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RE: Southern Mono Healthcare District Community Issues Survey

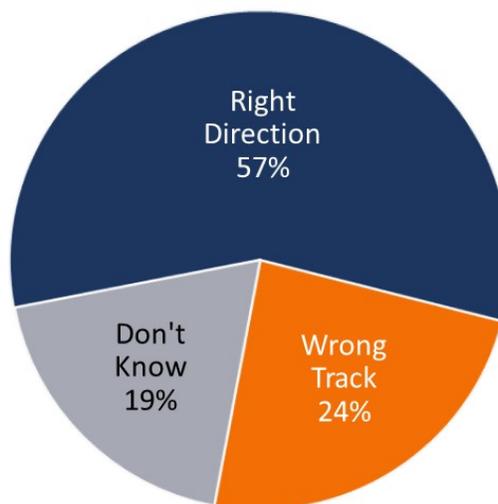
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Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) recently conducted a survey of 211ⁱ respondents within the Southern Mono Healthcare District to examine the local population's general attitudes and concerns about Mammoth Hospital. **The study found that a majority of respondents believe their part of the County is on the right track, and have a favorable view of Mammoth Hospital and voters support authorizing a potential \$40 million bond measure to upgrade the hospital and prepare for natural disasters and emergency preparedness.**

Key findings from the study include:

- **A majority (57%) believe that things in their area of Mono County are headed in the right direction.** In contrast, only a quarter (24%) believe things are off on the wrong track, while about one-in-five (19%) felt unsure or didn't know what direction the City is heading in today (see **Figure 1** below).

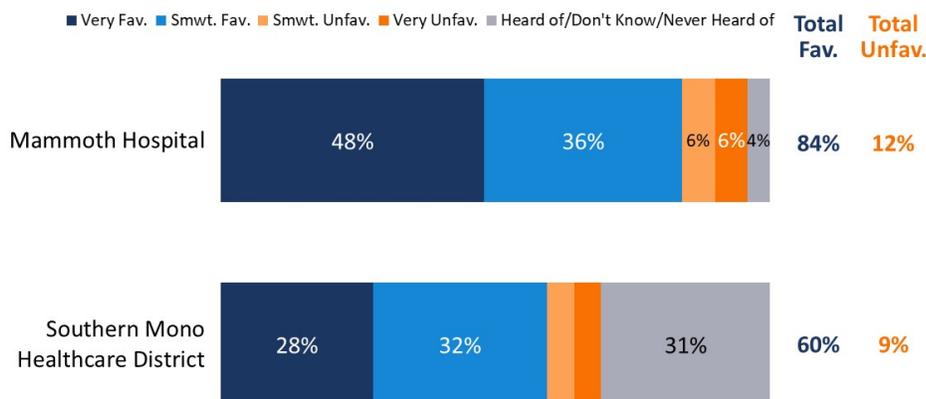
Figure 1: Perceived Direction of Respondents' Area of Mono County



- **Over eight-in-ten (84%) respondents have a favorable view of Mammoth Hospital overall.** Nearly half (48%) indicated they have a very favorable view of the hospital, and an additional 36% said they had a somewhat

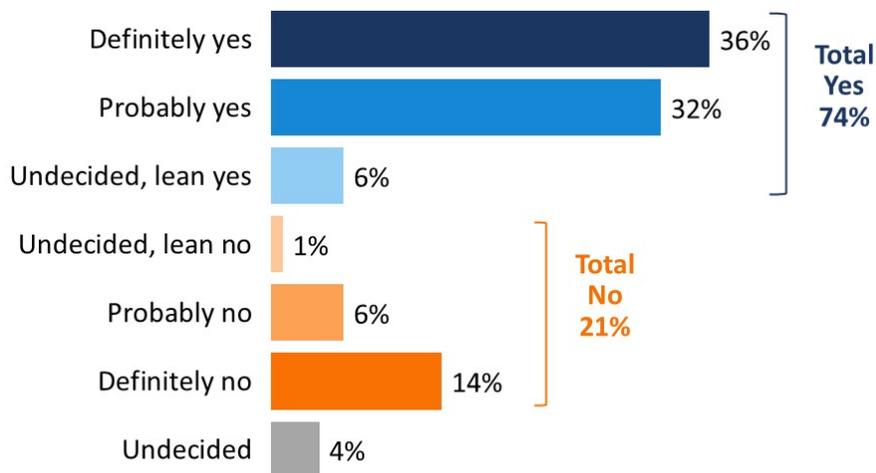
favorable view. Although the overall favorability rating for Southern Mono Healthcare District was lower (with 60% indicating they have a very or somewhat favorable view of the Healthcare District), almost a third (31%) indicated they did not know enough or had never heard about the District. Just nine percent indicated they had an unfavorable view of the District.

Figure 2: Favorability Ratings of Mammoth Hospital and Southern Mono Healthcare District



- **Three-fourths (74%) of respondents indicated they would support a Mammoth Hospital bond measure with a two-thirds majority threshold.** Overall, 36% indicated they would “definitely” vote yes in support of the measure, while a third (32%) indicated they would “probably” vote yes and an additional 6% indicated they “leaned” towards voting yes. In contrast, less than a quarter (21%) indicated they would either “definitely,” “probably,” or “leaned” voting no on the measure.

Figure 3: Support for Potential Bond Measure



- **Respondents believe it is extremely or very important to maintain local healthcare services and ensuring there are protocols around the measure such as requiring public disclosure of all spending.**

Over three-fourths indicated that maintaining advanced, local inpatient medical care (79%) and continuing to attract and retain the most qualified physicians, nurses, and specialists from top medical schools (76%) are extremely or very important. A large majority also believe it is extremely or very important to remove asbestos from the hospital (74%) and prepare for natural disasters such as wildfires (71%). See **Figure 4** below for a list of the proposed measure’s projects, outcomes, and features that a majority of respondents prioritize in their community hospital.

Figure 4: Top Measure Projects, Outcomes, and Feature Priorities
(by Total “Extremely/ Very Important”)

Project or Feature	“Extremely/Very Important”
<i>Requiring public disclosure of all spending</i>	84%
<i>Maintaining local healthcare services</i>	80%
<i>Requiring all funds stay local</i>	80%
<i>Maintaining advanced, local inpatient medical care</i>	79%
<i>Continue to attract and retain the most qualified physicians, nurses, and specialists from top medical schools</i>	76%
<i>Removing asbestos from the hospital</i>	74%
<i>Preparing for natural disasters such as wildfires</i>	71%
<i>Providing comprehensive preventative care</i>	73%

Overall, survey results indicate that a majority of respondents have a favorable view of Mammoth Hospital, although they may be less familiar with the Southern Mono Healthcare District’s name overall. Over two-thirds support a bond measure to help upgrade the hospital and prepare for emergencies and natural disasters. Respondents believe that maintaining local healthcare services and requiring public disclosure of all spending are extremely or very important.

ⁱ Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) conducted a dual-mode survey through telephone (landline and cell phone) and online between November 29- December 12, 2021, among 211 voters registered within the Southern Mono Healthcare District, out of which 168 are likely to vote in the November 2022 election. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. The margin of error for the respondents likely to participate in the November 2022 election is +/- 8.2% with a 95% confidence interval. Margins of error for population subgroups will be higher. Some percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding. All results in this memorandum are among November 2022 likely voters only.