean up the encampments so we can enjoy parks again.

Keep up the great work! Measure M will be a blessing for improving our parks.

It would be nice for more people to be able to utilize the Santa Rosa Creek Trail and feel safe about doing it because there's not a high level of safety along that trail as well as joe rodota. It's too bad we spend so much money to live here and can't utilize certain areas due to the over run of homelessness and trash

on question 24, I used "1" as the highest priority and "7" as lowest.

Matanzas Park is in desperate need of benches near the playground and picnic tables in the grass area. Additional play options are also needed, like a zip line, swings or water feature. Tons of neighborhood kids use this park and it needs a refresh.

Many of us parents have complained to city council about the Southwest community park being over run by drinking drugging and partying crowds of adults which make it unsafe and unwelcoming for children and families.

Please contact the UFOS to put in more disc golf courses!

It's wonderful you are asking for community input, and that the city of Santa Rosa prioritizes parks and trails.

Use recycled water to irrigate city properties. This will improve aesthetics and overall taxpayer appeal.

Find a permanent place for the homeless so they are not at parks.

Some security present at parks would be helpful. Homeless and crime seem to be present most of the time which prevents me from using the parks for walking.

Santa Rosa has some lovely parks, lots of playing fields for soccer, baseball, etc. We also are lucky to have an 18 hole golf course that is a true gem, that serves people of all ages, and is a benefit to Santa Rosa. Adjacent to BV Golf Course is a large restaurant, meeting rooms, bar, and large deck overlooking the gorgeous well-maintain greens of the golf course. What makes the area unique if the driving range, adjacent playing fields and tennis courts, picnic & playgrounds. This park is the diamond in the southeast quadrant of Santa Rosa, & everything should be done to preserve & enhance this park.

Would really like the tennis courts fixed. Specifically, the damage that rain water causes. Thank you.

Please make them safe

Please keep bikers out of Spring Lake thgey have all of annadel Park1 It is becoming for young and older people to feel safe with huge increase of bikers.

If there are volunteer activities such as organized group clean ups of parks or trails or group volunteer opportunities to improve parks with projects, repainting etc please email or let the community know so we can be aware and help

I would love to see the streets cleaned up. There is a lot of trash, especially where a lot of homeless people stay.

Lot's of younger people hang out at Hidden Valley Park, and on the street right by the park, after dark. We'd like to see some police officers or sheriff's drive by there and do some patrolling from time to time. Thanks.

We need more spaced out swimming pools

Stop the use of Glyphosate on City property!

Just an fyi, I used to use the city parks on a weekly/daily basis back when I had a young child. Now, especially with covid & rampant bilght/homeless issues, I do not use parks at all.

I'd like to make sure that no RVs stay parked at or near MLK park. Also our path from Hendley to Petaluma Hill Road is a dumping ground and we have been doing neighborhood cleanups on our own.

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Open-Ended Responses:

Maintain what we have now. Keep them safe. I remember as a kid going to Doyle Park. A real highlight. I recently took my grand-daughter there. left almost immediately we did not feel safe there because of the homeless.

Santa Rosa City camps are the best. Hope they open back up some safely this summer! (#campyuchi)

Getting rid of Bennet Valley Golf course would be a horrible blow to the Santa Rosa community.

Please try to create a few places for the handicapped to fish.

Fixing potholes in roads!

Galvin park is one of the few nice clean neighborhood parks. Please maintain it and do not bulldoze it to put in low income housing. Please house the homeless! Do not keep moving them; they need homes first, help second, jobs third. This will make our parks and paths safer for all! Police can focus on gang activity and neighborhoods can focus on their parks.

Keep homeless people out of our parks!!

With Covid, lots of people started letting their dogs off leash outside the dog park because the dog park was crowded. You're going to have to figure out how to get that back under control.

HOMELESS Not living in parks

Thanks for all you currently do! Parks are a part of what makes Santa Rosa a great place to live!

We would like the city to take ownership of the to entry parcels in Coffey Park and work with the community to organize a gardening committee to assist in the regular maintenance. These are orphaned pieces with no ownership that have been professionally landscaped with drought tolerant plants by Coffey Strong through donations and efforts. APN 034-380-063 and APN 034-380-062.

Prevent homeless from invading & Maintain baseball fields.

We love our parks!

The police have to patrol the parks more. Too much illegal stuff going on.

Why is the parking lot closed closed at the park on Fulton across from pine high? A bit of a mess parking at the mouth of the lot!

Please do something to prevent homeless populations from taking over parks.

Homeless near parks is a safety concern. Needles, garbage dying fires etc. no parking overnight signs would be a good use of funding

There are a few parks that the homeless have taken over. This is a Heath hazard.

Need safer pedestrian entry into Howarth Park from Ahl Park Court (which connects by a short pedestrian/bike path to the entire area between Sonoma Ave and Montgomery Dr)

The Southeast Greenway project should be a focus. As a 57 acre wild space that runs from a fire prone area (Spring Lake) into a populous area of our city, I'm concerned what damage could be done should future fire seasons see increased fire activity in the Eastern part of Santa Rosa. Committing funds and focus to transform and maintain this space as a park could go a long way to mitigating fire concerns. Access to information (via the website) is an important step in broadening access to parks. Some UX work to make the website more interactive and accessible across all devices would be much appreciated. Decreasing fire risks should be considered in all projects undertaken in city parks and open spaces; it should not be an afterthought but a central discussion point for all current and future projects.

Do not destroy something that is beautiful in order to put more housing, ie Bennett Valley Golf Course area. There are plenty of spots to put housing, ie the old Sutter hospital site or K'Mart site, or near Piner Rd. These ugly lots can be used for housing. Create, NOT destroy.

The Southeast Greenway would be a wonderful addition to Santa Rosa access to parks. It would link nearby neighborhoods and provide transportation opportunities that don't involve vehicle traffic. The land is there- we should seize the opportunity

More pickleball courts and more trails are my top priorities.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. We need more dedicated courts to allow for current and future players to have time on the courts.

Please work on the Southeast Greenway! Thank you.

Thanks for soliciting input

It is discouraging to see all our roadways and public spaces filled with weeds and the homeless. It is beginning to look like a 3rd world country. We paid for the sidewalks and parks and don't feel we should have to give this up for homeless camps.

Thx for doing all you do to maintain and enhance SR's excellent park system.

We should develop the greenway from farmers lane to spring lake

1) I would support an increase in the weed control budget if it included removal of invasive plants. 2) It would be ideal for bike/walking paths to tie into public transportation to support traffic reduction.

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Open-Ended Responses:

I am very much in favor of the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway project coming to fruition.
Keep drugs and homeless out of parks. Add more garbage cans Introduce litter programs to schools Add a longer taller and tougher bouldering (rock climbing wall; no higher than 6-8ft for insurance purposes)
Please support devopmenr of the Greenway.
Building the Greenway should be a high City priority with a plan and funding allocation process decided at a minimum.
There are a number of Class 1 paths around SR but they are useless for biking since they are only a mile or two in the middle of nowhere and connect to nothing. Should be able to ride all over the city on such paths.
Don't close the Bennett Valley Golf Course!
The reason I mention more pickleball courts is that often when you turn up to play, the courts are so crowded you have to sit and wait a long time before you get a chance to play!
continue upkeep and maintenance of historic sites on public land such as Luther Burbank Home & Gardens
Making signs multi lingual.
Más naturaleza. Flores, plantas, animales, árboles
More pickle ball courts
Bicentennial Park in NW Santa Rosa needs upgraded playground equipment and a dog park to increase traffic to the park and improve park safety.
Would help to see budget info, i.e. how much does weed-control and other maintenance currently cost, how much does it cost to acquire new parks, what is the budget total and how much does the sales tax add to current budget - so we can offer informed input on priorities. We can't fund everything with a 1/8 cent sales-tax, but without some budget detail it's hard to get a sense of what is possible. Adding parks without increasing future maintenance budgets may not be prudent.
Very good questionnaire
pickleball!
Question 24 did not allow for prioritizing the building of additional Pickleball courts and that is where my vote goes in that category.
Travelers love drop-in pickleball play and tournaments, and will eat, shop, drink in Santa Rosa when visiting and seeking out play. Promoting this multigenerational sport keeps seniors active, encourages family play, promotes health, and social interaction.
More community resources devoted to the city and county disc golf courses.
the players at Finley and Howarth blow off the courts, add ties to the wind break net, pull weeds, pick up trash and even blow the sidewalk around the courts. The weeds around Howarth park pickleball courts on Summerfield get out of control. Thank you for the courts though. Pickleball is great for seniors and all ages
Would love to see more pickleball courts built
We moved here a year ago and enjoy the bike lanes and paths, and that there are large open space parks.
I strongly support the use of some Measure M funds for the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway. This is a rare and immediate opportunity to benefit the economic and physical health of the community for generations to come.
I think some beautification of Santa Rosa is needed. We have been through a lot and, sadly, people are leaving. We need some inspiration to stay and not feel defeated. Can we do something with the chain link fences that are up (Yulupa Ave, Hwy12 and Farmer, etc.)? On and off ramps as well as the median along Hwy 12 need cleaning and sprucing up. I would look out of state for inspiration.
Tennis courts in need of upkeep and several lights are out at the Galvin site
Keep and improve the Bennett Valley park. Please do not reduce the number or size of our needed parks.
Safety comes first. Homelessness and gang activity are big threats to park usage for children and families. Gang graffiti and homeless RVs or tents kill the park experience. Clean up is the most important to us!!
Newhall Bike Trail needs attention. It has become a trash heap. Would like lighting so it's safer. Perhaps add workout benches and mow the high weeds. Thanks!
I and my family will not use Santa Rosa parks, walkways and trails until the homeless situation is resolved. Unfortunately, these now belong to the homeless and not those who pay these taxes. We also never frequent downtown Santa Rosa but do our shopping in Corte Madera.
Yes please can we get a park and sidewalk system put in at the kawana springs neighborhood as there is no city park with playgrounds or other activities for children or dogs. We in the kawana springs neighborhood area were promised a park and sidewalk system 20 + years ago when we bought our house new. And have been waiting ever since. Watching new parks go in in other parts of the city but never our. I've even watched as APlace to Play went thru a multi million dollar upgrade and still almost never gets used. So please the people of kawana springs deserve a park and sidewalk system after waiting so very long.
We need more ammenities. We have no lit soccer fields but tons of lit softball fields. This seems socially unfair.
Less concrete please, more nature.
Fix Galvin tennis courts weeds cracks wet spots
https://www.abc10.com/article/life/heartwarming/growing-produce-in-stocktons-food-deserts/103-a74a5c4e-93b0-4504-b47e-a6c1c957233c

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Open-Ended Responses:

I love how Julliard Park is utilized. I'd like to see more parks like that. Events, bocci ball, horseshoes, fountains and playgrounds for kids.

Do not allow homeless encampments and RV parking near or on public spaces. This is not what parks/trails/open space is for. This is a priority beyond all others in this survey, and it's a high fire risk.

Whoever wrote this survey is an idiot

We don't have a good BMX track (which would fit SE Santa Rosa perfectly), also the bike lane/path connections are incomplete and for the amount of cyclist the city has. I was dismayed to see so much questions about weed control, seems the point has been missed

I think it is important to keep invasive, non-native plants (aka weeds) out of the parks. These may easily spread and add to the fuel load for wildfires.

I love how supportive Santa Rosa Rec and Parks has been to our pickleball program at Finley. They provided superlative guidance when Covid struck and has provided a porta potty while the indoor facility is closed. We are most appreciative.

Don't destroy the Bennet Valley Golf Course to put up housing. There is no sense in reducing the recreational opportunities for residents. There are plenty of unused pieces of property that can be developed for housing.

Thank you for asking. We love our Sonoma County parks.

galvin tennis courts are very popular but are poorly maintained. Dangerous cracks, water seeping up, courts need resurfacing, restroom is an embarrassment, etc.

Keep it up! Love our parks.

I really loved the Berkeley adventure park when I lived down there with my son in his early years. Not always pretty, but such a creative space for kids to create their own space with tools and random donated materials...it's an ever changing playground which encourages innovation, sharing & cooperation amongst kids, gives girls an even playing field with boys in terms of access to tools to experiment with construction and engineering things (often at home to tools in the garage are Dad's to maybe share with sons), also opening up partnerships between the city and local businesses with excess supplies (great for recycling & sustainability!). It can be a place where kids who might otherwise be considered destructive, vandalizing or spray painting businesses or city property, can feel free to express themselves creatively and be seen as CONstructive building up, painting a space fort-style, feeling some outlet of control in their lives. Young teens especially get frustrated at the lack of control in their lives. Adventure playgrounds like the one in Berkeley are successful because of this. Keeps kids busy, parents involved (there is the waiver signing due to safety issues but well worth it I thought as a parent to an active, innovative boy. Just find a place where it's out of the way not in the middle of town, but can also be surrounded by youth art murals on walls surrounding the space... Get creative!

Keep the Golf Course at Galvin !!!!

My son loves the parks but his autism makes it difficult when there are too many people. He also loves swinging but cannot do it with the swings provided. He is also adverse to many textures, so the park actually helps us to touch new things but until there is more for him to safely do he can't experience it as much which is just very sad. Thank you for taking another look at our parks

Fill in all the dotted lines on this map: <https://srcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/7898/City-Santa-Rosa---Map-of-Bicycle-and-Pedestrian-Facilities-PDF> Every single one of those should be a trail. Having a car should not be a prerequisite to living here. PS: I think 25% of the funds could go to relocating the homeless, since they all live in these parks. I suggest that we give them a parking garage. They're covered, easy to patrol, they have hookups for power and water, the one on 1st street is right next to the transit mall and has something like 5 floors that are never used anyway. There's already predesignated spaces; each person could take up two spaces. That would shelter something like 200 people. Just have them register their space once a week and clear the spaces that haven't been re-registered for over a week. Nothing ridiculous could be allowed through the front gate so it stays relatively uncluttered inside. Netting or fencing would need to be added to the open areas for safety.

We just need to keep parks well maintained, clean, safe. We all use the beautiful parks we have. This past year was more than ever. There is no skate park here in the Santa Rosa area, I go to Windsor, healdsburg

I think we have some beautiful natural landscapes here in northern California and in Santa Rosa. I would like to not only see those areas preserved and maintained, but also expanded if possible.

Bicentennial Park in NW Santa Rosa needs upgraded playground equipment, community garden, and a dog park to increase traffic to the park and improve park safety

Disc Golf community is getting bigger and you'll get more publicity for improving your courses

Supplemental funding to support community gardens could be obtained through Ag & Open Space Matching Grants program. I hope the City will pursue this as there is real need for this food production. Gardens also provide community gathering places and improve health.

Bicentennial park in NW Santa Rosa needs to be improved. The playground equipment is old and needs to be replaced. The fence around the playground is also dangerous - when my son was 1 1/2 years old he stuck his head through the fence surrounding the playground and it got temporarily stuck, clearly not safe for little kids! Also, the park could use a dog park, which would draw many neighbors to the park and could improve park safety as this park also draws a number of transient/homeless folks.

Please keep lower income families in mind as you design parks and recreation programs. Our needs and abilities may differ from other families' responses to this survey.

Please don't destroy Bennett Valley Golf Course and Galvin Park

Question 26 continued: Is there anything else you'd like to share or want us to know? (600 Responses)

[¿Hay algo más que desee compartir o que quiera que sepamos?]

Open-Ended Responses:

Can't wait until I stop seeing reminders of the 2017 fire all over town.

The city needs to take control over homeless encampments within the city limits and along the trails. I would love to be able to ride my bike from Santa Rosa to Sebastopol but do not feel that it safe along the highway 12.

SW Park is disgusting! Men pee and poop anywhere and everywhere. It's a sea of red gang colors, full of men drinking All day ignoring the signs. There are vendors selling under the no vendor sign. These people drink all day then drive through our neighborhood. The park needs security!!!! The "vernal pool" is not a vernal pool at all it has a huge drain at one end into the city sewer. That should be made a dog park. Clean this park up! Enforce the rules. I have video and photos of all. Hey drive by any afternoon you'll see for yourself

Very important to open real bathrooms at Howarth Park. I suggest hosing them down every day to maintain cleanliness.

The tennis courts at Howarth and Galvin are very poorly maintained. Please help!!! The project to rent courts to private parties to raise revenue is ill-conceived. These are public courts.

Clearing poison oak at all the parks should be priority !

I would like to use the city creek trails but they are not safe or clean. They should be for recreation, not have people living along the trails.

Disc golf

Please create multiple disc golf venues in And around Santa Rosa!

No. Thank you for the survey.

United Flyers Of Sonoma will work with City Staff to plan, instal and maintain additional disc golf courses

We would really like to have at least one but possibly more disc golf courses in Santa Rosa area.

Look at the parks,city streets, flowers and cleanliness of the city of Bend, Or.

I don't visit some parks because of homeless and drug problems in some parks.

Disc golf is a growing sport that is easily (and affordably) accessible to anyone. We need another disc golf course in SR.

I would love to see our playgrounds updated and maintained.

Whatever is planned be sure people on the committee represent the community, equity lense and Hispanic representative. Thank you Santa Rosa needs to become an AARP Age Friendly city. There is a need to adapt parks, trails and facilities for our aging population. Friends House residents use the spring lake trails but the cyclists are out of control and the running races also are not monitored for interference with walkers.

Leave Galvin Park and the BV Golf Course alone! No "redevelopment" please - there is tons of city land not in this beautiful area (which also provides a natural fire break) that you can put "affordable" housing on (which no one can afford anyway).

Please replace the Bennet Valley Golf Course with something that will benefit the environment and the wider community.

Reorganizing the options doesn't work well on phones.

Tennis community is getting larger with young families spending time on the courts. Many time all 12 Galvin courts are full. Lighted courts are important to teens and young people, and working people. Evening sport activity is healthy for the under 25 crowd, lighted sport courts are a good place to be at night.

Y'all are doing a good job. We need highest priority on developing parks. Lots of people are enjoying the parks these days

Please start the kawana springs park that should have been built in 2002

It's been absolutely fantastic to see so many more bikes out, and such a renewed interest in cycling for exercise, commuting, and as a just plain fun way of getting around! Let's capitalize upon this momentum by continuing to develop and expand the network of trails available to cyclists, walkers, joggers, and all lovers of the great outdoors!

I think it is awesome you have taken the opportunity to request community input. My one huge request would be for additional parks and Open Spaces for the community to take advantage of and make use of. Seems all the developers are focused on building houses and covering every square inch they possibly can... We don't need more houses, we need more Open Spaces and Parks and nature preserves for our future Generations. Would be fabulous if we can add Trails for access by the community, other amenities can be added later, but for now we need to focus on obtaining the land before it is all gone

Don't take away our green spaces! Keep the golf course.

Keep Bennett Valley Golf Course intact. Do not develop it into something else!

A couple of the responses were daily vs weekly. I use them 5 days a week, but this is NOT daily...thought there should have been another choice

Keep the homeless out of our parks. The fire danger and safety issues are real when the homeless are allowed to Camp in our parks. The parks are for the taxpayers And families and not to be destroyed by the homeless.