

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

OPEN-LINK SURVEY* RESULTS MEMO

From November 26, 2025 to February 1, 2026, Probolsky Research offered an open-link for residents of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) service area to provide feedback. The District promoted the link. Additionally, LARPD administered a shortened version of the survey during in-person events, which accounted for 30 of the 425 responses. We do not assign a margin of error or level of confidence to open-link surveys like this.

This survey should not be considered as statistically valid as the sample does not match the demographics of the service area. Respondents were disproportionately female, older, and white.

KEY FINDINGS

The following major themes emerged from the open-link feedback:

- LARPD services and facilities are highly valued, with 99% stating that parks, recreation facilities, and programs, and open space are important to their quality of life. Nearly two-thirds (65%) say they visit a park or recreation facility more than once a week.
- Satisfaction with LARPD services is high; 87% were satisfied with parks, recreation facilities, and programs.
- Residents positively rate the quality of parks (88%) and recreation facilities (73%).
- Similar to the statistically valid survey, the top facility needs identified include walking paths and trails, shaded areas in parks, and biking trails. The facilities for which residents feel their needs are most met are walking paths and trails and playgrounds.
- Reflecting the age skew of the open-link survey sample, the top program needs were activities for adults and seniors, as well as fitness classes. While more than half of respondents felt their needs for senior programs were being met, only 30% felt their needs were met for activities and programs for adults.
- 88% think it is important for LARPD to invest in new or upgraded recreation facilities and their top priorities for LARPD are to preserve natural habitat and wildlife corridors.
- LARPD-owned media are the most common sources of information with the LARPD website (78%), email newsletter (45%), and LARPD social media pages (32%) cited as the most used.
- Commonly suggested improvements include the addition of an Olympic-size pool, pickleball expansion, and closing gaps in the trail system. There is also strong demand for activities for adults including fitness classes and social recreation opportunities.

Overall, the results indicate high satisfaction with LARPD's offerings and a community that values parks, recreation, and open space. Residents would like to see continued investment in existing facilities to address aging infrastructure and to add amenities such as shaded areas and restrooms.

*Open-link surveys are not representative of the District's population and individuals or groups could influence the outcome. We recommend looking to the statistically valid survey results (delivered separately) for guidance with decision-making because it is fully reflective of your population and has impenetrable security safeguards.