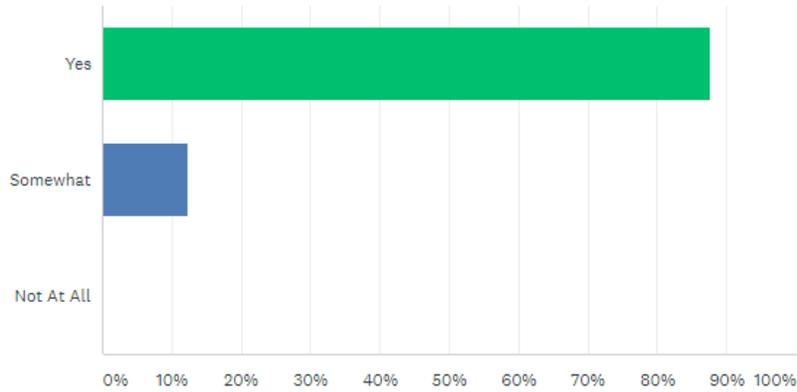




Homeless Symposium Survey Responses

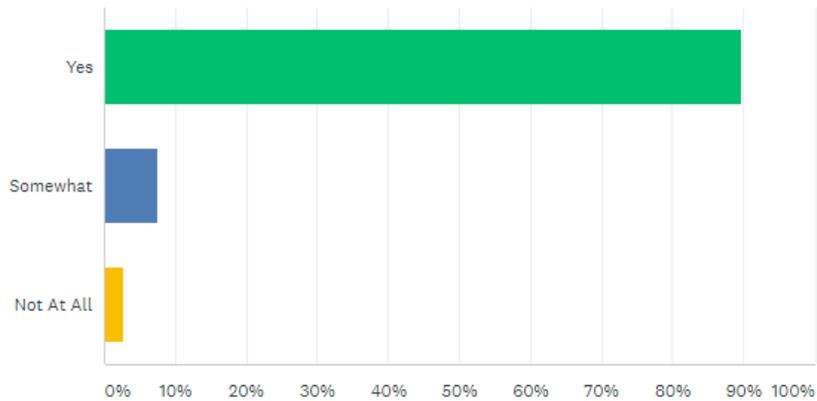
Having attend the symposium, do you think you have a role in helping to address homelessness in our community?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



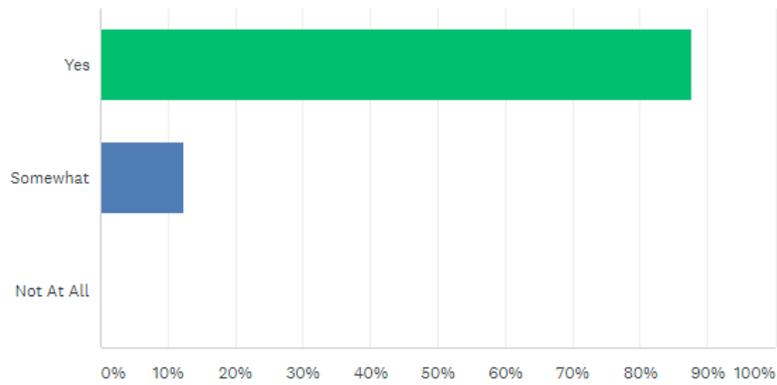
Having attended the symposium, do you have a better understanding of homelessness in our community?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 0



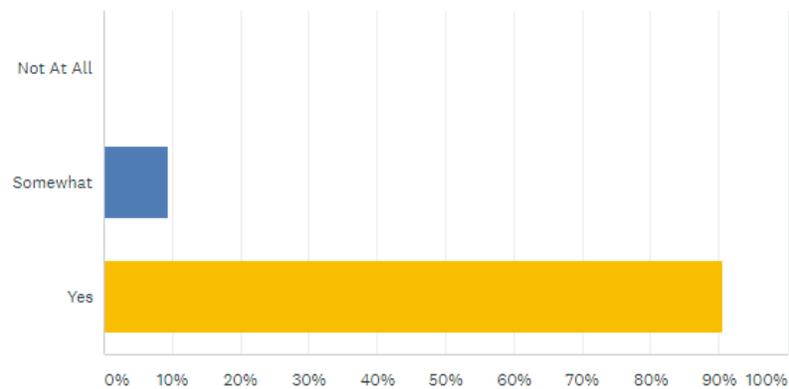
Was the symposium helpful in understanding the legal constraints the City is under in addressing homelessness?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



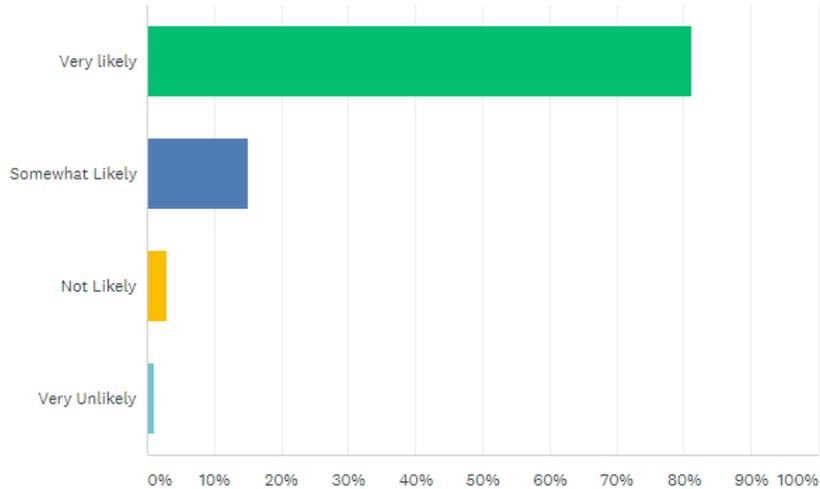
Was the symposium helpful in understanding how giving to charities is more beneficial than giving to panhandlers?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 0



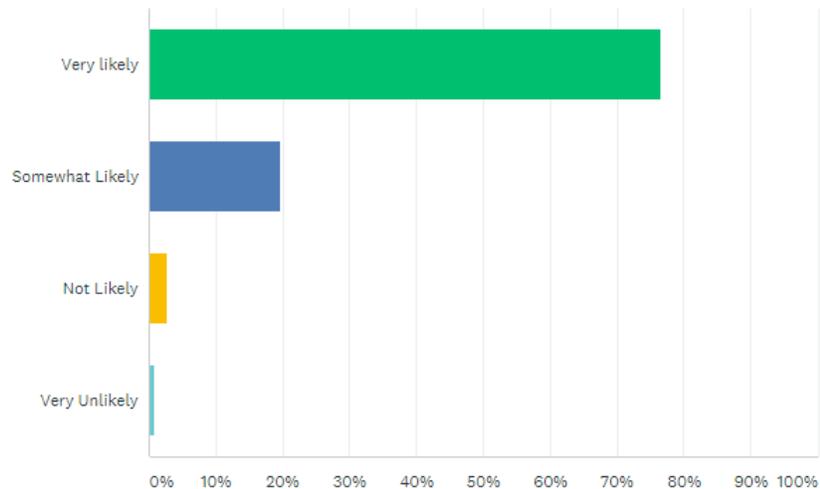
Understanding the City's limitations on enforcement of sleeping in public spaces, how likely would you be to support a year round shelter in the Conejo Valley that serves only Conejo residents?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1



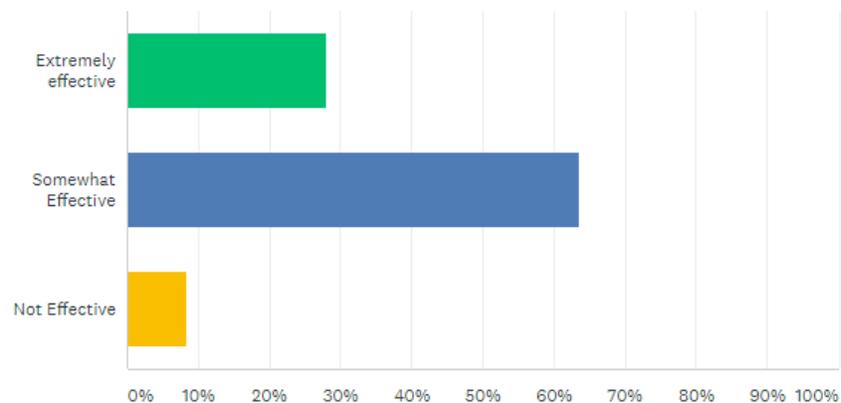
Understanding that housing first is a national best practice and affordable housing is needed, would you be supportive of permanent supportive housing being built in Thousand Oaks?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 0



How would you rate the City's current response to homelessness?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 0



Homeless Symposium Survey Comments

There were 39 responses received from respondents. The comments have been categorized according into themes – Education and Outreach, Housing, Recommended Services and Programs, Compliments, and Other. For those comments that include questions, the questions will be addressed on the City's website in the coming weeks (www.toaks.org/homelessness)

Education and Outreach

- Please follow up with additional forums! Thank you!
- Thank you so much! We need better outreach when you are going to hold these meetings. Several people I know, didn't know anything about this meeting.
- Symposia are helpful and inviting more people through word of mouth and fliers to schools' businesses etc.!
- More symposia.
- Educating the people is super helpful. I wish this message could be brought to people because they may not come to a symposium. Perhaps at schools, churches, clubs?

Housing

- There is private property that remains vacant for years, if the city council does not ask the owner if they would be willing to donate the property in support of affordable housing or a shelter, then the council has failed. If the council inquires and the answer is no, then the council has failed but at least tried.
- Technically I already knew most of the above but hit yes because they were addressed here! I hope there will be videos of the entire symposium

or, at minimum, the film shown, available to share with future naysayers. K-Mart is of course a private property. However, it has been a dilapidated eyesore for so many years- can't the city cite them for this repeatedly? The parking lot is attached to the Freddy's burger and frozen custard place- and unless home is south of there one must drive over broken pavement to leave. Perhaps then something useful could come of it.

- I am a pro housing person that promotes to friends the need for housing. As an architect with a master's in public policy I know housing is needed but needs to be done right. ADUs can Be helpful. It was very interesting to hear about the home share data base.
- Thank you! great conversation, today! Let's dream together more on the issue of building housing! — Trish Carruth. Calvary Community Church Community Outreach Director.
- Please address the (current) under usage of the Conejo Valley Continuation High School. Could this be utilized as a day use facility for the homeless? City owned, sitting vacant?
- Where does the federal government fit into the crisis? Can more finances be created to provide incentives for builders and current landlords to rent to lower income/homeless persons?
- We need to work on getting a private property owner to build affordable housing and then have the city council approve it. Full stop.
- Until the city council starts supporting affordable housing, this problem will never be solved

Recommended Services and Programs

- I would like to see continued meetings, more support and housing for the homeless. I would like to see a police task force assigned to help homeless that are mentally ill or on drugs find treatment instead of arresting them. I have a family member on the streets and I want to be a part of the solution.
- Low-cost RV/car SAFE PARKING (One in VC?) could be more effective/efficient than trying to fund \$\$ housing, as 70%(?) homeless live in cars/RVs? Kudos Dept Richter for information! Carl Linden
- The model of IDP camps used in many countries to handle displaced peoples due to war, famine, disaster might provide some insights we can use to solve homelessness
- Why doesn't Godspcak Calvary Chapel offer a homeless meal service once (or more) a week?

Compliments

- I think this is a great first step, but there is a lot of work left to do. I believe this community is a wonderful place, but we need to dig deeper and do

more. I also believe we can make the changes we need to, so we can make a difference in the lives of our homeless residents.

- Having 2 officers assigned is amazing. There's no easy answer. So, putting an event like this where people can brainstorm and continue the dialogue is fantastic. I'm not a fan of giving free handouts to people forever but neither am I a fan of doing nothing and leaving people to die on the streets. Thanks again for putting this on. Caring is part of what makes us human. Just by having this event is a good step forward. Nice work!! Keep it up!
- Great symposium. Thank you!
- Having knowledge of city involvement with nonprofit org and faiths base org is helping to be a part of solution for the homelessness issues
- Good information, glad I attended.
- Great start
- It's a great start. Lots more to be done.
- Thank you for providing this educational forum to help me better understand homelessness in TO and nationwide.
- THE PANEL WAS EXCELLENT ESPECIALLY THE CHIEF AND DENISE CORTES!
- Thank you for doing this, more of these sessions needed.
- Very much appreciated the presentation allowing the community to be involved with the process of Civic engagement on this complicated matter.
- Love that this is a leading issue in our community and acknowledging the complexity of an effective solution.
- Thanks for the educational time.
- I'm so thankful that the city is taking a balanced approach that is wise and compassionate. I feel like we're being well led.

Other

- You schedule this event from 2 PM to 5 PM. You started at 3:30 PM and ended at 4:30 PM. Why is that? There were many more questions that could've been answered. Also, nothing was addressed to the fact that Medical does not support rehab treatments for addicts.
- I need more information. Of the 300 homeless how many are youth, women and children, elderly? How many wants to transition into housing? How many are addicts stuck in their lifestyle? How is the city of TO going to prevent what is happening in Santa Monica? People are being hit, mugged, and assaulted by the homeless. The homeless are harassing people going into grocery stores. Etc. I am a single woman and I am frightened by what I'm seeing in Los Angeles.
- Less blame of feds and state please. This is our problem to solve.

- I will be donating to the social services who were making presentations today.
- this is a crisis that i wanted to know more about, how to help and what are the issues and solutions that need to be discussed
- What are some places that mostly help Foster youth?
- Does the city or police address the gravely disabled individuals mentioned in Welfare and Institutions Code 5150?
- I feel as if this panel was more focused about what the solutions are or should be as opposed to how they can get there.