

New Police Facility, Salem Civic Center Survey

The following survey was designed to gauge community perception of the need for a new Police facility, seismic improvements to the Civic Center and Library facilities, and community support for funding these improvements. The survey is similar to a scientific poll of Salem voters conducted in mid-January 2014 by an opinion research firm. We're offering this opportunity for more people in our community to respond to the survey. The City Council will be considering this polling data, findings from the Library seismic assessment and community input to-date from more than 30 community meetings as they further develop the scope of the project in February 2014.

***1. All in all, would you say that things in Salem are headed in the right direction or are things pretty much off on the wrong track?**

- Right direction
- Wrong track
- Don't know

***2. Priorities**

What do you think is the most important issue for your local elected officials to do something about?

***3. City Facility Conditions**

Please indicate if you think the condition City of Salem's government buildings and facilities excellent, good, fair or poor condition.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
City of Salem Civic Center	<input type="radio"/>				
Salem Police Department headquarters	<input type="radio"/>				
Downtown Salem Library	<input type="radio"/>				

new department
building

Preliminary cost estimates for a new Police facility and seismic strengthening of the Civic Center and Library are over \$80 million. We simply cannot afford that



The upgrades to the Civic Center, Library and a new Police facility will cost the average homeowner \$61 dollars a year in increased property taxes



There are other less costly options available, like building the police station on an existing vacant lot



Rather than taking on a large amount of debt to do all this work at once, the city should focus on making small improvements over time within their existing budget



***7. Which of the following options for building a new Salem police facility would you most prefer?**

- Building a new police facility on the City-owned Civic Center campus in downtown Salem. Construction costs for this option are higher and will increase property taxes more in the short-term. However, being nearby other city services, including the municipal courts, will make it more efficient to meet needs of all Salem's residents and less costly to tax payers over the long-term.
- Building a new police facility on an existing vacant lot outside the downtown core. Construction costs for this option are lower and will require a smaller property tax increase in the short-term. However, being farther away from other city services, including the municipal court, will make it less efficient to meet needs of all Salem's residents and more costly to taxpayers over the long-term.
- Neither/don't support a new police station

Don't know

***8. Whether now or in the future, eventually, Salem's Civic Center, police facility, and library will require seismic and other upgrades.**

With that in mind, which of the following options do you most prefer?

- Upgrade the Civic Center, library and build a new police facility
- Upgrade the Civic Center and build a new police facility, but do not upgrade the library
- Build a new police facility, but do not upgrade the Civic Center and library
- Don't upgrade the Civic Center, library or build a new police facility
- Don't support any of these options
- Don't know

9. The City of Salem has not made any final decisions about the Civic Center, library and police facility. It is conducting this survey and will hold several public meetings to gather input from the community. Before we close this survey, do you have any additional comments you would like to share with the city about this?

***10. Demographics**

These last few questions are for statistical purposes and to ensure that we have talked to a representative group of Salem residents.

Age

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- Not relevant

***11. Gender**

- Male
- Female
- Not relevant

***12. Area of city**

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- Ward 7
- Ward 8
- Don't know/Not relevant

***13. Political party**

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent/other
- Don't know/not relevant

***14. Voting history: how many recent elections have you voted in?**

- 0 or 1 of the last 4
- 2 of the last 4
- 3 of the last 4
- 4 of the last 4
- Don't know/not relevant

***15. How long have you lived in Salem?**

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years
- Don't know/not relevant

***16. What is your total household income? Your best estimate it fine.**

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000+
- Don't know/not relevant

***17. Do you own your home, rent, or something else?**

- Rent
- Own
- Something else
- Not relevant

***18. Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?**

- White/Caucasian
- African American/Black
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American/American Indian
- Not relevant

Other (please specify)

19. Please provide your email address if you'd like to continue to receive information about this project.

THANK YOU for your input!

Done

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