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Q14b. Why doesn't anyone in your household ride a bicycle?

- A car is more efficient at getting me to my destinations, I have safety concerns over using the bike lanes, and I cannot afford a bike
- A total nuisance to car traffic.
- Age
- Age
- Age
- All destinations are too far for biking.
- behavior of other cyclists
- Bicycling is an inadequate manner of moving our selves about our daily lives.
- Bike accident
- Bike is currently broken.
- Bikes are in disrepair, expensive to fix.
- Dangerous to bike near my house.
- Disabled
- Disabled
- disabled and unable to ride a bike.
- do not own one currently
- does not feel safe to bike while living on main road
- Don't like biking
- Don't currently have a bike, too dangerous the closer you get to downtown and if not on residential streets
- Don't own a bike
- Don't own a bike
- Don't own a bike
- Drive
- everything is close-we walk
- fear of falling
- former bicyclist, love it, limited by health issues
- health
- Health concerns
- Health issues
- High chance of it getting stolen, not worth it
- I can walk to what I need-other distances too far
- I don't know how to ride a bike...
- I don't own a bicycle and work in Durham so is too far to ride for work.
- I don't own one but I would like to buy one eventually
- I like to walk uptown
- I prefer to walk
- I use my vehicle.
- I used to, but I am not so steady or strong, often feel short on time, and I am often doing errands (such a groceries) that involves more than I can carry on a bike.
- I would like fully connected paved bikeways to bike on. I don't want to bike on roads with traffic
- I'm too clumsy
- Inconvenience

- It currently doesn't work for our family. When walking isn't an option, driving is the more convenient mode of transportation.
- just don't like to ride
- Lazy
- Live in an apartment so would be difficult to store. Like to take the bus for an alternative to driving.
- live too far from ctr
- Lots of things are close enough and more convenient for walking. Anything else is better for driving. And we don't use bikes for recreation/exercise.
- major roads are too busy/congested
- Mine was stolen (not in Carrboro). I am saving for another.
- Mobility issues
- Most trips are short enough to walk.
- Narrow, limited bike lanes.
- Never feels quite safe enough because drivers don't pay enough attention.
- never learned to ride a bike
- Never rode much
- no bike
- no bike
- no bike
- no bike
- no bike
- no bike
- no bike
- no bike
- No bike lanes on highway 54 or my other adjoining streets
- No bike lanes on roads surrounding neighborhoods
- No interest
- no longer feel safe (speed of traffic)
- No need
- No particular reason.
- No place to store a bike
- no place to store a bike, also getting old.
- No reason
- Noisy traffic and fumes; not enough room for bikes to be safe
- Not a cyclist.
- not able
- Not close enough to bike
- Not convenient
- Not interested
- Not interested
- Not interested
- Not interested
- Not interested and not safe
- not my thing
- Not necessary or fun

- Not planning to stay. Town is a little too "Hippie-dippy" and we own acreage in Chatham County by Jordan Lake
- not practical
- Not preferred mode of transportation, expensive, ease of access.
- not safe
- Not so many safe bike way
- old
- One person rides electric scooter to commute
- Our work is too far from home.
- Physical limitations
- Prefer walking
- prefer walking
- Prefer walking
- Safety and convenience
- Scared
- Senior citizen
- the hilly community
- Too dangerous
- Too dangerous
- Too dangerous
- Too dangerous
- Too hilly of an area
- Too many cyclist friends have had bad accidents.
- Too many health issues.
- Too many hills in our neighborhood
- too much traffic
- Too old
- Too old
- Too old
- too old to deal with car traffic
- Traffic on roads
- very hilly neighborhood
- walking is easier
- We currently don't, also we live on the outskirts of town where biking is tougher with hills.
- We don't have bikes
- We don't own one
- we don't have a bicycle
- We live atop a hill
- We live within walking distance to everything
- we love to walk
- we take bus or drive
- We walk or drive
- work from home
- work out of state.
- Work too far away to ride a bike
- Young children, distance to core shopping.

Q22. What changes would you like to see in downtown Carrboro?

- Removal of Black Lives Matter morals. 2. One way traffic pattern around core. 3. Elimination of towing from HT and Carr Mill lots- install meters and validation coins from businesses.
- A few more buildings, small to medium size, 2-3 stories, maybe 4, mixed use with retail/office on the ground floor and office/residential above. Fill in some of the gaps on Main and Weaver Streets. Can we please finally get a building on the NW corner of Weaver and N. Greensboro? It's a disgrace that it has been a vacant weed-filled lot with a chain link fence around it for years. A mixed-use 3 story building here would be a huge improvement. Look at a figure-ground map of downtown, there is a LOT of empty white space and a few small buildings spread apart. Yes, parking is important, but there is enough. On-street parking would help.
- A little cleaner, better bike lanes, continuous sidewalks and greenways.
- A mall for experiences to all ages and type of people
- A moratorium on new condo/apartment developments. It is getting too crowded.
- A more Central Park type area in front of weaver. Improve some of the intersections with confusing lights
- A park at corner of Greensboro and Weave .
- A sidewalk providing improved access to downtown via South Greensboro Street; town support for community fridges and other infrastructure that facilitates access to food through more diverse channels
- A simple inexpensive signage campaign promoting kindness, safety and unity.
- A springtime Carrboro Music festival, the September one is excellent
- Accessible parking needed
- Address issues of homeless population. Downtown is no longer safe. We have been harassed on multiple occasions since the soup kitchen opened.
- Addressing the significant increase in homeless population!
- Affordable housing
- Approve the CVS Expansion on Greensboro Street, so Harris Teeter can grow (adding jobs), and Carr Mill can grow (more jobs). What is there now is an eyesore. The latest proposal (a 4 story something) is awful and twice the size of what CVS proposed. 2 / Close parts of Weaver Street to make it a walkway 3 / Remove the buildings in the triangle of Weaver St, Greensboro St, and Main Street making a town square (which was recommended when the city bought the old church).
- Attention to overall walkability into downtown from various areas (more sidewalks) and sidewalk/light quality in downtown. Maybe changes to make area immediately outside Carr Mill Mall on N Greensboro St less congested- it is very hard to get out of the shopping center most times.
- Attract additional diversity of businesses. A lot of grid-lock through Carrboro. Love the free parking.
- Beautification - flowers, lighting, make it feel cohesive & welcoming
- Better bike infrastructure and more pedestrian friendly
- Better bike lanes along Estes Dr. I am curious about the plan to make Weaver St closed to autos.
- Better bike lanes and on-street bike amenities.
- Better bike parking, quantity and quality. Better enforcement of traffic, speed, crosswalks, parking. Police and town staff voting issues before public input.
- better communication about town meetings; more housing for the homeless; clean up the sidewalks
- Better economic development for small business. Few cars.

- Better intersection in front of weaver and main street. Too confusing. Lights placed inwardly. Improved crosswalks for visibility of walkers/bikers. Bye-bye to potholes.
- Better landscaping
- Better maintenance of downtown streets and sidewalks. More affordable housing units within walking distance of downtown.
- Better pedestrian access/sidewalks from Main street to Drakeford. Traffic flow along S Greensboro, cars turning left get stuck and can block traffic.
- better public parking
- Better sidewalks
- Better sidewalks, tree maintenance, get rid of old/unused newspaper boxes, litter clean up, regular removal of telephone pole advertisements.
- Better street lights and sidewalks
- Better timing for the traffic lights on Greensboro St where it intersects at the Weaver and Main St
- Better timing of traffic lights at peak times. The lights at Greensboro/Main and at Greensboro/weaver are out of sync. Only a few cars can get by.
- Better traffic availability (stoplight timing, lanes, street maintenance).
- Better traffic conditions at rush-hour and more divided bike lanes
- Better traffic patterns, help for struggling businesses. Bigger tax base
- Bicycle patrol
- Biking/walking only space. More car free days. Affordable food, more festivals. Better bike lanes, road repair. Balance of greenways and water quality-no bike paths by streams. Get rid of railroad train and convert to bike paths.
- Boba!
- Business signage, street signage, and new buildings to be more aesthetically pleasing/visually better integrated with original architecture. Signs are OK, but from a typography/graphic design stand point the sometimes are not as nice as they could be.
- Businesses that are affordable that families actually need and less boutiques so I don't have to drive to any of the surrounding communities to buy my kids basic clothes, shoes, take them for any fun activities that don't involve paying a piece of clay.... A lot Spaces for teens to hang out in person and feel safe things for families on a budget. Less high end yuppie shops and spaces and more down to earth calm safe family spaces you don't have to spend a paycheck to sit at.
- clean and more room for parking
- clean up homeless
- Cleaner; and I don't feel safe with my kid often due to people loitering and sleeping at IFC and bus stops. I have been yelled at and have seen people expose themselves.
- Cleaning and more weekend routes.
- Cleanup the town. Homeless population in tents near post office and other locations needs to be addressed.
- Close East Weaver St. Better bike lanes and infrastructure.
- Close the 100 East Block of Weaver Street to cars. Ticket drivers that fail to yield to pedestrians. No bike riding on sidewalks.
- Close Weaver Street to cars
- Closing of Weaver street to allow for more pedestrian activity in front of Weaver street market
- Closing Weaver Street? Make it pedestrian walkway; widening shoulder of Estes Road near traffic circle/Martin Luther King; fill potholes on North Greensboro; More crossings on North Greensboro and Oak Street.

- closure of portion of Weaver St for pedestrian promenade improved pedestrian facilities around the Drake ford
- Concerned about my safety, walking alone in downtown area, will not walk past IFC.
- Continue to work to maximize vibrancy downtown through small biz development
- creative new development that enhances Carrboro's unique character
- CVS lot developed into usable building or space that fits into traditional styles. No glass box. The chain link fence and weeds are terrible. Our guests make jokes about the spot.
- Deal with the eyesore that is the corner of Weaver and N. Greensboro. First do something to make it more attractive prior to development and second get on with some development plan for the site. It is a crime that the site has sat empty and blighted for as long as it has. Carrboro has so much going for it yet this one huge negative reflects very poorly on the town's image as a whole. There must be SOMETHING that can be done!!
- Develop area across Greensboro from Carr Mill Mall. Preserve forest walking paths like next to Carrboro elementary. Really like the Drakeford Library. Good job.
- Development in the empty overgrown lot on Weaver st across from weaver St Market!!!! It's so ugly and yet valuable! Wider sidewalks downtown and more sidewalk adjacent to downtown. Extend the paved bike/walk way that starts by the new Art Center. Make it go through downtown to the farmer's market. That would be amazing!!
- Development of old farmers market location (current less than ½ used private parking lot) into mixed-use/affordable housing
- Diverse businesses with inclusive services
- Diversity of businesses in core downtown area has gone down in the last 10 years
- Do not close any part of Weaver Street, that would eliminate vehicular traffic.
- Do not close Weaver Street. Find a way to make Town commons or Art Center interesting. Maybe even a walking loop
- DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT EYESORE ON GREENSBORO AND WEAVER!!! IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS AND STILL JUST AN EMPTY LOT? SHOW SOME BACKBONE AND PUT IT TO BETTER USE THAN BANNERS ON A CHAINLINK FENCE.
- Do something about the abandoned lot on the corner of Weaver St and N Greensboro. It is an eyesore
- Do something about the traffic pattern; get the beggars off the intersections and get the tent village out of Carrboro
- Do something with the abandoned site at Greensboro and Weaver Street.
- Doesn't really have a main downtown area
- Don't make weaver street a pedestrian only street
- Downtown Carrboro is now so full of social services that its become a loitering hangout for the homeless. I can hardly shop or eat out without being asked for money; The huge Black Lives Matter banner painted at the Century Center feels performative. I'd like to see it back as a brick facade and not a billboard signaling progressivism; I wish we had a splashpad for kids-the summers are brutal
- Downtown is getting busier, creating traffic and parking problems, the latter of which may be partially addressed by the new parking garage attached to the library. It's hard to imagine the downtown being reconfigured but there are more congestion issues through town at this time that are not ideal. I otherwise really like the downtown and offerings that we have there.
- easier parking
- easier parking for people
- Easier to find parking for older persons who can't walk long distances or bike.

- Easing of predatory towing and development of the vacant lot at N. Greensboro and Weaver St.
- Eliminate or repurpose empty storefront
- Empty lot across from Weaver st Market/police station is unsightly.
- Encouraging more family owned businesses (not corporate) with a variety of goods and services. More mid-priced restaurants, more stores offering utilitarian goods (housewares, outdoor goods, etc.)
- End predatory towing in Carr Mill Mall; expand F route bus service.
- Enforced rules for biking. It's not right for bikes to ride up on the sidewalk in particular when they use that then to cross streets and the pedestrian crosswalks to avoid red lights. Pedestrians should mean people walking not riding a bike.
- enhance the historic character of the downtown. plant trees and use natural stormwater controls
- Facilitate the redevelopment of the lot across from Weaver Street Market in an economically realistic fashion. Please do not turn weaver street into a pedestrian mall. That would cripple the commute of the vast majority of residents who live in Carrboro and work at UNC while not meaningfully assisting bike commuters. We have plenty of public and quasi-public gathering spaces downtown (Farmers Market, Library, Weaver Street Lawn, Century Center, Town Hall), we don't need another in the middle of the street. If you want to improve bike infrastructure on Weaver Street, just get rid of the street parking and put in bike lanes. With two free parking decks and multiple surface lots downtown we have plenty of public parking and don't need the five on-street parking spaces currently on Weaver Street. The current loading zone on Weaver Street could be shifted to the current northern entrance of the police parking lot between the Century Center and Jade Palace that is currently a one-way pull out. That would minimize on-street conflicts and police vehicles could still enter and exit through the southern access point when trucks are using the loading zone.
- Fix Carr Mill Mall parking issues, too draconian.
- Fix the numerous, unsafe potholes. No new Greenbridge style commercial or mixed use high rises. They are hideous and soul killing.
- Flashing yellow arrow signal is confusing when westbound on E Main. also Blue parking ahead sign when Northbound on S Merritt Will rd at intersection with Franklin should not be located over the left turn lane. Too often, drivers in that lane continue straight, which risks collision
- Frequent street cleaning. Work with business to keep downtown clean. Add some landscaping around the new library.
- Get rid of Nathan Million and his predatory parking scheme.
- Heard something about plans to convert street outside Weaver to pedestrian only, I would love that!
- Helping potential business owners fill the empty storefronts. Incentives for ideas other than coffee shops
- I am **not** on board with the proposed plan to close Weaver to cars as it would make transversing town even more difficult for those of us that live north of town off of Greensboro & for my clients to get to me at my business near Town Hall
- I am a huge biker/walker. W. Main St. needs crosswalks on corner with Lanzas. Bike lane down W. Main needs repaving. Trash and debris along W. Main across from town hall. I love walking in downtown Carrboro, but unfortunately it can be super unpleasant in the summer months, especially during rush hour. The traffic at the intersection of N. Greensboro and Weaver St is absolutely unacceptable and it makes it an extremely unpleasant experience to walk along these areas with all the car traffic, the heat coming off the cars and the road, and the lack of tree cover. In addition, curb cuts and sidewalks are iffy at best (much improved since the new curb cuts). My

father, who uses a wheelchair, and I attempted to walk from the Hilton to Steel String and he couldn't make it because of how rough and bumpy the sidewalks are.

- I am concerned about the proposal to close Weaver St to vehicular traffic. I worry that closing Weaver St to cars/trucks/buses would have a negative impact on already heavy traffic downtown
- I am picking up a lot of trash in my walks. Can you dictate to the gas stations to clean up public areas.?
- I am very worried that the new development plan will make Carrboro into someplace I won't recognize. So preservation and better utilization of what we have.
- I believe we can all learn more about our community by enhancing communication opportunities. I feel that is difficult given the different ways our generations communicate, however, expanding to those sites with widespread reach would be beneficial.
- I can't think of anything!
- I do not have suggestions. I like downtown Carrboro (except I do not like parking in the new library complex, which is dangerous and does not connect to the interior of the building).
- I do not know well about downtown but I ask safety as priority.
- I know that I am a minority, but I am a conservative Christian living in Carrboro. I plan to move away from Carrboro specifically because of the following reasons:
 - I cannot find a job in Carrboro. Certainly not one that will sustain the size family that I would like to have.
 - I do not feel represented at all by the values espoused by the town of Carrboro (pride flags at the school, critical race theory in the school, more pride flags than American flags on town hall).
 - Nearly no businesses in downtown Carrboro are places I would feel comfortable to share my beliefs or to bring my children.
- I personally would love a 7-Eleven.
- I really don't want to see E. Weaver Street shut down (closed to traffic). Although at first glance you wouldn't think that traffic would enhance a place, but I feel that the traffic going by makes the lawn in front of Weaver Street Market seem like a livelier place. You feel like you're in the middle of things. Without it, I'm afraid it would become a dead zone.
- I think businesses downtown such as mini marts should have to pick up all trash. The IFC pantry should do regular pick up of trash on each side of the building.
- I think downtown Carrboro is awesome and I would hate to see changes that detract from this. Don't mess with something that works really well for something dreamed up, please.
- I think the town is growing slowly but it's safer for the kids
- I walk to Carr Mill mall, but the owner towing cars immediately is out of control. This does not encourage people to visit Carrboro.
- I wish there was a bike lane by Harris teeter, more walking paths. Wish the road between Weaver St Market and Spotted dog was pedestrian only, divert traffic. I wish the sidewalks had more shade.
- I would like to see the historic aspect and character of downtown to be honored when considering new projects. The architecture.
- I would like Carrboro to maintain its independence, continuing to resist chains, big development, and the terrible blight of big tech companies, which we are witnessing pose increasing threats to our environment, education, and ethics. One of the most precious things about Carrboro is its dedication to small businesses, grass-roots movements, co-ops, and community. Our little town is great at all of these things, and I hope we continue to find support in those endeavors without plans to shape it into something that changes why so many who live here love this place.

- I would like the homeless people doing drugs and threatening people on main addressed. More than a few times I've had to deal with violent threats from them
- I would like the street in front of Weaver Street Market to be closed off as a pedestrian only area.
- I would like to see more places like Weaver Street Market when you can gather with the kids with play area. A splash pad with shadow would be nice too.
- I would like to see more public outdoor spaces for sitting and gathering
- I would like to see more variety in businesses. We have plenty of coffee shops and yoga studios. More activities, different stores, a greater variety in restaurants. All of those would be nice.
- I would love to see a downtown that is more walkable and less congested with car traffic.
- I would love to see something done with the empty lot at Weaver and Greensboro Pocket park.
- I'd love to see more downtown business owners being apart of city planning.
- I'd like to see better landscaping around parking areas. I'd like to see empty storefronts get filled. I'd like to see the corner across from Weaver Street Market get turned into a park or a business or something other than a weedy corner with chain-linked fencing.
- I'd like to see more possible access by pedestrians (a) coming from south of 54 (e.g., through a pedestrian bridge) and (b) going to the roundabout shopping center off South Greensboro (e.g., sidewalks down S Greensboro) would be great.
- If they are going to turn a portion of Weaver St into a pedestrian area, I would love if they explored the possibility of building a road that runs between Southern States and Harris Teeter, behind Harris Teeter, and alongside the railroad tracks into Carrboro, ending at the intersection of Weaver St, Main St, and Roberson St. That would still allow car traffic from N Carrboro to access E Carrboro and Chapel Hill.
- I'm interested in the pilot study of making a portion of Weaver St a pedestrian-only zone.
- Improve traffic flow, fill vacant buildings, make parking less hostile.
- improved appearance, more shade/trees; improved traffic flow and bike lanes-especially at rush hour
- Improved cleanliness and landscaping, fixing up of rundown looking buildings, businesses in empty store fronts. Do something with the empty chain link fenced lot tight in the center of town. The fact that it sits still unused and fenced is an embarrassment
- improved frequency/options of bus route in Carrboro; very disappointed to see majority of new library room were locked and empty - should be open to the public. also disappointed with permitting/planning dept customer service
- Improvement of current infrastructure instead of new builds. A moratorium on new expensive apts and houses
- Improvements to walking and biking infrastructure that is separate and protected from cars and trucks.
- Increase bike- and walk-ability
- Increase tax base. Better/safer biking. Clean up the bike lanes. Better stores. Traffic is a nightmare, dangerous.
- Increase taxes on empty retail space to encourage growth!
- International culture affairs; secondhand stuff sales/exchange events
- It all looks tired and in need of sprucing up. The empty lot across from Weaver St Market is an eyesore. A giant sandwich board in front of the new library is an eyesore. Parked cars on Weaver Street are unattractive.
- It is sad that some streets still don't have sidewalks or they have damaged sidewalks that put us at risk. Would like to have more green waves and green spaces in general.

- It just looks old and junky. That corner lot at N. Greensboro St & W. Weaver St. for example has been a eyesore for years. Many of the buildings along W. Weave & W. Main are also dumps, Running businesses out of old houses/structures that were not intended for current usage does not make for an attractive business district.
- It would be good to see a council that understands business and the impact it can have on a community's viability.
- It would be great if some of the most prominent and valuable land downtown wasn't occupied by gas stations, car washes, gravel parking lots, and vacant, fenced off empty lots.
- It would be great if we had more mental health/social service outreach for homeless. Would also love more access to e employment
- It would be great to see the town prioritize walkers/reduce motor traffic.
- It's unaffordable here and because it's a wealthy town. I did well over the six years that I've lived here. As I am not working as much, I can't afford to live here. Never have I experienced this kind of housing crisis.
- Keep the infrastructure solid and do not overbuild.
- Less car traffic and more bike lanes.
- less emphasis on bicycles -impossible for non-cyclists to dine or socialize downtown. Highly discriminatory-poor return for tax dollars
- Less focus on fringe social issues when planning for the larger public.
- Less marijuana smell. A good, non-chain donut shop. Less car towing.
- Less predatory Towing
- Less traffic congestion. more diverse shops, art event.
- Lights on demand to cross streets by pedestrians, main street. Near lanzas cafe
- Like I've said, it's a bit "Hippie-dippy," and trite "We want to look Progressive." It's tired and semi-insulting
- Longer lights on weaver street.
- Maintained free parking area areas
- Make use of the empty lot at Greensboro and Weaver Street.
- Making it easier to drive through. For instance, cars turning left from weaver street into the weaver street market often block traffic trying to enter east Main Street from weaver st. Would be a better use of streets to not allow a left turn there and have people going into weaver st parking lot use East main, since it has a left turn lane already. Having a police presence in the Harris Teeter Parking lot in the evenings would also help that parking lot feel safer. I occasionally see shoppers getting harassed by people wanting money.
- Making main street a pedestrian walkway. Eliminate predatory towing. Clean up vacant lots and spaces behind buildings. Make google fiber available.
- maybe some street paving, some spots need improvement
- Mike Nelson back in town.
- Mitigate and beautify traffic bottleneck of Town Center along Greensboro Street at Weaver Street and Jones ferry Road. That should be done before the proposed Weaver Street closures.
- More advertising community and culture events
- more affordability to commercial spaces
- More affordability. There are some really nice businesses but the cost of handing out in downtown is really high.
- More affordable commercial space, homeless problem addressed. The feeling of not being safe due to mental health issues of homeless. Allowing residents with .33 acres or more to subdivide lot to encourage more affordable housing.

- More affordable dining, fewer empty buildings, more affordable services (haircuts, barbers, nail salons, etc.)
- More affordable housing and better parking.
- More affordable housing!! Less people panhandling in our town. More services and grants for small businesses.
- More affordable housing, availability of recreational space, park pavilions, alcohol permits, better disaster relief response
- More affordable housing, housing for people that are experiencing homelessness
- More art and gardens.
- More art, better traffic flow
- more bike lanes; don't allow big commercial developments-needs to stay and feel like a small town with lots to do
- More buildings, shops, and parking. We would love to see Weaver street become pedestrian only.
- more business, easy parking
- More car-free zones, more bike paths and parking, more things to do for families. Splash pad? Climbing wall? Fun, family-friendly businesses, specialized stores like Asheville has. Like an amazing shoe store. We need to recruit niche businesses to open stores in Carrboro.
- More commercial development on privately owned land that will pay property tax to the town, and less non-profit downtown facilities.
- More community events
- More connected bike paths and greenways. Bigger and smoother bike lanes.
- more connecting greenways throughout town and extending to chapel hill and beyond for walkers, runners, and bikers
- More connectivity between businesses.
- More cultural events, more small businesses, more availability of public transportation over the weekends.
- More density of retail and housing.
- More density, less parking lots, more parks/greenspace downtown, close Weaver St to traffic
- More diverse food options
- More diversity and better restaurants
- More free parking. local ownership of businesses. Better efficiency of traffic lights/flow.
- More fun and affordable shops
- More green space and public, pedestrian-only gathering spots. More window shopping opportunity on Main St.
- More green spaces maybe with gardens encouraging biodiversity, quieter spaces for just hanging out and appreciating just being
- More green spaces, less big ugly buildings (happy for a library but it's and eye sore, not that many books, and bad parking)
- More green, less parking, less free parking, more space for biking and walking, close Weaver St.
- More greenways for biking, access to UNC via an extension of Libba Cotton Greenway.
- More greenways, less car congestion. More emphasis on bikeways and public transport. Keep free parking lots. Expand library area, do something about the predatory towing at Carr Mill
- More help for the homeless. The facilities available to them seem to be really concentrated in one area, and I sometimes feel unsafe.
- More inspiring family events at town commons like southern village.....symphony or other music events where people can dance and have food trucks along weaver street. the carrboro Bazaar

is awesome and we need more events like that Carrboro recreation website is so clunky and outdated and feels like it isn't keeping up with modern times. Carrboro town Hall should be renovated

- More open discussion of town planning process and outcomes.
- More parking
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- More parking and less towing. Sidewalks linking all of Carrboro. More lights on trails.
- More parking spots
- More parking, less taxes
- More parking; towing enforcement is too severe
- More parks
- more parks/green areas
- More people of color enjoying the amenities and shops in our towns
- More places for African Americans people
- More plants, less dead space. on Main street, it is empty and unappealing.
- More public charging units for electric vehicles. Light rail or trolley(more inviting than buses). Information kiosk.
- More public EV chargers. Need to institute an idle fee for people who finish charging so they will move their vehicle to allow someone else to charge their EV. The free EV charging is wonderful as it allows those living in apartments and rentals to charge their EV but the availability is limited and sometimes, inconsiderate people leave their EVs fully charged and blocking the space so others can't charge their car. Either install more EV chargers or institute an idle fee to keep people from hogging the chargers. Also, the EV chargers off of Rosemary St. are constantly being blocked by non-EV cars. Please put signage that it should be EV parking (while charging) only so people don't block those spaces. Finally, a sidewalk on S. Greensboro St. would be wonderful to allow access to the southern part of town and connect S. Green development to the rest of the town. You should make it a requirement for new developments to add sidewalks to encourage walking (and that the developer pays for these instead of the town).
- More public parking and easing the congestion throughout downtown.
- More public parking, more affordable housing, more commercial development to lessen property tax burden.
- More public space. More housing. More space for small businesses. Better sidewalks and crossings. Less parking lots.
- More responsible budgeting. A few more useful stores would be helpful. Retain some public free parking to keep downtown alive. Retain old trees and support farmers markets, and don't develop our city into a generic cookie cutter town with limited affordable housing, shop rentals, and poor quality infrastructure/architecture
- More restaurants and shops. Higher density housing. Less run-down looking.
- More restaurants. Do something with the vacant lot at Weaver and Greensboro. More practical businesses as opposed to a lot of art/craft boutiques, salons, cafe type places. Merge at W. Street Market at RR crossing is terrible! Can't force bikes by reducing good car planning.
- more sidewalks
- More sidewalks, bike lanes, and green ways. More businesses downtown that are not hospitality or retail.
- More small businesses/shopping and support for unhoused on streets

- More small local stores. Make the road between the library and the Arts Center nicer, clean it up, make it a destination. Fix the Main/Weaver intersection. Very confusing. walk light needed for pedestrians.
- More street lights in neighborhood. Clean bus stops, and downtown streets. Accessible free parking 24/7
- More support for unique, local small businesses. Better authentic community engagement in what we want our downtown to look and feel like. Better ToC involvement to lease vacant storefronts to unique businesses which improve the town, not generic corporate businesses like Chapel Hill is now.
- More traffic enforcement. Cars do not stop for crosswalks, run red lights.
- More trees, landscaping
- More variety of business. safer for bikes
- More variety of restaurants, healthy options, more places to park my bike.
- More variety of shopping/eating options.
- More walkability
- More walkable spaces at a human scale. Downtown was built for cars , it is ugly/unpleasant to walk around. Huge parking lots are convenient but not inviting for everyone else.
- Need better choice of moderately priced restaurants. More security in Drakeford complex stairwells, bathrooms, elevators to allow room for people arriving in morning to get by, and prevent people urinating in wrong places; and deal with people making physical threats.
- Network traffic to make congestion less, back up between the mis timed lights.
- new businesses
- New businesses, putting the homeless shelter so close to downtown was absurd
- New public park, participation of town in AI-driven traffic control
- Newcomer. Think that people drive a little hot headed around here. Would like better lighting
- No predatory towing, a park walkable from downtown
- No problems.
- No towing from Weaver Street parking lot.
- Not in favor of closing Weaver St.
- Our city is falling behind Hillsborough and Durham. We need better leadership and focus on reviving the downtown. It looks worse than ever. I also have concerns about aggressive people on the streets.
- Outlaw Barnes Towing from Carr Mill Mall
- Painted and protected bike lanes on N Greensboro and Jones Ferry. And develop the parcel at the corner of N Greensboro & Weaver St! It's so ugly and disconnects the atmosphere from downtown to the farmers market area.
- Parking at the dinner hour around Carrboro Mall is impossible. There are so many bars and restaurants in that area that there should be better parking.
- Parking has improved with the new library.
- Parking is a disaster. The congestion at Weaver St and Main along Greensboro is a problem at all times-not sure how discussions of a pedestrian area would possibly help that. We would benefit from an establishment with a large outdoor play area, plus WiFi, plus beer and coffee-Durham and Cary have many locations like this, even Pittsboro
- Parking near businesses for handicapped is difficult. Towing fees are too high.
- Perhaps a food hall or small business incubator, so that entrepreneurs could try out ideas with a lower scope of commitment. This would also create additional transit connected third spaces.

- Playgrounds, splash pad-a gathering place for kids
- Please develop the empty lot on the corner of Weaver Street and North Greensboro.
- Please improve the appearance of the library parking garage with a mural or facade. It is ugly
- Please keep parking free
- Possibly a pedestrian only area
- Preservation of historic buildings and mill houses. More trees. Less to no development of large multistory buildings. keep Carborro's charm by keeping it small and by keeping the architecture and outside of buildings similar to the buildings that are around Main Street in Carmill area. Less density overall in Carrboro. Carrboro is a small quaint town, let's keep it that way. I do not want to see more development, multistory buildings, or an increase in population.
- preserve the character of Carrboro-no cookie cutter commercial development
- Preserve the current buildings; no high rises
- Preserve the historical character of existing buildings. Develop the corner of Greensboro and W. Weaver Street into something vital, needed and accessible.
- Proactively dealing with the increasing issues associated with unhoused individuals ... violence, drug use, public intoxication, and more are becoming commonplace and driving visitors and families away from downtown. Can we balance compassion without sacrificing our safety?
- Prohibit predatory towing.
- Protected bike lanes and greenways. activity/recreation for adults, parks and open natural space
- protected bike lanes; fix the traffic light situation at weaver street market
- quality and maintenance continues to improve. also to mitigate draining/flooding when it heavily rains
- Quicker maintenance of parks (Wilson), main road in front of Weaver pedestrian only on Sunday's.
- Rather than making Weaver a pedestrian plaza, I think Weaver and Main downtown should be made one-way, like the streets around the Carolina Inn.
- Reduced traffic congestion. When they took away lanes for cars in downtown it made getting to/through town terrible.
- re-establish handicap parking in Main Street parking area
- Remove homeless panhandlers from Carr Mill Area
- Renovation or removal of certain buildings which exhibit some degree of neglect
- Residential development with support for teachers and local government employees to afford living in town
- Resolve traffic problems on E. Weaver and East Main. Somehow add a turn lane, timing lights better, make a new bike lane on Main st.
- Resources for the unhoused. Do not close Weaver St for that ridiculous plan which will destroy downtown Carrboro,
- Roads maintained; vacant lot by Weaver Street developed; more parking options
- Safer biking, currently it's way too dangerous; require restaurants, etc. to have better maintained parking area.
- Satisfied with rate of changes thus far in downtown Carrboro area
- serve your families, our schools are housing less students-bring more programs, fix your parks, create gardens. We have a wonderful community-provide space and activities to support community; look at towns like Irvine and learn from how they have recreation parks, activities, bike paths. Homes that bring the most money in taxes are not being served. We don't have trails connecting us
- Shelter for Mentally ill and homeless population

- shut down and redesign Weaver Street. Better bus route/schedule from town center down major roads. Covered bus stops with seats.
- Sidewalks after rain or snow can be unsafe and left for a long time with snow/flooding. I'm not originally from the U.S., which makes perceiving and navigating safety very difficult. There are some encounters, especially near bus stops or outside businesses that I don't know how to navigate. Homophobic comments have been made at/to/near me in the street and on transit that have been justified by other members of the public because they are made by people that are/could be unhoused. This makes navigating life here very difficult and I compromise I don't have to make in my home country.
- sidewalks on Simpson St and High St
- Slower traffic on S. Greensboro Street.
- some beautification of downtown public space. proper painting / decoration of the ugly and unadorned new parking deck. Look around Chapel Hill and see how they've made parking decks look nicer. I can't believe we approved Orange County to build something with no beautification at all!
- Some kind of improved traffic flow around Weaver Street/Main Street. Very hard to move in this area in the evenings.
- Some older dilapidated storefronts/buildings need to be renovated. Crowded, congested parking lot in front of Amante Pizza, Haw River Tap and Grill, Cat's Cradle.
- Some place to buy affordable new clothes
- Some sidewalk areas are lacking crosswalks, could be improved. Carr Mill Mall needs to stop towing.
- South Greensboro Street's lack of sidewalk is extremely dangerous. A sidewalk is needed ASAP for the residents who regularly walk into town.
- Stop spending our money like drunken sailors!! Stop raising our taxes !!!! Return traffic pattern of pre-covid. Takes an hour sometimes to get from the planetarium to wsm. Current traffic flow sucks!!! Stop the "study" of unwise ideas. Need better representation of real Carrboro residents.
- stop towing cars from Weaver St area parking and other places; free, really free parking or more credit card accepting stations, no phone apps for parking-or fewer- not just 2 hour free parking
- Storefront shops filled on those that are currently vacant; More murals on Drakeford building/parking garage; prioritize native plants for landscaping
- Street vendors. Town like Asheville provide covered stalls/areas for people to vend handmade items. They grassy area across for people to vend handmade items. The grassy area across from Century Center would work for that. The town could encourage these public displays of arts & crafts for sale.
- Streetlight maintenance in neighborhoods; sidewalk on S. Greensboro St. to circle
- The amount of panhandling & harassment by homeless people has skyrocketed. Consequently there is also garbage all over downtown. It is extremely disturbing and disappointing. Being compassionate towards those less fortunate does not have to come at the expense of the safety and quality of life of long time residents
- The building of the 'library' was a big disappointment. After years of planning, we got a huge building that is mostly a multi-level parking deck and the library itself is just a small portion of the rest of the building. It appears to be mostly empty and under-used office space (plus the parking deck), and the fees to use these spaces are significant, even though we are the ones paying for this building through our property taxes. I am sure this is not what residents were hoping for, but we will be paying for it for a long time - our property taxes have already risen considerably. I hope

the next developments can be spaces that will be better used and serve the community, rather than just subsidize a few local businesses (by providing them free parking space).

- the changes I would like to see in downtown Carrboro is expanding affordable housing and improving supporting small businesses
- The city is getting dirtier and I'm seeing human waste and empty booze bottles on my walks. The vacant eyesore in the heart of town on Weaver and North Greensboro is an embarrassment.
- the corner of Greensboro and weaver should have been developed Harris Teeter would have expanded into CVS and would have become a much better store. Instead the NIMBYs won out and we now have a multi year eyesore
- The empty lot across from Weaver Street needs to be used for something.
- The empty lot at N Greensboro and Weaver St.
- The entry points to Carrboro need aesthetic help. In particular the block with the auto parts, wings and old aids store is really ugly. Sidewalks should be doubled in width. They are far too narrow for the amount t of use they get.
- The local towing company is extremely predatory and the lack of regulation allows them to take advantage of people.
- the lot at Greensboro and Weaver looks terrible. All streets leading to that intersection are often backed up.
- The lot next to Weaver street is SO trashy. Carrboro culturally generally puts nearly 0 effort into maintaining property. The town looks run down
- The overall appearance is dingy and rundown. There are unhoused people in numerous places at all hours of the day. Do not let my kids go downtown by themselves. The new library is tiny and has people sleeping in the furniture. Again, not a place I let my kids go to alone.
- The parking areas
- The town is looking increasingly shabby and unkept. It is very difficult for the private sector to improve the services and appearance of the downtown. Town government is increasingly concerned only with performative practices and policies.
- the unhoused men that spend their days at the town commons are intimidating to those wanting to spend time there. They use drugs and curse across the street from my children's school. Support them in finding purpose, work and homes
- The war against cars needs to end. As does the obsession with DEI policies. Not a huge fan of the new library building, as it doesn't integrate well with the rest of downtown Carrboro. I hope future buildings will not be such an eyesore. The town needs to do a much better job of policing homeless people and vagrants. There are parts of town that definitely feel unsafe, including right next to the Carrboro Post Office.
- to make Carrboro pedestrian friendly-there are many sidewalks that either unfinished or encroached upon by the adjacent property owner. It is messy and dangerous. Too many sidewalks leading to Harris Teeter area is one example
- Too much snow on sidewalks after plowed.
- Towing at lots is too aggressive; build a Costco out on 54
- Town-wide compost pick up!
- Traffic can be brutal at certain times of day, particularly since Main Street went down to two lanes. Also acknowledging that Carrboro encompasses families off Homestead Rd and biking to/from downtown with children can be challenging. As much as Carrboro wants to be "bikeable" and eliminate cars, it's not feasible for a significant number of residents. I'm also concerned by the number of e-bikers riding at high speeds, particularly high speeds on sidewalks, and without helmets. If biking is so important in Carrboro, why is there no helmet law? Given the high speed

the e-bikes can travel, it's shocking to see such educated individuals riding on public roads without helmets. It's also frustrating seeing bikers ride as though they "own the road" and not obey traffic laws, ride through red lights, not stop or even yield at stop signs. If Carrboro wants to be a bike friendly town, there needs to be a mutual respect between both entities; I feel that bikers ride through Carrboro as though they own the roads, without care or caution for vehicles or even pedestrians.

- Traffic congestion addressed
- Traffic control; more level sidewalks. Broken pavement needs fixed. More green trees and benches to sit at strategic intervals.
- Traffic downtown is super bad. The triangle section near Wegmans does not work. Maybe block off as a promenade and use one street for traffic. Would like those bushes outside the old library cut near the fountain. Blocks views.
- Traffic is gridlock on weekends.
- Turn Weaver Street in front of Weaver Street Market into a bikes and pedestrian zone, no cars.
- Walkable streets in front of Weaver-no cars. Also, the streets that go next to Drake library are a mess. We need a walkable downtown with no cars.
- We do not think we have a downtown.
- We need more street lights overall. Many side roads do not have a sidewalk either.
- What else, affordable housing.
- Wider range of shopping and dining options; more parking
- Wider, more inviting sidewalks that feel like two people could walk side by side together, or two people walking in opposite directions could comfortably pass one another. It also feels like motor vehicles could easily jump a curb and hit a pedestrian.
- Work on people crossing Franklin St Safer.
- work to provide support for unhoused residents in a way that will have less negative impact on downtown businesses
- work with owners of Carr Mill mall to not be so fast to tow, and maybe opening up their huge (barely used) parking lot by the new art center location.
- Would like to see empty lot across from weaver developed. I would like to be able to drive, walk and bike safely. Would like the Century Center spruced up.
- would love a movie theater but understand its likely not economically feasible
- Youth focused activity; we tend to drive to CHPL or outside downtown to Raleigh.

Q29. What do you think are the MOST SIGNIFICANT issues facing Carrboro today?

- 1 / Vision: with the center of Chapel Hill moving east, Carrboro needs to define itself separately from Chapel Hill as its own location. In short, what do we want to be when we grow up? The Town Council has failed with this.
- 1, Poor use of tax dollars, especially on albatross, useless projects like the new library, which is too small to be of value. 2. Excessive politics of town programs , communications that alienates anyone who isn't on the far left.
- Council seems to be pushing the closure of Weaver, not wanted, not necessary. Look at traffic patterns on Main. Check on a football Saturday. We don't appreciate the (former) bike shop owner talking about this option as though it appeals to the masses. 2. Corner at Weaver and Greensboro. Do something. Friend offered that a place for food trucks to park might be an option. Been an eyesore for years. 3. Stop the push for "affordable" housing.
- A lack of affordable housing for the middle class... we have several friends who aren't low-income but can't afford to buy a house in Carrboro, so they had to move to Durham even though they really wanted to stay in Carrboro. Property taxes (high and getting higher).
- Adequate access, timely, broad base information, community input to town decisions.
- Adjusting to growth
- Affordability
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- Affordability
- Affordability and climate resilience
- affordability and housing for all
- Affordability and Livability. Need more dense development in town to encourage walkability and affordable developments. Need better transportation options to reduce congestion. Continue to provide free EV chargers around town as many people live in apartments or rentals and don't have access to Level 2 charging and depend on these chargers to combat climate change. However, it is very popular and you should institute an idle fee so that people don't leave their cars blocking the chargers from others who could use it when they aren't charging anymore.
- Affordability and sustainability.
- Affordability for folks who work here.
- Affordability for housing and unhoused populations; limited economic growth/sustainability downtown with many unused storefront.
- affordability of housing
- affordability of housing
- Affordability, growth population, and aging of population
- Affordability, Housing is crazy expensive and everyonw I know leaves here to go out to eat or dink.
- affordability, landscaping
- Affordability. While the town board espouses goals of affordable housing & accessibility, the decision by the Orange county board to raise property taxes so significantly has made that goal inaccessible. While I can currently afford my home, I will not be able to do so when I retire, not

- affordable housing, pressure to let in big box stores. Public safety, changing demographic
- Affordable housing, Maintenance of security street lighting (Town needs to be more attentive to pruning vegetation that obscures safe passage on sidewalks at night.
- affordable housing, business development
- Affordable housing, drug addiction
- Affordable housing, economic development, protecting and incentivizing active transportation
- Affordable housing, high property tax, maintenance of downtown streets and sidewalks.
- affordable housing, increased traffic.
- Affordable housing, keeping a small town feeling.
- affordable housing, public school support, racial inequity, programs that actually address reduction of violence and safety (not police focused)
- affordable housing, public transportation
- affordable housing, rents too high
- Affordable housing, shelter and services for unhoused people, and environmental friendliness.
- Affordable housing, storm damage prevention, traffic/congestion downtown, lack of diversity
- affordable housing, stormwater management in lower areas
- affordable housing, traffic, sustainable growth
- Affordable housing, unhoused population
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing. Storm water management. Transportation infrastructure(bike lanes and sidewalks).
- Affordable housing; stormwater management/climate change
- Aging community population; school choices/closings; property tax
- Although I can afford housing, it is because I have been here for 20 years. I think we need more young families moving in.
- An increase in the homeless population wandering the streets of Carrboro is a crisis. It has affected my quality of life, my family's sense of safety and frankly it make me want to move.
- Annual property tax increases
- As more residents suffer from hardships because of state of economy and social services, the town deteriorates. People break the laws and are desperate.
- Attracting qualified candidates for board positions. Three openings and three candidates selected by who knows who is disrespectful to the community. They are not representative of the community.
- Availability of affordable housing. Safer biking infrastructure.
- Avoid building in the flood plain
- Balancing affordable housing with confetstion and environmental concerns.
- Balancing economic growth with housing affordability + providing for home ownership over property management
- Balancing growth with preservation of the charm of Carrboro. It's very unaffordable to live in Carrboro -- but it's a very desirable place to be.
- becoming affordable largely by creating affordable housing and attracting clean business development
- Better bike infrastructure. Zoning reform for missing middle housing.
- Better walkability and bike lanes. Congestion around the market is not good.
- Big businesses/chains threatening the livelihood of small/local businesses

- Bolin Creek greenway. I applaud recent improvements to the path along the stream. After several years I am feeling safe to walk there again. Keep improving the greenway, make it safe for children to ride their bikes on, older residents to walk on, connect it to the Chapel Hill system. Storm water management important. Remediation is key for existing homes, but make the zoning and building permits contingent on sound assessment of storm water management ... both at the site of the development, but also to adjacent and downstream properties....
- Build Bolin Creek Greenway 3&4. Work on more bike and pedestrian safety projects.
- Building in flood areas or areas that will increase flooding.
- Capacity and density
- Carr Mill Mall Towing
- Carrboro has the reputation for being an expensive place to live. I have managed to find an affordable apartment but only because the complex is 40 yrs old. Affordable housing is one of the biggest issues in any town or city right now, including Carrboro.
- Carrboro must re-evaluate its extreme positions on climate change and zero sum emphasis on historically disenfranchised racial groups. this has the net effect of discriminating against other demographics and creates tension where there should not be tension. Ideology interferes with good governance
- Carrboro pays too little attention to ecosystem crises, which go far beyond climate change. Humans are part of the web of life. The emphasis on development serves humans but ignores this fact. Expanding impervious surfaces is not responsible. These issues are not unique to Carrboro, but the web of life has no political constituency to speak for it. Relevant to this: to combat climate change please leave all trees, especially older trees, in place (you can't cut them and replant and have the same benefits--young trees, especially of the same species and age, are not the same in terms of what they provide) and consider the materials used in all kinds of infrastructure: asphalt is a petroleum product; concrete requires sand, which is being depleted worldwide. A third issue is the rising cost of living--we are facing extraordinary inflation due to the actions of the federal government; utility prices are rising constantly; and so are county and Carrboro taxes. As someone nearing retirement, I am concerned about the cost of remaining in my home. I do not want to see Carrboro become more urbanized.
- challenges in maintaining high quality of our public schools. Ensuring Carrboro is a place where new businesses can start and thrive
- climate change and affordability; I appreciate Carrboro's climate efforts-including lawsuit against Duke Energy and excellent sustainability staff, but so much more needs to be done
- Climate change, poverty increased attacks on our sovereignty by the Trump administration.
- Climate change/severe weather; housing crisis; political threats to our towns, values of racial equity and climate action.
- commercial entities buying up single family homes and converting them to rentals, which drives up costs overall, and prevents people from buying a home for themselves.
- cost of housing
- Cost of housing and flooding issues
- Cost of housing for working people and young families (versus retirees) — Carrboro feels so much older than it did 15 years ago because mostly boomers can afford to live here!
- Cost of housing; not enough shelter for the homeless
- cost of living
- Cost of living and lack of jobs available
- Cost of living; taxes are high; not enough bike lanes; business development; sufficient restaurants; food costs.

- Could use more business development to help with town income so that less dependence on property taxes
- Creating a business revenue stream. Help to ease property tax burden.
- Dan population and need to maintain green healthy spaces while creating affordable options
- Dealing with flood issues since Chantel
- Desire to "fix" things that aren't broken (like the new parking garage or thinking about blocking off downtown to make it a cool outdoor walking space) that are too costly and not needed. I would much rather you focus on reducing our very high tax rates and services for low income persons. Please don't try to make us into a funky downtown space modeled on other cool cities. We are already awesome the way that we are.
- Development and zoning issues, we are falling behind all the adjacent communities, inspections planning and zoning are understaffed and ineffective, permitting is pitiful, commercial and residential are suffering because of the towns equity pay policies, PZI should be the highest paid town positions because they are revenue neutral and be usage of what they bring to the towns economy, our zoning rules are way behind the time
- Development by non-locals is too much; affordable housing
- Diverse ethnic businesses are lacking in downtown while most are in Cary/Raleigh esp. groceries and specialty cuisine.
- downtown economic development, affordable housing
- Downtown is dirty and dingy, lack of new businesses, traffic on Weaver and Main Street, cost of living and crime
- Driving and Donald Trump's war on progressive ideas
- Economic development, housing
- Economic inequality; rich retirees
- Enough housing for families with children that is affordable, increasing the tax base.
- Ensuring smart growth, too expensive for young families, well signed parking so restaurants don't close.
- Everything is too expensive. Food, homes, taxes
- Excessive local tax rate increase contributes to housing costs
- Expensive housing, high taxes
- Finances to maintain programs and services; transparency and honesty, maintaining dignity for all
- Flooding and fire ants.
- flooding, walkability in residential areas, transparency in policy/planning
- Flow of traffic in high flow areas
- Gentrification
- Gentrification, infill, affordable housing for younger people
- Getting too entrenched in illogical ideology
- Giving quality single family housing options .
- Global warming
- Growth
- Growth
- Growth and flooding
- Growth and the infrastructure especially from an environmental stance. We are cutting too many trees. Perhaps an alternative is to rennovate existing homes.
- Growth that doesn't destroy the character of the town.

- Growth, housing
- growth, housing affordability, transportation
- Hiding Affordability and accessibility of diverse housing options
- High taxes
- High Taxes and house prices out of reach for middle class.
- High taxes. Orange Co. has one of the highest tax rates in the state. Carrboro has one of the highest tax rates for towns/cities. And then we get to pay the extra school district tax. And I don't get much for all that money.
- homeless encampments and littering
- homeless people everywhere who are aggressive quite often
- homeless people; closing weave street when every person/business is opposed
- Homeless population
- Homeless population and rise in crime.
- Homelessness and traffic.
- Homelessness and unaffordable housing. I am on affordable housing and had to make 40k a year to be eligible. Thats insane, 40k a year is still a lot of money, and the rent is still over 1k for a one bedroom. I'm very happy for my apartment, and it isn't a problem for me personally, but considering my own life, it seems that this should be normal housing and affordable housing should be cheaper and require less yearly income
- Homelessness, lack of any affordable housing. Decline in young families.
- Homelessness; lack of sidewalks
- Housing
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- Housing affordability. We can afford to rent, but never own here.
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- Housing affordability, problem from climate change
- Housing affordability. Economic growth, our downtown is in decline,.
- Housing and housing services; street light timing
- HOUSING- are you kidding? "Affordable housing" should not be sub-par apartments— this is degrading. Families with young children can not afford to own homes in town. Nurses, teachers, service workers, University staff, teaching faculty, etc. are not able to afford to own homes in this town. The people who make Carrboro great by staffing its schools, shops, and the University, can no longer afford to live here due in part to the extreme property tax increases driving up market values and Carrboro's continued allowing of property conversions to short term rentals. Further, historic homes are being rented year after year, falling into disrepair until they are unsalvageable and get torn down to be replaced with over-sized and over-massed homes far out of the financial reach for most of our population. The house next door to our own mayor has been converted to an air-bnb along with 2 others on the same street. One of our town council members lives in the scourge of modern development- a GWH right in the middle of a historic neighborhood—outsizing its neighbors. Meanwhile, families with 600k to spend can't even purchase near town. In another 10 years there will be nothing but transplants and generational wealth surrounding downtown— no more music teachers, no more indie rock bands, no more queers or artists or

creatives except those with large inheritances or tech-bro spouses. It's a real shame and hard to watch house by house, family by family. Don't make affordable housing, make the housing we have more affordable. PLEASE.

- Housing cost are pricing young people out of the market.
- Housing cost, gentrification, climate change, cost of living
- Housing cost. Too much rental housing for students, not enough for essential workers.
- Housing cost/gentrification (but appreciate efforts to preserve affordable housing options and promote racial equity).
- Housing costs
- Housing costs and diversification of economy
- Housing costs for lower income and working class adults
- Housing costs, becoming a retirement community instead of a thriving community for people of all ages and incomes
- Housing costs, development vs maintaining town charm
- Housing costs, high taxes pushing out diverse populations, people who work locally, in particular.
- Housing costs, overcrowding without appropriate infrastructure, environmental issues
- Housing costs, preservation of trees and native landscapes.
- Housing costs, pressure on public services
- housing costs. lack of diversity
- Housing costs/general affordability. Walkability. Biking
- Housing costs; racial segregation
- Housing for families with young children that is affordable
- Housing for young families. INfrastructure. Storm water.
- Housing prices and job availability
- Housing prices and taxes. Every year it gets more difficult to stay in Carrboro. The last property tax jump has me considering leaving. It's also difficult to live here with the lack of basic merchants in the Carrboro/Chapel Hill area. I find myself having to travel to Durham anytime I need clothing, electronics, or harder to find grocery items, and I'd rather stay and shop local. It seems a waste to have those dollars leave the county (not to mention the tax revenue lost also).
- Housing shortages
- Housing that is affordable.
- Housing, drainage, and stormwater, road maintenance
- Housing, making home owning in Carrboro affordable for all.
- Housing. Dropping school enrollment
- HOUSING. I live at home with my dad, me and my partner are considering moving out of Carrboro and making the commute so we can still work there. It's very difficult
- Housing/student housing
- I am concerned about the conditions of highway 54 where pedestrians are running across the highway! There are even yellow caution signs to warn drivers of pedestrians, but it seems really dangerous for them! Some crosswalks would help I think
- I do not see any effective improvement in downtown area in the past 20 years except the library./
- I don't see my taxes going to improving infrastructure as much as I like. Street foods and told it's just not on the budget to fix. Homeowners should not responsible for more drainage and outdated systems
- I have friends who are upset about WASA (water plant) and the proposal to take over Davie Circle, a residential neighborhood. I don't think it's extremely affordable housing, but that is everywhere

- I love this community and have lived here for almost twenty years. However, I am concerned with the Town focusing too much on efforts that signal progressive values instead of focusing on delivering sensible and efficient local services while keeping overhead low. There is an imbalance of tax burden on residents due to the difficulty of doing business in Carrboro. This leads the Town towards being more and more a community for wealthy retirees rather than a place where younger and less affluent people can afford to live, work and raise a family. I share many progressive values, but I think the Town is out of balance with providing economic value for its residents making it unattainable for the majority of would-be and former Carrboro residents. To make Carrboro a more welcoming and affordable community we need to learn to say yes to projects interested in investing in our town, and say yes without an arduous public process.
- I think a lot of people are looking for affordable housing. I don't think I can live here much longer. I started out paying \$800 for rent in 2016. I now pay close to \$1300 just for rent. But my income is not going up.
- I think affordable housing is a major one, but not one that I would solely place on the shoulders of the town. Ultimately, we live in a capitalist society, and the economics of our housing affordability are not solely defined by our good will and intentions. I would like to see increased efforts to place people in real, permanent homes that they can live in for the long term through programs like the Community Home Trust and even our Habitat for Humanity program. I appreciate that we are building more apartments and condos, but those always end up opportunities for landlord exploitation, no matter how well-intentioned they are. If there are ways we can push back against excessive land and property ownership as an assumed privilege of the elite, that would be a good place to start.
- I think it is difficult to plan and control growth of the town in a responsible way. Housing is expensive and there is an obvious need for affordable housing. At the same time, some kinds of development could negative impact the quality of life of existing residents. I am sure it is not easy to get the balance right. Another significant issue is the town budget. Property taxes are high because of the services the town offers, so it seems like the commercial tax base should be grown. But attracting businesses and providing a place for them to thrive, while also not negatively impacting residents quality of life, is a delicate balancing act.
- I think the town has two fairly significant issues. The first is that Carrboro is trying to do Big City Stuff but only has Small Town Budget. The town should be looking for ways to consolidate public services with Chapel Hill. Just like we have a two-town transit system, water/sewer utility, and school district, we should also have combined public safety or public works departments. It makes no sense that this town of 20,000 needs to make the same capital investments and staffing expenditures as the larger town next door when we could be splitting those costs proportionally. We would have much better services at a lower cost if we were part of a larger enterprise.
- The second issue is that Carrboro still operates under zoning that was designed to maintain the status quo and constrain new housing and commercial development. The most prominent parcels in town right now are: fenced vacant lot, car wash, gas station, lumber yard, gravel parking lot. Part of the reason for this is that the town's zoning is designed to maintain this state of affairs. This must be addressed, urgently. "
- I think we need to keep our quirky, fun vibe and keep it affordable for teachers, police workers, and restaurant workers. We need to keep developing bike and walking trails that connect and offer a safe way to walk and bike. I think we need to hire a very positive and effective school superintendent and keep our schools strong. They are a great resource.
- I want Carrboro to remain a small town, stay affordable.

- I'm deeply concerned about the elementary school construction, and the impact on surrounding homes. I'm concerned that the town will raise taxes to such an extent that it will become unaffordable for me to stay in my house.
- Increase local businesses. Affordable housing.
- Individual home costs, taxes, and general seemingly high cost of living here.
- Inspections Department
- Is there ANY zoning in this community? DECENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING for people with low income and people who have lost their jobs, etc.
- It's hard for people to find housing here if they don't already live here. We are paying so much in property tax, but our schools are very low in attendance. We worry that since the property tax is so high that it just deters young families, which will inevitably hurt us who already live here
- It's not blue collar anymore. It is a Chapel Hill dorm. No arts and it is very white.
- keeping a small town feel with growing development
- keeping the police dept civil, effective, responsive; emergency preparedness for climate events
- Keeping the vibe and culture of downtown. There is a high commercial vacancy in downtown storefronts. I fear corporate developers will move into fill the vacuum left when local business is close.
- lack of affordable housing
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of affordable housing and diversity
- Lack of affordable housing and job opportunities.
- Lack of affordable housing and not enough businesses to support the tax base
- Lack of affordable housing, ever-increasing property taxes
- lack of affordable housing. low income families are being priced out.
- Lack of affordable walkable housing. A friend moved to Chicago because it was cheaper to find affordable housing in which he could still walk to work.
- Lack of available and affordable housing. Bike lanes, walking paths.
- Lack of business development. Lack of connectivity between neighborhoods. Slow progress on improvements to traffic flow outside of the new circle.
- Lack of business minded leadership.
- Lack of commercial/shopping variety. Other than the thrift store clothing is unavailable nearby.
- Lack of engagement and communication between town and residents. Unmanaged stormwater-outdated standards for flooding.
- lack of maintenance and sedimentation-clogged drainage ditches-lack of swale maintenance
- Lack of parks and too many new homes
- Lack of quality sidewalks, streets are all too wide and induce speeding, there are not many protected contiguous bike lanes, findings available parking during peak hours, people rolling through traffic lights and stop signs to make right turns, does town control developers or do developers control town, lack of imagination to slow speeding (speedhumps, really?)
- Lack of significant commercial development that would contribute to the tax base and reduce property taxes. Property taxes are too high, and the downtown looks shabby.
- Lack of transparent communication from the town council to the community. Lack of community input. Lack of trust between the town council members and the community.
- loss of town character and community due to unresponsive elected officials and town government
- Low affordability, reducing diversity of socio-economic backgrounds of people living in Carrboro
- Maintain quality of life while the population grows.

- maintaining Carrboro's character while adapting to growth and ensuring inclusivity
- maintaining identity through change: influx of high income residents driving up prices, job losses/instability at UNC and area non profits affecting long term residents, increased unhoused presence. Need options for town service employees and young families to afford living in Carrboro. Balance between idealistic and realistic town goals. responsible spending-see level of debt due to Drakeford investment and rein in wants vs needs
- maintaining its identity as a diverse and welcoming community to all in the face of substantial pressure from state and federal politicians and policies
- Maintaining the small-town feel while growing, which requires affordable living for those who are already here.
- Maintaining towns' charm and small-town feel, continue to provide value and diversity.
- Make sure we as a community welcome all people, all are treated equally.
- Managing growth within the town limits, especially downtown. Affordable housing and diversity of housing. Overall appearance and comfort level of driving, walking, hanging out downtown. Some of the roads and sidewalks and medians need work, better landscaping, lighting, signage, benches. The granola/hippy vibe is ok, but sometimes it just feels a bit shabby and run-down.
- Missing middle class housing, service staff not able to live here.
- Mitigation of climate change issues-flooding. Todd st has significant flooding that needs to be addressed.
- More developed housing. Anti-semitic community
- More growth and increasing diversity.
- More housing needed. Make accessory dwellings easier to build. Cut building set backs dramatically. Allow town houses and apartments.
- More walk and bike paths, more housing, more jobs and increased non residential tax base
- Most of the development I see our massive houses were four small houses could have been built.
- New development, creating job opportunities, availability of housing for homeless people.
- No affordable housing, petty crime
- Not affordable places to live.
- Not enough, senior housing here that's affordable and good quality and maintained well; traffic and flow and outflow
- One of the most significant issues facing Carrboro today is the growing presence of homelessness and drug addiction, particularly in visible public areas like the farmers' market and along Main Street. While these are complex challenges that reflect broader societal issues, their impact is felt locally by residents, families, and small businesses. I believe it's important for the community to continue addressing these concerns with both compassion and effective solutions, ensuring safety and support for everyone while also providing meaningful resources for those in need.
- Overbuilding
- Overcrowding, too much development, new housing that doesn't respect greenspace.
- Overdevelopment of private developers, who are not taking into consideration local services, like lack of public transportation, and community feel.
- Overdevelopment.
- Overly concerned about being diverse, less focus on growing the local economy
- Parking, bringing in new and better job opportunities, and allowing those with criminal backgrounds to participate in local politics.
- parking, panhandling
- Perception of safety (especially at night) + homophobia + cost of living
- Poor management of the town's budget. Stop increasing our taxes. Balance the budget

- Possibility that the development of Carolina North will dump a bunch of additional cars onto the streets and hurt recreational opportunities in the forest.
- Preserving Bolin Forest; still too car-centric; affordable housing; that abandoned lot in the prime downtown location of Weaver St and N Greensboro
- Preserving green space. Finishing the bike path along the trainbed to the high school. Connecting existing greenways.
- Probably affordable housing. I rent now but would love to be able to stay and raise a family in Carrboro, but it isn't looking like that will be a possibility.
- Property tax hike and flooding.
- Property tax is too high, not consistently calculated.
- Property tax. Better public transportation. Affordable housing.
- Property taxes are high. Economic development seems to focus on small startup type businesses that don't contribute much tax revenue. Easier access to more traditional shopping options (e.g. larger retailers) for families is needed. Driving to Durham or Chatham County to access these stores is inconvenient for Town citizens, harms the environment, and takes tax revenue out of the Town.
- Property taxes are much too high after the new appraisals. Awful to have taxes increase by 50%.
- Property taxes are too high, especially for seniors living on a fixed income.
- Pushing ideas extremely harmful for children. Critical race theory, queer theory, supporting abortion.
- racial inequality, sexism, chances of different wayed people
- Racism is not being dismantled quickly or effectively enough
- raise pay for police and fire departments as well as teachers please.
- Rapid growth. When we ask people if they want something, we should also at the same TIME be talking about the cost of something. People will always want more but when the cost is part of a proposal, they tend to be more conservative than they realize.
- Really hard to find affordable housing. Can't seem to find jobs in the Carrboro area. More are in the Durham and Raleigh area.
- Reduce government spending, taxes, and affordable housing.
- Responsible development, no clear cutting of trees.
- rise of housing demand which raises rent prices
- Rising cost of living, need for more social assistance, preparing for weather/climate change
- rising home values and property taxes
- rising housing costs-will I be able to continue to live in Carrboro upon retirement?; Environmental sustainability-I'm not sure town leadership takes this issue seriously
- Rising taxes are hurting homeowners and will make retirement here impossible
- Risk of taxes continuing to increase. We just can't afford more town tax, so we need to build the commercial base to increase that tax base.
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety and inclusivity
- Safety and places for homeless people to spend time and live without building tent cities.
- Safety, I feel it's getting a little out of control. Carrboro has always been an inherently safe place but in the last few years I've seen a steady decline in parts of the town. I think this affects the overall quality for everyone.
- safety-affordable and safe housing

- School enrollment. Housing cost. Water contamination risk.
- Schools quality
- Serving people in crisis; smart building unavailable land.
- Short term housing (Airbnb) are taking housing from students and residents. They are only occupied on the weekends but could be full time dwellings. There are at least 3 in my small neighborhood, owned by investors who do not live here. This increases stress on the local housing market. Furthermore, guests are instructed to park on a street where there is no street parking, causing major issues with navigating the neighborhood. Please get these under control, it is ruining Carrboro charm.
- smart approach to growth: preserving the town's character and green spaces. Also, Carrboro really needs affordable housing
- Staying affordable , independent and progressive. No corporate takeover.
- Stop spending !!!!! We live 2 miles away from UNc where there are vast numbers of libraries on every subject and we had CH public library and McDoogle. Library is nice but last thing we needed!!!! Stop spending our \$\$\$\$\$
- Storm water drainage. Not changing the look and feel of Carrboro. Maintaining a safe environment.
- Stormwater management in the face of climate change.
- stormwater management-too much development resulting in hardscape-concrete
- Stormwater, climate mitigation
- Street infrastructure, communicating for events, street lights, more sidewalks
- Sustainability, affordability
- Sustainable growth and property taxes.
- Taxation rates are becoming too high.
- Taxes
- Taxes
- taxes are too high for working class people to be able to afford to live here
- The arts and music infrastructure needs more public support. The sidewalks, bike paths and greenways need to be expanded and connected. They are far too narrow with to many paths that end unexpectedly.
- The empty retail properties make the town look rundown. Cost of housing and property taxes are higher than other area towns and cities.
- The expense to live here especially for families with children.
- The fact that people do not maintain their property. Again, it makes the whole community look trashy
- The high cost of living in Carrboro. The town needs to focus more on basic services and not continue to increase property taxes. The property tax increase following the 2025 re-evaluation was excessive. The decision to set a rate well beyond the revenue neutral tax rate resulted in one of the largest property tax increases in recent history. Rising property values and tax increase are going to continue to squeeze out the middle class.
- The homeless population is out of control
- The lack of crosswalks over Highway 54 is very dangerous for pedestrians. Traffic should be forced to slow down (with traffic signals and crosswalks) to increase pedestrian safety.
- The most important by far is the deterioration in the school district due to the inability of families to find housing in the area. Chapel Hill and Carrboro should be 2-3x their current sizes.
- the most significant issues Carrboro is facing is balancing rapid growth with affordability, housing affordability and rising costs

- The super complicated intersection in front of Weaver Street Market. We really need a green arrow when turning left from Weaver Street into the parking area.
- The town council doesn't really listen to anyone who they disagree with Too much group think The mayor bullies people who disagree with her and yells at staff
- The town council doesn't fully understand the intersection between viable business and viable community; they are well meaning people without the proper background to plan a community and the growth and sustainability of that community over decades.
- The Town is unaffordable to live in. I struggle with rent. My friend is a town employee and their pay is lower than other places and she has to commute from a long distance away just to work here. Town government needs to focus on basic services if it can't pay it's employees a competitive salary.
- They grow or die mentality and money politics that decreases democracy, razes, older housing, and riches developers.
- This is not an affordable place to live, in spite of all the "efforts" put into making it one. Just like our neighboring town, there is a lot more talk than action, because students suck up all the excess housing around Carrboro. There are too many restrictions on affordable development, too many "NIMBY" folks who otherwise believe that "more should be done" but don't want it close to their expensive homes.
- To heavy of a focus on fringe social issues that negatively affects the welfare of the community as a whole.
- Too many apartments being built without first knowing that the current apartments are full.
Green spaces
- Too much traffic downtown.
- Traffic
- Traffic
- Traffic
- Traffic
- traffic downtown
- Traffic in downtown is a nightmare. The bus system does not run frequently enough to help mitigate traffic.
- traffic management and housing affordability
- Traffic, building too much housing without enough consideration of impact on traffic and parking
- Traffic, Bus patron odor, and more frequent Buses-F line
- Traffic, not utilizing a lot of town space well, downtown is dirtier and more rundown, property taxes are out of control, affordability is worse than ever.
- Traffic, parking, jobs, and cost of living.
- Traffic, too many massive aptments, parking.
- traffic-safety-transient population, lack of environmental initiative, not sure how tax dollars are spent-the town overall looks very rundown
- Transportation infrastructure and affordable housing
- Unaffordable housing in areas that are walkable/bikeable to downtown.
- unaffordable housing market; house prices nearly doubled in past couple of years
- Unc Dean Dome going in off of Estes will wreak havoc.
- Unhoused population has changed downtown and it no longer feels safe or welcoming
- Unsure as I am a student/temporarily here and don't pay taxes. From my point of view, I would like to see more free or affordable community programming in a variety of areas. I am very drawn to the ArtsCenter but cannot afford most of what they offer as a student.

- Wages are too low, and cost of housing is too high. Employers are incentivized to pay workers as little as possible, and landlords are incentivized to charge as high a rent as possible. Both groups have outsized amounts of power in society, and their opposing incentives make it inevitable for affordability to erode over time. Tie minimum wage to median/mean cost of housing, and that would also incentivize landlords to advocate for increasing wages and incentivize employers to advocate for lowering the cost of housing, making two powerful groups balance each other rather than mutually exacerbate a major societal problem.
- We must proactively deal with the increasing issues associated with unhoused individuals ... violence, drug use, public intoxication, and more are becoming commonplace and driving visitors and families away from downtown. Can we balance compassion without sacrificing our safety?
- We need our business to thrive. The town needs to accept that not all of us can walk everywhere.
- While Carrboro is doing a lot to mitigate increasing housing costs they're still increasing pretty significantly. I am unable to buy a house in this area with a salaried, decent paying job. I only make enough each month to cover cost of living and if I'm lucky put a couple hundred in savings, which only creates further barriers to building my own equity.

Q30. Are there any other comments that you would like to share with the Town of Carrboro?

- The new library is great. It would be even better to find more ways to use it and get value. 2. Info on website is hard to use for most wanted facts. Example is the status of greenway project, when/where will new sidewalks appear.
- A lot of my neutral or don't know responses stem from the fact that I may not use those services, not that I am dissatisfied, therefore I cannot rate them. I do appreciate being given the opportunity for my opinions.
- A potential reworking of the weaver street/Greensboro st intersection to ease traffic would be beneficial
- Affordable housing is important to me, but I don't think the strategy of building on town-owned land is a good idea. I would strongly advocate for the town to aggressively explore options to take control of the land across Greensboro St from Weaver Street Market - this prime real estate has been vacant for more than a decade! Between that space and the parking lot across the street, there is potential for high-density apartments in the heart of downtown where all the bus lines connect. I would also advocate for the town to explore road expansion to help mitigate traffic around downtown, for example extending Lloyd St north to Estes...
- Apartment living here is reasonable but housing prices are ridiculous
- As a cyclist, I have noticed a lot of broken glass in the bike lane, particularly on Hillsborough Road and N. Greensboro St.
- Aside from Highway 54 being dangerous for pedestrians, Carrboro is a lovely town.
- Basketball court at MLK park with kid size hoops and more recreation facilities.....gym, or something like the sports plex. More outdoor music !
- bring in new energy to development and make the town green and walkable
- Bus Service should reach all parts within city limits.
- Can you address the sorry state of the post office landscaping?
- Carrboro feels like it does not support its Jewish citizens while supporting every other group
- Carrboro is great
- Carrboro is the best!
- Carrboro should implement the same policy that CH has regarding the percent of new housing units that should be affordable. I also strongly encourage Carrboro invests in paving the Bolin Creek Greenway/Owasa Corridor. It will support accessibility, recreation, vegetation degradation from flooding.
- Carrboro used to be an idyllic place to live. Sadly that has changed and I don't see any effort being made to remedy the situation. The priority does not seem to be to provide a safe, desirable and thriving environment for all. I am not blaming the police department, they likely have their hands full as downtown Carrboro now struggles with "inner city" level homeless population. I have compassion for those who are struggling but expecting a small town like ours to shoulder an undue burden is not OK. I have chatted with several of the folks panhandling at Weaver st market and gathering near the new food pantry and NONE of them were from Carrboro. That should tell you something.
- Carrboro worries too much about things it cannot control or do much about due to its limited size & budget. With a 2026 total budget of about \$68 million, it's very difficult to see how Carrboro can have any impact on affordable housing for example, even if the entire budget was spent on it. And although climate change is important and should not be ignored, making it one of two main pillars for 2026 ignores other real problems that Carrboro could have an impact on. The lawsuit against Duke may look good & get good press, but it is a waste of resources that could be

better utilized - so please continue to make sure no town funds are used for it, nor any town employees or other resources are used.

- Carrboro is a great town.
- Commendation to Public Works. Employees are routinely friendly and helpful on phone calls asking for information. Also, Public Works has been especially responsive in making a special trip to pick up missed trash cans. On the rare occasions when trash roll-out containers have not made it to the street, Public Works has been very kind to make a special trip for a pick-up.
- Concerned about our growth/development plans. It's changing the atmosphere of downtown and changing the heart and soul of our city.
- Costco out on 54; keep our dollars in Carrboro; reevaluate how property taxes are determined in Orange County
- Crosswalk light on N Greensboro NW of the Estes roundabout doesn't work on one side.
- Density is great, but only if you can provide the public transportation that makes it workable instead of a struggle. Also making it difficult to drive through the city does not encourage bike riding. It just makes a downtown less accessible.
- Development is always risky and going to be met with a lot of opinions and strong feelings, often resistant and defensive. We need to have some forward-looking leadership that encourages and facilitates appropriate development of mixed use buildings of 2-4 stories with a variety of housing types and price points. Shelton Station is a big success in my opinion and it was met with extreme resistance by some Aldermen a few years ago when it was going through approval. I was shocked by some of the mean-spirited and grossly inaccurate things I heard in some of those meetings. To be clear, I had/have nothing to do with that project, I'm only speaking as a citizen who lives nearby. It's fine. Everyone loves Breakaway and Dingo Dog. We could use more of these type of projects. Nothing huge, no Dallas donuts. Just 2-3, maybe 4 stories in some places, mixed use, on the sidewalk, ground floor retail, cafe culture, good street trees and furniture, a mix of storefronts and signage and lighting. Density is almost always a good thing. More walkable. Carrboro is great, but we don't need to love it so much we smother it and are afraid of anything changing.
- Doing a great job. Thank you.
- Enforce traffic laws. Drivers speed on Main St in front of town Hall. Drivers do not respect crosswalks.
- finish the Morgan Creek Greenway! Nothing has happened for years.
- Fix the traffic flow back to pre-covid
- Get rid of Nathan Million and his predatory parking scheme.
- Get the Bolin Creek Greenway built!
- get tough
- Good job improving the downtown parking and thankful for the (free) charging stations which support EVs.
- Great place to live, but no one can afford to buy a house here.
- great place to live. Thank you for all the hard work.
- Great public employees
- happy that Carrboro was first municipality to be one trained as a 4th amendment workplace/kudos eliazar!!!
- help keep ICE out. Support services for homeless populations
- Help seniors with property taxes, we live on a fixed income. How can we survive when you keep increasing the property taxes, insurance keeps going up. How are seniors or young families as far as that goes suppose to afford the huge jumps? How?

- HOA are becoming a problem (cost and fees).
- Honest information about growth plans
- Housing prices for renters are out of control.
- How can we lower the homeowner taxes for those who don't qualify for reduced taxes?
- How come all the new apartments built have rent so high? There are not any jobs available in the area. Not many sidewalks.
- Hwy 54 near Carrboro Plaza and Main St between Hwy 54 and Weaver St have too many noisy and/or fast driving cars
- I absolutely love living here and appreciate the hardworking town government staff.
- I am not happy with McMansions going up in old small home areas in Carrboro. Specifically on High Street and in the historic area of Carrboro.
- I appreciate all the efforts to the greenways and make Carrboro bike and pedestrian friendly.
- I appreciate police and fire department wonderful people.
- I appreciate the efforts of the council, it's a great place to live and although there is always room for improvement it appears you do a great job.
- I appreciate the town's efforts to maintain the friendly and quirky but stable nature/personality that defines Carrboro.
- I believe that Carrboro does genuinely ATTEMPT to include all people, regardless of race, SES status, etc. However, it sometimes just feels like "lip service" to satisfy the folks who can already afford to live here. The unfortunate truth is that unless you have family wealth or earn a very high salary, it is extremely difficult to work in this town and still afford to buy a home.
- I care very much for this town, and would love for the town to prioritize facilitating new development which will help create more housing units and places for residents to work. Doing that will make this community more livable and affordable for more people.
- I do not want us to the way of Chapel Hill with apartment complexes and dead shopping spaces.
- I feel strongly that the town is hurt by being cut in half across 54 without a way of pedestrians and bikers crossing over safely, leading to accidents, more car usage, and unequal living situations right across the road from each other.
- I generally think that Carrboro is one of the best places to live in the country, if you can afford it, if you don't want to walk a lot, and if you can stomach the (often silent) oppressive racism. But honestly it's the best of what America currently has to offer. I'm just pointing out that we could collectively be doing more to address these issues. There are programs that teach the young about peace and unity. There is space on highway 54 for a bike lane or sidewalk. There are ways to make it even better here. That said, it's a wonder that the rest of life here is truly so incredible. Kudos to our current leadership!
- I grew up here and came back to raise my kids here big mistake this is not the Carrboro with values I grew up in
- I have loved living here and raising my family here and will be sad to leave but will be leaving due to rising unaffordability for even middle class residents like myself. While I admire the towns goals for the community, I think they are often implemented in impractical and costly ways such as a "library" building that was extremely expensive, has only a minimal library space & seems very underutilized. Also, the town spent a ridiculous amount of money trying to determine that land that builders donated to the town because it was too costly to build on was indeed too costly to build on. It makes residents whose property tax costs are already ridiculous resent even more the costly property tax monies that that are wasted.
- I live in Carrboro because I like it here-the variety of people

- I live on Hillsborough Road and would like to see some efforts to control speeding. Many children play/walk along the street. I don't know that I care about a few folks driving 42 mph on our 35 mpg street. However, there are a number of folks who are going at least 60 mph. Its unsafe.
- I love Carrboro and the fact it has most basic services in terms of shopping, services and entertainment!!
- I love Carrboro deeply and I hope that we can keep trying to make life better for every person and animal who lives in our special town
- I love Carrboro for it he open minds of its citizens. I also want to make sure that it's accessible for it's handicapped and elderly citizens.
- I love Carrboro! I wish it didn't cost so much to live here. It's worth the sacrifice, but sometimes it is a lot of sacrifice.
- I love Carrboro-please increase sidewalks everywhere, protect bike lanes and tax homes fairly to keep Carrboro accessible, traffic free and diverse. and please talk to Chapel Hill about synchronized light timing on 54!
- I love living here!
- I love the idea of the survey, thank you for encouraging residence to fill it out. It would be wonderful if there was some sort of cap on taxes for retirees. As I mentioned previously, I'm very concerned about the growing homeless population. There needs to be better enforcement of that situation. Thank you for listening!
- I really like living in Carrboro.
- I regularly avail myself of the leaf mulch on old 86, where has it gone?
- I sure would like a new "town of Carrboro" design
- I think there is a happy medium in the level of public involvement in local decision-making. Too much consensus-seeking, and nothing happens. Too little, and citizens feel like their voices are ignored. I believe the current Town Council walks that balance well.
- I think you have my opinion, but don't think you'll think much of it, lol
- I would like less emphasis on politics and more attention to providing fundamental amenities that all can use.
- I would like the sidewalk on South Greensboro Street to be constructed
- I would like to get more emails about events, decision making opportunities, and current projects but I don't know how. I enjoy living here overall
- I would like to see equal representation of all people in all parts of Carrboro on the town council. This can be achieved by having districts representative by a member on the town council that is voted into Office.
- I would love to see a commitment to planting native species.
- I would love to stay here but I am looking for a house that I can afford.
- I would really like for more jobs to be available and for housing prices to go down a bit. Money is so tight lately.
- I'd love to stay in Carrboro. The town cares about many of the things I care about, but I'm being priced out.
- If Carrboro thinks it's communicating, we're not sure what it is communicating.
- if you ever get a chance to sue Duke Power again over climate change, please don't. it was an embarrassing publicity stunt (which had zero chance of success in courts) that brought nothing but negative attention to our area. I'd fire everyone involved that thought it was a good idea to sue Duke Power over this. And for the record, I do agree that man made climate change is real, and duke power has played a negative role, but suing them was just idiotic.

- In the past five years the level of diversity has dropped significantly, while car traffic has increased. That said it's a safe, quiet town with wonderful festivals and a great farmers market. There's much to be grateful for. Thanks for asking.
- Interested in having more parks.
- It is a very friendly, progressive and active community.
- It is way too expensive to live here. Low income people must live in substandard apartments with VERY poor maintenance.
- It would be great for the Town to pull back their focus to a few very important things rather than trying to do everything all at once. More progress could be made if the Town focused their efforts on a few select things.
- It would be nice to have workout equipment at public parks. Also we would love to see the Town take over management of some neighborhood parks like the one currently managed by the Roberson Place HOA, which is increasingly used by the community outside our neighborhood
- It's a great place to live - I love my town!!
- It's a great place to live.
- It's a great place to live!
- It's a great place to live.
- It's overall a vibrant little town culturally interesting but it's also too expensive for a lot of people.
- It's remains progressive, and culturally vibrant. Please don't privatize government.
- It's sad to see many of our towns historic businesses struggling to pay rent and then close.
- Just moved back, appreciate goods and services here.
- Keep Carrboro diverse, progressive, walkable, and lively!
- Keep looking out for all of the citizens
- Lake Hogan Farms provides a significant portion of the town's tax base but has no access to the bus system, and the pedestrian/bike-centric approach of the town leaves that neighborhood somewhat isolated. Cycling along Hillsborough Rd alongside the Hogan property is going to get someone killed. There desperately needs to be bike lanes along that stretch. If the state controls that portion of land, we need to do whatever we can to get them to put bike lanes there or to let the town annex that land.
- Lets move past Black Lives Matter and embrace all lives-Hispanic, Asian, poor, old A number of us quietly admit we'd like to see the Century Center facade no longer used as a billboard; I love out focus on the environment in Carrboro; Our Christmas/holiday snowflake lights are too dull; We have a great mayor
- Let's not try to change too much for the sake of change. We aren't perfect but we are a special gem where people across socio-economic groups and all types of physical diversity coexist better than most other places. Let's make it all more inviting and easier to bike around with separated bike lanes.
- List of order of inspections available and more flexibility for homeowner builder.
- Love Carrboro
- Love Carrboro. Very walkable.
- Love it here.
- Love living here!
- Love living here.
- Love the dirt bike mound at MLK Park-great for the kids.
- Love the Farmers market and the restaurants here.
- Lower property taxes, and housing costs so people can afford to live here.

- Maple Ave Neighborhood is very dissatisfied with our still unfixed ingress and egress issues. Nothing being done.
- more availability to young children, teens, senior, not just white men
- More sidewalks
- more street lights are needed
- My friends describe us as very bourgeois Bohemian.
- My neighborhood was flooded July 2025. 50 out of 56 homes were flooded. Most are still empty. Long process to get inspections.
- Need a sidewalk on Cheek Street between Hissborough and Main Street.
- Need more business and Jobs
- Need more dissemination of important issues confronting the town.
- Need to work better with Orange County services-recycling either not picked up or picked up late 25% of the time
- Not enough information
- Our 700 sq. ft, house and 10 acre lot is tiny compared to neighbor across street with deep large lot and house 3 times our size, she only pays 1000 , we pay 5200.
- Overall, very nice, quiet city to live in.
- parking, walkability, sidewalks in disrepair, access to commercial areas
- Please add street light on Bim St near house number 207. It is very, very dark.
- Please consider more free parking options if all possible, there's really only one place to park free in downtown Carrboro which makes it very difficult to explore the area
- Please do not close Weaver St. Main St traffic needs to be fixed, it has gotten much worse since adding the bike lanes and makes it really difficult to get through Carrboro. As mentioned above, please control and better permit short term rental market.
- Please don't raise taxes so much all at once
- Please finish the Morgan Creek trail over to University Lake.
- Please focus on active public safety-infrastructure, as much as you do on reactive safety (police, fire)
- Please limit new development that impacts natural beauty and environment.
- Please widen S Greensboro St.
- pls more affordable, rent controlled housing and I would love more greenery if at all possible
- Predatory Towing needs to stop
- Property taxes are high and hard to pay.
- recommend more publicity for Orange County Alerts
- reduce barriers to community involvement-ex: town council updates emails give a bullet summary of past meetings but to see topics for the upcoming meeting, residents must navigate to the calendar webpage and scroll to the meeting date and click to open meeting details. Why is the opportunity to see what's coming more buried? Ex: lots of info on the Downtown Area Plan was available on the website but so much and so layered and so scattered that it was an incredible amount of time and work for an average citizen to read and understand. Present information in a more digestible format. and take feedback at informational events. DAP info session at MLK park was 1-way communication. Residents had to follow up by writing council or attending meeting. Make it easier to contribute ideas
- Regarding quality of life: has the town considered updating its noise ordinances, for example, by banning loud machinery such as gasoline-powered leaf blowers? Has the town considered updating its ordinances concerning air pollution, for example, by banning wood-burning fireplaces

and, again, gasoline-powered yard equipment? Studies have conclusively shown that these both produce considerable carcinogens (e.g., leaf blowers are more than 50 times worse than cars).

- Smith Level Road/Greensboro Rd heading into downtown. Carrboro gets very backed up. Road needs to be widened. Merritt Mill creek can flood Smith Level Road. Appreciate the survey.
- Solid waste and recycling services have recently been less reliable. Roadside leaf pickup this past Fall was almost non-existent. I think that it only happened twice in our neighborhood. Leaf piles were so large that cars could barely pass and they remained in the road for almost 2 months.
- Staff has not been supportive in following up on my stormwater issues. Promises to fix have not been kept.
- Stop adding speed bumps, ticket violators aggressively.
- Support bike riders, but make sure they follow the rules and keep pedestrians safe.
- Thank you for all you do.
- Thank you for all your work.
- Thank you for continuing to articulate and fight for the values that have always defined Carrboro -- inclusivity, diversity, valuing and looking out for each other as neighbors. And please, improve the Weaver St/N Greensboro corner property!
- Thank you for doing the survey for us.
- Thank you for keeping parks and rec in great shape. We enjoy the ease of using.
- Thankful for what town does.
- Thanks for supporting immigrants and standing with us.
- Thanks for the outdoor and park facilities.
- Thanks for this survey.
- Thanks for your hard work , even if I don't agree with it all.
- the addition of sidewalks, bike lanes and the traffic roundabout at Estes and N Greensboro St were the best things the town of Carrboro has done, in my opinion
- The best thing Carrboro has going on is that it's a comfortable place to live because of the tolerant vibe.
- The eyesore empty lot on the corner of N. Greensboro and Weaver St. needs to be developed into something rather than being underutilized. Denser development is necessary to allow for more affordable housing options in town. Better transportation options are needed so Main Street isn't a parking lot at 5 PM every day.
- The idea of closing part of Weaver shows a lack of understanding of reality. This is disturbing.
- The library is great but the grey look and ugly parking garage are not in keeping with the colorful vibrancy of the town
- The new buildings do not fit with the landscape of Carrboro. The new library is ugly.
- The rail access road that runs into the Libba Cotten bike trail by the Arts Center is a tragedy waiting to happen. I regularly see cars drive down it, turn right to drive down the bike path, and then around the bollards onto Roberson Street. The road needs to be blocked with lockable, retractable bollards.
- The schools/ system my kids go to in Town of Carrboro are great
- The streets from Fireplace to Harris Teeter should be walkable.
- The towing of cars by Carr Mill Management deters visitors
- The town is named after a white supremacist and that needs to change.
- The town leaders appear to ignore and resist community input in favor of their own opinions and passions.
- The town should stop being so hard to start and build a business in. Businesses pay taxes, hire local people, and provide a vibrant community of engaged people. Becoming a bedroom

community for UNC, Duke and RTP is not what the town leaders say they want, but no alternatives seem to ever gain traction. All of the empty talk about "affordable housing" needs to be put to rest, since the town is not doing anything to promote building anything close to affordable. Carrboro used to be the place that Chapel Hill nurses and teachers lived, but not so much any longer. Once again, students are eager to suck up empty housing, since the parents typically foot the bill for a year or two. That sense of short-term entitlement is driving housing costs higher in both towns. Carrboro does not need to go all-in on the Chapel Hill model, but actually encouraging and promoting new housing stock in the affordability price range would be a welcome improvement over squeezing in 14 million-dollar homes off of Hillsborough Road and simply collecting the tax revenue while bemoaning the rising costs of housing.

- the university's choices have a direct impact on the town, yet it is currently impossible to impact those decisions with the BOG-you need to think two steps ahead
- There are way too many speeders in town that need to be caught
- There is a lack of affordable housing. Too many high density dwellings leading to too much traffic. Infrastructure does not support the overdevelopment of this area.
- There's a lot of vacant land near Carrboro that could be developed for tiny homes for the homeless people. It's shameful. There's tent communities in this wealthy town.
- Though pedestrian and bike transport are supposedly encouraged, the actual spending and effort still seem to be largely for cars. Pedestrian cross lights are not automatic, and allow less time than is given to cars. The recent snow storm was a good reminder that roads are cleared for cars, but bike and pedestrian infrastructure is left unusable for days to weeks.
- ToC's should lead the way in supporting local unique businesses downtown to allow them to stay and prevent the scale-type of development which destroyed Chapel Hill's West Franklin.
- too many rental households around 52 percent; keep Carrboro 'quirky'-with a progressive artistic locally-focus town
- Too much money is spent on the library, which has too much wasted space. Unused classrooms in the cost to rent one is prohibitive for someone who wants to teach a small crafting class.
- town government needs to seek input from all citizens of Carrboro
- Town of Carrboro talks a good game with regard to protecting the environment in the comprehensive plan, but development patterns indicate anything but. The roads are excessively wide. That geometry only indicates one thing to drivers- to speed. Create road hierarchy between primary, secondary, and tertiary roads by controlling road width and use road striping. Stop pretending you're NYC and allow on-street parking to make the excessively wide roads appear narrower and enable patrons of business to park closer to their destination and remember the vast majority of people have to use a car to get to the downtown because a) they can't afford to live within walking distance to the downtown, and b) if they can afford to live close enough to the downtown to walk/bike to amenities, their isn't enough housing because of the housing development patterns the town has allowed developers to build.
- Town should focus on basic services and not try to fix global problems while underpaying staff. People pay a lot to live here and you need to get more businesses to help with the tax burden.
- Trash services have declined over the past few months. Containers are left upside down. If recycle drops on the ground they do not pick it up. We need a campaign to discourage littering.
- We are strongly in favor of a paved greenway along Bolin Creek. We often ride our bicycles from northern Carrboro into downtown Chapel Hill along the Bolin Creek/Umstead Park/Tanyard Branch trail, and it is fantastic to see the number and variety of people who use that trail. Bicycles, walkers, joggers, children, adults with mobility aids, caregivers with strollers. We want that for

Carrboro! I am happily subscribed to an electronic newsletter from Chapel Hill. Does something like that exist for Carrboro? Last time I checked, it did not.

- We desperately need new UDO; the town should increase density and affordable housing but not at an environmental expense.
- We do love living in Carrboro and hope to see more businesses and places good for families, like places that have outdoor play areas
- We have three kids and moved to Carrboro because it was a great place to raise a family. I still think this is partly true, but in the last few years the town feels like it's changing very quickly into a retirement community. The only people that move into our neighborhood now are wealthy retirees because young families can't afford it. We were lucky to purchase back in 2014 but don't think we'd be able to move here today since the prices have doubled in that time. The school district is going to close elementary schools because, for the most part, housing is too expensive for families with young children. There's no public swimming pool in Carrboro, no splash pad, no place to play downtown, and everything feels geared to the artsy retirees that go off about the town's "character". My hope is that the council will fight harder to have more children in this town because the presence of children in your community means you're doing lots of things right.
- We have to do more to fix housing, affordability, and poverty
- We live in N. Greensboro and the cars speeding is a major issue. Dangerous as pedestrian, Speed Bumps would help. Also, getting the ditches on the street fixed.
- We love Carrboro. We will never leave
- We love living here. We raised our family here and plan to retire here. We are proud of the town and love the green environmentally friendly, artsy focus. That is very important to us. We like the variety of people that call Carrboro home. We like the community involvement.
- We need a sidewalk along S. Greensboro Street yesterday!
- We need a sidewalk on both sides of West Main St passed Lanzas and we need a sidewalk in front of the fitness place. Walking to the farmers market needs to be easier.
- We need a vision for affordable housing that not only meets the environmental criteria, but mollifies people aesthetically. Change is inevitable and necessary, but no one wants things to look any different. That's hard to accomplish.
- We need more businesses to help lower property taxes that burdens citizens.
- We oppose a paved bike path along Boline Creek
- We recently downsized and moved from Chapel Hill to downtown Carrboro. Our neighbors mostly rent, which doesn't promote community. They cannot afford to buy. We do love the walkability, local music, riding our bikes/walking to events, festivals, the farmers market, the friendliness of people and small business owners. We feel very lucky to live in Carrboro, NC.
- When entering Carrboro via NC 54W, there is a sign that reads, "an all-American town". I frequently laugh at this sign because Carrboro is not a town for all Americans. It is clear that the town and the residents do not wish for me or my belief system to be in their community. I highly value home ownership and entrepreneurship. I intend to pursue both in the next five years, but certainly not in Carrboro. The town's intentionality in pushing LGBTQ representation in spaces where children will be is going to cost the town my entire lifetime of property taxes and the jobs I hope to create for middle income Americans.
- When I was asked to participate in a sustainability advisory board and I went to do the online application there were half a dozen questions on diversity/etc....this is inane. What in the world does that have to do with my expertise on solar panels and home batteries and EVs?
- why are there so few books in the library?

- With the significant increase in property taxes, many families are finding it harder to afford living in the Carrboro area. I would love to see the town ensure that tax dollars continue to support what makes this community so special—especially maintaining the outstanding quality of the Carrboro–Chapel Hill City Schools, as well as investing in more activities, parks, museums, and family-friendly facilities. These are essential to keeping families in the area and preserving the strong, vibrant community we value.
- Would like to see crosswalk lights across Estes Drive that connects Estes Drive that connects Estes Park Apartments with the greenway.
- Yes! You guys were absolutely TERRIBLE at cleaning the side and neighborhood streets during the winter weather we had earlier this year. The fact that so much wealth resides here in Carrboro, how the city can't afford to hire more people to scrape those roads is beyond me. Additionally, there needs to be more meaningful ways those of us who may have a criminal background to participate in local politics. Not everyone who has a background issue is guilty of said crime. And I think if Carrboro and Orange County Dems are gonna claim to be inclusive, THEY NEED TO ACT LIKE IT!
- Yes, I've contacted multiple ppl at the town about the two houses on Estes Dr that are sitting on the raw earth and have been for over 5yrs. The response is always that they can't do anything, yet they continue to re-issue permits for the property even though it is obvious the lot is being used to store these dilapidated buildings. The same person who owns this lot keeps a rotting boat on a lot across the street. I'm getting ready to move away from Carrboro bc of this bs. Also, I have to call at least 3xs a year related to trash pickup bc the dumpster will get full. They are supposed to empty it once a week, but sometimes we will go months without trash pickup until I call and complain. Finally, the mail person will not pick up outgoing mail, so I always have to drive to a blue mail bin to mail letters. Idk what I'm getting for the taxes I pay to this town, but these things are completely ridiculous and I cannot wait to gtfo of here
- Yes, too many decisions are made behind closed doors (then shoved through the process): e.g. affordable housing, dividing homeowners against renters. Very obvious during the last election cycle (insiders vs outsiders). The Town fails to bring HOAs in as partners, they treat them as enemies. The Town also has a long history of very close relationships with builders (incestuous). They rubber stamp whatever they want, after they have met in private (separately, so as not to break any quorum laws) to make agreements.
- You handled the snow beautifully.
- You're doing a lot very well to keep Carrboro Carrboro! Greensboro St (both north and south, worse on South Greensboro) is a terrible hazard if you're not in a car. Keep working to get the downtown store-fronts filled. Please don't go apartment-complex insane like Chapel Hill has. LOVE all the festivals, farmer's market, etc.