

LAKE STREET SAFETY CENTER + SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS SAFETY CENTER

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ANALYSIS



BY THE NUMBERS

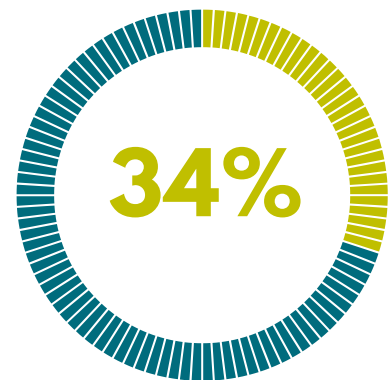
QUESTION AS POSED TO THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY SESSION - QUESTIONS CREATED BY CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS STAFF:

What are the top 5 social services that should be in the Lake Street Community Safety Center?

1. SUPPORT SERVICES AND DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS

The most repeated themes within this category were:

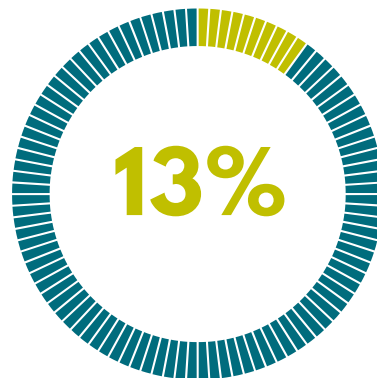
- Mental health support
- Addiction support
- Technical and legal assistance
- Counseling programs
- Employment resources



2. SHELTER OR UNHOUSED RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

Included in many conversations:

- 24 hour access
- Showers and bathrooms
- Charger stations
- Space to simply be



Community did not have a shortage of suggestions. There were 119 individual responses recorded. There was a clear first priority. There was a three way tie for the 3rd ranked service.

3. FOOD SECURITY

3. YOUTH SERVICES

Included in many conversations:

- Teen drop-in center
- Programs for at-risk youth
- Space for parental visits

3. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

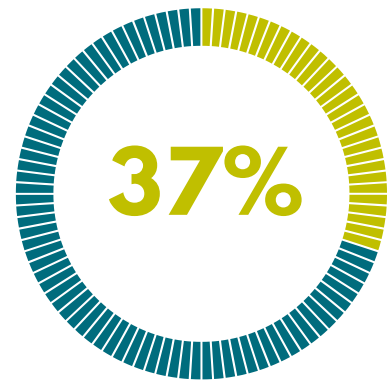


What are the top 5 social services that should be in the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center?

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- Mental health support
- Addiction support
- Technical and legal assistance
- Counseling programs
- Employment resources



2. FOOD SECURITY

2. COMMUNITY SPACE/ROOMS

Included in conversations:

- Tech access, charger stations
- Community trainings
- Community mediation

2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING



What are the top 5 social services that should be in the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center? Continued

Along with discussion about specific social services, there was a just as pressing need by community to express their feelings that social services **should not** be housed in the same facility as one that houses police officers. While this was a theme in the East Lake Safety Center location discussion, it was a much larger element of the conversation regarding the South Minneapolis location.



Percentage of respondents agreed that police and social services should not be housed together or that much more consideration was needed before it could be done successfully

Specific feedback included:

Community safety does not equal a 3rd precinct building, renaming it doesn't have substance, moving to a different building doesn't do anything. These need to be two separate buildings. There is worry about police culture rubbing off.

Police housed here should be new officers from the local community not from outside the City. Police from outside the City may be more judgemental of community. We need unarmed police who are from and know the community.

There should be no police at this center. Not until there has been repair which MPD will never do.

Not a police station. Removing the police I think will make the center more community oriented and comfortable for the neighborhood.

How do you maintain "independence" of the social service providers of nonviolent intervention specialists if they are in close proximity with the police or city departments?

For the social services you prioritized, tell us what that category means to you.

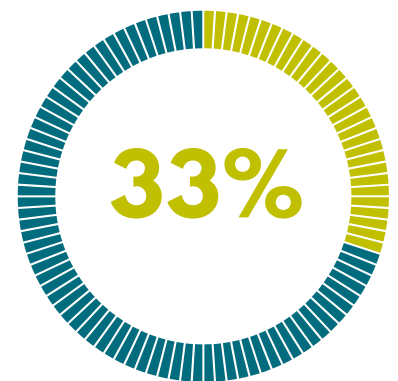


A third of people responded with themes around policing concerns including:

- Focus needs to be trauma responsive and relationship building with no police
- These are systemic issues, cops do not make us safe. They are violent and exacerbate the issue
- There should NOT be a community safety center at the same location as the precinct. People have been victims of the police, they cannot get help at a police station

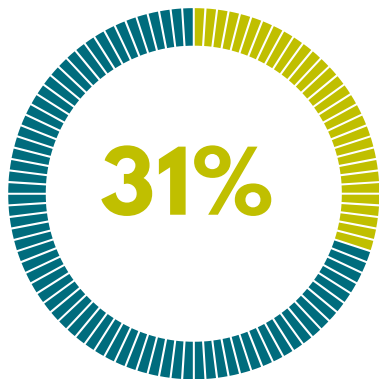
A third of people responded with themes around supporting basic human needs including:

- Everyone needs a safe, welcoming and supportive community
- Safe, warm and clean spaces for everyone including our unhoused neighbors
- Our critical needs are supporting unhoused individuals as well as those experiencing addiction or mental health challenges



What are the top 5 other uses/resources we should consider?

This question received a multitude of varied answers with two themes elevating to the top.



Services to support basic human needs:

- Food access and security
- Housing support
- Addiction support
- Mental health support



Resources to focus on healing, trauma recovery, cross-cultural conversations, with several conversations surrounding a memorial to George Floyd





COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

Questions collected for City staff responses:

There were groups who didn't respond to the provided questions as they had so many questions of their own regarding the newly created community safety center concept. It is clear there is much more engagement to be done should the goal be having an informed public guide the decision making process for a center that is designed to meet their needs.

1. How do we get from mistrust (by the community of police) to trust (of police by community)?
 - a. Who will do that work?
 - b. What does that work look like?
2. How far are we truly willing to go? Community has shared with the mayor and Council what and where they feel the resources are needed. Are they willing to listen to us?
3. How big is the Lake St. center?
4. Who will oversee these sites?
5. Will one of these sites become a voting center?
6. How many more sessions will be held? Do you have dates? Where are you advertising?
7. How do you plan on making sure there isn't more surveillance that leads to the further incarceration of people in Minneapolis?
8. How do you secure the safety of vulnerable folks when they are seeking resources?
9. Will there be clear documentation on how funds are allocated for the coming precinct?
10. How can we be sure that this precinct will not just continue to over police and surveil our communities unnecessarily?
11. Are you working to revise ordinances that criminalize people for lacking access to resources (housing, conflict resolution, harm reduction, etc)?
12. How does a Community Safety Center actually make us safer?
13. How does the City define the purpose of a community safety center? What's it for? And how will you know if you've succeeded?
14. Do providers actually want to be co-located with police?
15. How will these services be funded? Will they be duplicative?
16. Why is it only going to be one permanent location (2633)?
17. Why not smaller substations all over like they used to be?
18. Is the new 3rd Precinct location really central?
19. How do the services provided make us safe?
20. Is there a commitment to the purpose of a community safety center? Are they going to coordinate? Or be separate?
21. Why are these services going to be inside a police station?

BY THE NUMBERS

114 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

100 participants attended in-person
14 participants utilized the online survey

94% MINNEAPOLIS RESIDENTS



Age: 22 responses

Under 18: 0%
18-24: 4.5%
25-34: 32%
35-44: 23%
45-54: 9%
55-64: 4.5%
65+: 27%

Household income: 19 responses

Under \$35,000: 5%
\$35,000 - 49,999: 11%
\$50,000 - 74,999: 21%
\$75,000 - 99,999: 26%
\$100,000 or more: 37%

Zipcodes: 65 responses

55406 - 41%
55407 - 22%
55413 - 8%
55404 - 6%
55408 - 5%
Other - 18%

Ethnicity: 20 responses

Asian or Asian American: 5%
Black or African American: 10%
White or Caucasian: 85%

Gender identity: 22 responses

Female: 50%
Male: 45%
Non-binary: 5%

Housing status: 23 responses

Renter: 17%
Homeowner: 83%

Longfellow Community Council looks forward to sharing this report with City officials and the City Council in hopes that the need for greater community engagement efforts are determined to be both needed and deserved.

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