

Survey Results: Needs and Funding

Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of Lompoc to the FlashVote community for Lompoc, CA.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

206

Total Participants

182 of 419 initially invited (43%)
24 others
Margin of error: ± 7%

Applied Filter:
All Responses

Participants for filter:
200

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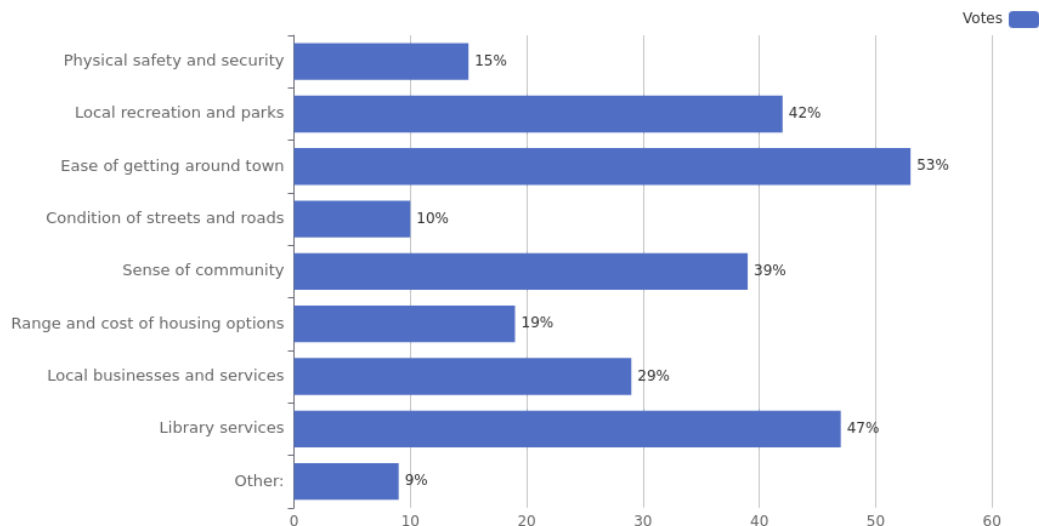
Started:
Dec 17, 2025 11:06am PST

Ended:
Dec 19, 2025 11:05am PST

Target Participants:
All Lompoc

Q1 Which of the following do you think are a **STRENGTH** of Lompoc, if any? (Choose all that apply)
(192 responses)

Options	Votes (192)
Physical safety and security	15% (29)
Local recreation and parks	42% (81)
Ease of getting around town	53% (102)
Condition of streets and roads	10% (20)
Sense of community	39% (74)
Range and cost of housing options	19% (37)
Local businesses and services	29% (56)
Library services	47% (90)
Other:	9% (17)

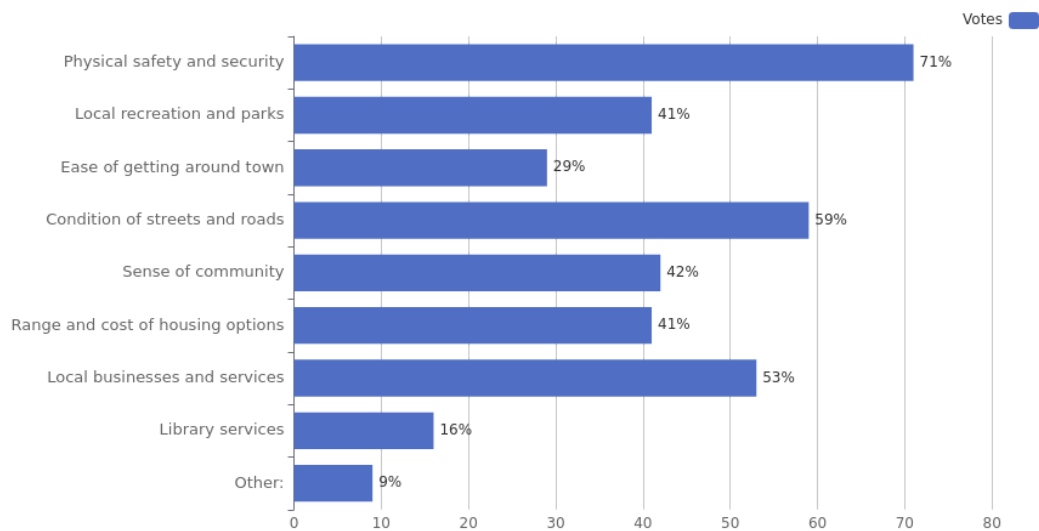


Responses for "Other":

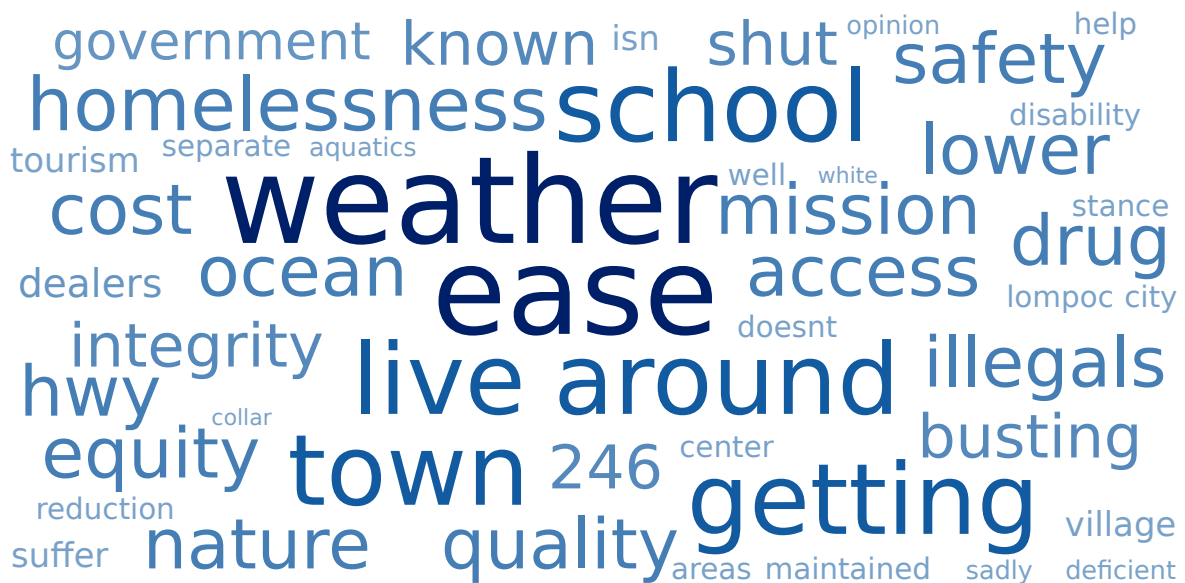
Q2 Which of the following aspects of Lompoc are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(190 responses)

Options	Votes (190)
Physical safety and security	71% (134)
Local recreation and parks	41% (77)
Ease of getting around town	29% (55)
Condition of streets and roads	59% (113)
Sense of community	42% (79)
Range and cost of housing options	41% (77)
Local businesses and services	53% (100)
Library services	16% (30)
Other:	9% (18)



Responses for "Other":



Aquatics center to help with my disability; sadly the center isn't well maintained

No opinion

Reduction of homelessness

weather

weather

None of the above. The city is deficient in all of those areas.

Stance on Organized and "White-collar" crime

Emergency services

Eradicating homelessness and vagrancy!

Clean up all the junk cars on the streets. Clean the gutters, streets, & lots filled with trash.

Removal of illegals

Safety, equity, and ease for all to get around

School quality; government integrity

weather; ease of getting out of town; access to nature, ocean, mission; lower cost of living

Busting known drug dealers

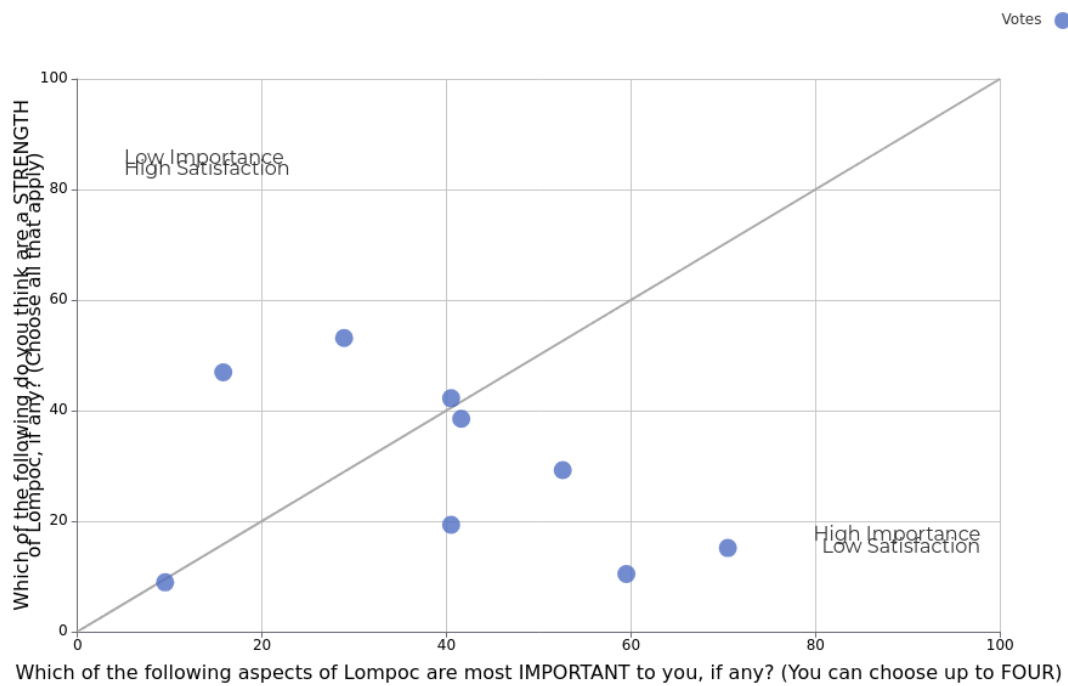
Schools

Ease of getting around town will be shut down on Hwy 1 & 246 through town and tourism will suffer

Importance vs. Satisfaction Comparison

(192 responses)

Options	Votes (190)	
	Importance	Satisfaction
Physical safety and security	71% (134)	15% (29)
Local recreation and parks	41% (77)	42% (81)
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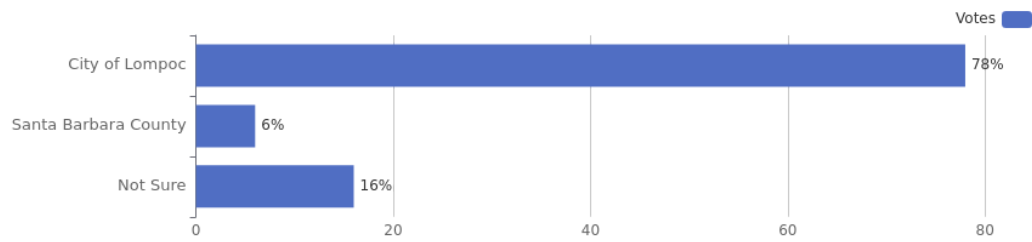


Q3 The current total sales tax rate in Lompoc is 8.75%, of which 2.75% is "local" sales tax - the City of Lompoc gets 2.0% and Santa Barbara County gets 0.75% (the other 6.0% goes to the State). The maximum "local" sales tax allowed by law in California is 3.25%, leaving the possibility for an extra 0.5% of sales tax that could go to the City of Lompoc or the County but not both.

If either the City or the County was going to collect an extra 0.5% sales tax and decide how to spend it, who would you prefer to see doing that?

(200 responses)

Options	Votes (200)
City of Lompoc	78% (156)
Santa Barbara County	6% (12)
Not Sure	16% (32)

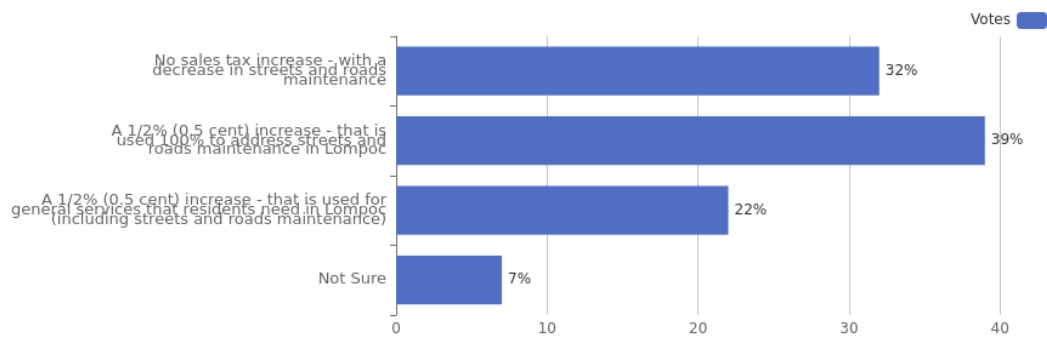


Q4 Due to a recent loss of funding for City streets and roads, the City of Lompoc is thinking about proposing a 1/2% (0.5 cent) local sales tax increase that would add approximately \$3.8 million to the City budget and change the total sales rate in Lompoc from 8.75% to 9.25%.

Which ONE of the following best describes your preference for such a sales tax increase, if any?

(198 responses)

Options	Votes (198)
No sales tax increase - with a decrease in streets and roads maintenance	32% (63)
A 1/2% (0.5 cent) increase - that is used 100% to address streets and roads maintenance in Lompoc	39% (78)
A 1/2% (0.5 cent) increase - that is used for general services that residents need in Lompoc (including streets and roads maintenance)	22% (44)
Not Sure	7% (13)



possibility for an extra 0.5% of sales tax that could go to the City of Lompoc Should be used for the street and road maintenance

We are taxed too much as it is. You should make use of your existing funding.

NO MORE TAX INCREASES!

Start your own Dodge and investigate fraud in SSI or food stamps, invest in businesses that reinvest into the community. Reach out to Saint Peter's, MO community leaders and inquire about their methods of maintaining roads and maintenance. We lived there for 4 yrs and it was a beautiful experience for our family of 6 and wished we could copy and paste how they "rub things" for Lompoc. To be proud and feel safe and be able to actually enjoy any part of town and not just the "good" area. There are far too many people on benefits that do NOT deserve it or truly need it but because "they" know how to cheat the system and learned to bleed it out they carry on unbothered. Find character building programs for the youth to be involved and ways for adults to give more and invest into enhancing the city, this doesn't just have to be about taxing more but building a relationship with the residents.

The sales tax is already high. I think an audit should be done to determine how our tax money is being spent. An independent audit should be done.

Why don't all the parks in Lompoc have all the bells and whistles that Betty park has? The park is congested. Could we have more activities for our youth and young adult. We also need more resources for our seniors.

We are paying too much tax to the state. With all of the wasteful spending at the state level and this governor, the state needs to provide the funds, not the tax payers of this city.

Our town is growing and we need to adjust to accommodate the growth. Lompoc needs to improve the streets and add bike lanes.

Should give the option to say no additional sales tax on on the possibility of raising to states cap. No more taxes.

This survey should have explained the counties current health and 911 ballot measure, as this is potentially a health and wellness for our local community members vs road maintenance. Ideally we wouldn't be put into this situation, but Washington will Washington.

we are already being taxed to death every which way possible. why do you think we have so many homeless people?

Safe, lit pedestrian crossing between the Village and Lompoc proper to have extended nightlife, bring in more business, and end the endless cycle of people dying being hit trying to walk or balk through the highway in between both locations.

City needs to improve all the street lighting in Lompoc. Lights are outdated or completely blacked out on majority of streets in Lompoc. Also, need Steve bridge to step down as council member due to his fraud, he is a coward and needs to be held accountable.

Get rid of the mayor and his two buddies

Gopher guard the soccer fields and ryon

Relevant projects to Lompoc include sewer and power

Improve WiFi and raise price.

Invest in the community. Create a vision. Find a community we want to be like and model it. We are stuck between opinions that we need to grow, and we need to stay the same. Establish leaders that others want to follow. Thanks for asking the community for our opinion.

We need OUR NEW BRIDGE ACCESS across the Santa Ynez River connecting Hwy 246 to Central Avenue NOW! It was always promised AND NEEDED but LIBERALS SOLD US DOWN THE RIVER!

Lompoc is filled with brilliant Artists and local businesses. I suggest utilizing the people's strength in a way that generates funding for the city (Similar to our art gallery?), which can then be used for a variety of important topics. Perhaps more city sponsored events.

Lompoc seems like the only area in Santa Barbara county that does not currently have paramedics responding on fire equipment. Sad...

Streets and roads should still be maintained

Lompoc needs to quit pouring money into police toys without transparency in exactly what the cops are accomplishing.

We need to focus on improving safety and security without increasing policing. Community safety begins with addressing basic needs for all residents- food, shelter, and clean water. I would agree to taxes that go towards improving these issues within Lompoc and Santa Barbara County.

Lompoc needs to bring industry and jobs TO this town and ensure that money spent is spent locally. Too many dollars are being spent in Orcutt/SM, SYV, and SB when they can be spent here.

with little being done by local government to support or bring good (not wine or pot shop) businesses into the area, I don't think raising the sales tax to increase revenue, while we have other options that can be leveraged for city income, is sensible.

just a question. the city repaved ocean after it was dug up for laying pipe (I think). less than 6 months later they are digging up ocean and repaving in the same area the pipe was laid. Why did they waste so much money to repave Ocean only to dig it up again and repave it?? Poor city management. I am not comfortable with them using my tax money based on that waste.

Invest in automated traffic cameras to fine our city's scofflaws for their excessive speeding and red-light running.

PUT ALL YOUR EFFORTS INTO FIXING THE HOMELESS PROBLEM PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

Weeds along city streets & empty lots need regular mowing as they are unsightly & unkept. We own 2 condos in Lompoc but live primary in Chicago & notice this ..

Why do taxes always go up? Cut something else to improve the roads and clean up the streets. Everyone wants just a bit, and then it all adds up to crazy taxes!!!

Fix our roads! Not the main roads, but the city roads

Remove UGLY drive in theater screen

Explore more government grants for infrastructure or improvements. Explore ways to decrease costs based on efficient operation of city services. Explore ways to raise revenue based on reasonable fees, commercial development charges. Explore ways to have the state and county contribute more to the community.

How much tax revenue truly comes from the sale of cannabis? What are these funds allocated for?

Any generated funds must be used as they were intended and not put into a general fund

Why should the city get more money when you haven't done anything worth while with the money you have taken in the past

Better money management with the outrageous taxes we already have

The homelessness situation creates many serious issues ranging from illicit drug use, theft, destruction of riparian habitat, and destruction of public and private property. Any new taxes should be spent addressing this.

Reduce wasteful spending for programs that promote DEI, Get DEI out of schools, cooperate with Federal law enforcement, end ALL funding for illegals. Reduce government.

Improve public transportation so roads don't degrade as swiftly and to reduce the average cost of living.

There is no reason a student should be getting hit by a car on their way home from school (occurred yesterday 12/17/25). It is unacceptable! Our street widths are too wide and allows for people to drive too fast. They need to be safe for everyone old, young, handicapped, and, yes, those who have no problems walking out riding their bikes.

Lock up the druggies on the street, offer help they don't want it, keep locked up

I hope residents allow the city to use the funds where needed. Staff know what roads and infrastructures need to be fixed and when. GL.

I would prefer an increase in income tax rather than sales tax.

I HIGHLY VALUE HOUSING SOLUTIONS AS MY PRIMARY CONCERN

Bowling, Skating ring or ice skating

Remove all MAGA inspired Lompoc City Council members ie not Jeremy Ball. It is the MAGA inspiration that contributes significantly to budgetary shortfalls in funding. When Steve Bridge finally pleads guilty to two out of the eight felony counts, all his prior decisions made as a city council member while he was a trial will be suspect. In other words, his decisions could easily have been influenced by his legal circumstances, and possibly a criminally entitled frame of mind.

Lompoc sucks, the local government sucks, the school district sucks, and moving here was a mistake on our end. Always more money and nothing improves or changes.

Clean up the eyesore empty buildings & bring new business to town!

We really need to step up our game and offer fields for our youth to be able to play athletic sports. We currently only have baseball fields softball fields, but nothing else we can do much better we can be offering a soccer complex which would bring in extra revenue a field that could be used rear year round pay for parking. We just don't have enough for the youth

All city funds should be narrowly applied to the announced need. No diversion of funds allowed.

The first sales tax increase promised the same benefit, as did the tax on the litany of marijuana businesses in town. It is hard to vote for any tax increase in Lompoc when the funds are consistently diverted away from the purpose they were supposed to accomplish. If you propose another ballot measure, expect pushback due to a lack of trust from your residents.

Is the city getting any kick backs from the many space launches? If so, some of that money should be earmarked for road maintenance. If not, perhaps we need to address the impact these launches have on our roads.

Find creative ways to utilize empty lots with the goal to create reason for the community to gather there. Could be a mini park, maybe put sheds that could be rented out and used as pop-up shops.

Figure out a way to let the homeless work for free housing. Some of our homeless pick trash for refundable recycles for money. Maybe there is a way to give them an occupation in trade for housing and a sense of self dignity. Surely there is a lot more potential for a recycling industry than what we are currently using.

Don't blame funding for the road conditions. You never fix the problem only fill the hole and ignore it after.

Keep any new funding AWAY from Mosby and the council members.

No sales tax increase, review entire b budget salaries and pensions, find other ways to funds basic services.