

Key Takeaways

The analysis reveals several strong consensus points across the diverse community:

Clear Winner: Option B - Despite English speakers being more split, the overall preference for Option B is decisive (68%), driven by overwhelming support from Spanish, Cantonese, and Mam speakers.

Fitness Over Dogs - When forced to choose, 81% prefer fitness areas over dog parks, with non-English speakers showing near-unanimous support for exercise facilities.

Safety First - The most consistent theme across all languages is the need for improved safety, cleanliness, and security. Current barriers include violence, drug use, and general disorder.

Nature + Play - Strong support for natural elements, traditional playground equipment (especially slides and swings), and accessible design.

The data suggests the community wants to transform San Antonio Park from its current state (perceived as unsafe and run-down) into a vibrant, family-centered space that serves the diverse needs of this multilingual neighborhood. The consensus points provide clear direction for moving forward with the Option B design while addressing the critical safety and maintenance concerns that currently keep many families away.

San Antonio Park Survey Analysis - Key Trends and Consensus

Survey Overview

Total Respondents: 110

Language Distribution: English (63), Cantonese (22), Spanish (20), Mam (5)

Major Findings & Strong Consensus Areas

1. Clear Preference for Option B (68% overall)

- **Strong consensus across all language groups** except English speakers
- Spanish: 90% chose Option B
- Cantonese: 91% chose Option B
- Mam: 100% chose Option B
- English: 51% chose Option B (more split)

Key reasons for Option B preference:

- Better/bigger exercise/fitness area
- More games and activities for children
- Cleaner design without dogs (safety concern)
- More organized layout

2. Overwhelming Support for Fitness Area Over Dog Park

- **81% prefer fitness area** when forced to choose between dog park vs. exercise area
- Spanish speakers: 80% fitness area, 0% dog park
- Cantonese speakers: 82% fitness area, 0% dog park
- Mam speakers: 100% fitness area, 0% dog park
- English speakers: 43% fitness area, 19% dog park, 33% want both

3. Safety and Cleanliness Are Top Priorities

Barriers to current park use:

- Violence and drunk people (consistent across Spanish and English responses)
- Dirty conditions and broken equipment
- Drug use and homeless encampments
- Lack of security

What would increase usage:

- Better security and safety measures
- Cleaner facilities and working equipment
- More games and activities for children

4. Strong Support for Accessible Design

- **Option B preferred for 17th Street accessible path** (48% vs 32% for Option A)
- Particularly strong among Cantonese (55%) and Mam (100%) speakers

Community Priorities by Feature

Most Valued Elements:

1. **Sliding equipment** - 78% support (highest across all activities)
2. **Traditional swings** - 75% of Spanish speakers, 78% of English speakers
3. **Nature/natural elements** - 54% overall preference for sensory play
4. **Mosaic seatwalls and restroom murals** - Top choices for public art

Preferred Reductions (if necessary):

1. Rubber surfacing area (33% of English speakers willing to reduce)
2. Number of swings (25% of Spanish speakers)
3. Play structure for ages 2-5 (25% of English speakers)

Language Group Differences

Spanish-Speaking Community:

- Strongest preference for Option B (90%)
- High value on exercise areas and children's games
- Concerned about dog safety around children
- Want more security and cleanliness

Cantonese-Speaking Community:

- Strong preference for Option B (91%)
- High usage rates (32% use daily)
- Value fitness facilities and rope/net play
- Want clean, safe environment

Mam-Speaking Community:

- Unanimous support for Option B (100%)
- Strong focus on children's safety and cleanliness
- Want area "clean without animals"
- Interested in community activities like weaving areas

English-Speaking Community:

- More divided on options (51% Option B vs 49% Option A)

- Higher interest in dog parks (though still minority)
- More open to "wanting both" options
- Diverse range of suggestions and concerns

Key Consensus Points Across All Groups

Universal Agreement:

1. **Current park needs major improvements** - safety, cleanliness, equipment
2. **Children's play areas are the top priority**
3. **Fitness/exercise areas are more valuable than dog parks**
4. **Nature elements and trees are important**
5. **Accessible design is essential**

Safety Concerns Consistent Across Languages:

- Drunk and disorderly behavior
- Drug use and homeless encampments
- Broken/unsafe equipment
- Need for better lighting and security

Recommendations Based on Consensus

High Priority (Strong Multi-Language Support):

1. **Implement Option B design** - clear preference across most groups
2. **Prioritize fitness/exercise area over dog park**
3. **Focus on safety and security improvements**
4. **Include accessible path Option B design**
5. **Maintain traditional swings and sliding equipment**
6. **Incorporate nature/natural play elements**

Address Community Concerns:

1. **Enhanced security and lighting**
2. **Regular maintenance and cleaning protocols**

3. **Water fountains** (requested across multiple languages)
4. **More picnic tables and seating**
5. **Public art focusing on mosaic elements and murals**

Consider Language-Specific Needs:

1. **Multilingual signage and wayfinding**
2. **Cultural elements reflecting community diversity**
3. **Community programming spaces** (weaving area mentioned by Mam speakers)

Conclusion

The survey reveals strong consensus around prioritizing children's safety and play, fitness facilities for families, and creating a clean, secure environment. While there are some differences between language groups, the overwhelming preference for Option B and fitness areas over dog parks provides clear direction for the design process. The community's primary concerns center on transforming the current park from a space perceived as unsafe and neglected into a vibrant, family-friendly community asset.