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**DATE:** November 16, 2020

**TO:** Citizens' Police Task Force

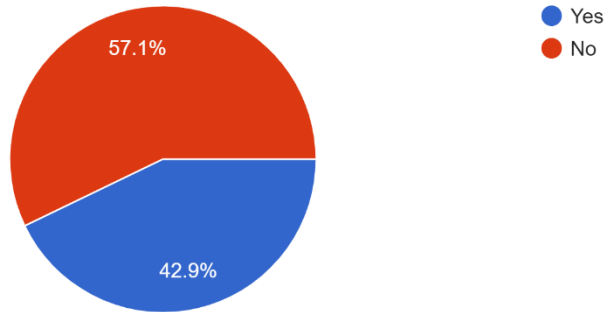
**FROM:** City Staff

**SUBJECT: LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY RESPONSES**

The Task Force created a questionnaire to be distributed to Los Altos High School students. Responses to this questionnaire were due on November 10, 2020. A total of 28 responses were received. The results of the questionnaire are attached.

2. Are you aware that Los Altos High School has a School Resource Officer?

28 responses



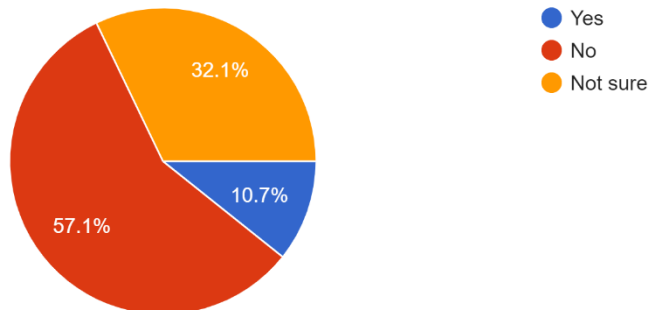
2a. Please feel free to provide additional feedback here:

I see police on campus all the time and i never know why there are always 2 cars on campus. I didn't know we had a resource officer.

I became more aware of the SRO through the special Los Altos city council sessions over the summer.

3. Have you had a personal, direct interaction with the Los Altos High School SRO or have you witnessed an interaction with the Los Altos High School SRO?

28 responses



3a. If you had a personal interaction or observed an interaction with the SRO, please tell us about that interaction and when it happened, if you can recall.

I was on campus after hours and they came to question me and ask what I was doing in the parking lot. I think they assumed I was up to no good.

I watched an SRO bug a group of boys who were majority POC outside the mens restroom last year.

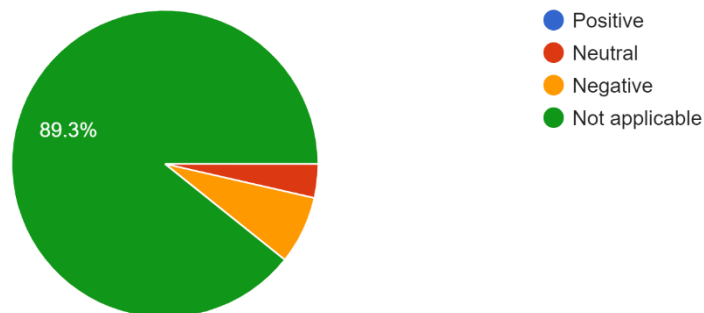
They arrested the people fighting 3 years ago and always watched the big group of Latinos walking through campus.

I saw an officer in the office once and said "good afternoon officer" and he said, "way to formal dude".

All the stories I heard about the SRO are from the Justice League and didn't those people graduate from LAHS in 2015? What do more recent graduates say about the SRO? Is this just about one particular SRO?

#### 4. My personal interaction(s) with the Los Altos High School SRO was (were):

28 responses

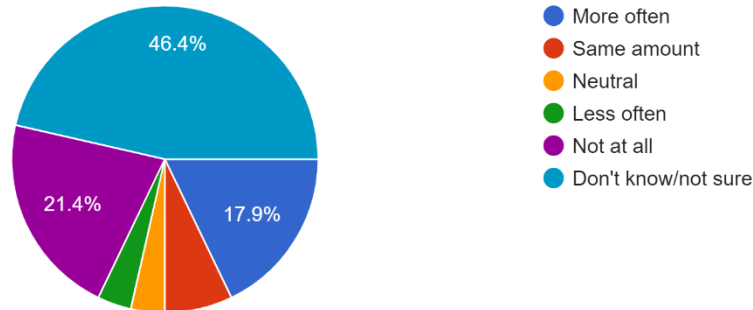


4a. Please provide us with any additional information to help us understand your response:

I don't interact with them often or ever i just never know why they are there

5. How often should the SRO be on campus?

28 responses



5a. Please feel free to add any additional information here: 7 responses

Instead of helping, their presence makes me feel unsafe at school

They aren't there often enough to matter, so might as well not have them

With recent school shootings, SROs give me a sense of safety on campus; the fact that I've almost never seen an SRO on campus is worrying to me.

I don't like there being police on campus. the station is around the corner literally 2 minuets away. we don't need police officers on campus.

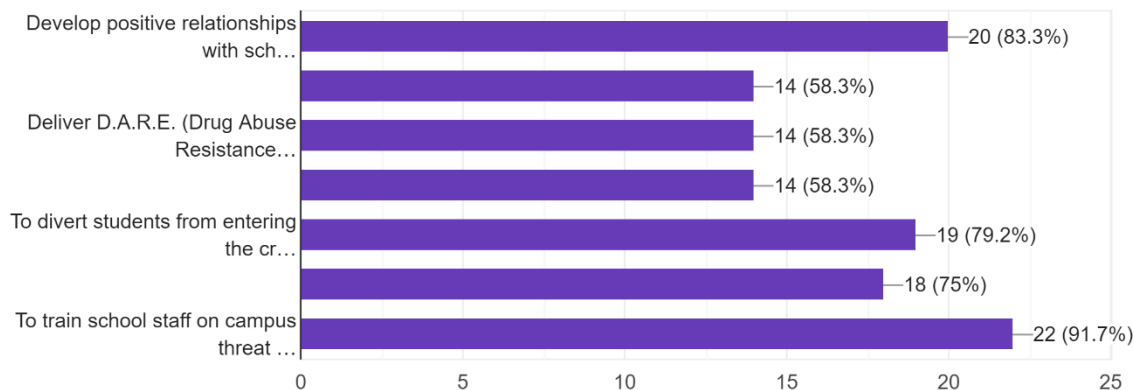
Cops on campus are not necessary, we are not criminals we are teenagers. It feels like we are trying to be intimidated or scared when cops are present on campus.

Seems like the SRO is NOT on campus very often because the position is shared across all schools (private and public) in Los Altos. I don't know what the needs of Los Altos high school students are and how the SRO should be staffed.

I feel much safer knowing that there is an SRO on campus and that they will be able to keep kids safe from threats or internal fights. I also feel that having an SRO means that the physical bullying and intimidation is often reduced.

6. I agree with the following goals of the SRO program: (check all that apply)

24 responses



6a. Please feel free to add any further thoughts or comments here:

I don't think any of these are bad goals, but I don't think most of them should be done by police officers. Even the cyber bullying thing is probably better done by a trained professional. Training staff for shutdowns and possible school shootings does seem like something that an actual police officer should do, but mental health professionals and other people trained in that other stuff should be doing it, not a cop.

DARE and counseling services should be provided by professionals in those areas. Experts can better educate students and provide support since they were trained much longer specifically for that task unlike SROs

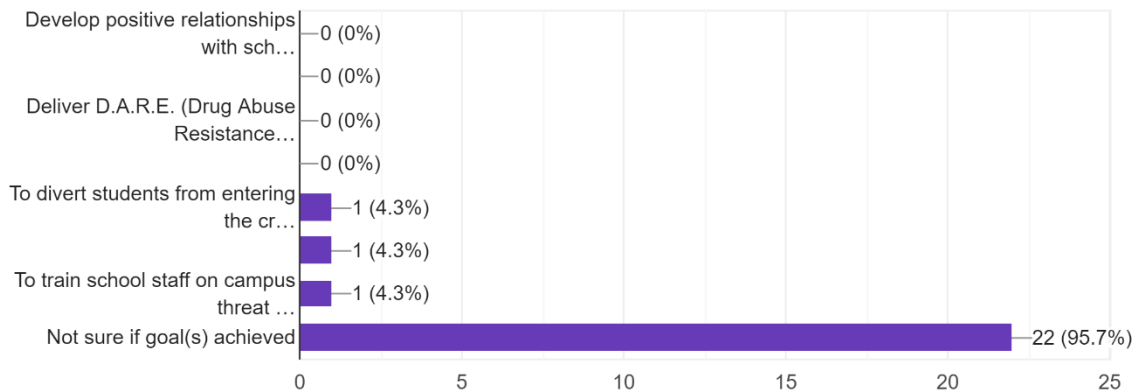
The police dont need to be on campus when their station in 2 minuets away.

I don't think having sro's on campus are the answer to any of these issues. They must all be faced, but having cops around is just intimidating not supportive.

The duties of the SRO should be better defined for high school and should be shared with the school community and the greater Los Altos community. Police activity near the high school or even on the campus is not necessarily the SRO - that's what the first meeting of the Citizens Task Force uncovered. So even if you removed the SRO, that doesn't mean police activity at the high school will stop. Instead of funding an SRO, maybe Los Altos should just fund a regular police officer, that way more regular officers can police the city.

7. The SRO program achieves these goals: (check all that apply)

23 responses

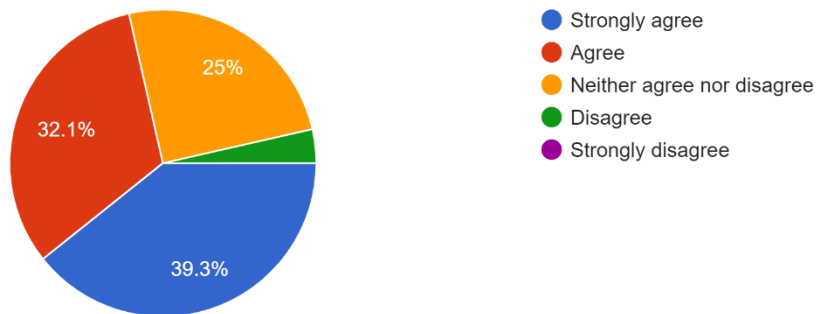


7a. Please feel free to add any further thoughts or comments here:

SRO program goals need to be clarified for high school versus other grade levels.

8. I would like more information about the role of the SRO at Los Altos High School

28 responses



8a. Please feel free to provide additional feedback here:

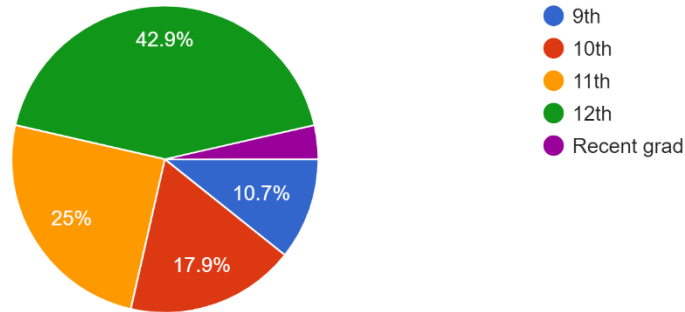
I don't really think we need them, and I've never seen them.

I already know that I don't feel comfortable and supported with SROs on campus

I'm a 9th grader at Los Altos High - are there gangs and drugs on campus that I should be concerned about? Does Los Altos have paid security or undercover police on campus?

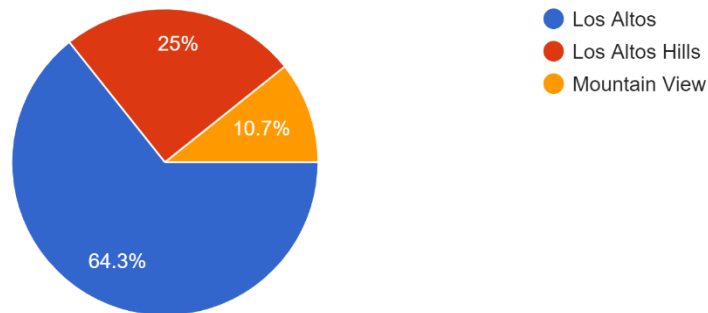
9. In what grade are you?

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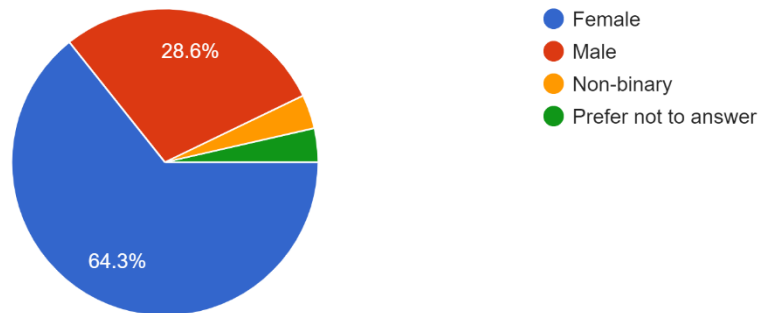
10. I am a resident of

28 responses



11. Gender

28 responses



12. Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply.)

27 responses

