

Monterey County Community Priority Results 2018

“We got to talk to people who will help us make our community a better place. What I liked was that we got to come up with good ideas for the community.”

-Community Forum Participant

In early 2018, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hosted a community engagement process to understand how potential cannabis tax revenue could help meet community priorities. This included telephone and online surveys as well as five community forums.

**Remind leaders to honor the community engagement process.
Your voice and experiences make a difference!**

Attend a Board of Supervisors Meeting

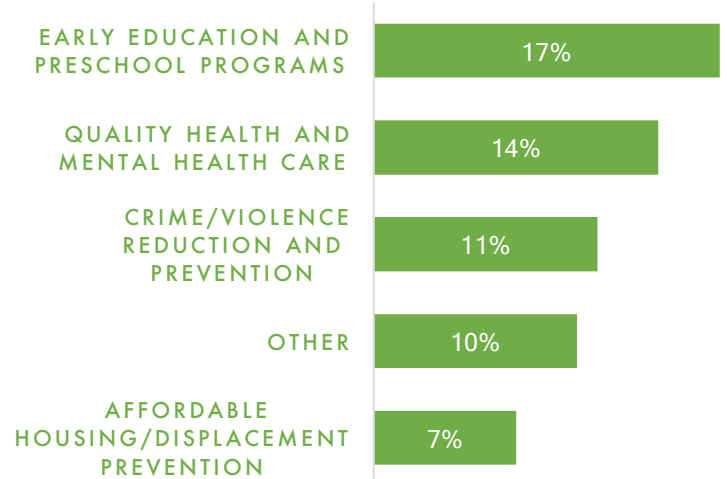
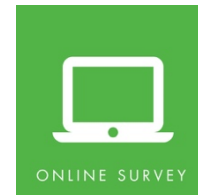
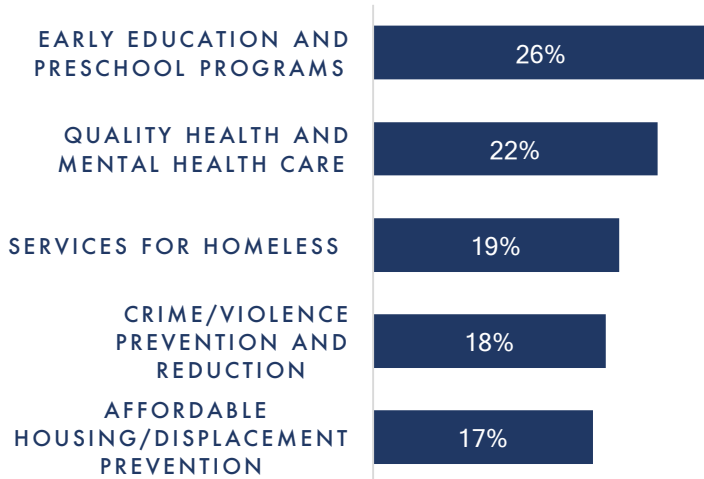
- May 22: Board of Supvr. Regular Meeting
- May 25: Cannabis Committee
- June 4 and 5: Budget Hearings

Contact Your Supervisor

- Write a letter
- Send an email
- Meet with your Supervisor individually

Find meeting agendas, locations, and Supervisor contact information: goo.gl/dgj9MM

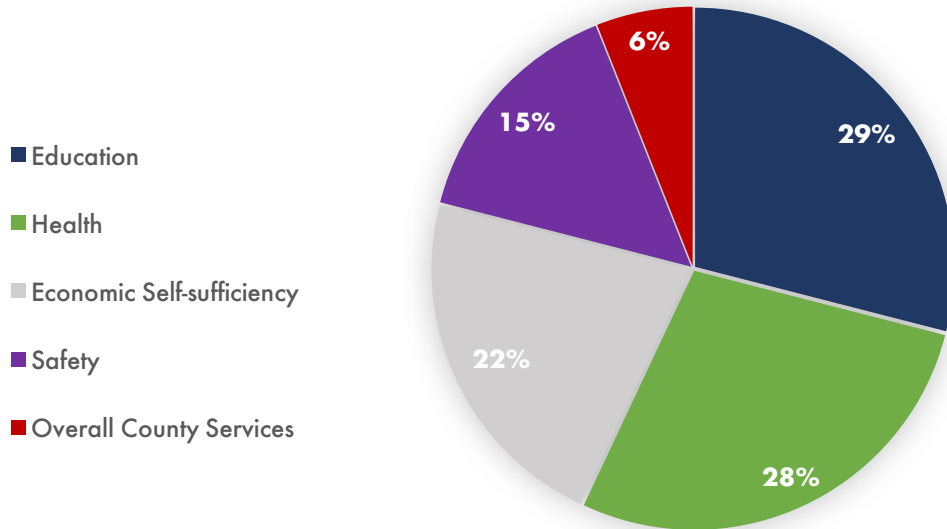
**Community surveys identified
EARLY EDUCATION AND PRESCHOOL and QUALITY HEALTH as top priorities**



Public opinion telephone survey poll results are statistically reliable/significant with 1,500 people. The online survey was available in English and Spanish.

5 Community Forums identified EDUCATION and HEALTH as top priorities

Community Priority Advocacy Monterey County-wide (average from all 5 forums)



Top Programs/Services within Each Priority Area *Equitable, culturally relevant, and responsive programs*

Education

- Ensure early childhood education & preschool
- Expand afterschool youth programs
- Enhance people's participation in local government

Economic Self-sufficiency

- Help people find affordable housing and prevent displacement
- Provide training for residents to help attract businesses and provide residents with good jobs
 - Reparations, record reclassification, & equity
- Services for homeless families & adults
 - Eligibility for non-citizens regardless of their immigration status

Health

- Provide quality healthcare, including mental health care
- Ensure substance abuse education, prevention, & treatment
- Offer health care for all, ex. Esperanza Care

Safety

- Help people when they get out of prison to stay out of prison
- Reduce & prevent crime and violence
 - Enforce cannabis regulations
 - Prevent and suppress illegal grows
- Improve public transportation, increase safe places for people to bike and walk

Overall County Services

- Avoid cuts in existing services
- Replenish some of the county's reserve funds
 - Ensure libraries full service, hours
 - Support animal shelters