

MacArthur Park Master Plan

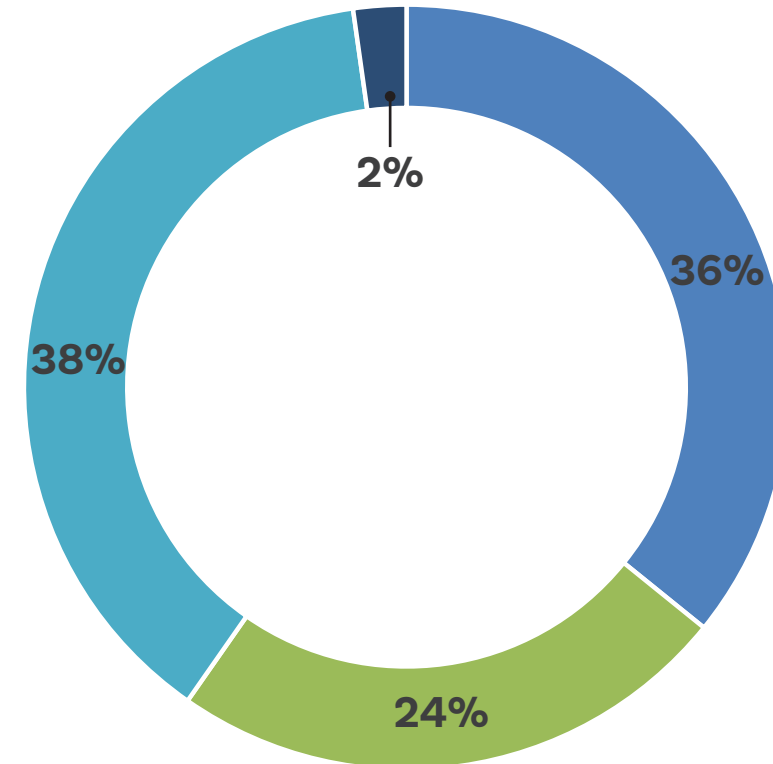
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Did the community show support for the outdoor park amenities?

Yes, No, Not Applicable, No Comment



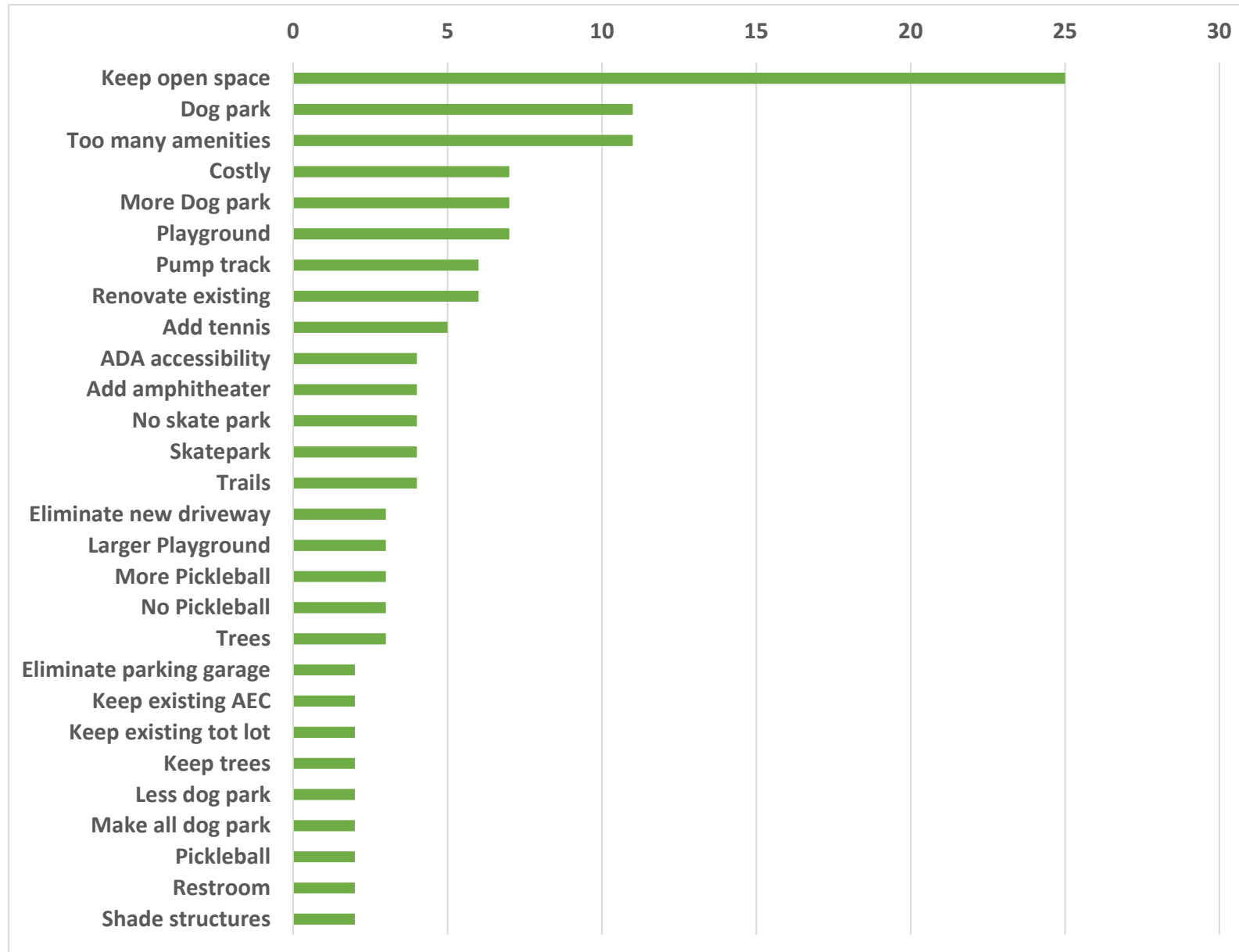
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Park Amenities: Key Words and Phrases



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Respondents	Responses	Support: "Yes", "No", No Comment or "Comment NA"	Key Words	Key Words	Key Words	Key Words	Key Words	Key Words
1	The front page story of today's San Diego Union Tribune was about the inadequate number of pickleball courts in San Diego. The story detailed how the San Diego area has far too few Pickleball courts for the ever increasing number of players. Please install at least eight and preferably twelve pickleball courts.	NA	More Pickleball					
2	The variety of amenities is spot on. Users of all ages can enjoy the park. Especially love the pump track!	Yes	Pump track					
3	Yes, I think that too much of the surface space of the park is dedicated to surface parking lots. Parking can be underground or in structures, but leaving the space for parking really reduces the amount of space in the park. In particular, I think the playground space should be much larger. I also think the entrance to the park should make a good first impression with greenery or art, not a focus on parking.	yes	Parking in garage instead of surface lots	Larger Playground	Renovate Park entry			
4	I support the development of park amenities in order to create a more welcoming and accessible space. Having a multi-use outdoor space is valuable both to La Mesa and the individuals that live in it, and it is important that we develop this space while still preserving it.	Yes	Accessibility					
5	I love the preservation of open grass spaces, the increased ADA access, and the addition of more play areas and public restrooms.	Yes	Green space	Accessibility				
6	The amenities are unnecessary as the park is an open area that allows for families to walk and enjoy as is within a safe large open space. I see the proposed plan as a detriment to this space and la Mesa as a whole. I'm able to enjoy the park with friends and my dog and go on long walks along with picnics in the park with a calm open environment.	No	Too many amenities	Keep all as open space				
7	Generally supportive with qualifications	Yes						
8	Hopefully the dog park will not just be dirt. Possibly covered with mulch that is redone routinely.	NA	Dog park					
9	Use the money to renovate it, it doesn't need that big of a make over. Use the money to fix roads in the community. The park is perfect as is	NA	Renovate existing park	Keep all as open space				
10	This plan could use more modifications as it seems more money could be saved by keeping some of the things that are currently there and just upgrade them. Why is the road being moved? Keep the road where it is and work around it. The community center can go near the pool/freeway to keep that building away from the neighborhoods. It seems the dog park got the short end of the stick. That stinks! We all know that there are currently a lot of dogs that frequent that park and a LARGE dog area is a MUST! Please consider this when updating the park plans. The walking trails also got the short end of the stick. I currently walk the perimeter of the park for exercise with my dog where it's safe off the streets. The proposed trail you can barely see. Why not put it around the whole perimeter of the park so people can enjoy the outdoors/nature? I agree with the phased approach and keeping the order that is stated. Outdoor spaces first. Especially a BIGGER dog park. In the end, we need to find a better solution to reduce the cost of this plan. We can do better.	No	Eliminate new driveway	More Dog park space	Trails	Renovate existing park	Phasing	Costly
11	We have a chance to improve MacArthur Park and make it an amenity we can be proud of for both form and function. Current park has too many metal fences around various zones, creating a closed and unwelcoming environment. Additionally, the entrance from University Ave (baseball field + surface lot) is unattractive and uninviting. The new master plan draft appears to maintain surface parking next to the field -- this space should be considered for other uses that create an inviting façade. Current park has too much pavement (roads and surface parking) relative to available recreational space. When combined with the excessive current fencing, the park does not feel warm and open as other regional parks (Balboa Park, Lake Murray, Waterfront Park, etc.). As much underground parking as possible should be incorporated into the new park to maximize recreational use of park land. There should be multiple child-friendly playgrounds if possible, or an expanded footprint for the single proposed playground. The current playground in the park is small. There should be more than one picnic area and shelter. Compared to other parks in the region with those amenities, MacArthur Park is currently extremely underutilized on weekends. Shielding the park from Interstate 8 and industrial areas north of I-8 should be considered. At minimum, tall trees can be maintained to visually distance the park from the highway. The current electric vehicle charging stations should remain and be expanded to encourage EV adoption and parking.	yes	Eliminate existing Fencing	Reduce Pavement/ use underground parking	Larger Playground	More picnic shelters	EV charging	Renovate entry
12	I believe there are too many, exceeds the community input. An outdoor exercise area, pump station and dog skills are over the top. Outdoor space for picnic and walking is what is wanted. You are trying to be everything to all people.	No	Too many amenities					
13	1. COST! Funds are not available. Plan what can be actually built. Seems like a lot of effort and money is being invested in this one park. What about other parks in La Mesa? Is that fair? We don't need "Central Park". 2. Add bicycle parking close to baseball, pickle ball, AND (not OR) pool, more people are biking and having a place to park is essential, approx 100 spaces minimum	No	Costly	Add more bike parking	Improve other city parks too			

14	Keep as much open, green space as possible. The monstrosity that is the Jefferson apartments has already ruined the look and feel of that area of La Mesa. We are the JEWEL of the city for a reason - these high density buildings, overcrowding and increased traffic is ruining the charm and 'livability' of our beautiful city. We don't have physical infrastructure for this many people! Driven down Jackson Drive lately? Takes 10 minutes to go 2 miles - it's a joke! Enough is enough already!	NA	Keep open space					
15	Importance of the GREEN natural space. Trees and bushes.	NA	Keep open space					
16	As a resident of La Mesa Village (Allison Ave) I am against all park amenities in the final concept plan. MacArthur Park is one of the only open green spaces left in La Mesa Village. Residents don't need expensive amenities to enjoy the beautiful space. As a daily visitor of MacArthur park, it is so wonderful to see parents with their kids tossing a baseball, families picnicking on blankets, RC cars buzzing around, kites flying, and people doing yoga. Why Pickle Ball courts? There are Pickle Ball courts .9 miles away at Collier Park. Why not improve the ones that are already there instead of build new ones in a beautiful, open green space? Please reconsider adding more park amenities - the thing that is most special about MacArthur park is that it is untouched. It's a rarity with all of the new construction and changes happening in our community. La Mesa Village is known for its small town charm and deep-rooted community. With all the new construction, it's losing what makes it so special.	No	Keep open space	No pickleball	Too many amenities			
17	Currently this park is being utilized as a dog park, which is extraordinarily beneficial to the community. There is far more activity at this current time than there has been in many years past. There is limited need for oversight to the current utilization. Although there are many other opportunities, and upgrades for the pool/Aquatic center, it is blatantly obvious that the community has chosen to use this as a place for our animals. Maintaining the grass, adding limited resources such as benches or tables, and general maintenance is both cost effective and continues to serve the community.	NO	Make park all Dog park	Add Seating				
18	It looks pretty good addressing lots of desires for recreation and relaxation.	Yes						
19	I like the idea of keeping the green space and trees how they are. I walk to the park daily and see families hanging out, kids playing in open space and a lot of dogs! A dog park would definitely be used. I love that it's just a quiet park and not too crowded. A lot of folks just sit and relax, study, or do yoga.	NO	Keep open space	Dog park				
20	I think we should keep the green space the way it is, it's one of the last green spaces we have. We don't need parking garages and skateparks. Totally against all of the plan taking over the green space we have now.	No	Keep open space	No skate park	no parking garage			
21	That is a lot of amenities presented. The park space is large, but with that man plans it will lose its organize space and become less organic and more manufactured. It will be a less pleasing space. Additionally, most of those trees have been there for decades, and should not be harmed for the development of this park. Those are the largest and oldest trees in the neighborhood. Do not just bulldoze and plan new trees when the old ones are perfect as they are.	No	Keep trees	Too many amenities				
22	It appears we're tearing down the current community garden & tearing down the recreation center to put in a community garden.	NA	Keep existing Community garden					
23	would like to see the open space park kept as open space	NA	Keep open space					
24	There is tooooooo much in one park. Take out the new community center. Take out the splash pad and rec pool, just lap pool, and remove that extra road and parking lots	NA	Too many amenities	Eliminate new driveway				
25	The full perimeter of the park could be walking trails for exercise and hiking type or even dog walking activity.	NA	Trails					
26	Yes, I prefer the concept #1 plan. A small amphitheater and larger community center in the park would provide the citizens of La Mesa a better recreation area.	Yes		add Amphitheater				
27	I really like the fact that La Mesa is considering the future needs of our city. We definitely need a "central park" type of plan that will bring community members together.	Yes						
28	I think the current community center should not be demolished and replaced. However, it could use improvements for special events, as could the Nan Coutts Cottage. The uses of the park would be enhanced with the construction of a relative low-cost amphitheater. ALSO, THE CITY SHOULD BUY THE PORTER HILL MANSION WHICH RECENTLY CAME ON THE MARKET. It could be used for a myriad of purposes. It's right next door to the current community center. PLEASE PASS THIS SUGGESTION TO THE CITY FATHERS AND MOTHERS!!!	NA	Renovate existing	add Amphitheater				
29	The community would benefit having a splash pad, and expanding the baseball field to have dual use for soccer.	Yes	Splash pad	Multi use baseball/soccer field				
30	I support the majority of the park amenities. I believe the priority should be the dog park and skills area since the park is already being heavily used for this purpose. I also support the open lawn area, playgrounds and walking trails. I wonder how valuable the community gardens would be given the relatively poor response to the current garden. Pickleball courts would be nice but I don't think a skate park should be built. I'm not so sure skate parks continue to be popular and could become a nuisance.	Yes	Dog park	Pickleball	No skatepark	trails		

31	Yes, I like the idea of keeping lots of open green space- do some maintenance and renovation of the existing amenities, but don't add new.	NO	Keep open space	Renovate existing				
32	2 dog parks, yay! Parking is a bit far from the playground for most parents to get to. <input type="checkbox"/> Are there bike paths?	Yes	Dog Park	Playground				
33	Heavy on fences and select activities cutting off flow. Trying to satisfy everyone. Need shade, grass, trees. It's a park!	NA	Fencing	Too many amenities	Keep open space			
34	The outdoor theater/stage would be a great draw. I don't see that any other buildings, etc. are needed.	Yes	add Amphitheater					
35	My priorities are walking/jogging/running paths; ample open spaces; picnic tables. Those are priorities and are non-negotiable, to me.	Yes	trails	Keep open space	picnic areas			
36	Not enough dog areas	Yes	More Dog park					
37	not yet	No Comment						
38	No pickleball courts. This is a noisy, obnoxious game: ping, ping, ping. Why are you further gentrifying a young, vibrant city? Do not cave into this paraplegic sport that can be played in a garage or backyard. PLEASE: we need TENNIS courts instead. Do not develop ALL the open space. What happened to the idea of a 9-hole golf course? That worked perfectly. Just expand the pool and community center, and definitely keep Kuhlken Field! Do NOT build senior or low-income housing on this park grounds. How can you even consider this idea? The city already turned the Holiday Inn into a homeless shelter without any vote. Disgraceful! Keep trees. No more cutting trees (as you butchered 3-4 eucalyptus trees at Collier Park last week). Good to keep the organic rolling hills. But why are you giving so much land to DOGS? Make a garden or natural landscape for PEOPLE. And NOT old people, or homeless people.	No	No Pickleball	Keep open space	No housing on AEC site	keep trees	add tennis	
39	The pump track is a detrimental feature of the park landscape, as it does not optimize pedestrian access. Plan A is our preference, as it minimizes the size of the pump track, and organically preserves much of the park's original topography.	Yes	Pump track	Keep open space				
40	The less amenities the better - the park is perfect right now as it is!!	NO	Too many amenities					
41	TOO AMBITIOUS AND UNNECESSARY!!!!!! Why do you want to mess with such a wonderful rare open space in our La Mesa. As a member of the La Mesa Community Garden, citizen of 34 years living in La Mesa, born and raised San Diegan by SDSU, and raising my family where "Sun Valley" aka MacArthur Park is and using the facilities which are there whether it was the community center for jazzercise, Porter Hall for tap lessons for my daughter, the playground, and the golf course where my son learned to play golf and had his first summer job there as a teen and the pool where my daughter would swim laps with me. It was and should still remain that wonderful open valley that is. A slice of heaven! A few upgrades on what is already there is fine but really, I ask this question? Do we really NEED a 2 story Community Center with underground parking, a skate park/pump track, more playgrounds (when we have a fairly new one that is not visited that much), walking paths? (you have Lake Murray), you already have a dog park! I feel what we have is sufficient for what our La Mesa is. "The Jewel of the Hill." Please do not turn us into something we are not. We do not want to be UTC. We are the East County version of a "Mission Hills /Kensington" community. As for the Adult Enrichment Center...it is perfect where it is. There is plenty of Senior Housing and NO MORE Low Cost Housing. And you say we can have all of this "unnecessary" for an increase in our Sales Tax! NO THANK YOU! PLEASE STOP!	No	Too many amenities	Keep existing AEC	Keepas open space			
42	Yes. The presentation was well done - clear and concise. It is evident a lot of work has gone into coming up with the ideas presented, and it looks like it will be a nice facility. However, I feel the amount of improvements and the price tag are too high. I would like to see some proposals that work more with the existing facilities/road/topography. Another concern I have is the waste of demolishing the current community center and all that waste going to a landfill. Could we consider remodeling instead?	No	Costly	Renovate existing				
43	The dog parks should be bigger, the dog owners are the only ones who really use the park.	NA	More Dog park					
44	Is there going to be ample shade structures? Over both the playground and the seating area for parents and care-givers?	NA	Shade structures					

45	I am a California Licensed Landscape Architect (#2060) and understand that there is always the temptation to satisfy all interested parties in scoping a project. This final concept represents the worst aspect of "design by committee". It compacts WAY too much into a small open space. Open space is a precious commodity in downtown La Mesa. Though I am an avid golfer, I have been thrilled by the conversion of the Sun Valley Golf course to open parkland; this plan has too many elements. By packing so much in, the designers have severely compromised the natural open parkland. The following items should be considered for removal from the program: 1.Pump Track 2.Dog Skills Park 3.Dog Park (I love taking my dog to the dog parks at OB and Coronado because of the freedom of movement. This postage stamp dog park won't accomplish that and is just a token measure. 4.Amphitheater In addition, the scope of the Community Center should be dramatically reduced, thereby reducing its footprint. See next response.	No	Keep open space	Too many amenities	no pump track	no dog park		
46	There should not be pickleball courts installed when more residents requested tennis courts. Pickleball can be played on a tennis court but the inverse is not possible. Please replace pickleball with tennis.	NA	add Tennis courts	No pickleball				
47	It is too much concrete and unuseful attractions for that area. There will be loss of green and quiet in the community and possibly draw in undesirables.	No	Keep open space					
48	Not in favor of altering the park at all. It is a rarity to have open natural space in urban area. We should honor this gift and maintain the natural beauty that already exists.	No	Keep open space					
49	Overall impression--way too much packed into this plan for such a small park. Too many things will be done badly. It will ruin the peaceful nature of the space to pack so many disparate uses into the area. I believe the adult enrichment center should be left alone where it is. Centralizing and congesting things that are now distributed and distant will create congestion.	No	Too many amenities	Keep existing AEC				
50	I'm excited to see a variety of off leash dog options. I currently take my two dogs to the park and am astonished by the amount of people who disregard the leash laws. This will now give them a place to legally allow their dogs off leash and I can enjoy other parts of the park with my dogs leashed.	Yes	Dog park					
51	I like option 2 to keep as much of the trees and topography as possible	Yes	trees					
52	No skateboard park	NA	No skatepark					
53	The plan now calls for 6 pickleball courts. I believe the planning commission ought to consider a minimum of eight courts. Twelve courts would be an even more prudent investment. Pickleball is wildly popular and growing rapidly. The incremental cost of putting in the extra courts is fraction of the total cost of the project if installed during the construction of the amenities in the park. Just look at Del Cerro Tennis Club and the Bobby Riggs Tennis Center as examples of the demand for pickleball courts. Both facilities have replaced tennis courts with pickleball courts and have found the pickleball courts get far more use than the tennis courts ever did. I believe the pickleball courts will get more use than any other aspect of the redevelopment project. Please don't install just six pickleball courts only to find out after the fact that more should have been built.	NA	More Pickleball					
54	I am very happy with the final concept plan!	Yes						
55	not enough done for pool	NA						
56	The foot print of the new buildings/parking take up too much of the open space. We have such a wonderful area to enjoy and walk in now, with the new concept the open space is drastically reduced and the ares of the dog park is way too small.□	NO	Keep open space	More Dog park space				
57	You don't need 450 parking spaces. Its not Disneyland! Leave the hills . tastefully prune the trees . Make some paths. Put in about 400K worth of irrigation, Plant about 3million worth of other native type sage shrubs and manzanita along with large perimeter shade trees, then spend 1million annually on about 5 non lazy gardeners. Get your self an ecosystem. chase off vagrants. Save about 45 million dollars.	NO	Less parking	Keep open space				
58	Sadly this is development rather than preservation of this beautiful natural space. Wondering who wanted this plan. I've lived here in the village since 1985. Haven't heard any complaints from friends and neighbors saying this wasn't sufficient for our community. Rather many moved here because of the beautiful trees and green space in MacArthur Park. Most "amenities" here require bulldozers, fences and tree removal. Heavy handed and not natural. Many cities are finding ways to protect natural spaces. Looks like La Mesa is going to plow down our best.	No	Keep open space					
59	We do not need the expense and upkeep of a community building	NA						
60	love the amenities proposed	Yes						
61	The dog park area is too small and overall budget is too high.	NA	More Dog park	Costly				
62	I would love to see a skate pump track!!	Yes	Pump track					

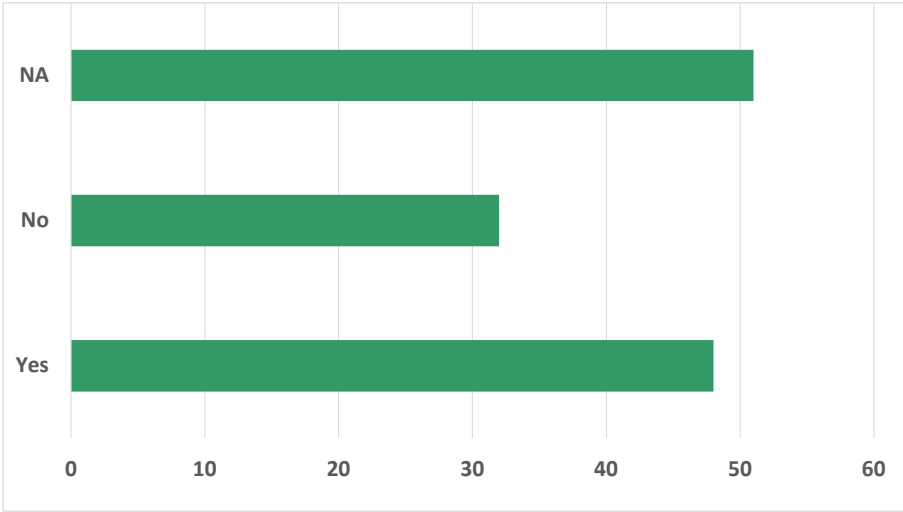
63	The number one community comment was to KEEP OPEN SPACES! The topography is challenging, and I feel KTUA did a good job with using this for ADA accessible walking/biking paths. There needs to be a restroom at the back of the park also, since the distance from the back to the front where the one bathroom is located is far. Placing a huge Community Center AND road through the middle of the park is NOT what the community wanted. The pool, dog parks, pickle ball, basketball, picnic area and bike track are good. When the community stated they wanted a gymnasium, a 60,000 sq ft. building does not have to be built. I feel enlarging the current Community Center to include an indoor gym would have been more cost effective, however, I never saw a plan for this. I feel the survey Q&A presented to the public were skewed to reflect what the presenters wanted to have, not necessarily what the public wants. The presenters should have asked how large of a gymnasium, etc. do you want, and do you want a large 2 story structure with parking garage and a road built in the middle of the park. That is NOT what was asked. And again, the public stated they wanted open space. This plan takes that away. MacArthur Park did not have a Children's Park for about 20 years. Two children's parks and a basketball court were demolished to build the current Community Center in 1983. It took almost 20 years for another Children's park to be built. Now you want to place the WPA building on this site. While I support historic preservation, that building is not worth the moving fees to keep it and we would lose the current Children's Park that is there. Huge waste of taxpayer's money. There are many things the city needs (street repair, sidewalk improvement, library, civic center) and wasteful spending is sinful. This project needs to be fiscally sound. La Mesa sales tax is already too high. How many bond measures and for how much can we have? What is the plan for the library/civic center and do we want a bond measure for this? Charging fees to use the park will not make it accessible for the public we want to serve with this park - young families and seniors on fixed incomes. How much money have we been able to get through grants, etc. to complete the park projects we have now? Should the city of LM build a large structure and then need to hire someone to market the banquet hall to make ends meet? How much will this building cost for upkeep, energy use, etc. The current Community Center seems to be underutilized during the day; do we really need more space? How much money does La Mesa have right now for this project and to complete the current park improvements? I do not want to leave a large expense or tax burden to the next generation of La Mesa residents. La Mesa needs to have an overall plan for parks and all the city building and improvements, which should be addressed before this goes forward.	No	Keep open space	Too many amenities	Costly	ADA accessibility		eliminate driveway
64	I sure hope that part of the master plan is to not allow unleashed dogs roaming the park. This is such a problem for so many, some of whom who have been injured by dogs. Many of us do not even use the La Mesa parks anymore because of the unleashed dog problem, the lack of fining individuals for letting their dogs run wild, and injuries.	NA	Unleashed dogs					
65	They look wonderful.	Yes						
66	I think it is an updated plan that provides amenities for a variety of age groups.	Yes						
67	I would like to see a skate park since none are near La Mesa	Yes	Skatepark					
68	Disc golf!	NA	Disc golf					
69	I missed the earlier opportunities to comment on the overall park design so I realize the following comments are late. Personally, I would like to see the community center building placed with its back up against highway 8 where the valley of the park meets the highway. I'd also like to see as much parking placed underground the community center at the aforementioned location to minimize surface parking and maximize green space.	NA	Keep open space	Parking underground/garage				
70	Yes. Please make dog areas either grass or mulch. Not sand or bare dirt.	Yes	Dog areas					
71	Thirty years ago the proposal for MacArthur Park was the building of a new Police and Fire department. With wisdom that decision was thrown out. No Buildings	No	No buildings					
72	Needs to be an off leash dog park	No	Make all dog park					
73	Pickleball does not seem to be a priority on the same level as a Dog Park. Concept 2's pump track seems to be excessive (too big).	NA	Pickleball	Dog park	Too much pump track			
74	Underground parking will require regular security. How will that be funded and by whom?	NA	Cost of parking garage					
75	I would strongly encourage the McArthur Park Master Plan to include at least 8 pickleball courts. Plan 1 showed 8 courts and Plan 2 and the Final Plan show only 6 courts. The popularity of pickleball is exploding with new converts to the sport competing for a very limited number of courts in the area. The courts at La Mesita Park are constantly packed with players playing and players waiting to play. Four of us waited about an hour to play yesterday around 6:30 in the evening under the lights. The incremental cost increase to install eight courts is minimal as compared to just six courts relative to the overall cost of the project. Twelve courts would probably be even better. I think the City of La Mesa will regret installing only 6 pickleball courts when it becomes immediately obvious after completion of the project that more courts should have been installed. Building more courts later would then be prohibitively expensive. I think the city will find that of all the use case scenarios presented that the pickleball courts will get more use than any other aspect of the redevelopment project. Thank you for your consideration.	NA	More Pickleball					
76	Will there be restrooms any other place than the separate building?	NA	Restroom					
77	Approve	Yes						

78	Too much space allocated to dogs: a dog park and a dog skills park! Kids need more attention than dogs, in my opinion.	NA	Too much dog park						
79	The dog park not near the aquatic center and not near picnic area as smell will be bad overtime	NA	move Dog park location						
80	I love all of the proposed amenities in the final concept plan!	Yes	Amenities						
81	No	No Comment							
82	Would really love to see a cement skate/ bike pump Track please! There's nothing like that in east county!	Yes	Pump track						
83	I would like to see at least one tennis court rather than having only pickleball courts installed at the park or allow for tennis to be played on the pickleball courts. I believe there are only two parks with tennis courts in La Mesa and that does not seem to be enough for the community. I'm also concerned about the proposed size of the playground. It appears that the current playground for under 5 year olds is being eliminated and as a mother with two children under 5 that enjoys that playground, it seems like an unfortunate loss for the park. It is very popular and it has been nice to have a playground with equipment for my younger children. It is difficult to understand the proposed size but I hope that it is large enough. The Rancho Mission Canyon and Lake Murray parks in San Diego have large playgrounds and I think this space is well suited for something similar.	NA	add Tennis courts	Keep existing tot lot	large playground				
84	Pickleball is a new sport that should not have dedicated courts built. It can be played on a tennis court, and tennis is a long established sport with a world-wide professional following. Please build tennis courts instead.	NA	add Tennis courts	multi use pickleball, not dedicated					
85	Would love to see what the plan is as far as playground space. Will there be a dedicated space for younger children and another for older? Is the space big? The only nice and safe playground around is Lake Murray and it's not close to Mt. Helix where we live. The city needs an updated space akin to what's been developed in newer communities like Carlsbad with huge playground spaces with spongy floors for safety. There is nothing like that in this area. I had to go to Mission Valley to find a good one close enough. I hope we will finally have the playground my little ones so desire. Thank you!	NA	Playground						
86	Finally! So exciting to have a space for children and adults of la mesa and the surrounding neighborhoods.	Yes							
87	Tennis courts please	NA	add Tennis courts						
88	They seem well thought out and inclusive of all residents.	Yes							
89	I'm a little worried about the restroom placement being so close to the road. Kidnappers usually prefer waiting in their car to grab little kids and parents don't always follow their kids to the restroom. Usually I see restrooms placed a bit further into the park. Maybe keep the entrance on the other side away from the road. The sloped playground is a fun idea but it would be good to have one or two structures for disabled children. There are accessibility guidelines for play areas under the access board. Also I recommend having graffiti proof paints and surfaces. Also I would love a bird theme. Little statues and descriptions of all the wonderful local birds we have. Or maybe something imaginative like a steampunk theme or clockwork nature. Just be sure it's really nice looking and something everyone can enjoy. Environment has a huge impact on a community's mentality. I believe there was a study where they found crime went down when they fought to clean up an area over time.	NA	Restroom	ADA access	Playground				
90	Yes; Despite coming in 2nd requested active amenity "Skate Park" was not incorporated. "Pickle Ball" was the least requested amenity and was given ample consideration. This does not make any sense. The city of La Mesa has NO adequate "Skate/ Wheel Friendly" Park. What is left of the old YMCA skatepark at La Mesita Park is a poor representation. The City of La Mesa does maintain many versions of all the other amenities offered here. The City of La Mesa would better serve its citizens by incorporating the amenities as requested. Many La Mesa residents enjoy skateboarding and other wheeled park sports. They would like somewhere to practice these without having to leave the community. Thank you	NA	Skatepark	Less pickleball					
91	I hope that landscaping in the park will prioritize native plants.	NA							
92	No	No Comment							
93	Good plans.	Yes							
94	I like the layout of the park. One thing I would change is get rid of Nan Cout's Cottage. What is the reason for keeping this old building? Is it because some special interest group wants it? I think a parcourse should be added along the trails, like the one at Morley Field. This provides additional health benefits. There are very few of these tracks around and it would make a great draw for the park. I think that the community garden is a waste of prime space. I notice that most of them are not utilized after the initial excitement wears off. There should be a backup plan for the space once it goes to weeds. At the baseball field I was hoping to get a hillside in the outfield so people could watch the game from there. Like Petco Park and the field of the little league world series.	Yes		Exercise equipment	no Community garden	Baseball field add outfield seating			
95	Please make sure there is ample parking.	NA	Parking						

96	Shade structures throughout, especially at the playground. More benches at the playground. More TREES please.	NA	Shade	Seating	Trees			
97	Dog parks throughout La Mesa and other cities are notorious for un-trained and aggressive dogs, and unfortunately this will likely happen to the proposed dog park as well. I recommend the dog park be expanded to a much larger space if it must be included.	Yes	More Dog park					
98	I would love to see a large natural playscape area for children to play in. Natural areas with trees, bark, dirt, logs, boulders, and rocks are far more economical than playgrounds and provide families with a piece of nature that can be PLAYED IN right close to home. So many nature areas are off limits for families to play in. Harry Griffen was a beautiful nature area, but it has been over taken by dogs off leash and is no longer family friendly. Please replace it for the people.	Yes	Dog park	Playground				
99	A cement skate park would be great!	Yes	Skatepark					
100	I really think it's been a well thought through plan. I appreciate the amount of time, listening, and responding you all have done. If anything, I do feel a lot of space is dedicated to dogs and dog owners. Although I appreciate the need for this, I tend to think that it's a little more than I would hope for.	Yes	Less dog park					
101	This is an overly ambitious plan that will cost far too much. I am not in favor of any tax increases or bond measures to fund this plan, especially for just one city park.	No		Costly				
102	Please please put in a Pump track. The closest one is 30+ min away and I always packed. This would bring so much business to La Mesa and keep kids out of trouble. This would be a wonderful addition! Cement so we can skate AND bike. Thank you	Yes	Pump track					
103	I do not want a large building, gym, or parking structure!	No	No parking structure	No large buildings				
104	I didn't see some of the items listed in the final cost estimate, such as Pickleball Courts, Community Garden, etc. Are those items lumped in with another line item? I hope that the parking updates plan for large parking spots. I hate when parking lots try to squeeze in too many spots and end up making the spots too small. Really excited about the new pump track for my kids. Hopefully, it can be completed while they are still at the age to use it. I'm also excited about the dog park feature. One thing I would request is that the dog park has grass. One thing I really dislike about going to the dog park at Harry Griffen Park is that it is all dirt and mud. I understand that this requires more maintenance. But it makes it so much nicer to hang out. We experienced this where we used to live in South Park at the Grape Street dog park. It's the best dog park I've experienced in San Diego. They do have to block off certain portions on a rotating basis to allow the grass time to regrow. But it's so nice to take the dog there and not have to give them a bath after they leave every time. The other thing to consider is how to keep all of these nice new amenities clean and safe. A lot of other parks in La Mesa feel like they have been handed over to transients. And they don't feel safe taking my kids there. Is there some sort of security plan in place?	Yes	Pump track	Maintenance		dog park		
105	Amenities look good. I am not fully familiar with pickelball, but courts I've seen at parks in Santee are usually full and very active. The most important thing, I think, for ensured usage of the park and facilities is to make the landscape create specific spaces within the park. If it feels like one big space with a pool and skate park and pickelball and hiking, it will eventually only be used by one of the demographic groups that predominantly adopts the park.	Yes	Diverse spaces					
106	Looks nice. Important to me that the playground is nice and the dog park doesn't have wood chips	Yes	Playground	Dog park				
107	nono	NA						
108	The park amenities do not seem to match the desires of the community. I am very concerned that the higher cost amenities have been pushed to the forefront by developers and/or outside interests.	No	Costly					
109	Is there room for an archery range?	NA	Archery Range					
110	The dog park should be larger as there are a lot of patrons who bring there dogs here. This could avoid many dogs being off leash in the park	NA	More Dog park					
111	It seems like the community center is the most expensive part, and could be avoided by remodeling the current buildings instead. Also, the aquatic center seems unnecessary. Just focus on the outdoor improvements, which will make a much bigger impact for the current usability of the park.	NA	Renovate existing					
112	Amazing!	Yes						
113	Why is the current playground being removed? This is one area of the park that is enjoyed by many families on a consistent basis. It would be very disappointing to no longer have this outdoor play area for children. Also, what is pickle ball?	NA	keep existing tot lot					
114	LIKE THE PLAN	Yes						

115	I suggest more attention to: queued traffic created on LM Blvd and Memorial trying to enter, especially with an event, even more problematic if LM blvd goes to one lane as being discussed. LM becoming harder to walk with distracted drivers taking right-away and cutting off pedestrians, even now with limited use. Suggest walkway entrance added away from car traffic- perhaps at BB field, perhaps a bridge into park that drops on other side of BB field. If bridge across LA Blvd into park, then walkers would not need to negotiate crossing LM Blvd at Memorial and being cut off from west-bound LM blvd traffic turning right on Memorial. Maybe have car entrance goes under the corner, so walkers are safe on street level? We should encourage locals to walk to area. I Liked outdoor amphitheater - good to think about more outside small gatherings as future pandemics affect inside gatherings areas. Could we think about outside Art Art Areas- popular for more inclusive cultural community? we need to think about climate sensitivity - like all the trees and shade areas, but need to be sensitive to grass areas and water used - ☐ be purposeful. And what about solar/energy efficiencies for buildings and heating pool.	NA	Traffic	add amphitheater	Circulation				
116	There is no need for a skate park.	NA	No skatepark						
117	Do not raise property tax or sales tax	NA							
118	Community center is unnecessary	NA							
119	Please keep the community garden, especially for those who do not own land, who rent.....Also, please keep and expand any amenities for children to be able to participate in crafts, playground activities and sports.	NA	Community garden	Playground					
120	Yes. We, the local home-owner residents would not like to see a parking structure or a "spa" at the aqua center. The parking structure would just attract an unsavory element.	No	eliminate parking garage						
121	I support the outdoor spaces	Yes	Outdoor spaces						
122	I do not support the new community center, underground parking or road through the park.	No	eliminate new driveway	eliminate parking garage					
123	There should be park access from Pine Street !!!	NA	Park access from Pine St						
124	All of these amenities creates need of asphalt and parking lots... there should be less of this and more trees. I wonder if the folk planning and designing this concept ever discussed their plans while in the park valley. I question this, since I-8 generates so much noise it is impossible to have a quiet discussion! A sound barrier should be a first priority that would enable all residents a quiet and peaceful experience while enjoying any of the amenities that are being proposed.	No	Too much asphalt	Trees	reduce freeway noise				
125	I recently visited the La Mesa Recreation area, children's playground across from the cottage, new garden area and open space walking trails. I picnicked at one of two tables near the new bathroom next to the pool and parked in the upper parking lot. The large recreation building was being used that day for a holiday craft fair. I like the open space concept and oppose any new construction which might interfere or minimize this space.	No	Keep open space						
126	I believe a skatepark would be a nice addition for the kids. It'll keep them off the streets in danger.	Yes	Skatepark						
127	Community center must go!	NA							
128	We don't need a two story building.	NA							
129	It looks like you have done a nice job of incorporating all the amenities into the park that the community desires.	Yes							
130	Dog park areas and playground areas are a must have. Currently people let their dogs run off leash in the park (even though forbidden) which makes the park unwelcoming for children and families.	yes	Dog park	Playground					
131	40% of open space will be lost to roads and parking lots	NA	Keep open space	too much parking					
132	It all looks good!	Yes							
133	I love it, I am very excited to see this begin to break ground and am fully in support. I highly encourage the prioritization of outdoor spaces due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic	Yes							
134	I think it is atrocious that your plan is to create less green space when all over our county, we are attempting to do just the opposite.	No	Keep open space						

Yes **48**
No **32**
NA **51**



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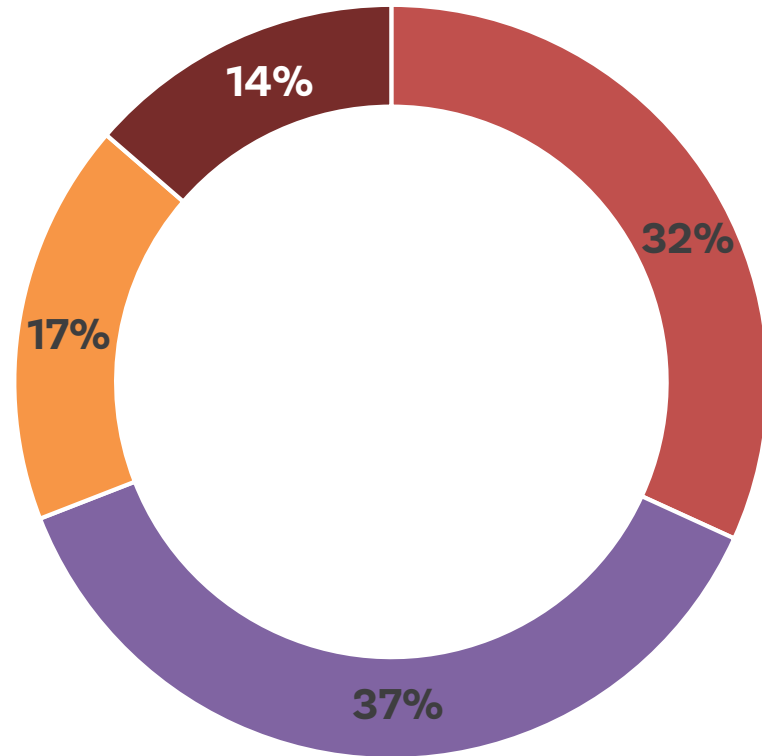
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Question 2- Do you have any comments on the Community Center amenities presented in the final concept plan?

Did the community show support for the Community Center?

Yes, No, Not Applicable, No Comment



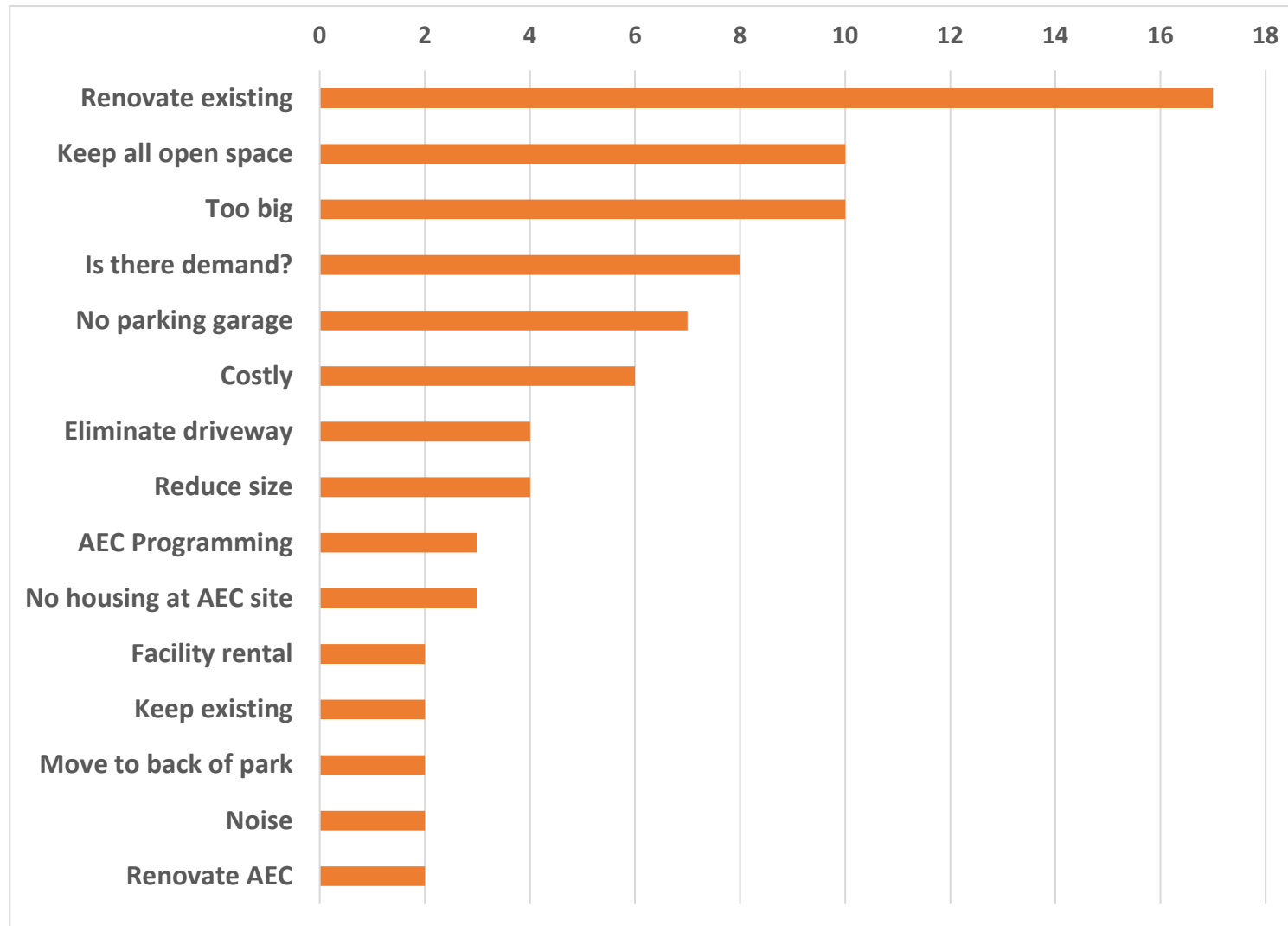
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Community Center: Key Words and Phrases



MacArthur Park Master Plan: Draft Report Survey

Do you have any comments on the Community Center presented in the final concept plan?

Respondents	Responses	Support: "Yes", "No", No Comment or "Comment NA"	Key Words	Key Words	Key Words
1	I think it's a great idea to incorporate the adult enrichment programs into the community center. Seniors and young children interacting at one location is a great idea	Yes	AEC		
2	No	No Comment			
3	I do not support the development of a new community center and parking garage for two reasons. First, it is an unnecessary addition to the community. La Mesa already has a number of indoor community gathering spaces, and building a new one would be redundant and a wasteful use of resources. Additionally, we are so close to San Diego that it is unnecessary to build a larger space, as there are many other options nearby. Second, MacArthur park is unique in that it provides a safe and open space for a variety of uses. I have seen it used for picnics, a place to walk dogs, a gathering place for children to explore nature, and so many other uses. To build on this land would degrade the usefulness and value of the park. It is for these reasons that I am strongly against the construction of a community center and parking garage.	No	Unnecessary	Keep all open space	
4	I am happy to see considerations for adding senior or low income housing in the current senior center area. I am less happy with the size and expense (35 million) of the community center itself- would prefer something smaller since the current multipurpose building looks like it will still be in use.	Yes	Smaller center	Support housing at AEC site	
5	It is too big and too expensive for the space proposed. From the house pollution to the increased traffic, it will have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood.	No	Too big	Too expensive	
6	The amenities are unnecessary as the park is an open area that allows for families to walk and enjoy as is within a safe large open space. I see the proposed plan as a detriment to this space and La Mesa as a whole. I'm able to enjoy the park with friends and my dog and go on long walks along with picnics in the park with a calm open environment.	No	Keep all open space		
7	Oops! On a previously submitted survey I wrote \$46K. Should be \$46 M.	NA			
8	I am not supportive of this concept. I am not convinced the region needs what the plan has to offer.	No	Is there demand?		
9	Just renovate the one that's there the new one is big and isn't needed. Use the money in a different way to help the community	No	Renovate existing		
10	The proposed community center is quite large and seems to be unnecessary. My concern is the noise in our neighborhood and the amounts of crowds that will be present. Our neighborhood is very quiet and this seems to be something our neighborhood will not like to see. I understand La Mesa needs a community center and it would be nice to have it and the other facilities that will be a part of the center. Will the banquet room get used enough to be needed? Consider moving it by the freeway to the left of the current pool.	No	Too big	Noise	Move to back of park
11	Parking (where required) should be kept underground to avoid taking up valuable surface space at the park and community center. To broaden usage and utility, the city should consider additional services to incorporate into the new community center, beyond specific recreational programs. For example, locating a social service navigator office or some existing city services and community meetings to the park area.	Yes	Underground parking		
12	Absolutely hate it. Put the community center where the present senior center is, along with your underground parking proposal. The center in the middle of the park ruins the definition of recreate, takes away the openness, outdoors feel to the area and I don't want it in my backyard. And another road in the park will make it even worse. If the measure passes, I will not support any bond measure to pay for it.	No	Open space	Move to AEC site	Keep all open space

13	<p>1. Too costly (about 60% of the total budget), focus on building what is possible and developing other parks, too much for one location - not fair to other areas of La Mesa ☐</p> <p>2. Expand community gardens, bocce ball, group exercise area, benches, picnic areas, bike parking etc.; other low cost options for planned comm ctr location☐</p> <p>2. Integrate planning for current AEC and possible new community ctr at same time, address uses and funding at that time, in the mean time don't demo existing comm ctr buildings☐</p> <p>3. Eliminate underground parking (over and over again we hear about relying less on cars), less building materials and grading☐</p> <p>4. Eliminate "optional driveway", figure out another option for emergency vehicles if and when a community ctr is built, less pavement and grading, the pool won't burn☐</p>	Yes	Costly	Spread funding to all areas of La Mesa	No parking garage
14	\$46 million dollars for a building and road?! No way - and no tax increases! La Mesa already has very high tax rate and this project is not even close to being necessary. Upgrade the existing space for a fraction of the cost! Ridiculous!!	No	Costly	Renovate existing	
15	More trees.	NA			
16	I am against all community center additions in the final concept plan. After a huge increase in SDG&E rates this month, it is an insult to residents of the community whose taxes will be paying for such an unnecessary addition. Why not upgrade the space across the street that's already there instead of spending \$46 million to start from scratch and ruin beautiful green open space? Who's to say anyone will even use it? If the current one isn't being utilized, building a new one will not make a difference. A large parking structure with hundreds of spaces will go unused day-to-day. The current parking lot by the little league field stays empty (most La Mesa Village residents walk to the park!! It's a community park!). What a waste of resources and space. Please reconsider building a new community center and parking structure in our beautiful open space.	No	Costly	Renovate existing	No parking garage
17	A more robust utilization platform..	NA			
18	I would like the existing one fixed up if necessary. I strongly oppose a huge new one and a parking garage taking away green space with concrete. It would ruin the park. Why would we need another Y or Kroc center. Everything fits nicely now with the existing parking lots and buildings. A parking garage would add so much noise with cars going in and out and around the corners including loud cars and alarms going off. The poor neighbors that back up to that and the noise would likely travel down the street. I live on Porter Hill Terrace and we already hear freeway noise. That park is also a habitat for owls, hawks, and many other birds. Also the price of building a new structure is outrageous. I would rather money spent on fixing roads. I've lived here fir 11 years and our road has never been repaired. It's crumbling.	No	Renovate existing	No parking garage	Noise
19	Couldn't the community center become a multi functional building? Two floors and a roof top that can be used for sports activities? Kind of like SDSU's track and field stadium where the track was created on top of a parking garage and is not level with the street?	Yes	Multifunctional		
20	Having lived next to the park for 40 years it is not needed at least one of that size. It is underutilized as it is.	No	Is there demand?		
21	It is too big and too expensive. Delete it	No	Costly	Too Big	
22	How many surveys did you send to the community? I see less than 400 returned. Did you send notices to all La Mesa Residents? Are there enough exterior basketball courts? What fees and costs will be associated to access these facilities for residents and non residents. Was a cost analysis done to cover operational cost after build out in the La Mesa general fund. How many new employees will be needed to run and maintain these facilities? No sales taxes to be raised for these facilities, use a bond offering to fund this development.	NA	Operational costs		
23	Provide a few emergency call posts throughout the park for security , medical , and police response.	NA			
24	Funding appears to be the key problem but there will be opportunities to enhance community spaces through federal and state grant programs. La Mesa needs to have a plan ready when money becomes available.	Yes	Funding		
25	Update and modernize the current Community Center, but don't embark on the costly and unnecessary process of tearing it down and building a new one.☐ ☐ It's definitely not too late to reject both options involving a brand new building.	No	Renovate existing		
26	Decrease size to allow for more open space and decrease parking to encourage local pedestrian use.	Yes	Decrease size	More open space	Decrease parking
27	The parking structure proposed is larger than necessary. La Mesa is a walking town and this should be reflected/reinforced in the park plan. Underground parking is expensive and should be eliminated to limit cost.	Yes	Eliminate parking garage		

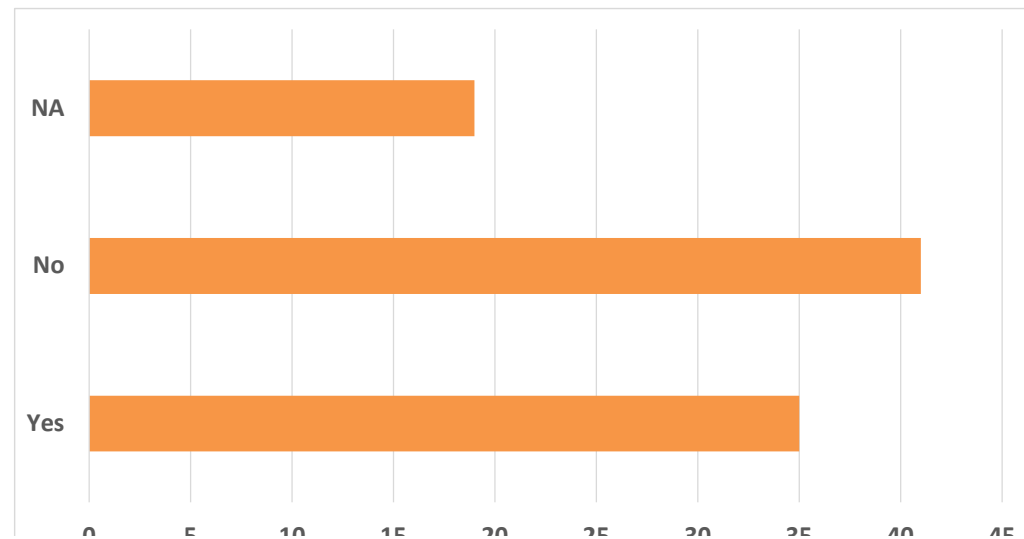
28	I firmly believe that relocating and building a new community center is an unnecessary expense. I support renovating the existing facility because it seems to provide for the basic needs of our community. Why spend the money on massive regrading of the site and reconfiguration of the roadway system?	No	Renovate existing		
29	I would update and renovate the old community center, and not build a new one.	No	Renovate existing	Eliminate new driveway	
30	Its BIG! Hopefully the space is transitional -- e.g. walls open for air/covid etc.	Yes			
31	An unintelligible idea when we have buildings to accommodate. Horrible to destroy beautiful green space for unneeded huge building right in the middle of the park. Also will raise TAXES for years.	No	Keep all open space		
32	Was a needs assessment conducted before the final concept plan was drawn up? I do not see the need to replace the current Community Center. I have attended meetings, weddings, memorial services, arts and crafts fairs, etc...etc. at the Community Center since 1968 when we moved into our home on Randlett Drive. There are never parking problems or a lack of amenities (kitchen is completely adequate, for example). Please rethink this plan.	No	Keep existing Center	Is there demand?	
33	I am adamantly and vehemently opposed to demolishing the current Community Center. To me, that would be a colossal waste of money and resources. Spruce up the current one.	No	Renovate existing		
34	No	No Comment			
35	YES. The AEC on 8450 La Mesa Blvd provides a green space, fitness plaza and a space for La Means to meet in organized functions, luncheons, social gatherings, classes, etc. Questions - (1) Who would take that valuable benefit (AEC) away and force seniors who may be compromised physically into walking all the way up the hill to your new 'community center'? (2) Is the reason you are selling the property to a developer to make money for more benefit programs? -or- for higher-density residential dwellings for low-income as mandated by the State of California and ICLEI? (3) Who in the neighborhood/Village of La Mesa benefit from a low-income mid-rise to hi-rise on that property? Most low income residents certainly could not or would not shop at the businesses in the Village. They would be more inclined to shop at Walmart, Target, GTM, 99 cent stores, etc. The neighborhood certainly would not benefit with low income housing as evidenced by other neighborhoods. I do not see how selling that property would benefit the Village of La Mesa in the least. This plan must have been formulated by a progressive globalist group, certainly not La Means who take pride in this city. Please advise.	No	Do not move AEC activities	No housing at AEC site	
36	Two-story center makes sense. Nice to rent the facility for private events as fundraising, too. If you make it beautiful, weddings would be help there. But NOT if you build pickle ball courts and DOG parks!?! Tacky.	Yes			
37	This seems like an excellent multiuse space.	Yes			
38	NO to a 2 story Community Center with a gymnasium, larger banquet rooms , large /small rec spaces etc. Do you think by making it bigger it will make more people come? The one that is in place already is fine for the size of our community and for how much it is used. An underground parking facility....REALLY!!!450 parking stalls?	No	No parking garage	Renovate existing	
39	It seems to be too much to me. I like the adult enrichment center across the street - and think that could use a remodel and be used as it. Some landscaping improvements to refresh the area. Why so much parking? Is that 2X what is there now?	NO	Too big	Renovate AEC	
40	It's BIG. I wonder if it will be used enough to warrant spending so much money on it.	Yes	Is there demand?		
41	With a view to simplify the scope of the Community Center program and reduce its footprint (thereby increasing the landscaped open space area of the park), any programs that can be done as effectively through existing facilities within the City should be dropped. For example: •Our city has two large high schools, and multiple middle schools and elementary schools that all have gymnasiums. I'd like to believe that our different arms of government could cooperate to more fully utilize these existing facilities. Do we really need another gym? •I appreciate that the City may want to generate revenue, but large venues for special events are available through the private sector. MacArthur Park is open space that is unavailable elsewhere in the downtown community. A more appropriate approach would be to only create a large OUTDOOR banquet/special event space adjacent to a foot prep and restroom facilities. This would enhance outdoor open space. Please drop plan square footage allocated for indoor banquet/special event space; after all, this is southern California. With the best weather on the planet, we can get away with that and, if well-designed, could be much more popular and lovely than an indoor space.	Yes	Renovate existing	Reduce size	Outdoor amenities

42	No it looks great!	Yes			
43	Remodel existing Community Center.	No	Renovate existing		
44	I appreciate how a community center needs to be bigger, perhaps taller, and provide more activities, but it should not expand to capture more of the existing earth and trees. It seems what is left of the "nature area" will be overshadowed by more heat trapping and energy intensive concrete. This is one of few spots left in this whole city where there is any moisture and cool earth in the summer. Not everything needs to be provided in every park in the city.	No	Keep all open space		
45	I support the circulation system	Yes	Circulation		
46	Love it. More adult enrichment activities	Yes	More AEC activities		
47	I like the use of the space and that parking underground will be available.	Yes	Yes for parking garage		
48	no	No Comment			
49	The concept drawings shown do not reflect the spirit of La Mesa. They are large, modern, and aesthetically unpleasing. □ Is it true that there will be charge to use these new spaces?	NA			
50	keep the patina as it is..	NA			
51	A truly horrible plan and not needed! We have a community center. Expand improve it if necessary. This large building plan in the middle of this space will destroy the peaceful beauty we all need and enjoy now. Do folks realize their taxes will go up a lot for years to pay for someone's very bad idea? A sad waste.	No	Renovate existing		
52	Too big. Unnecessary. This should be a private development or money from a generous donor and have his/her name on it.	No	Too big		
53	I think with how our City is growing in population we will need to go bigger and offer more	Yes	Growing population		
54	A 60,000 sq. ft. building in the middle of the park is NOT what the community asked for. The size alone and the road take away from the open space and peacefulness of the park. I would rather see an outdoor amphitheater like the one at Harry Griffin Park.	No	Too big	Keep all open space	Eliminate new driveway
55	Sounds great! Its great that you are planning to have a dog park. It just needs to be enforced.	Yes			
56	No.	No Comment			
57	No	No Comment			
58	See above.	NA			
59	Why is it a Concept 1 and Concept 2 wire openly discussed and somewhat "voted" to choose a forced selection whereas now there is a "final design" not seen until now that does not reflect the opinions of the public.	NA			
60	No	No Comment			
61	Just depends on how people use it.	NA			
62	Does data support the community is consistently used on a regular basis? As a close resident to the park it seems as though the main part is only used a fraction of the time.	NA	Is there demand?		
63	The Community Center will be less used than the pickleball courts. Resources ought to be allocated toward the projects that will receive the most use.	NA			
64	I like the final version	Yes			
65	Approve	Yes			
66	No	No Comment			
67	I think the proposed community center will be a huge asset!	Yes			
68	How is The community Center going to be maintained? Can The LA Mesa residents rent the place for personal use? In that case what is the rent going to be?	Yes	Maintenance	Facility rental	
69	The Community Center looks great and I'm looking forward to the activities that will be hopefully planned there.	Yes			
70	No, it looks good.	Yes			
71	N/A	No Comment			
72	Yes, still missing tennis courts	Yes			
73	I would need to see in more detail exactly what would be included within this building to comment.	NA			
74	I think it might be good to look for ways to get money from either renting out the event room or assigning cheap costs to various activities. Just to help balance maintenance fees. I also wouldn't mind if the Center offered an electrical setup for a video game tournament or a school's electronics fair. Not too sure what it'll require. Maybe a bunch of outlets in certain rooms.	Yes	Facility rental		

75	No, sounds great.	Yes			
76	No	No Comment			
77	Good plans.	Yes			
78	no comments	No Comment			
79	A cement skate park would be great!	NA			
80	I think the Community Center upgrades are a necessary need for the community, and although I don't think the architecture of the existing community center is of much interest (of course, that's my opinion), like my comment about the pool, it's sad to see Nan Cout's Cottage go. There are some beautiful parts to it, that I hate to see demolished (I'm always hoping there is some way to repurpose or integrate some of the existing into the new structure). My greatest concern, which is the most problematic for me, is the concern about the use of the existing Adult Enrichment Center. I agree with integrating the programs into the new community center, but I'm extremely concerned about what the city is thinking regarding demo of that still beautiful building and adding more housing. I just have so much concern about the density of our city (I'm a life-time 50 year resident). I believe there is a great need for low-income and senior-housing, but extremely concerned about the cost to our public spaces and open spaces (even the difference between single story to multi-story development). I would like to talk more to planners in regards to that aspect of the plan.	Yes		Repurpose AEC building	No housing at AEC site
81	We do not need a new Community Center. I would favor a gymnasium for MacArthur Park but also for the other La Mesa city parks, similar to what El Cajon has done.	No	Build Gymnasium only		
82	No! No 2 story building or parking structure!	No	No parking garage	Too big	
83	Sounds nice. But less of a priority to me.	Yes			
84	no	No Comment			
85	None	No Comment			
86	I have no understand as to why a second community center would be built so close to another. Again, this plan does not take into account the desires of the community or those most closely impacted by the sustained development of an additional community center. The current community center is wonderful and very under utilized. Again, the pushing of a larger, more expensive, and invasive community center seems to be the ambition of outside parties and not representative of the desires of the community stakeholders and local residents	No	Renovate existing	Costly	
87	none	No Comment			
88	Other than outdoor play space for children the community center should include a room or space for kids recreation. Similar to what you would see at the YMCA. This could give children a safe place to be after school etc.	Yes	Children Spaces		
89	Forget the new community center. Just remodel and update the current buildings.	No	Renovate existing		
90	I do not think that this is a wise use of resources, nor is it what residents had prioritized in the initial survey. A community center and 450 parking spaces would GREATLY reduce the amount of green space available to our community. We have so few green spaces as it is, this would be a significant loss for everyone. I am 100% against constructing a new community center. Furthermore, how would it be staff once it was built? Please focus on OUTDOOR activities and GREEN space.	No	No parking garage	Keep all open space	
91	NO COMMENTS	No Comment			
92	See above	NA			
93	There is no need to improve the adult enrichment center to add housing which has already increased ten-fold in the area along University and by the police station. Parking is an issue for residents already and will only increase as a problem.	NA	No housing at AEC site		
94	No one asked for it	No			
95	Classes, exercise programs, crafts, learning centers, a computer room, etc.--any of these facilities that would benefit ALL residents, regardless of the lack of access otherwise. ALSO, I would like to see shower and bathroom facilities available to those in our community who are homeless and cannot get into shelters. We all have a responsibility toward others and to our own community to keep it clean and sanitized.	Yes	Showers for homeless use	Multi generational space	
96	See above	NA			
97	I do not support a new community center + parking garage + roads	No	No parking garage	Eliminate new driveway	
98	It is unnecessary. Just renovate/expand existing structure.	No	Renovate existing		
99	OK. Appreciate the emphasis on Senior support.	Yes	AEC Programming		

100	Is it necessary? Why not revamp the existing one?	No	Renovate existing	Is there demand?	
101	I would like to see the current building remodeled rather than undertake any new construction. The building is a great location for classes, public meetings, renting out for special events. The Senior Center needs remodeling, in my opinion. Just because seniors are old doesn't mean the building needs to match their age.	No	Renovate existing	Renovate AEC	
102	A little much. I don't think we need a huge community center but perhaps a smaller one. You could use the extra money elsewhere.	No	Too big	Reduce size	
103	Do not do it!!!!	No			
104	Building such a large facility is going to be expensive. According to the comments made in the presentation it seems to be "something the community wants". My question, is this something that we can afford and really need? Has there been any study or marketing research done to see that such a large facility will be used or rented enough by groups to warrant such a large expense? Can the extensive maintenance and upkeep costs be justified if the building is under utilized? If these questions haven't been asked and answered then I'm concerned that city/tax payer dollars are going to misspent.	NA	Costly	Too big	Is there demand?
105	Better to leave the adult enrichment center as it currently sits and save costs on the new community center.	Yes	Keep AEC	Reduce size	
106	Cut down 75 year old trees. This building is in the wrong area. Should be overlooking I8. Destroy 2 perfectly working buildings for a community garden which is already built.	No	Move to back of park	Don't cut down trees	
107	It seems over-blown and extravagant. We are not San Diego, with a Balboa Park and the associated revenue. I think we need to focus more on ALL the people uses, as in the first phase. A much smaller community center plan would be better.	No	Too big	Reduce size	
108	No	No Comment			
109	Please prioritize outdoor spaces	NA	Keep all open space		
110	We do not need a larger community center, especially one that will move the existing one and create less green space. Do not move to create less green space.	No	Keep all open space	Keep existing	

Yes 35
No 41
NA 19



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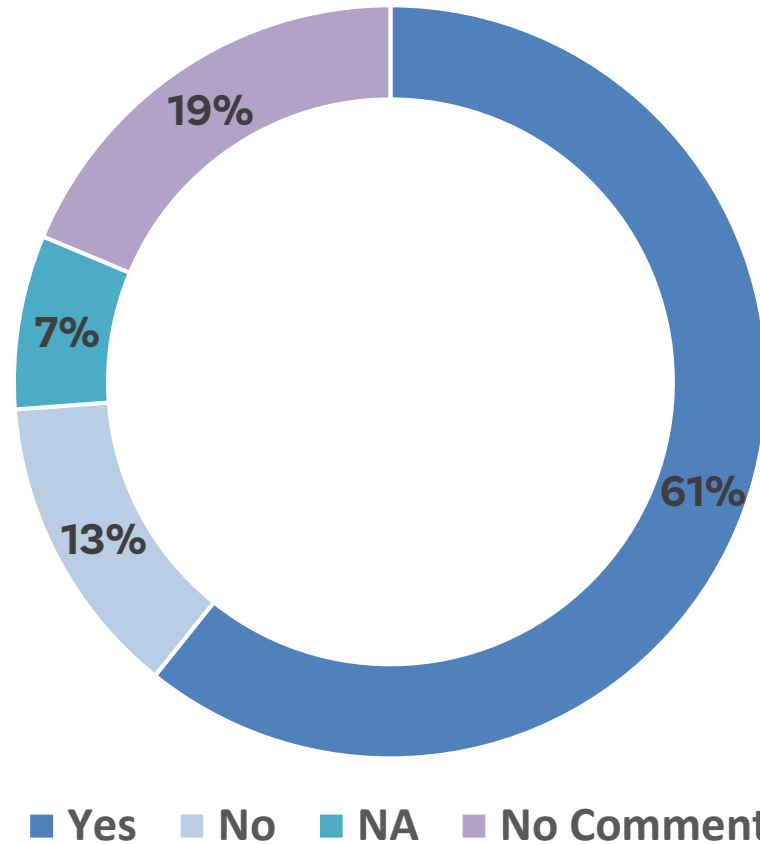
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Question 3- Do you have any comments on the Aquatics Center amenities presented in the final concept plan?

Did the community show support for the Aquatics Center?

Yes, No, Not Applicable, No Comment

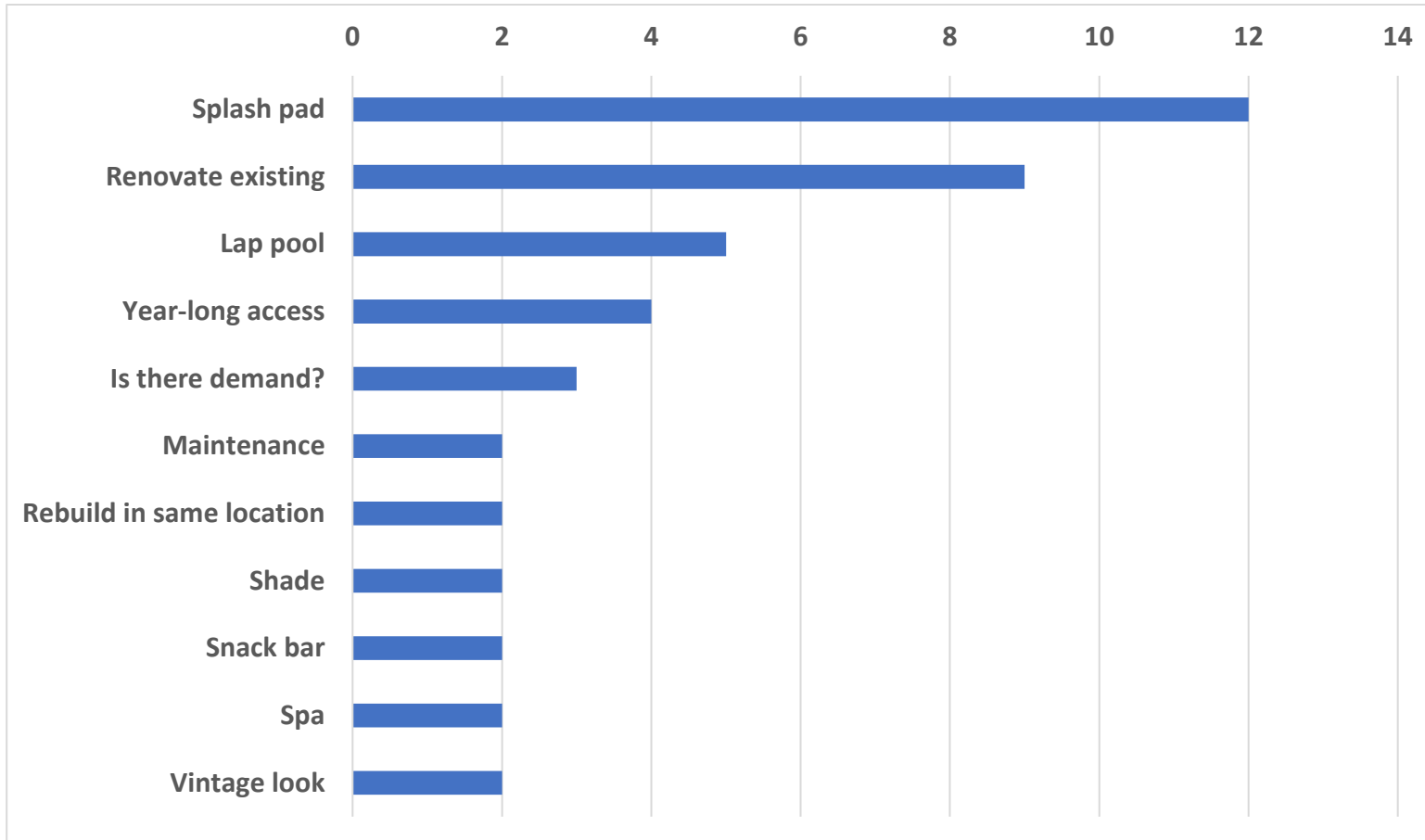


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Aquatics Center: Key Words and Phrases



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Do you have any comments on the Aquatics Center presented in the final concept plan?

Respondents	Responses	Support: "Yes", "No", No Comment or "Comment NA"	Key Words	Key Words	Key Words
1	Phasing of the project should allow the existing aquatic center to remain open while the new one is built so there is no interrupted access to pools.	Yes	Phasing		
2	No	No Comment			
3	I support the expansion of the Aquatics Center.	Yes			
4	No	No Comment			
5	The amenities are unnecessary as the park is an open area that allows for families to walk and enjoy as is within a safe large open space. I see the proposed plan as a detriment to this space and La Mesa as a whole. I'm able to enjoy the park with friends and my dog and go on long walks along with picnics in the park with a calm open environment.	NA			
6	Generally supportive with qualifications	Yes			
7	It's nice that's all but just don't ruin what is already there.	Yes			
8	Again, I feel the pool could stay in the location that it is currently located and do upgrades to save money. Why not keep the vintage look? Along with adding the community center over in that location (by the freeway) to keep it near the pool and not disturb the local residents/neighborhoods.	No	Renovate existing	Vintage look	
9	No comments.	No Comment			
10	Aquatic center sounds great.	Yes			
11	No comments	No Comment			
12	None	No Comment			
13	No opinion	No Comment			
14	Upgrades as necessary to maintain specific standards for use.	Yes	Renovate existing		
15	There is an incredible demand for swimming laps. It's impossible to reserve a lane. Also, it gets very cold in La Mesa and it would be valuable to have indoor swimming as well.	Yes	Lots of demand	Indoor swimming	Lap pool
16	I really like the idea of fixing up the pool area making it more usable for everyone.	Yes			
17	It would be nice having water features, but what about accessibility to water breaks? How is this going to be kept clean?	Yes	Water features	Maintenance	
18	love the idea of expanding this facility & adding a splash pad.	Yes	Splash pad		
19	Yes on the pool redevelopment. Pool is very old and outdated	Yes			
20	We only need a lap pool for now	Yes	Lap pool		
21	Splash pads are expensive pool environments to operate and maintain safely. Make sure access to the pool is readily available with many open hours of operation.	Yes	Splash pad	Maintenance	Year-long access
22	The pool schematics are perfect.	Yes			
23	I believe this type of center will be a real draw for community events and school competitions. It is exactly what we need.	Yes	Events		
24	Accomplish the necessary improvements for the current pool, but don't build a brand new aquatics center. □	No	Renovate existing		
25	Will it include splash pad or aquatic park?	Yes	Splash pad		
26	I believe the existing facility should be upgraded and not be relocated. A pool is a pool!	No	Renovate existing		
27	Renovate the old pool and Aquatics Center.	No	Renovate existing		
28	Very nice.	Yes			
29	Best of the three plans.	Yes			
30	The current swimming pool is NEVER extraordinarily busy. Would an Olympic training pool necessarily be good for the recreation programs/swimming lessons, etc. Is expansion of these programs needed?	NA	Is there demand?		

31	How certain are we that a new Aquatics Center will draw enough users to make it pay off? How much use does the current one get, and how do you know a new one will draw more users?	NA	Is there demand?		
32	No	No Comment			
33	not yet	No Comment			
34	I took swimming lessons at the pool decades ago, and it was too small even then. We froze waiting for classes.	Yes			
35	Wellness within our community will greatly benefit from this new aquatics center.	Yes			
36	The Pool just needs some upgrading. It does not need a Splash pool. No seating and Picnic area.	No	Renovate existing	No Splash pad	No Seating
37	Our pool/pool buildings do seem worn out. I use the pool from time to time. I like the improvements proposed, but could they be done in the same location to decrease costs? Also - a snack bar would be nice for days playing at the pool with kids in the summer.	Yes	Snack bar	Rebuild in same location	
38	No, we need more space to exercise.	No	Space for exercise		
39	No comments. This is the kind of activity that provides a benefit to a broad spectrum of the public that is not available elsewhere.	Yes			
40	A splash pad would be great if it is still possible.	Yes	Splash pad		
41	Again, too much. The present pool (which has charm) is not used much so I can't imagine building more will be worth it.	No			
42	Again remodel existing Aquatic Center.	No	Renovate existing		
43	No opinion	No Comment			
44	I think a new aquatics center is needed and important	Yes			
45	No	No Comment			
46	Happy that this covers all ages (kids splash and pools).	Yes	All ages		
47	need new and bigger pool, dressing room is old and horrible	Yes			
48	last time I looked at the pool it was clean. fix the leak that seeps into I-8.....	NA			
49	If added to the pool area as it is now, seems like a good idea.	Yes			
50	Necessary	Yes			
51	I believe that expanding the aquatics is a great plan, more summer activities for kids and opportunities for families to enjoy a day out.	Yes	Summer activities		
52	I like the Aquatic Center amenities and design. I do not feel it needed to be moved over to have the dog skills park and picnic area next to it. If it could stay where it is now, I would think it would cost less to build. I understand the current pool would have to be demolished and it would take at least a year or so to build the new Aquatics Center, but I feel cost wise, it may be a better option.	No	Rebuild in same location		
53	I didn't see a hot tub. I would really love a hot tub. I use the one at the current pool. Many other people besides me use it as well.	Yes	Spa		
54	No	No Comment			
55	Couldn't really tell how long the swim lanes are but I hope at least 100 feet. I really like the splash pad and shallow pool area for younger kids.	Yes	Splash pad		
56	To be noted the pool is antiquated and in desperate need of repair. I swam in that pool 70 years ago. Seems it is the only structure in La Mesa ownership that remains.	Yes			
57	No	No Comment			
58	This is the heart of the park and needs to be the focus.	Yes			
59	Will the new center be open MORE during the year? Will it still need to close for several months in winter?	Yes	Year-long access		
60	The Aquatics Center will be less used than the pickleball courts. Resources ought to be allocated toward the projects that will receive the most use.	NA	Is there demand?		
61	Approve	Yes			
62	A bigger spa	Yes	Spa		
63	I think the new aquatics center that has been presented is desperately needed and will be heavily utilized	Yes			

64	Are there going to be rest rooms built outside near the bleachers so spectators donot have to go through the office building to use the restrooms. Concession stand to buy drinks and snacks would nice	Yes	Restrooms	Snack bar	
65	I think the splash pad is a great idea and think the Aquatics Center plan is exciting. I look forward to utilizing it in the future.	Yes	Splash pad		
66	Please make sure the splash pad is present. That is a great amenity for children.	Yes	Splash pad		
67	Love the splash pad for families!	Yes	Splash pad		
68	No	No Comment			
69	This would be so incredible to have!	Yes			
70	I was surprised at the low cost. I thought it would be a bit higher but then again I never really estimated a aquatics center before. □ I'm quite happy with this plan however. You guys did a great job planning this out. Thank you!	Yes			
71	No, thank you.	No Comment			
72	No	No Comment			
73	Good plans.	Yes			
74	Wonderful pool. Keep it up	Yes			
75	no comments	No Comment			
76	Aquatics changing rooms and shade are a must.	Yes	Changing rooms	Shade	
77	A cement skate park would be great!	NA			
78	It looks very good and I'm excited to see an upgrade. I am sad to see the old building go, not only for sentimental reasons, but because it's a curious mid-century architecture that I think has value, even if "used." I especially have appreciated the movable cover for the stands, but I'm sure has been problematic. I understand the need for the upgrade.	Yes			
79	The Aquatics Center concept plan is fine. It would be nice to have a water facility that functions all year long. As long as such upgrades can be done without raising taxes or funded through a bond measure.	Yes	Year-long access		
80	The Aquatic center should stay.	No			
81	Sounds nice.	Yes			
82	I agree this should be built out. The current aquatics center is not really adequate for families, nor is it large enough to do much with.	Yes			
83	None	No Comment			
84	No	No Comment			
85	The pool needs improvement. The pool itself should be resurfaced and the machines and pumps that keep the pool clean and useable need to be updated so that they work correctly and consistently.	No	Renovate existing		
86	none	Yes			
87	Assure that there is a great amount of space for the splash pad as I can see this area becoming busy in the summer months. This area is definitely going to be important for families and should be given appropriate attention.	Yes	Splash pad		
88	Forget this too. Just make some new locker rooms and build a splash pad near the current pool. Why waste \$10 million when we already have a cool vintage pool?	No	Renovate existing	Vintage look	Splash pad
89	Love it!	Yes			
90	I would like to see the Aquatics Center updated, keeping a focus on making the center accessible and affordable. My vision for the park was an earth-friendly park filled with walking paths, meditation gardens, and California native, drought-resistant plants. This would not only enhance the community's quality of life, it would make it an environmental and educational resource for our children and youth. I would also like to keep an area available as a dog park.	Yes	Accessibility		
91	WILL ENHANCE COMMUNITY RECREATION	Yes			
92	Shade areas for visitors and people on the pool, and splash park.	Yes	Shade	Splash pad	
93	I think it's a great idea, please offer free classes to low income families	Yes			
94	No.	No Comment			
95	see above	NA			
96	I support an expanded aquatics center	Yes			

97	This is our families favorite part of the plan. Fully support a modernized aquatic center for our community that could be utilized year round.	Yes			
98	The Aquatics Programs are under utilized. People look to programs and facilities which are open and accessible, especially to teach swimming or be available for exercise. The last update seemed to be a lift chair which was a great idea but once again the pool is not open much of the time throughout the year and even in the summer there are not enough classes to teach children to swim.	Yes	Expand pool programs	Year-long access	
99	Wonderful idea for the summertime!	Yes			
100	Do not do it!!!!	No			
101	Not much of a water person. I'll leave comments to those who will use it regularly.	NA			
102	Maintaining access for lap swimmers is important.	Yes	Lap pool		
103	Aquatics center should have more lanes and larger pool area	Yes	Lap pool		
104	It looks like the plan is to develop a swimming pool that accommodates adult/lap swimming AND a large, open pool for children/adults to have open play. That's great!	Yes	Lap pool	Recreation pool	
105	No	No Comment			
106	I think it's great, and the splash pad is essential	Yes	Splash pad		
107	The current one is sufficient to meet our needs. We do not need more than what is currently available.	No			

Yes 65
No 14
NA 8

