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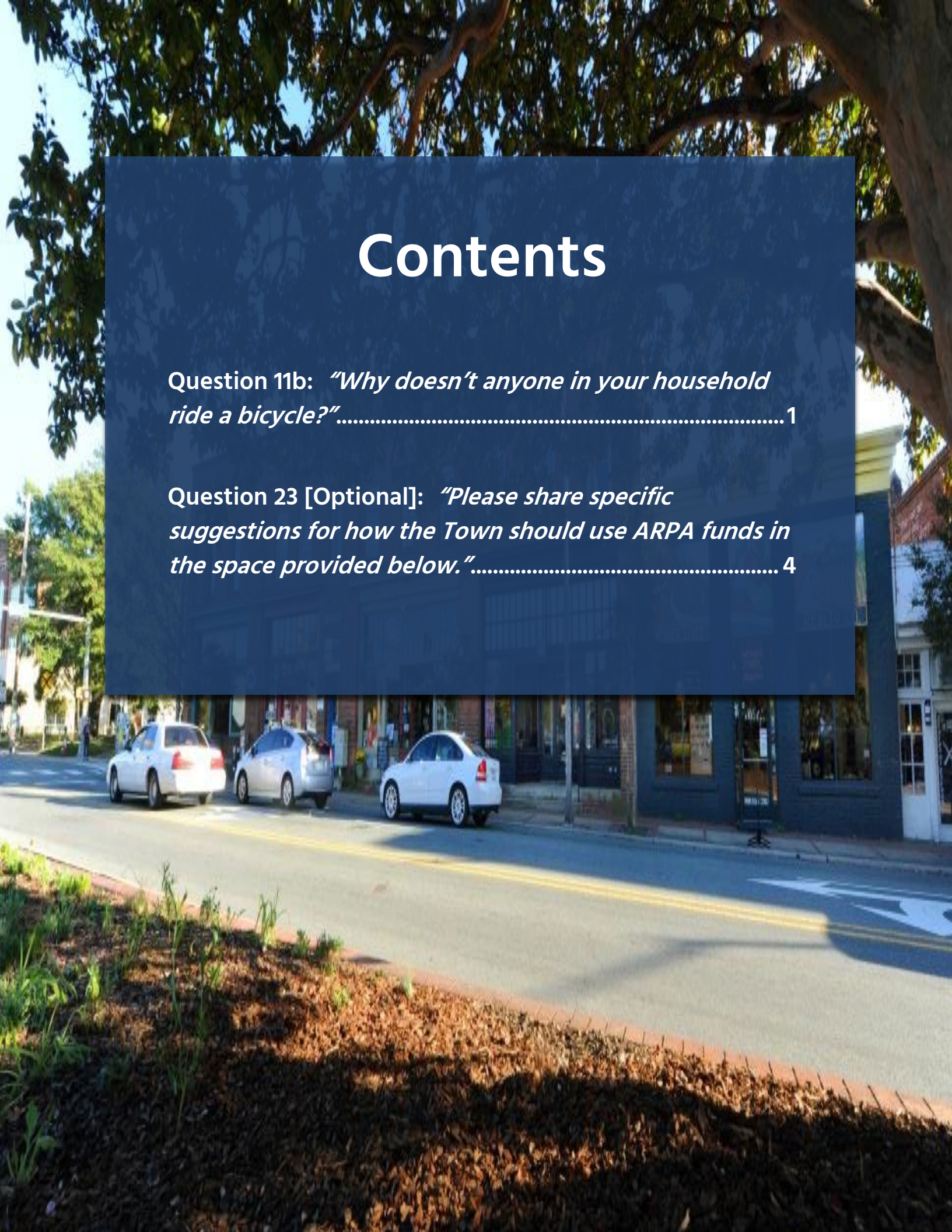

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Q11b. Why doesn’t anyone in your household ride a bicycle?

- Adults on don’t own any - want to get but not convenient now. Kids ride but too young to ride around town independently.
- Afraid of a fall - osteoporosis.
- After back surgery I'm not allowed to lift 25lbs and can't afford to buy bikes light enough.
- Age related
- Arthritis
- Because it is dangerous.
- Because we are disabled and cannot ride bicycles safely.
- BECAUSE WE USE A CAR
- Bike paths are not available on North side of Carrboro. Too dangerous to use streets.
- Broken bikes.
- BUS TO WORK, DRIVE FOR GROCERIES
- Busy schedule
- Can't ride too far, no bike lanes.
- CAR IS FASTER
- Car/walk
- Children are grown, moved away, and I'm not comfortable riding a bike any more.
- Congestion, safety and old age.
- Convenience and time by using a car.
- Difficult/unsafe to access downtown from NC54.
- Disabled by stroke.
- Don't enjoy it.
- Don't feel safe!
- Don't have a bicycle.
- DONT HAVE ONE-AFRAID TO RIDE IN TRAFFIC
- Don't trust safety, considering drivers and other bicyclists.
- Electric car more practical, especially in bad weather.
- hate breathing in car exhaust when biking, scared to bike in same space as cars
- Have a car.
- Health
- I have a prosthetic leg and live alone
- I have no balance.
- I haven't had a bike since I was a child, I'm satisfied with other transport/recreation options
- I need to tune my bike up and just haven't gotten around to doing that.
- I use my car.
- I used to ride, but it's not very safe. The bike lanes disappear often and are never adequately protected or separated from car lanes. As a result, car drivers behave dangerously around bicycles and bike lanes.
- I work in Durham.
- I would feel unsafe bicycling in streets by cars.
- I'm scared to death of bicycles, but glad they're in use.

- It's not safe to ride on the roads and there are no greenways near us.
- Just moved here during Covid, hope to use them in the future.
- Lack of a bicycle, too old, and everyone has a car at their disposal.
- Lack of bicycle lanes / safe places to bike that would get us from our home to primary places of interest (mainly UNC campus, downtown Carrboro)
- Lazy
- My husband does ride a mountain bike for exercise in Carolina North. I checked "No" because none of us bike to run errands or commute due to the lack of safe routes both within the northern part of Carrboro and connecting our neighborhood to downtown. Biking was the only way I got around until I turned 25 and I really miss it (not to mention being strongly motivated to reduce my carbon footprint). If there were routes that brought me into town and separated me from traffic somehow I would be all over it and year round.
- My work is too far to bike and I can walk to downtown
- Never learned how.
- No good answer for that…
- No own in my household owns a bicycle.
- Not convenient.
- Not interested.
- Not safe on streets like Estes Drive.
- Not safe, too many cars for bikers to be safe.
- Not safe, too much traffic.
- Not skilled enough.
- Not useful for weekly shopping. Feel unsafe biking in the dark; too much downtown car traffic.
- Old Fayetteville Rd./Calvander area is not safe for bikes.
- One of us do not know how.
- Our apartment does not have storage for a bike otherwise we would.
- Our typical commute is not convenient with a bike.
- Personal preference/health issues.
- Physical problems.
- Poor health
- Roads near us are too busy to get anywhere other then neighborhoods
- Safety
- safety concerns for senior citizen (age 73)
- Seems like a bit much with the density of car traffic; we choose to walk instead.
- Senior, driving is easier.
- Streets are too crowded, I am too old.
- Telecommute
- the distances we travel are too far on a bicycle. For short distances, we walk. Longer distances, we drive.
- TRAFFIC
- transportation by car or bus is easier/safer for commutes
- USED TO BUT ALWAYS ON COUNTRY ROADS
- Visually impaired.

- We are in the outskirts of Carrboro. Bicycling is not convenient.
- We are not bicycle riders.
- We can walk most places.
- We choose not to.
- We do not own bikes.
- WE DONT HAVE ONE BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO
- We have a car, like to walk.
- We have an electric car.
- We have bicycles, but we haven't rode them in years. We prefer walking for exercise and driving when running errands.
- We live by the highway, so it would be too dangerous to actually ride anywhere.
- We live far enough away from downtown that it's not feasible to bike.
- We live outside of the city limits and transportation by bicycle is not safe in some areas
- We no longer ride bikes.
- We prefer to walk and carrboro bikers are notoriously obnoxious
- We prefer to walk.
- We usually walk, safety issues for biking.
- WE WORK FROM HOME SO NO NEED TO COMMUTE ANYMORE-IF I GO DOWNTOWN IT IS USUALLY TO GROCERY SHOP, SO I DRIVE
- We’re lazy

Q23. Optional: Please share specific suggestions for how the Town should use ARPA funds in the space provided below.

- 1. Climate change is priority #1 (infrastructure, digital divide equity) 2. Child care & affordable housing & education are essential to sustainability & equity. 3. Essential workers should be paid equality.
- 1. Morgan Week Greenway. 2. S Greensboro sidewalk. 3. Prediction crossing at 54-overpass. 4. New affordable housing.
- 1.solar power for all rooftops (schools, govt buildings, businesses, solar charging stations . solar flower installations for residential sites. 2.goal of 30% tree cover including maintaining existing trees and planting new shrubs and trees. partner with Arbor Day Society. 3. Deer population control. 4. use of leasing space in Shelton Station beside Dingo Dog Brewing Company for the town library! this space has been EMPTY since it was built. 5.town ordinance to prohibit GAS infrastructure for new homes (gas stoves, gas water heaters and gas heat) to prepare for the climate change future. this was done in New York. Hawaii uses solar heating for all water in new structures.
- A program designed to help low income kids catch up against educational setbacks experienced during the pandemic
- Access to green space. The Green Tract is a great opportunity for low income folks to access unmanicured green space, save 80 of the 100 acres. Subsidize scatter-affordable housing.
- Affordable housing (childcare options are so limited.) As a lesser priority (but personal interest) I would love the town to prioritize collection of compost as a service.
- After school care for kids and more pay for teachers.
- As a driver I struggle with bikers on old NC 06-Homestead. Larger, more bike lanes would reduce risk. I support biking but not when they take up the whole road.
- As a middle school teacher in the CHCCS community, I see a significant and detrimental difference between the “haves” and the “have-nots.” I would like to see this funding go toward improving conditions for marginalized communities and families, who are largely African-American and Hispanic people.
- Assess what will have long term impact for the dollars available
- Assume by investing in infrastructure and getting approval from town council, you will then have money available to provide premium pay for essential as well as non-essential workers. Assume for 3-5, you are already receiving subsidies as are the businesses and people. My big ask is to send out information once decision is made on how to divide up money so people of carrboro can know what the plan is, through main forms of social media - tv, web, comm apps.
- Balance long term resilience with urgent humanitarian need, but always see if there are other ways to fund and advance those, too.
- Be good and protect our environment Be safe!!! Thank you.
- BUILD A CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT-SEPERATE FROM CARRBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT-FOR THE TOWN. INCREASE K-12 TEACHER PAY AND GENERAL SCHOOL FUNDING, OPPORTTUNITIES FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION
- Buy the valuable properties that are currently wasted on empty parking lots and build affordable housing everywhere downtown. Build sidewalks, protect bike lanes, and create a pedestrian zone on Weaver St. Fund weekend bus service.

- Clean up, remove graffiti from buildings.
- Climate change initiatives, especially investing in green spaces and bikes paths. Also, please consider how to connect different areas of Carrboro to others... not all roads lead downtown. An example is connecting neighborhoods to schools, so more students can bike/walk and reduce car lines.
- Close the achievement gap for POC in public schools.
- Consider sharing our ARPA funds with less affluent communities. Purchase affordable land for affordable housing.
- Covid has hurt all of us, but no one more than communities of color. These communities suffer considerable discrimination in access to services, healthcare, police support, and are overall more likely to be affected by the pandemic. The networks of support in Carrboro are structured such that benefits disproportionately flow to white upper class residents. We have a veneer of equality, and there is some effort at it, but it is often superficial and not really intended to support our communities of color. To illustrate, In my answers above, I often discussed safety and police issues. As a person of color, I am referring to safety FROM police. There is no way to make that clear, which tells me that this study is not being seen through the lens of a POC.
- Covid is here to stay. Help those that have lost loved ones with rent and bills.
- Create complete sidewalk separated bike lane and greenway networks linked to CH transit services.
- Don’t get any further in debt!
- Encourage World Wide, specific programs for the Cara more Community Inc.
- Everyone is already doing #1 at a corporate and individual level, so the money should go to places where it's needed, not already funded projects, etc.
- Expand TOC network to Midway area. Sitting/working outside is pandemic public health.
- For the investments in infrastructure, broadband is where we'd like to see the bulk of this investment.
- Funding for local doctor shelter.
- Funding is important for growth. Building a brick/mortar library is in my opinion a waste of resources.
- Funds should be used for things actually affected by pandemic, but not create excessive new programs/staff that must be funded in the future with local taxes. The tax rate in Carrboro is already the highest in the state.
- funds should be used in directed towards reparations for those impacted by structural racism, mitigation of the impacts of climate change and improving overall resiliency for the town in the future.
- GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED TO PROTECT ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR PEOPLE IN A CLMIATE CHANGE FUTURE THAT INCLUDES INCREASED RUN OFF, STORMWATER, WEATHER EVENT
- Help businesses that opened during the pandemic.
- Help mitigate flooding due to development. Build an enormous public swimming pool.
- Help the needy attain stability in home and health.
- Help the ones that need it the most first.
- Helping businesses and keeping residents informed on what is being offered.

- High speed internet available for all at low or no cost. Add a dog park near downtown. Potable water when Owasa has outages.
- I believe investing in infrastructure like community-wide internet access initiatives and energy conservation/green energy, is an ideal way to support long-term community health and development. The pandemic has made clear the indispensable importance of reliable internet access, for education, work, information dissemination, etc. Town advancements in this area, and in expanding energy conservation efforts, will aid in small business growth and development. I think the acute support (PPE, premium pay, etc.) are laudable ideas, but that deep long-term investment is the best way to serve the community. It's easy to take the beauty/cleanliness/maintenance of our awesome town for granted, but they are the key to a town that continues to flourish.
- I believe investment in infrastructure and education should go hand in hand. Greater investment in the Town's broadband access would alleviate the cost of internet for less fortunate individuals. The investment in broadband also provides children in school with access to internet if not available in the home.
- I believe there is opportunity for considerable overlap on most of these priorities, particularly 3 & 5.
- I chose #3 as my top because I think supporting the people of Carrboro directly would have the greatest impact!
- I don't feel qualified to guide this. I lack the data to know where it is most needed. I would love to see some of it go towards long term infrastructure that supports the climate action plan. In the big picture, this is the most urgent public health crisis we face (worse than the pandemic in the big picture). However, I know I have not been impacted financially as much as other parts of the community and believe there are people, organizations, workers who definitely need some help right now.
- I FEEL ALL 5 ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT, EVEN THOUGH I FELT FORCED BY QUESTION 22 TO RANK
- I feel like the funds should be first directed to things that were directly impacted by COVID-19, e.g. not general infrastructure. General infrastructure is, of course, important, but there are (or should be) separate funding streams for that.
- I feel strong that #3 is the place to start.
- I find the wording in the "provide premium pay" option to be off putting and unclear. I don't know enough about pay scales or who you mean, but certainly hope you are paying people appropriate and livable wages, and helping front line workers.
- I think you have to take care of the basic needs first - make sure people are healthy and are supported in the face of negative economic impacts. Then you should address the inequities in our community - items 3 and 4. Then infrastructure. While I'd love to put lots of money in infrastructure programs that will last for years, I think the people of Carrboro and their needs come first.
- I THINK ARPA IS ONE TIME MONEY SO I RANKED NON RECURRING PRIORITIES HIGHER
- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MUCH MONEY GO TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN HURT. CHILDREN NEED MORE SUPPORT WITH EDUCATION, FAMILIES NEED CHILDCARE AND UNHOUSED PEOPLE NEED SOMEWHERE TO STAY SAFE

- I think that in our understanding of "essential" worker should take into account certain bands of salary More specifically there may be essential employee's who make higher salaries perhaps $75K or above, those workers should see less aid than those who make below that.
- I was so grateful to have my wi-fi covered through the government relief funds, especially since most of my classes are currently holding online classes.
- I would like some of the ARPA funds to be used for long-range projects that will help us in the future (e.g. broadband) even though the current need may be great in other areas.
- I would like the funds to increase baseline equity in infrastructure/access to services for disproportionally impacted communities.
- I've prioritized COVID-specific supports in the ranking above. Infrastructure investments, particularly those with environmental benefits, should be a permanent priority.
- IF CARRBORO IS STRUGGLING TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL WORKERS, PROVIDE PREMIUM PAY BUT IN GENERAL I THINK WE SHOULD ONLY PRIORITIZE THAT IF IT IS IMPACTING RETENTION. IT IS NOT A CRISIS-THEY HAVE JOBS. I DO APPRECIATE THEIR SERVICE, BUT CRISIS NEEDS GO FIRST. INFRASTRUCTURE DOESNT SEEM AS DIRECTLY RELATED TO COVID AS OTHER CHOICES
- IF WORKERS ARE PAID DECENT WAGES, THEY TEND TO STAY WITH THEIR JOBS A LONG TIME AND ENJOY WHAT THEY DO
- If you use funds for infrastructure, use it for broad band coverage. This pandemic has shown the need for universal broadband.
- Important to keep the city affordable and safe. Be responsive to changes in our health, environment and politics.
- Improve infrastructure in historically marginalized communities. Assist needy residents with water bill payments, rent and electric for at least 12 more months.
- Improved aesthetics and better affordable private housing options (vs. nursing homes) for the aging population (cottages that are one level, designed communities with businesses, healthcare, and amenities they can walk to or have transportation to, nature/ trails, etc.) Town planning standards that include and balance aesthetics, green areas, functionality, traffic, affordability (trailer parks and random, cheaply designed or overly dense housing without a consistent standard/appearance or green belt shielding them from the road may be affordable, but trailer homes aren't safe for the residents and all of the aforementioned are negative for the community aesthetic).
- Improving the water service stability. Since moving here, I have been experiencing several folds higher frequency of water outage compared to my previous place.
- Infrastructure encompasses the most essential function and purpose of local government. If infrastructure is not in order it will be impossible to focus on the other listed issues.
- Infrastructure investment can help all, long term. Short term, those in most need should get help, especially with education, both for adult and youth.
- Infrastructure is long term payoff. Social programs can change quickly (with society). Some programs like "affordable housing" are unsolvable: many communities have struggled with it for decades, with no impact. Education assistance is difficult to understand, meaning are we not in the top school district in the state? We need foundational items that will give us all long term impact, over decades.

- Infrastructure should be the top priority for Carrboro. Make our town more livable so that more businesses will want to be here and diversify our tax base. High speed internet should be freely available in every home. Fix the potholes and the uneven / busted up and not wide enough sidewalks by the railroad tracks downtown. Actually install sidewalks along the major corridors into downtown (e.g. S. Greensboro St., Estes Dr., Smith Level Rd., Hwy 54etc.) - make it part of a requirement that every developer needs to install bike lanes, sidewalks, and electric car charging stations into every development that they propose in order to get approval in Carrboro. Develop the empty eyesore properties throughout downtown (Hello, corner of W. Weaver St. and N. Greensboro St. - looking at you!). Build more free parking structures with ample electric vehicle charging stations around town (especially with all the automakers slated to go electric). You have a once in a generation opportunity to make a lasting impact and set the stage for sustainable growth in the 21st. century - don't waste it! You can leverage your funds with some public / private partnerships to make these more cost effective and sustainable (e.g. requirements to install / improve sidewalks, bike lanes, electric vehicle charging stations, solar panels, etc. in all new developments). Create an economic development corridor that links Downtown Carrboro with Carrboro Plaza. Build some mixed use facilities that combine affordable housing with commercial retail and office spaces that would actually expand the tax base. Merge the police and fire services with Chapel Hill since it's ridiculous that we have a completely separate police and fire department for such a small town when their services overlap so much. Add some artificial turf athletic fields to the parks so that the kids (and adults) have somewhere to play rain or shine (there aren't enough soccer / athletic fields in town). It's always too crowded. Install some pedestrian bridges over Hwy 54 and sidewalks by Kingswood Apartments so the residents aren't playing frogger trying to dodge busy highway traffic during morning and evening rush hours. Fix the roads and the many potholes on Jones Ferry Rd., Hwy 54, etc. Not all of the focus has to be on Downtown - there are residents that don't live near downtown (but would like to get to easily get to downtown, park and enjoy a meal and shop there) - make it easy for them and justify having one of the highest property taxes in the state. Of course, do this within the framework of sustainability, environmental justice, diversity, equity and inclusion. This isn't easy and there are a lot of NIMBY folks out there so work with some communications professionals to actually win over these diverse interests and get this done and make our little town truly the "Paris of the Piedmont." Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to talk more - rkwokusa@yahoo.com. January 5, 2022.
- Infrastructure, mitigate flooding, wastewater and clean water
- Interest in greenspace/protect green space, as we need to be out more and need the space.
- Invest in climate change initiatives like solar energy and the overall grid to prepare for outages and climate related natural disasters.
- Invest in projects that bring business to Carrboro. Events unique trail systems / parks, marketing, signage, parking.
- Investments in our infrastructure positions Carrboro to thrive. Clean water, clean energy and affordable housing options for wage earners as well as a means of transportation to jobs is necessary to thrive.
- Is there a way to use them for the roads? Testing free for residents.
- It is too expensive to live here. We need more affordable housing and childcare.

- IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THAT MONEY COULD BE USED TO TRY AND ADDRESS POTENTIAL/FUTURE PROBLEMS AND PANDEMICS-STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, OUTREACH AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES
- Items 1 - 4 while important are short term/temporary and help a limited number of citizens. Infrastructure is long term, essential, and helps everyone; it is also too often ignored because it can usually be put off till later, though later never seems to come because at any given time there always be more pressing immediate needs, and it is often a hard sell because there is typically no constituency advocating strongly for it.
- Like to avoid problems in the future regarding infrastructure issues new and essential workers with good services to avoid personal turnover.
- Lower the cost of living/ housing. Rent is getting outrageous
- MAKE SURE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES ARE ON THE WEBSITE IN TIMELY FASHION
- Many of the ideas listed above for ARPA funds are great suggestions. I think that a good use of some of the money would be to support local businesses in Carrboro, and to also support the creation of new local businesses in Carrboro. Small businesses can employ local residents and the money spent at those businesses can stay in town. Additionally, I believe that it would be helpful to spend some of the money on improving access to low-cost transportation around Carrboro, such as improving bike access around town and bus routes. Lastly, affordable housing is also lacking in Carrboro, and that could be a good use of money.
- Maybe the town could spend the money to attract businesses to the town. Gainful employment would address many other issues. Carrboro seems to be lagging other towns in the Triangle in terms of attracting businesses.
- Mental health services for youth adults. We are living a mental health epidemic and people need access to group therapy, support groups, etc.
- Monitor & increase testing & vaccination.
- More and better crosswalks esp. heading north up Hillsborough Rd. This will improve public safety for kids & other pedestrians, make Carrboro more ped-friendly which is part of climate change adaptation. Invest in other climate adaptation such as foot/bike paths and more green spaces (tree planting, protecting existing green spaces).
- More outdoor gathering areas
- Need more options for housing for seniors with pets.
- No bonus for police.
- NUMBERS 1, 3, AND 4 ARE TOO BIG TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE TOWN LEVEL. THEY ARE ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. PLEASE REDUCE THE SPEED LIMITS ON ESTES DRIVE EXT AND ON GREENSBORO NEAR THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC
- Over the course of this pandemic, I believe one of the most important and impactful things that employers can do is to monetarily recognize (in pay) that any type of public-facing work (bus drivers, postal carriers, first responders, government staff) involves employees putting their lives at increased risk. This is why I believe that premium pay for essential workers (and I would argue all local government employees serve essential roles) is one of the most important ways that Carrboro can show up for its residents.

- Pay down water and utility debt for impacted residents. Improve or replace aging infrastructure, and investment in lower taxes in the future. (This one is free!) Accelerate the permit and zoning approval process to increase housing supply. The town lets these things drag on forever. This would increase affordable housing at no cost to the town or taxpayers.
- Paying a good living wage to the people who kept us going during pandemic is primary. Using funds to combat climate change is top issue after.
- Please address the flooding and stormwater maintenance. Certain HOA's are being held responsible while others are not.
- Please pave roads - not just semi-repair potholes. Carrboro deserves better. I like Carrboro but tax burden too high. No bus to provide tax $ for our community.
- Please send a letter to every home in Carrboro asking "If you lost income, childcare, housing and need any help from ARPA gov't funds please explain. Including help for education setbacks and exposure to lead, and return your request for help in the free envelope below. You can also call this town of Carrboro tel # if you have any difficulty writing or reading."
- Prioritize affordable housing units and address infrastructure needs of the community.
- PROVIDE MONEY TO SCHOOL SYSTEM
- Provide more access for Covid testing and other health care needs especially mental health. Increase recreational space, indoor and outdoor.
- Provide public health measures to places where people must be indoors, especially the schools
- Provide rental or mortgage assistance. Child care assistance to parents that need it.
- Provide support for businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic, provide support services for essential workers (childcare, healthcare), rent assistance or other interventions to prevent evictions or provide affordable housing.
- Providing high quality stable jobs and fixing town infrastructure will help move forward a stronger town.
- Public health and homelessness which has increased.
- Public health and infrastructure is the most important right now. The roads and sidewalks need work.
- Public money should be spent on the public at large. Pet projects and ideologically direction of funds is not desirable
- Regarding infrastructure investments, they should be with an eye towards preventing/mitigating climate change
- SIDEWALK AND EASEMENT PURCHSE FOR (UNREADABLE) FOR PITTSBORO ST SOUTH FOR CENTER OF TOWN-WHY WASNT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED HILLSLOE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON EAST SIDE OF PITTSBORO ST REQUIRED TO INSTALL SIDEWALKS ALONG PITTSBORO
- Slow down all the contractor and new development throughout the area. Homestead ave is getting overrun with new construction and it's starting to come to Hillsborough Rd (Sanderway, etc.). Estes has avoided major construction, and the new circle was a step forward for traffic flow, but we don't need to build any more large neighborhood of cookie-cutter housing.
- Some small businesses are really struggling invest in them.
- SOMETHING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WOULD BENEFIT FROM- IMPROVED WIDER SIDEWALKS, ATTRACTIVENESS OF PUBLIC AREAS

- Staff is over worked due to Covid, grants and incentives need to be implemented to attract more healthcare personal.
- Stop permitting single family residences over 2000 SF.
- Stormwater management is a dire need. As is the need to incentivize developers to provide affordable housing. RE parking Main/Greensboro Streets should be car-free except local residents. The street lights, though increasingly efficient, are now a source of light pollution - which has disproportionate effects on vulnerable communities. Street lighting doesn't increase public safety and should not exist outside of pedestrian areas.
- Stormwater management.
- Subsidized childcare & assistance with rent & utilities for people who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic
- Support people in Carrboro who have been left out (and are generally systematically left out) of formal relief programs, largely the undocumented community but also other immigrants who have many barriers to receiving support, especially during the pandemic, including language access, limited digital literacy, etc.
- Sustainable transport - bike lanes
- Test kit provisioning. Mask provisioning. Local business innovation. Job replacement mitigation,
- The F bus used to run all the way down Hillsborough Rd. prior to Covid. It would be nice to see that again.
- The funds should be used to outfit the town to handle the, current and future, impacts of climate change - our infrastructure and storm water containment particularly need attention.
- The goal should be more general and all encompassing. The effects be more long lasting.
- The Greensboro round about was a waste of money. Too many tall buildings are distasteful.
- The highest priority should be securing safe housing for disproportionately impacted communities, including the houseless, those who are at risk of losing housing, and those who don't have safe and healthy housing. Please support housing first approaches for the houseless, including use of underoccupied hotels. Please help people pay for rent, mortgage, and childcare without extended and burdensome eligibility testing. Please help people keep housing safe (lead/mold remediation, critical repairs, utilities). We ought to be prioritizing these actions all the time, not only when we get a windfall grant.
- The past 2 years has had severe impact on low-income families. Help the low income keep their housing.
- The town must put a sidewalk on high Street.
- The town should be better prepared for pandemics and have a supply of PPE available for essential employees, medical facilities, first responders, and other critical workers.
- The town should use one time funding to build and upgrade lasting infrastructure that will benefit all residents. Sidewalks and more robust bicycle lanes and paths would be a good place to start.
- The website doesn't update with current town board meetings and minutes. Also I never the holiday schedules for trash, yard debris and recycling. The new inspection portal is really nice, though.

- There is no paved bike path in Carrboro to ride recreationally anywhere near McDougle. Only the street. Create one even like Southern Village has that goes straight to town. Maybe also provide activities for people over 14 as well as under, and maybe subsidize some of the small business so people actually go back to work ,not stay home on welfare , so places are fully staffed again Enough is enough! Time to get back to normalcy!
- THIS COMMENT IS NOT ARPA SPECIFIC-THE TOWNS OF CARRBORO AND CHAPEL HILL AND UNC NEED TO COMBINE SERVICES INTO ONE TO GAIN EFFICIENCIES AND PASS SAVINGS IN FORM OF PAYBACK TO THOSE WHO PROVIDE THE SERVICE
- This is hard as they're all important and I'd like to see both lasting investments a relief for the directly impacted.
- THIS PANDEMIC DOESNT IMPACT EVERYONE EQUALLY. WE NEED TO LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE MOST MARGINALIZED-UNHOUSED PERSON, FOR EXAMPLE.IN ORDER TO HAVE A HEALTHY, THRIVING COMMUNITY
- UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STIMULUS OR HOUSING MONEY FROM GOVERNMENT YET MANY ARE STILL UNDEREMPLOYED IN RESTURANTS, NAIL SALONS, YEARD WORK DUE TO PANDEMIC
- Use the fund to support the future health of the community.
- Use the funds to keep schools open and safer. It can be done!!!
- Use this mindful capital to make long term investments in physical infrastructure for the town.
- We (my husband and I) are concerned that we will not be able to afford the $4,000 property tax on our 730 square ft home as we age. It doesn't really relate to this anyway I apologize, but people on fixed incomes should not have to leave our wonderful community.
- We have had some situations where we were yelled at by local government workers.
- We have to pay for trash, water, and amenities. Raised rent on old apartments that have been updated.
- We need to address affordable housing options for first responders, teachers, and other essential workers so they live and invest in our community. We need more businesses that generate high sales tax revenues.
- We need to lift up communities of color.
- We will soon have a library maybe this has been funded by ARPA?
- While everyone has been impacted by the pandemic, it has not impacted folks equally. Some Carrboro residents have not been impacted economically, while some folks have been very much affected. I would like to see the funds go to aiding those who need it most.
- While public health is covered by other groups, Carrboro needs to take the opportunity to improve factors that lead to long term public health. These include investing in infrastructure that has been long neglected.
- With so many experiencing financial problems (for various reasons) more needs to be done for financial aid and especially affordable housing.
- Work training program as there appears to be many under staffed skilled employees in our community. Our economic vitality depend on effectively filling these jobs.
- Work within Orange County and other counties to advocate and coordinate efforts that benefit those most negatively and disproportionately affected.