

## Santa Monica Civic Auditorium Workshop #2 FAQ

### **Why are there only three options for the Civic?**

The three options for the Civic are based on the first Civic Workshop; as well as the continued discussion at each Civic Working Group meeting leading up to this second Civic Workshop. The options were established with help from the consulting team, with particular assistance from the Cultural Planning Group. The options were designed to provide three relatively distinct models for the Civic.

### **How did you come up with the land-use options and sizes?**

A team of architects and cultural planners reviewed the uses developed to date during the process and carefully chose a range of different land uses and building typologies to give as many options to the user as is reasonable for an online tool. The scale (in terms of height and footprint) of each building was based on Santa Monica precedents.

### **Why do I have to fill the entire site?**

Any land left vacant would function as open space, which comes at a capital cost and operating expense. Therefore, the final capital and operating results would be inaccurate if any land were left vacant. Also: for the purposes of re-thinking the Civic and its site, the exercise requires that the entire site be considered.

### **How did you come up with the numbers?**

Each of the assumptions in the tool was carefully developed with input from the City and its team of expert economists, traffic engineers, architects, and cultural planners. If you have a specific question about any particular assumption, please contact the Cultural Affairs Division and they will answer it promptly. Most of the major assumptions are also in the presentation that was given during the workshop itself, available online on the Civic Auditorium website: [www.santamonicacivic.org](http://www.santamonicacivic.org)

### **When are the results from the tool “counted”?**

The results are “counted” continuously until the end. If you go back and make different choices as you play the game iteratively, your new choices will override your old ones in the results; there is therefore no double-counting.

### **How do I know people are not playing multiple times to make a large impact on the results?**

MetroQuest can track the source of data collected, so if too many results from one IP address are generated, it will notice and then the City will use *only* the last (most recent) set of results.

### **What will you do with the results of the online tool?**

The results from the tool will inform the Civic Working Group of the various preferences of participants for different land uses and financing options. The results will not be used as a form of voting for the purposes of decisionmaking, but rather as a way of collecting input to be used to frame the third community Workshop in March, which will in turn inform the Civic Working Group’s ultimate recommendations to City Council.

### **What are the ways I can share my ideas and point of view?**

There are many ways you can share your ideas and point of view throughout the Civic planning process. 1) Share your ideas during the workshop small group discussions. A notetaker will be documenting them so they can be shared with the Civic Working Group and the public via the workshop’s web page at [www.santamonicacivic.org](http://www.santamonicacivic.org); 2) Workshops include public comment sessions and public comment cards where you can write down your input; 3) The online budgeting tool includes a brief survey at the end with several comment sections; 4) Civic Working Group meetings include public comment opportunities; and 5) The Civic Working Group accepts emails from the public at [civic@smgov.net](mailto:civic@smgov.net). Emails from the public are shared and read at the monthly meetings.