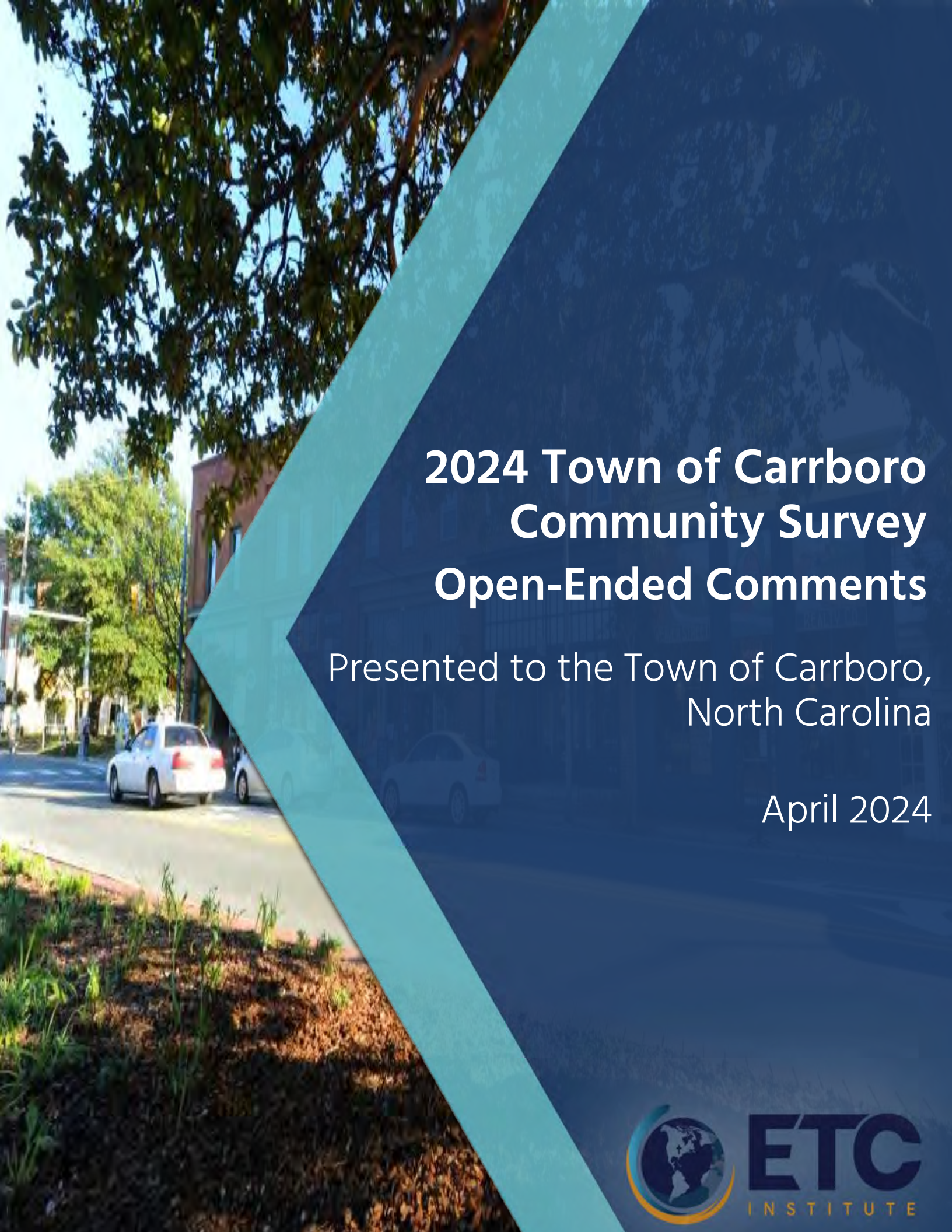




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Q14b. Why doesn't anyone in your household ride a bicycle?

- Age
- because we don't have bicycles.
- Can't afford one. I need a car to commute for work.
- Can't shower if I road it to work.
- car is more convenient. Biking is a choice, not an imperative.
- Cost
- cost of good quality bike and bike storage
- Danger on bikes
- Dangerous - people texting while driving
- Difficult to get around in a bike
- Difficulty in the physical aspect of riding a bike
- Disabled
- Disabled
- Disabled and not able to ride a bike
- Disabled, can't ride a bike.
- Do not own an appropriate bike for the hills in Carrboro
- don't have a bike
- don't have a bike
- don't have a bike
- don't have a bike
- don't have a bike
- don't have a bike
- Don't enjoy biking
- Don't feel safe biking with cars
- Don't know how to bike
- DONT OWN A BICYCLE
- Don't own one, can't afford it either...
- Don't ride.
- Don't trust drivers on the streets
- Driving for errands to carry groceries
- handicapped
- I don't own a bicycle or have place to store one.
- I had a bad bike wreck.
- I have a car
- I have a car
- I have no car, use a walker and doubt I could bike
- I'm afraid of being on the road with cars
- Lack of bicycle storage in neighborhood
- live far away from downtown
- live too far from work and businesses to use for practical transportation.

- many people have been hit on a bicycle
- Medical condition
- Need more bike lanes.
- NEVER BEEN MUCH OF A BIKE RIDER-DO LOTS OF WALKING
- Never learned how, physical limitations due to history of surgeries, injuries
- Never learned to ride a bike
- Never learned.
- no bike
- no bike
- no bike available
- No desire to
- no interest
- no interest
- no interest
- No motivation to use, Walking is more fun.
- no reason
- No tengo dinero para poder optener bicicleta
- No time
- No time
- None of us work in Carrboro or spend much time in the downtown area right now
- not able to ride
- Not comfortable riding on streets where cars come very close. I am concerned for the safety of cyclists.
- Not easy to carry
- Not interested.
- Not safe in our neighborhood. Too hilly.
- One family member used to, but it has not been practicable since we had a child.
- osteoarthritis/knee replacements
- physical disability
- physical limits
- Prefer to drive.
- Prefer to walk
- prefer walking for exercise
- Rides the bus
- safety
- Someone stole my bike :(it even had two locks on it
- Time. Also, no bike path on Homestead Rd and Old 86 and Old Fayetteville Roads
- TOO DANGEROUS
- Too dangerous
- Too old
- Too old
- traffic volume makes me feel unsafe.
- Unprotected bike lanes, lack of bike infrastructure, biking in traffic with cars

- Unsafe traffic
- Use bus and car
- walk instead
- Walk or drive
- Walking is sufficient to access what we need
- We are elderly
- We do not own one
- We don't know how to ride bikes and don't own any. It can be hard to learn as an adult, they can be expensive, and I don't know where I'd store it in our apartment complex safely.
- We live in an area with poor access to downtown, etc., by bike
- We walk!
- Why is this one of your main questions? Too much attention, money and influence are given to the small bike community.

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

- 1. Connections linked between areas lacking bike/ped infrastructure (e.g., stanchions in front of Carrboro Elem by bike racks have been fallen down for years - why not make this relatively simple repair to help protect kids/dogs/pedestrians?). 2. More trees/shade (increasingly important with summers heating up). 3. Complete bus stops (at minimum, place to sit and shade). 4. More LE presence (precinct closes at 5 PM most days, from what I understand).
- 1. make Weaver Street in front of Carr Mill a pedestrian zone. 2. start charging for parking. 3. pedestrian-activated flashing lights at crosswalks (i.e. in front of Fitch).
- 2-hour free parking at Greensboro Carr Mill lots whether shopping there or anywhere in Carrboro.
- A bit more business oriented towards other sector of economic growth outside or retail and restaurants. There is no path for incubators for growth sectors like med tech.
- A park where the old CVS corner is on Weaver St...Development of 2nd story apartments in current buildings so that we don't have more big apartment buildings. Keep the small town feel.
- Access to better parking availability; holding the owner of Carr Mill Mall accountable for predatory towing; More free/open gathering spaces.
- Access to parking. Parking is terrible
- Access to, and more sidewalks in and around Main St.
- Add more public spaces where people can sit and chat- I don't mean private cafes but imagine the Bryant Park in NYC - just put tables and chairs randomly in the city. Remove venue parking - restaurants and businesses shouldn't be allowed to have "their parking spots". Enforce timing of parking. You don't have to give these spots to cars BUT this would make parking more straightforward - if t there's a space I can use it, rather than freak if this or that business calls tow track on me.
- ADDRESS THE ABANDONED LOT AT THE CORNER OF N GREENSBORO AND WEAVER ST
- Affordable homes, tiny homes instead of huge houses
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing and mixed income initiatives and multi family affordable housing. Thanks for the stop signs at Poplar & Davie.
- Availability of See Click Fix. Pedestrian crossings prioritized over car traffic, more functional (esp. at Main x Lloyd). More ped crossings. More separated bike lanes. Clearer stop lights and traffic pattern (main/weaver/spotted dog).
- Beautification with more trees, flowers, shrubs and better/easier walking within the downtown area- improved walkways for pedestrians, bus stops with benches, sidewalks with benches, better parking areas.
- Better access, better signage and that empty lot become something good for Carrboro
- Better and more free parking
- Better and more walking paths/ sidewalks. Improving street lighting, public parking. More variety of restaurants, shops.
- better control of new construction, more parking
- BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF BIKING RULES. TOO MANY BIKERS ROTATE BETWEEN BIKE LANES AND SIDEWALKS TO SUIT THEMSELVES, PARTICULARLY AT INTERSECTIONS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CROSSWALKS TO AVOID STOP LIGHTS
- Better large scale parking so my job's parking lot isn't such a nightmare (I work in Carr Mill). I think the project being built on the old free parking lot will have a parking garage, but I don't know how much that will help.
- Better maintenance of town square, discuss ongoing antisemitism

- Better management of parking. Fees/fines are ok but the aggressive process by Barres towing is unacceptable.
- Better parking and less predatory towing
- Better parking at Weaver St and Carr Mill Mall. Disappointed with choice of brick color of new library
- Better parking. A few more places to go! A nice park would be amazing so that kids can have somewhere to play when parents get coffee or treats.
- Better predatory towing at Hern's Teeter and Carrboro Mill; more restaurants; help homeless - stop them from scaring people on streets.
- Better public parking clearly marked.
- Better public parking. Something to replace the forever empty, fenced in lot across from Carr Mill Mall.
- Better signing of parking cost. More complementary parking times.
- Better variety of shops and long-term shops, as many go out of business quickly. Cleaner shops. Better maintained buildings. Better access to parking with ways to mitigate heavy traffic.
- Better walking areas. Street crossings are hard when you have a handicap. No bricks used for sidewalks, very difficult when you are disabled.
- Bicycle lanes on Greensboro St between E Poplar Ave and Merritt Mill Rd!
- Big problem, current towing from HT and Weaver St parking area. Terrible impact-making people very angry.
- Carrboro has already done a lot to encourage walking and biking - biker's have a tricky time though
- Carrboro has too much traffic now.
- Carrboro needs more small businesses and a serious face lift. It looks a little run down and dumpy. We should model other small NC towns that have vibrant downtowns, especially mountain towns like Blowing Rock, black mountains, brevard, etc. that have pleasant downtowns where people want to spend time and money.
- Carrboro should have its own movie theater and theater arts center. The corner lot near Weaver needs to become a nicely developed arts / workspace / multipurpose community space. CVS must sell the land to Carrboro, or Carrboro should declare eminent domain.
- Cars should not be allowed on Weaver St on weekends.
- Clean up the eyesores space at corner of Main Street and N. Greensboro-terrible.
- Close the street in front of Weaver Street to car traffic.
- Clothes stores, bikeway connectivity, parking to stay small but free, bus availability.
- Commercial space prices are too high. Locals cannot afford to rent them. Would like more local business.
- Connect the greenways of Estes to Chapel Hill greenways or at least to a sidewalk. It is so dangerous as it is.
- Consider making downtown pedestrian only street.
- Consistently of bike lane continuity. More public parking and less militant private towing.
- Corner of Weaver and Greensboro St. Empty lot needs work.
- Create more parking, negotiate with Carr Mill owners to stop predatory towing
- Develop empty lot at the corner of Greensboro and Weaver
- Downtown design that is inclusive of differently abled and seniors. *Parking deck space for all off downtown, eliminate small lots. *Benches. *Public art, ex: sculptures. *Landscaping, plantings, planters. *Downtown bike short-term rentals. *Shopping Diversity.

- Downtown is a traffic jam through rush hours. It's dangerous to ride the bike downtown, no bike path through downtown, crossings are dangerous, especially Main/Greensboro and Weaver/Main St.. Roberson Street with the new construction is in need of a bike path connected to downtown Chapel Hill, it could also be used to redirect the through traffic in Carrboro and close down Weaver Street between Main and Greensboro. We don't have a downtown center, meeting place for residents. The town relies on Weaver Street Market, if it closes down, there is no place to meet. The Town Commons could be improved with a kiosk (coffee, snacks), a bigger playground for older kids, sport equipment for adults (like MLK Jr. Park), benches. We need a good system of parking signs for public parking, preferable together with downtown Carrboro and Chapel Hill via the Libba Cotton Bikeway. Please support small local businesses, it looks like Ali Cat Toys has a new owner and the future is uncertain. The big selling point of Carrboro is, that we have besides all the touristy restaurants, gift stores, etc. still a variety of stores for residents and some longtime shops. We need a "People Academy" like Chapel Hill to get residents more involved and learn about the Town.
- driving through the center is challenging, seems like there could be a better flow; attract more businesses and shopping, have bike paths that get to downtown without having to go on roads
- Easier and safer to access by bike 1-2 miles from downtown
- Easier parking/more of it; diversity of stores - not just bars/restaurants
- Easier to bike around town. Enforce no parking in bike lanes
- Easier to drive in, more parking.
- Empty lot across from Weaver St Mkt has been an eyesore for so long.
- Engage business owners to clean/improve exterior buildings, widen sidewalks, expedite some kind of business for the long empty lot at Greensboro and Weaver St intersection
- Expansion of bike lanes to more streets.
- Faster approval of new buildings, businesses, development.
- Fewer cars, more easy safe walking
- Fewer cars. Car free streets. Full service for the F bus. Car- free Weaver St. or at the very least remove on street parking on weaver street and put in a bike lane that runs the full length of weaver st with dedicated bike signals at intersections.
- Fewer parking lots and garages.
- Fix the traffic lights. Since redoing the street patterns downtown, traffic is worse and seemingly more dangerous for cyclists. I imagine air quality has also become worse especially around weaver street where it's often filled with cars idling, sometimes getting stuck at 2 or 3 red lights without exiting weaver st.
- GET RID OF PREDATORY TOWING IN SHOPPING AREA PARKING LOTS
- Get rid of the lot across from Weaver St Market.
- Get rid of the predatory towing at Carr mill mall
- Going back to more than 2 lanes of traffic. It gets very congested! Doing something to the space that has a chain link fence across from Weaver St. market.
- Growing homeless population addressed. We do not visit Town Hall Commons anymore. Sidewalks in neighborhoods as more people move, traffic is increasing and need better management for fast traffic. Google Fiber is not installed and available for all homes.
- Hate to say it, but the panhandling/unhoused neighbor situation has worsened noticeably lately.
- higher density housing for all income levels, fewer cars, mixed-use development near downtown, more emphasis on transit, biking and walking in the downtown area
- Homeless people off the streets; more options for bus routes; don't feel safe with violence and fire arms in my area

- Hope improvement occurs once the new building for the library is complete.
- how addressing Black generational housing
- I am in a wheelchair. The sidewalks are uneven in many places and often it is smoother for me to ride my chair in the street because the sidewalks are jarring due to uneven cracks, tilted to steeply where driveway access is and the cut outs on the corners are in disrepair, lumpy or too steep. I have lived here 18 years and love Carrboro, but will have to move away because rent prices are simply too much. All my friends have already moved to Graham, Mebane etc. there is zero affordable housing here now if you are on a fixed income, or low income, in town. In addition, I always felt Carrboro was pretty tolerant and open to all people, however There is an undertone of racism and non inclusion that has been felt by poc that I know that they have voiced. Carrboro has made great strides to be more inclusive over the years, but they have more work to do. As a person with disabilities I find a lot of the bike paths hard to navigate due to unevenness, and some of the stores can be very tight where staff had to move things out of the way. I hope Carrboro will work toward people with lower income or fixed incomes and poc and those with all disabilities, it's too late for me, I'm being forced out after 18 happy years here due to high rent and so have my friends. All that said, I love how responsive and great the fire and police depts are and every interaction with town staff has been great! I see Carrboro growing and love the Parks and Rec gatherings, Music Festival, 4th of July, Latino Day, Gay Pride parade etc., wonderful! I see Carrboro growing almost too fast though and it's losing the eclectic laid back artistic wonderful feeling. Crime seems to be on the rise, I see more homeless around, do we have programs for them, or just assume they will go to Chapel hill? There is a more trash in the streets that have been and people race up and down the narrow small streets like they don't have to follow street signs anymore. Overall Carrboro is doing well, but it is fast losing what the feel of Carrboro used to be. Chapel Hill made that mistake and now it's grown up and what made it a great college town feel has gone. I hope Carrboro doesn't loose that, but there is a whole demographic of people , myself included, that Carrboro has turned its back on, and it saddens me deeply. I hate the thought of leaving, but rent and housing is simply not affordable on a fixed income and the local prices are so high for staples, and eating out, water and everything else, well you are driving away many of the people who made Carrboro what it is. I remember when Carrboro was a sleepy side kick to Chapel Hill and no one wanted to live here. Artists came the town expended, but in a sweet encompassing and inclusive way. Now, all the locals are being pushed out in place of million dollar houses, and with them the small town feel. Sad really.
- I don't know how this would be addressed, but in several key places downtown the bike lanes disappear; it would be amazing to have continuous bike lanes/paths through downtown. Also, there is a plethora of places to park downtown, but almost all of them are restricted to two hour time limits, which essentially translates for a whole slew of reasons into "there is very little parking downtown."
- I love Carrboro. I moved here for a job years ago and can't bring myself to leave even though I've now retired. It literally lives up to its tagline...Feel Free. The only thing I can think of that might improve Carrboro is to provide more bike lanes and/or walking paths for safe transportation around town. Thank you for all you do for this GREAT small town.
- I love downtown Carrboro and I love seeing it grow into itself. Any change in line with the community and its growth so far is welcome!
- I would like to see a town trolley that travels a set route. Also, for Carrboro to have a branch of the non-profit "A Helping Hand." An organization of volunteer caregivers and senior companions.
- I would like to see more affordable shopping and more intentional native plants and pollinators in green space

- I would like to see more attention paid to the development of a sensible affordable housing policy. The town permits the construction of ridiculously expensive new developments/mini-neighborhoods and huge houses on tiny lots. Instead, town hall should be enforcing their mission of having affordable housing in all developments. Likewise, you are trying to stick multiple cheap units in the only few green spaces left in some established older neighborhoods, THAT actually have smaller and still affordable houses! Instead, the town should focus on using a variety of properties in town and not build massive "ghetto like" complexes that will not do anything good for the community. There are a number of lots near downtown that sit empty that city hall could purchase and then subsidize the construction of affordable housing on them. Where one massive million dollar house sits, there could easily be a two or three unit structure. This would create mixed neighborhoods as these smaller projects fit in well with existing structures. Start getting creative instead of only looking at one cookie-cutter solution.
- I would like to see more retail. We've lost so many great retail stores over the past decade, mostly due to high rent. Lower foot traffic plays a part, but without good retail stores, you won't raise the foot traffic. The independent stores we have are really great but, we need some more clothing stores. And we need to figure out a way to protect the businesses we do have. We could also use more non-retail businesses downtown to increase local jobs. And we need affordable housing so that people can live and work in Carrboro/Chapel Hill. Townhouses and duplexes!
- I would like to see something developed on the lot at the corner of N. Greensboro and Weaver St.
- I would like Weaver St to become a pedestrian only street; more affordable housing; rent is too high
- I would like to see a nicer green space closer to downtown separate from Weaver. There needs to be more public parking walking distance to the downtown. The traffic in the Weaver area is horrific.
- I'd love better maintenance of the billboards. I find them interesting to read through and would find it helpful if flyers were cleared out when an event or call-to-action has passed
- I'd love for the town to negotiate with Weaver Street to return parking in their lot. It's not only inconvenient that they tow but it feels hostile and drives people away.
- Improve appearance of old CVS lot.
- Improve intersections for pedestrians and bikes. Some crossings require a button to be pushed, and others don't. Signals are not bike sensitive. Speed limits on S. Greensboro above traffic circle, and throughout town, are confusing. Turn Weaver Street between Greensboro and Roberson Streets into a pedestrian zone. Improve Roberson Street. Fewer empty stores. Senior housing. Increase public parking and reduce predatory towing at Carr Mill Mall. Make progress on utilizing the vast abandoned parking lot on Sweet Bay Place.
- Improve parking.
- Improved bike infrastructure.
- Increase speed limit and get rid of those yield or stop signs for pedestrian areas and signs, they are a nuisance and hold up traffic!
- Increased density of development downtown. Easier access to parking when supporting local business.
- Intersections could have safer and more visible crosswalks. Fill sidewalk gaps. Stop on red pedestrian crossings outside of intersections.
- It is clearly difficult for businesses to survive downtown. Lots of turnover, lots of empty store fronts. I don't have any easy solutions for that. I think parking is generally adequate--and that the parking is free is a big plus. Failing to redevelop the Cat's Cradle/Arts Center strip mall has not been a big problem. The very bad stretch of shops across from that strip mall is a much bigger

problem. Carr Mill staggers along, while Main Street is a tough place for a business--now made worse by the crack-down on parking in the Carr Mall/Harris Teeter parking lot.

- It is unclear to me what is meant by "downtown Carrboro". Is it the 1 or 2 blocks from the intersection of N Greensboro and Weaver St? Or is it the Town Hall and Commons? One problem is that there really is no sense of a "downtown".
- Larger variety of businesses. More businesses in Carr Mill Mall. More outdoor dining options. More outdoor bars.
- Less building vacancy, more growth; More/safer infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists; Outdoor public space
- Less congestion downtown parking.
- Less development of massive buildings. Keep the current character.
- Less focus on young people /bicycles. Diversity/inclusivity is about more than skin motion and gender.
- Less parking. It's time to stop subsidizing cars.
- Less parking. Less parking. Less parking. Less cars. More biking and walking focused development and infrastructure. More density, remove SFH in downtown, close Weaver Street to cars (or at least the portion by the market). Actually promote people living AND working in carrboro. So many live but don't work here and they drive creating traffic and safety/environmental issues.
- less police presence. as a member of a marginalized community, I feel very unsafe around police.
- less predatory towing
- Less vacant buildings - incentives for quality/diverse businesses
- Life in downtown after 5pm. Occupancy in the many empty storefronts. Carr Mill Mall is a morgue. Most of the businesses in there don't last a year. The town should have allowed CVS to build a larger store years ago; instead, they ended up with a weed-filled lot that generates zero tax revenue.
- Lot at Main and N Greensboro turned into a public park.
- Lower rent for residents and filling vacant commercial spaces.
- Make businesses keep grounds clean, neat appearance. Bikes should be able to navigate intersections. great place to live.
- Make the area around weaver Street more bike friendly/less congested with cars. Not having a clear bike route and having the bike compete the cars competing with the bus on Jones Ferry can be quite scary. I trust the bus drivers to watch out and not hit me but not the number of drivers ready to make right turns without signaling or deciding to go around the bus when I still need to cross on my bike
- Making sure all businesses (retail, dining, etc.) look polished and pleasant, like those in Chapel Hill.
- Mixed use housing for new constructions
- Modernize infrastructure. Improve bike and walking paths.
- Monitor the lights during rush hour.
- More affordable housing in *downtown* Carrboro.
- More affordable housing, and lower costs for all housing in general.
- More affordable housing, mixed use developments, roundabouts. Develop the empty lot across from Tandam.
- More appreciation for the single families that carry the tax burden. Too much high density development makes town lose charm.

- More beautification efforts. More attention to landscaping - installing more appealing plantings and hardscaping, and more consistent care. Offer incentives for businesses to improve their storefronts through new signage, landscaping, seating, etc.
- More bicycle infrastructure. Biking is my primary mode of transportation. Need separate painted bike lanes. North Greensboro St from Weaver St to Southern States is very hazardous - so many driveways and people do not watch for bikes. Driver's are aggressive if bikes ride in the middle of the lane for visibility. Intersection of Roberson and East Main have need bike sensors.
- More bicycle lanes and greenways, less police presence, more focus on racial diversity and inclusion.
- More bike lane infrastructure. Elimination of "predator" towing.
- More bike lanes
- More bike lanes
- MORE BIKE LANES, MORE VISIBILITY OF COMPOSTING BINS
- More bike paths, more sidewalks in neighborhoods, more diversity
- MORE BIKE PATHS; MORE PUBLIC PARKS
- More black-owned storefront businesses. housing density included in future downtown redevelopment projects.
- More businesses that sell things I need on a regular basis. Negotiation with the owners/managers of Carr Mill Mall so that it would be easier to park to do essential business at Weaver Street, CVS, Harris Teeter AND patronize other local businesses during the same trip without moving your car. Development of the long-abandoned site at the corner of Weaver St and N. Greensboro so we wouldn't have an eyesore at the heart of town. Affordable housing within walkable distance from downtown. I'm looking forward to the new library.
- More businesses; more open days like Friday Art Walk; Close Weaver St to cars in front of WSM; more walking, fewer cars - parking on edges, fewer social services downtown; more stores to increase foot traffic.
- More clearly marked bike lanes
- More cultural events.
- More cycling lanes.
- More diverse stores, less dive-like places
- More diversity in shopping options and more parking options
- More events, close street down. traffic management.
- More free parking. More resources for food for the homeless.
- More green space to be restored by nature. Also it is important to reduce the impacts of climate change.
- More green space, bike and walking paths, affordable housing.
- More green space.
- More green spaces within walkable area of Carrboro, and less police pestering POC.
- more green spaces, less construction.
- More greenways dedicated to biking, walking and recreation
- More Greenways. Billable access to businesses and shopping from any where. More cultural and special events. More soccer fields. A large park space like Cary park for example.
- More housing options, walking and cycle paths, fewer motor vehicles, a town square.
- More housing; more parking; enough eating places
- More information and awareness on new development. It feels like there is new constructions springing up everywhere and I never hear about it or how I can have input.

- More local business and restaurants that can actually succeed and stay open.
- More minority owned businesses
- More multifamily housing in downtown alongside more retail/restaurant space. I'd also like to see the vacant lot opposite weaver developed
- More murals.
- MORE NATIVE PLANTING IN LANDSCAPING
- More new businesses; better walkability and street activation
- More new commercial
- More new small businesses
- More outside sitting areas.
- More parking
- More parking
- More parking cooperation (shouldn't have to drive from one parking lot to another), more effort to reserve public parking for customers and not employees (whose employers should be able to arrange for their parking). Some sidewalk maintenance where older/narrow/root-damaged sidewalks can make walking difficult
- more parking, develop property where CVS was supposed to be. Efforts to upgrade the Plaza. Town needs to keep properties on edge of town.
- more parking, restaurants. Priority to maintain walkability, appearance of town and green spaces. DO NOT overdevelop.
- More parking. address the homeless. I live in Weatherhill Point and would like the city to take over our roads. Limit the number of high rise buildings.
- More parking; Allow drive-throughs; no more banks
- More pedestrian crossing lights. Speed limit policing.
- More police presence on foot.
- More public gathering spaces, more infrastructure for safe biking (protected and consistent bike lanes), and more accessible and safer bus stops (covered, benches, labeled with what routes and the route schedule, paired with crosswalks)
- More public parking; filling in potholes in streets
- More public parking; return the old traffic flow!
- More racial inclusivity
- More reasons to shop there. I'm constantly driving to Durham to do shopping, I would prefer to stay local.
- More resources available for the most vulnerable members of our community.
- More responsibility since E. Nesmith died. Flooding after South Green was completed.
- More restaurant options
- More restaurants
- More restaurants
- More round-a-bouts
- More service for homeless
- more shopping
- more shopping, more affordable housing, trolleys
- More sidewalks
- More sidewalks and bike paths on main roads
- More sidewalks and more trees
- More stores

- more street lights
- More trees and crosswalks
- More trees and native landscaping. More small affordable downtown developments. No parking downtown !.
- More walking/bike paths. More public free parking
- more walking/biking, less driving. Carr Mill Mall is a pedestrian nightmare.
- More walkways safe places to run without fear of cars
- Move small to medium commercial development and apartments to diversify town revenue sources/tax base and create more affordable and market housing options.
- Multi-use zoning; walkable cities
- Nervous to park in Carr Mill due to stories of being unsafe.
- New attractions, art exhibitions, street market music festival.
- New building at 201 N Greensboro/100 W Weaver, 2-4 stories. Other mixed use on vacant/underutilized lots. Better public landscaping. Flower/plants.
- NEW LIBRARY IS RIDICULOUS IDEA-WILL BECOME DAYCARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE
- New skatepark because the one in homestead is not well maintained.
- No cars on Weaver between Greensboro and Main St
- no empty storefronts.
- NO MORE HIGH RISE BUILDINGS
- No more multi-storied buildings
- No more Nathan Milian and Barnes Towing at Carr Mill Mall.
- None come to mind. I do not want to see an influx of higher buildings like what has happened to Chapel Hill.
- Parking
- Parking - downtown Carrboro really only caters to folks that live within walking distance. If you're coming in from the southern part of Carrboro, through South Greensboro Street, there really isn't much available in terms of public parking The town's own downtown parking availability map cuts off at the lower end. It's, at best, a 40-45 minute walk one way from around the Carrboro High School/bpw club road area where a lot of apartment buildings are located. There are no sidewalks along South Greensboro Street either, and the detour through the bike paths take you slightly out of the way. For contrast, Southern Village feels easier/safer to get to than downtown Carrboro on foot for this area because of the sidewalks/walking trails and it's about the same distance.
- Parking ease
- Parking is a disaster. Need more parking downtown near Carr Mill; Zoning needs to change to allow ADU's on smaller properties to increase density.
- Parking more available. Less new builds , more infrastructure.
- Parking seems to be the most problematic. If people can't park, they will not come downtown. Not everyone can walk or bike as much as we all like that idea. We go to the Farmers Market every week. Parking in that area can be improved. For some things, you just need the car.
- Patch potholes. Broader range of retail.
- Plan for property opposite Weave st. Carr Mill relaxing towing rules, more walkable center. New Arts center has a poor quality performance space.
- Please add more parking and do something with the vacant lot on corner of Greensboro and Weaver.
- Please do something with the vacant lot at Greensboro and Weaver St. A mini park would be ideal for this space.

- Please don't mimic downtown Chapel Hill. We do not need any more high density student apartments
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE take action against Nathan Millian at Carr Mill Mall to do something about the egregious towing. I am overall let down by the TOC for how they have handled the loss of public parking due to the 206 project. It really feels as if town management BELIEVES everyone should bike and walk and has chosen to "bring this about" by choosing to let go of parking and make it inconvenient to drive. I want you to know that the people you have let down are: the elderly, tourists, those visiting family in the hospital, those considering college here, families with many children, disabled folks, and the poor: these are the people I see getting towed from Carr Mill Mall daily as an employee at a business in the mall. I know that ultimately Nathan is responsible for these towings, but the town 100% brought this about by choosing to be idealistic about the parking situation and making it scarce. I generally have the opinion that town management is highly idealistic and not always grounded in reality and I find that this attitude is self serving and short sighted and tends to harm minorities.
- protected bike lanes, trails
- protected bike paths
- public parking
- Public parking spaces
- Removal of unused newspaper boxes, maintenance of bulletins posted on poles, improved landscaping, more and wider sidewalks
- Require buildings to be multi story so acreage can be used for more housing, businesses , arts/cultural spaces.
- return of small shops. Support small businesses.
- Safer for pedestrians and cyclists. The paradigm in Carrboro, like about every city or town in US is designed for cars first, second and third.
- Safer/protected bike lanes
- Save more trees. Use native plants. Less concrete.
- Sidewalk on S Greensboro; preserve vernacular architecture; no paid parking, no high buildings or brutalistic-style buildings - maintain charm
- Sidewalk repair between Gourmet Kingdom and Advance Auto. Crosswalk across the 2 entrances to Harris Teeter are dangerous. Vacant lot at Weaver and G'boro.
- Some areas could look nicer, fix up.
- Some buildings look old/ need to update.
- Some fresh development would be nice. Everything looks old. Get rid of Barnes Towing - they are criminals
- Something on the corner of Greensboro and Main. Vacant lot has been there a long, long time
- Speeding on NC 54 bypass.
- Stop restricted parking on Carr Mill properties; better bike paths near Chapel Hill High School.
- Taller buildings, mixed use, more infill, pedestrian areas, better stormwater management, fewer cars/parking lots.
- The amount of severe traffic; job growth; access to shopping; safety of environment
- The area near Luna is an eyesore when entering town. Would like that area to be more attractive and welcoming. Traffic patterns are challenging if you live in Roberson place.
- The derelict CVS property on Greensboro - Weaver made into public park - more public outdoor spaces
- The downtown is becoming increasingly unsafe, I was verbally abused by a homeless person recently and followed by another homeless person who wanted to "see" my watch, telling me it

"looked really valuable." I've always felt safe walking in Carrboro, but less so over the past two or three years. I also want to see the eye sore empty lot in the heart of the town developed. Why is it taking so long? We have a serious deer overpopulation problem, and it's getting worse every year, yet the town does nothing, acting like there is no problem. Finally, the town is getting far too expensive, and we are losing diversity as only wealthy people can afford a house here today. Property taxes are going through the roof and young people can no longer buy houses here unless they have wealthy parents.

- The homeless. This impacts safety at night.
- The predatory towing at Carr Mill Mall, is out of control, specifically since they target women.
- The return of two lanes for cars through downtown.
- There are still roads without sidewalks, like S. Greensboro and Jones Ferry Road. There are sidewalks that have utility poles in the middle of them. It's hard to push a stroller around downtown Carrboro and it shouldn't be.
- Traffic around Weaver Street Market
- TRAFFIC FLOW AROUND WSM INTERSECTION-PLAN FOR EMPTY LOT ACROSS FROM CARR MILL MALL
- Traffic through town
- Transportation for seniors
- Turn the portion of E. Weaver street in front of Carr Mill mall into a pedestrian only segment. Like from the intersection with Main St. to the intersection with N. Greensboro St.
- Turning the section of weaver street in front of weaver into a pedestrian area, where businesses could also set out dining tables. Could the town look into a traffic study to see if this is feasible? It seems that removing the three way interaction could actually improve traffic too!
- Use the vacant space. Ripe for new development.
- Wish there was a park near Weaver . Land has been sitting for 10 years.
- Work with owner of Mall to get rid of aggressive towing practices.
- Would like new development to have character and not look like every other boxy building going up in Chapel Hill

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

- 1. affordable housing. 2. more commercial development needed.
- 1. Congestion of roads, lack of parking. 2. Takes a long time for anything to change here.
- 1. Growing more dense gracefully. 2. Not allowing existing infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, parks) to degrade.
- 1. Loud and fast traffic on public streets. 2. people cutting thru Mill Village, running stop signs. Not destroying the ecosystem in Carolina North forest by building a paved bike path that will require cutting down wide swaths of forest and pour erosion runoff into the stream. 2. Getting the town council to pay attention to ALL of your citizens rather than taking a "holier than thou, we want to LOOK all progressive but we're actually causing terrible problems to the environment and not creating a place where a diverse population in terms of race, age, and income can actually live.
- A housing market that is unaffordable and a large population of unhoused people on the edge of town.
- Access to affordable housing.
- affordability, access
- Affordable housing. Middle/low income people like myself have had to move away from downtown Carrboro. I used to live in the downtown area, but had to move out past 54 to afford to live since retiring. I would love to live in downtown Carrboro again where I could walk to everything! I still have access to the bus and I have a bike, so I get around ok but it's not my preference. I've applied for a Habitat Home but made 1,000 over the income limit last year. So, I'm right on the edge of the income bracket for lots of potential services for adorable homes.
- Affordability - the residents who make Carrboro what it is are already being priced out and it's only going to get worse in the short term. Finding an affordable house is almost impossible.
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- Affordable housing - options for everyone
- Affordable housing. Mental health and substance abuse services. Maintaining roads.

- Affordable housing and increasing transport to the outskirts of Carrboro (more bus routes, more sidewalks, etc.)
- Affordable housing and parking. Social issues get so complicated. Housing and parking can help people feel welcome, included and appreciated. This would go a long way to improving social issues. There is no perfect way.
- affordable housing and rent control. purchasing a house is completely out of the question for me, and I expect to be priced out of my rental as prices rise.
- Affordable housing and the unreasonable concerns of members of the community raised to stop progress in achieving affordable housing.
- Affordable housing for a diverse community, families with young children,
- Affordable housing for people at *all* income levels. Carrboro has quickly become a playground for the ultra rich, with house prices soaring to well over \$600K (and often over \$1 million) for anything resembling a starter home. Meanwhile, all efforts to provide affordable housing target people in the very lowest income brackets. These people obviously need as much support as the town can give them. This setup leads to a bifurcated town class structure. If a family makes an average family income, the only housing options in the Carrboro/Chapel Hill area are small, often badly maintained apartments that don't come with any government support. So what do these middle class families do? They move away. Far away. I've lived in Carrboro for over 11 years, and these prices mean that I will have to leave the community I love because our family is getting too big for an apartment. We can't afford to rent our buy a house in this area. Carrboro has effectively told my family that it doesn't want us here anymore.
- Affordable housing for seniors
- Affordable housing for young families, services for unhoused.
- Affordable housing is the most significant issue. People are being priced out. I don't own a car and I need to live where public transit is, but it's quickly becoming unaffordable.
- Affordable housing safety
- Affordable housing, connectivity for non car transit, opportunities for full time jobs.
- Affordable housing, DEI, Business development, traffic
- Affordable housing, density, and public transportation
- affordable housing, expand zoning for tiny, small homes.
- affordable housing, green spaces, attract new business.
- affordable housing, handling excessive rain, keeping the town charm.
- affordable housing, homeless, mental health challenges downtown.,
- Affordable housing, maintaining and increasing
- Affordable housing, modernizing infrastructure.
- Affordable housing, more jobs paying a living wage.
- Affordable housing, not building commercial space if there is already space available.
- Affordable housing, parking, traffic
- affordable housing, preserve green space, no over-developing
- Affordable housing, public transportation
- Affordable housing, safe and accessible multi modal transportation, access to affordable grocery stores
- Affordable housing, safer schools, more sidewalks that connect.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SAFETY, KIDS AT SCHOOL, SENSE OF COMMUNITY
- Affordable housing, sustainable development.
- affordable housing, transportation

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- Affordable housing. Growth.
- Affordable housing. In order to afford a home in Carrboro when I relocated in 2016, I had to cut my square footage in half and nearly triple my mortgage to purchase a ca. 950 sq ft condo. I previously resided in a 2,000 sq ft single-family home in my previous work location in a university setting. I have a PhD and I'm paid a decent salary, but it's not enough to live in a house in Carrboro.
- Affordable housing. losing too much wildlife habitat due to development.
- Affordable housing. Maintaining sustainable growth for the community; ecological conservation.
- Affordable housing. The rental price has gone up significantly in the past 5 years and availability of homes to buy is very limited
- Affordable housing. Variety of housing.
- Affordable housing. We need more affordable housing and current rental prices to lower. We need rent control.
- Affordable housing/development, Nimby's, stormwater mitigation, environmental impacts, infrastructure to handle population.
- Affordable housing/preservation of housing affordability, like tax relief for long term low/middle income residents.
- Affordable housing; disrespectful police; ugly unused lots
- Affordable housing; need to prioritize density and sustainable/regenerative modes of transportation/living OVER car centric development (the majority of what's being done); quality of new building/housing design (student apartments look terrible and promote a bad quality of life)
- Affordable housing; racial equity
- Affordable housing; variety of businesses.
- Affordable living; not enough new housing; very poor parking options; traffic issues near Weaver St.
- Affordable starter homes. Helping local businesses be successful. Safe bike lanes in the downtown area.
- Air B-n-B homes - think a gang is renting house on our road.
- Alternate forms of transportation.
- Appropriate growth
- Arrogant, young town council members. They need more perspective.
- As I said above, vagrancy; parking downtown
- Availability of different options of housing
- Balancing affordable housing solutions with environmental sustainability and climate awareness.
- Barnes Towing is awful - I will boycott places affiliated with them
- Better grocery stores nearby. Tax are high for homeowners.
- Better managing the Town budget to not spend on frivolous things. Also, improving hiring and retention of town staff.
- Bicycle lanes and the current parking issue
- Car-dependent infrastructure; archaic zoning laws
- Climate action and mitigation, including storm water management. Second, affordable housing and living

- CLIMATE CHANGE, RESPONSIVENESS OF TOWN GOVERNMENT TO CITIZEN CONCERNS
- Confidence in town governance. Residential taxes. Residential storm water. Community engagement.
- CONGESTED DOWNTOWN
- Cost
- Cost and quality of housing
- Cost of housing makes town less diverse economically.
- Cost of housing verses income.
- Cost of living very high
- Crime/car break ins, affordable housing
- Development of new complexes
- Ease of parking downtown. Preservation and green space.
- Economic development, town beautification
- Economic growth as we continue through the digital age and remote work, Chapel Hill/UNC pulling work to their doorstep, and job creation is all very important
- flooding, downtown parking
- Flooding, loss of tree canopy, speeding
- Frequency of autos in public spaces. Price of real estate.
- General cost of living and housing prices
- Gentrification. The pushing out of the middle class.
- Green and Natural space needs to be preserved
- Growing and improving the town with a definite community identity that may include, but should not be limited to, a bedroom community for the University of NC at Chapel Hill.
- Growing pains, cost of living, affordable housing
- Growing too fast.
- Growth
- growth versus affordability for housing
- growth, influx of people, need infrastructure.
- growth, rent prices, transportation
- Heavy over-reliance on residential taxes to fund services; completely non-receptive to reasonable commercial development; over-sensitive to unnecessarily stringent stormwater requirement's.
- High cost of housing
- HIGH PROPERTY TAXES; NEED MORE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO STRENGTHEN TAX BASE. BETTER COMMUNICATION
- Highest tax rate in NC
- Homeless encampments, especially the one behind Food Lion at Jows Ferry and NC54 are strewn with garbage and beggar's are everywhere
- Homeless population, affordability, pedestrian safety
- Homeless residents or those who afford food and panhandle outside of the Food Lion - Carrboro Plaza area
- Homelessness, lack of affordable housing, and several busy streets with no sidewalk (Davie Rd)
- Housing
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- Housing. Affordability in general. Environment. Infrastructure (south greensboro needs a sidewalk! it's not safe!).
- Housing accessibility - the cheapest apartments in town are now twice the price they were when I moved here 8 years ago. this makes it hard for diverse folks to call this place home.
- Housing affordability
- Housing affordability for lower-income residents and commercial rent affordability for small businesses.
- Housing affordability issues threaten to make Carrboro less interesting if only rich people can live here. The town can only do so much, but providing incentives for construction of smaller units/denser developments would perhaps provide a more diverse/affordable housing stock
- Housing affordability to keep community diverse.
- housing affordability, transit, towing, greenway development
- housing and finance to buy foods
- Housing and gentrification. Small houses are disappearing.
- Housing availability and affordability
- Housing being too expensive, limited room for growth
- Housing cost, so many homes are now very expensive rentals! Afraid I won't be able to afford to live here much longer.
- housing costs
- Housing costs + development making sure to meet needs of population. We live behind a field, which we would like to keep a field. However we realize it will likely be developed some day and just want to make sure it is thoughtfully developed in terms of keeping the families in the neighborhoods behind the field safe from traffic, etc.
- Housing costs. I checked above that I am able to find housing in Carrboro, but that is because we bought our house several years ago, and we are a dual professional income household. The cost of both buying a home and renting a place within the walkable bounds of Carrboro is prohibitive to keeping, let alone welcoming in, the diversity of communities (e.g., racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, age, (dis)ability, educational, and sexuality demographics) that is proudly a hallmark of Carrboro.
- Housing costs. The upside to Carrboro doing a lot of things right is that it is a desirable place to live, including to retire. But then you have the wealthiest people from all over the country moving here and driving up the costs of houses, paying cash to buy anything that a first time homebuyer would normally need a mortgage to buy. That forces a two tier housing situation, where out of staters buy everything and locals have to rent, with rents eating up more and more of income and no chance to build equity. I don't see this being addressed. Even building more 'affordable housing' is just building apartments, but do only rich out of staters get to live in detached houses? A dog needs a fenced yard. Children benefit from private yards too. Anyone who wants to be able to be outdoors without having to engage the public to do it needs a yard of some kind. There is too little availability of detached small homes.
- Housing is becoming unaffordable.
- Housing is big - prices have gone way up
- Housing is difficult. I wish a single family home were more affordable for rent.
- Housing options
- Housing prices and food resources.
- Housing prices.
- Housing shortage.
- Housing that is equitable for all; Transportation that is easy to use

- Housing variety and cost
- Housing. Not enough parks / green spaces. Impossible to safely bike in town. Need more bike paths and protected bike lanes.
- Housing!!! I have lived in Carrboro off and on for 10 years. I feel like this area and the cost of housing is pushing me and many others out. It seems there is a chronic shortage of affordable and safe housing. There needs to be regulations on rental units (especially student rentals) to ensure they are actually livable. It feels like there's a constant influx of luxury apartments going up around Carrboro but nothing affordable. What's left over are rentals that have not been taken care of and are moldy, thin walls, and all sorts of other major issues. Rental agencies prey on students who are desperate and do not take care of their rentals.
- Housing, by far. New housing is mostly limited to \$1 million single-family "modern farm house" B.S. We need more townhouses and generally denser housing.
- Housing, parking, economic development
- Housing, rent prices. need affordable.
- housing, small business
- Housing, walkable neighborhoods and stormwater management. Many of the older neighborhoods have cars cutting through them, often speeding, with no safe way for kids to walk to school. We need more sidewalks. If neighborhood is within a walk zone for a school, it should have sidewalks on the majority of its streets, especially ones used for shortcuts.
- Housing. In combination with Chapel Hill, building more housing should be the single most important item on the town's agenda.
- HOUSING. We have become a victim of our success. Wealthy people moved in mass to Carrboro during the pandemic. A person / family with an average salary cannot afford to live in Carrboro anymore. Being pushed out of town means driving into town. It has become very difficult to go anywhere near downtown between 5 and 7 because of traffic jams!
- Housing; communication, i.e. Cable installation
- I have lived in Carrboro for over 13 years. I'm lucky to have an apartment in town with relatively affordable rent. I would not be able to buy a home in Carrboro at the current prices. The town is thinking of building a 20 unit housing development right behind my house. This would make my current living situation (which is one of the few affordable housing developments) undesirable. I don't think I would be able to afford housing elsewhere in town. I appreciate the town's efforts to build affordable housing, but I think it just scratches the surface of the housing issues in town and ultimately forces out people in lower middle income brackets like me. I think the real issue is people buying investment properties in town, raising the cost of living for everyone else. I would love to be able to continue to live in Carrboro, but I don't see how that will be possible in the long term.
- Increasing cost of rent, lack of continuous sidewalks, infrequent public transit, lack of public green space.
- It is already to expansive for most people to live, this is now effecting middle class too. Subdivisions of lots with huge 1 family houses and no green spaces for most profit. We need to preserve green spaces. Estes Drive needs a bike path, Carrboro isn't connected to Chapel Hill, three major schools can't be reached by bike. If we like to reduce emissions we need to reduce car traffic, detours for cars should be the priority, not detours for bikes. If Weaver Street closes down or loses it's appeal with local stores, Carrboro will lose it's selling point, it's charm.
- Keep down the cost of living
- Keep retail businesses open. Franklin St is very empty with low foot traffic.
- Keeping Carrboro affordable

- Keeping the cost of housing reasonable so people of a variety of income backgrounds can live here, not just students and wealthy folks
- Lack of affordability retail shopping; affordable housing
- Lack of affordable homes to purchase
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- Lack of affordable housing for those in the “middle” (i.e.. Don’t qualify for affordable housing programs and still can’t afford market rate).
- Lack of affordable housing. Cost of living rising too fast. Growing too fast and losing the feel of Carrboro. Undercurrent of racism toward poor.
- lack of affordable housing, bad traffic especially in morning.
- Lack of affordable housing.
- Lack of affordable housing. My kids won’t be able to live here. The town must subsidize costs. Developers won’t offer affordable housing on their own.
- Lack of affordable housing. Too many cars.
- Lack of affordable housing; homelessness crisis and homeless population where some harass customers/employees at local businesses.
- Lack of affordable housing; reliance on vehicles for transportation; homelessness
- Lack of affordable housing; risk of over development
- Lack of coherent plan for the future and inability of town staff to implement existing plans. Too slow.
- Lack of dense mixed commercial residential space.
- Lack of diversity and housing costs.
- Lack of greenspace.
- Lack of public parking, very minimal direct bus access from the Jones Ferry Park and Ride Lot to downtown Carrboro (there is only the F route, which isn't very direct, and it runs very sparingly), frequent harassment and soliciting in the parking lot of Carr Mill (my job often has to call the police for this reason, and our customers complain very often), rapidly increasing amounts of theft to our business, frequent flooding on Jones Ferry during heavy rain, some insufficient street lighting on Jones Ferry, and the fact that multiple people have told me they feel unsafe in Carrboro at night, particular along Jones Ferry.
- Lack of safe bike lanes. Affordable housing.
- Lack of sidewalks and affordable housing.
- lack of walking trails and lack of good bike lanes
- Length of time it takes for any development project to be approved. I'm still waiting for Lloyd Farm to be built. Growth is coming to Orange & to Carrboro. Decide where it should be--along the bypass? Then approve those projects for growth. Allowing growth to be 'somewhere' is a means of preserving the areas where the town doesn't want growth. I've lived in other areas and watched the pressures of growth. Give it a space where it can happen and you save the areas you want to preserve.
- Less frequency of public transportation.
- Losing small town charm.
- Loss of green space. Over-building in areas that then contribute to flooding. Absentee landlords in neighborhoods. Proliferation of invasive species in public and private spaces--looks unsightly and produces loss of biodiversity.
- Low income housing, cost of rental units, rental houses

- Maintain the feel with cost of living increases.
- Maintaining character.
- Maintaining its character; supporting diverse living needs
- Maintaining our identity as a welcoming, diverse, inclusive, and progressive community.
- Maintaining the quality of life.
- Make more efforts in to inform of planning, for example, paving the Trail. Letters should have been sent.
- Manage growth while keeping town unique character.
- Managing growth
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- Managing growth. The town is in a very tough spot--but seems unwilling to think clearly about trade-offs. One, the town does not have the resources, in terms of both personnel and money, to do all the good things it wishes to do. Yes, we need more affordable housing, but that comes at significant costs if it means green-lighting developers to clear cut and ignore storm-water run-off and impact on current residents. Pretending that there are no such costs--and trying to do more things than the town staff can handle just means doing a lot of things poorly instead of a few things well. The inability of the town to manage its communications so that citizens know what is being considered and are given adequate notice for providing their input is just symptomatic of the town trying to do too many things at once. On the basic level of service provision, the town is doing a decent job. But it is not doing well with new and proposed initiatives because it doesn't focus on one or two things at a time--and does not do a realistic assessment of the pluses and minuses of various proposals. Nothing is a 100% good. There are always downsides--and the town needs to do its planning in ways that fully acknowledge (and attempt) to mitigate downsides. And it needs to make those realistic assessments available to the public--and open to public debate and input.
- Many Carrboro workers cannot afford to live here. This should change.
- More affordable housing.
- More controlled development.
- More trees
- Need affordable housing and jobs. Frequent transit and walking/biking infrastructure.
- Need more public transportation to connect the whole town. Also, the lack of sidewalks is extremely detrimental.
- Need more sidewalks on main roads as well as bike paths. The development next door in Chapel Hill is both scary and concerning, so I hope that kind of thing doesn't come to Carrboro and development in Carrboro can continue to be done in a sustainable way that benefits everyone instead of just turning into overpriced ugly apartments for rich people that don't even plan to live there.
- No real livability. Too much housing with no open spaces. No accountability of council holding developers to affordable housing , no preserving green spaces.
- Not adding more housing and population than the size of Carrboro or our roads can absorb, not overdeveloping. Promoting a strong sense of community across our diverse population, instead of people just living their own bubble. Stormwater and erosion as we get heavier rain due to climate change.
- Over crowding.
- Over growth. Too much of a rush to keep building apartments that will not be affordable after a short time. The visual impact of too much building plus the burden on infrastructure
- Over population.

- Overall affordable and increasingly higher taxes. In effort to provide services, the town has some of the highest rates of taxation. At least the neighbors left to Chatham for lower taxes, while keeping the driving to minimum! Couple with million dollar housing is making Carrboro the hill of Los Angeles
- Overall many buildings are built affecting the traffic.
- PANHANDLING, HOMELESS VAGRANCY, TRAFFIC
- Parking
- Parking
- Parking, affordable housing, development, stormwater management
- PARKING, HOUSING
- Parking. High property tax. Difficult for new business to start here.
- Parking; Housing density
- Population control; too much development
- POPULATION GROWTH
- Property on the busy area of Carrboro has been taken over by a negligent owner.
- Property taxes are very high.
- race/class tensions
- racial equity, affordable housing to support diversity, town growth, school crowding,
- Racial equity, environmental , like solar when lots are available. McMansions are being built vs 2 or 3 moderate houses on lot.
- Rapid development before infrastructure in place. Achievement gap in our schools.
- Rapid expansive growth - out of control
- Rate of housing cost escalation - I could not afford to buy my current modest house if I wanted to move here. Storm water management - roads frequently flood nearby.
- Relative lack of good Housing, and the soaring prices of real estate. Traffic will worsen on S. Greensboro and near the new library. Safety issues could arise.
- Rent increases. I'm a renter that doesn't make much money, but I've been able to stick in the area a long time for access to better healthcare. I've known a few people throughout Chapel Hill who had to leave their apartments so they could be remodeled/rebuilt. They're generally not able to come back and can no longer live in the area, and generally tenants with a higher income take their place. I'm worried about when this trend is going to spread throughout Carrboro. Economically speaking, renting is my only option to be able to stay here.
- Rent is too expensive; rich people sitting on vacant properties
- Rent is too high; too many empty store fronts
- Rent prices for commercial areas do not favor small businesses. Out of town landlords exercise too much power over Carrboro commercial facilities. Parking is difficult and predatory towing is a problem.
- Residents are left out and have very little say.
- Rising property taxes/overpriced housing
- Safety for pedestrians and bicyclists with increased traffic
- Segregated. I live on Bolin Forest Ct and can go months without seeing a person of color, which I am.
- Serving all the constituents who live here and not focusing on pushing through a predetermined agenda; truly inclusive, two-way communication with all stake holders
- shortage of senior housing, traffic congestion, pedestrian + bicycle safety
- Slow development

- Storm water drainage and the increased effects of climate change combined with additional building. Not a big enough commercial tax base compared with residential. The lack of affordable housing for essential personnel like teachers, fire fighters, police, etc.
- Stormwater
- Stormwater control and infrastructure; preservation of natural areas
- Stormwater control. Tree preservation. Too much building and pavement and tree removal!
- Stormwater. Keeping property taxes affordable. Stable tax base.
- supporting economic development and alternative economies that free us from racial based capitalism.
- Taxes
- Tax base, affordable housing, stormwater management
- Taxes
- Taxes too high
- The Town Council discourages economic growth and new thinking about quality of life, DEI, transportation, etc.. It seems that the Town is desperately clinging to an outdated way of living that's no longer sustainable. There's no spark, no joy here. The town is just getting by.
- The homeless community needs more support of getting off the streets, finding jobs and homes
- The leadership does not listen to the needs of the people. They have open sessions for the public to give opinions and they ignore what is said and just do what they want.
- The missing middle housing, traffic - it's getting more congested due to new apartment complexes going up.
- The overbuilding of apartment complexes and the increasing demand on the roads and other infrastructure will negatively impact the quality of life for all Carrboro residents. There needs to be more value placed on public land, including parks and open space to mitigate the loss of private open land.
- The ridiculous plan to pave of Bolin Creek and the community trust the town betrayed by letting the Triangle DSA practically rig that vote while the town council overlooked the actual members of the community, including indigenous members of the community, and their concerns.
- There are a lot of unhoused people. Probably because housing is so expensive
- To make sure Carrboro does not start looking like Chapel Hill or any other town that puts up large buildings everywhere.
- Too many multi-family/apartment buildings being developed, lack of stormwater control needed due to climate change
- Too many new builds, focus on current infrastructure. Losing green space. Do not pave near walking trails.
- Too much growth, loss of green space
- traffic
- Traffic and housing
- TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN DOWNTOWN CARRBORO
- Traffic congestion through downtown area. Towing cars around Carr Mill Mall. High rent prices.
- Traffic, homelessness/mental illness, deer population, not enough safety for pedestrians
- traffic, safety, affordability
- Traffic. High taxes. Flooding.
- Traffic.. and having more affordable housing options.
- TREES BEING CUT DOWN; GREEN SPACE SHOULD BE PRESERVED; AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS GREATLY NEEDED

- Trendy progressive development fads coming from the Bay area.
- Trying to grow with limited space.
- Unaffordable housing
- WE NEED AFFORDABLE, DIVERSE HOUSING AND A VISIBLE AND WORKABLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
- WE NEED MORE PUBLIC PARKS
- We need to complete the Bolin Creek Greenway. We need housing for all income /. mixed-use development levels along transit, biking, and walking corridors. We need fewer cars downtown. We need to more effectively manage parking downtown and use the space for people not cars.
- Zoning. Management of unused land. Flooding.

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

- 1. Staff from Planning and Stormwaters mgmt. need to be more engaged and helpful instead of telling communities that they are overworked and underpaid. 2. Town often forgets about people who live on the edge of town. 3. Need to support communities with paths/greenways to better connect communities.
- A biking safety course at the community center would be great! I'm very excited for the new library and appreciate all public spaces/services like these.
- A change of affordable housing and safety for our children. Dog's should be leashed
- A good first step would be to send a mailing to every household, advising us how to sign up for email updates on town business and policies.
- Address affordable housing. Thank you to all the public servants that run our wonderful town.
- Affordable housing, people are going to Chatham and Mebane.
- affordable housing. Have electric bikes thru out the town.
- An overall great place to live.
- Appreciate the people who work to make this such a welcoming community.
- Be authentically inclusive and democratic. Engage with the entire Carrboro community.
- Be willing to hear all points of view before making up your minds. Don't discount opinions because of age, income or race.
- Better bike lanes/Greenways and Bus service.
- Build Bolin Creek Greenway

- Build the greenway and tell NCDOT we want raised crosswalks and traffic calming on their in-town roads.
- Build the Greenway from Univ Lake to 15-501
- Bummer how the Ch part of Franklin St has lost so many small businesses. WE need to be careful that does not happen here.
- Carrboro is a gem! Thank you for working to keep it so!
- Carrboro is a good place to live but it's rapidly becoming unaffordable for the people who work here. Y'all know this of course so go ahead and get some (more) housing built on public land. Yep, it's going to be painful but what else are we going to do?
- Carrboro residents need to understand that POC are not always hopelessly oppressed by society and in need of pity/assistance
- Clean up Jones Ferry Rd, it looks like an open dump.
- Complete the Bolin Creek Greenway.
- Complete the greenway
- Concern that Carrboro will lose its diversity and charm
- Council members vote on issues that do not affect them. Affordable housing is great but it should be done without creating mega developments.
- Crosswalk across from Grey Squirrel
- Disappointed in brick color at new library.
- Do something with empty lot in Town Center,
- Don't forget the little people
- Don't rush Bolin Creek. The turnover of residents was huge in the last ten years, we moved here eight years ago for example. It will only be serving the residents next to the Creek and there isn't any parking in this neighborhoods. It's not untouched nature, but we need green spaces. You don't need asphalt, there are endless examples of communities with great accessible greenways in NC and the US. This money could be used to improve our downtown for example, a multiuse bike path/sidewalk on Estes and Seawell School Road for all children and teenagers, beautify the Town Commons as a meeting place for all residents. Push the closing of the Coal Plant, the tracks would be a fantastic trail and a huge improvement for residents and businesses in Chapel Hill and Carrboro alike. Be careful that Carrboro turns into a faceless US city, we need mixed houses, mixed residents, mixed architecture (not like Chapel Hill or worse Cary), mixed businesses (instead of another restaurant, giftshop) it already starts to turn into a retirement home for wealthy people or people who can still afford it. Work closer with Chapel Hill and UNC on issues. Provide more adult programs, there is almost nothing for adults that are not seniors.
- Don't use Twitter.
- Emails from the town about upcoming Town Council meetings or other events should contain some headline or other information about the contents. I don't want to click through to a website to see details for every single email, but do want to click through if it contains information important to me.
- Enforce 'no parking' in bike lanes including USPS/UPS/Amazon
- ENFORCING PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK USE, MORE FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN
- Extremely dissatisfied with many Town Council members refusal to be inclusive, especially of neighborhoods; also their refusal to collaborate, cooperate, and compromise - following divisive policies, name-calling; lack of attention to scientific data or cost change from non-partisan to partisan elections.
- Fix the empty lot at N. Greensborough St and Weaver.
- Flooding issues. Climate change. cutting down trees.

- Focus on the environment and people. Don't damage ecosystem with over-building.
- Great job with the greenways, and we are looking forward to additional greenways for instance along Morgan Creek.
- Great town. Keep it a place people want to come to and live in.
- Growth is great and encouraged, but Carrboro seems to be all about the money now and disregarding the qualities that make Carrboro what it is. I hope you do something to encourage all people to be able to live here going forward, or Carrboro will just be another commercialized overgrown town catering only to those with money.
- Healthy growth, address traffic.
- I don't know anyone who wanted the library! Now, the town wants to push through cutting trees and putting houses on what was supposed to be preserved open area. The town is supposedly climate forward, but removing trees and adding pavement contributes to warming. we need to be good stewards of our environment and precious remaining open spaces and forests, including Bolin forest!
- I love Carrboro, but it has lost a lot of its character with the new development. Please keep in mind our diversity and quirkiness when approving new development. We do not want to look like Chapel Hill or Cary. Please, insist on some character or artistic flair to new buildings.
- I love Carrboro. I bought my house 23 years ago. I couldn't afford to buy a house here now, however. We need a better way to get to Durham on public transportation.
- I love living here and am grateful to provide feedback. I feel as if I'm being priced out of my neighborhood and I'd love to see more efforts put towards making Carrboro more accessible to different kinds of people.
- I love living here, but rent is too high
- I love living here.
- I miss the cable government channels, especially the city council meetings.
- I think having town message boards put up near some of the bus stops within the last few years has been a really great and informative move. It's really great outreach and has helped me feel more seen by the town government than I did before.
- I'm happy with the folks on the council and mayor foushee!
- I've been a resident of carrboro for a decade at this point and it breaks my heart that I will eventually have to move due to rising housing prices :(
- I'D LOVE TO SEE CARRBORO PASS A BAN ON SINGLE USE PLASTIC AND OFFER HOME COMPOST PICK-UP
- I'm disappointed in the town council. I don't think they listen to what the people of the town actually want. There is too much building going on in the town without looking at all the infrastructure. You can't keep building without thinking about how it will affect the schools, hospitals and fire stations.
- I'm proud to call Carrboro home. Bold vision and bold decision making can get us to the community that we want to be in the future.
- Improve MLK Park by replacing current play structures with equipment similar to Wilson Park
- It is a great place to live
- It is currently difficult to find specific info on the website. It would be helpful to make it easier to locate town regulations, when a permit is required, what limitations there are, etc. Thank you.
- It's a nice place to stay
- I've rated the zoning/building permit sections poorly not because of the quality of the staff, but because of the excessive delays in permitting and some of the regulations, which are vague and

subject to different interpretations depending on the staff member. The staff have always been pleasant to work with, but the department seems understaffed and overworked.

- Keep an eye on those Google fiber vaults. Some fill with rain, become mosquito nurseries.
- Keep doing what you're doing. People feel welcome here, that's most important to me. I want to be welcoming of all people and be welcomed by all. I've lived in many places and Carrboro stands out in this category.
- Keep people safe.
- Keep senior citizens in mind for safety concerns.
- Keep up the good work
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- Keep working to make this community the funky welcoming community that we appreciate.
- Lack of affordable housing
- Large natural properties such as Llyod's Farm should be a nature preserve/public park - not for development
- Left Turn, yield to pedestrians at two locations: Turning left from BPW Club onto Smith Level and Turning left from FP Elementary onto Smith Level.
- less predatory towing
- Let the committees do their work; town staff need to stop slowing down projects; zoning needs to move faster - learn from Hillsborough, who are doing great.
- Let's keep Carrboro as it has been as much as possible.
- LLOYD'S FARM SHOULD BE MADE INTO A PARK-WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER GROCERY STORE
- Low income housing
- Maintaining balance between the needs of homeless/low income, with need for safe and pleasant streets/downtown will take vigilance; need to enforce laws and direct people to available services.
- Make effort to involve neighborhoods in decisions and increase communications with businesses
- More events in the farmers' markets space. Especially evening events.
- More pedestrian and public transit infrastructure at the expense of cars.
- More streetlights.
- New Arts Center Stage is far inferior to the old one. Acoustically poor, visibility is poor, stage is too low.
- New development must not sacrifice green space.
- New skatepark or rebuild/repair the Chapel Hill skatepark.
- NO, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
- Not everyone can ride a bike.
- Not only there aren't many jobs in Carrboro, then ones available do not pay enough for people to live AND work here. If you work in Carrboro, you most likely have to come from towns that are more affordable
- Our neighbor was annexed by Carrboro around 2005 and doesn't receive all the services of newer neighborhoods, including water and sewer. We have been told that OWASA does not have any plans to ever add water to the neighborhood. Stormwater is a huge issue for many of the neighbors near me and our home, and there does not seem to be any consideration for doing any maintenance or improvements in our neighborhood to protect our properties or preserve our well and septic systems from damage due to flooding. Basic storm water maintenance would include making sure our natural "ditch" drainage is functioning correctly, which it isn't. We met with a storm water person from the town years ago who said this was

something the town could do, but then nothing ever happened. Recently, instead of cleared ditches, we got fiber installation that was not asked for and which seems to frequently stray beyond the ROW onto personal property. Is there any consideration for how many plastics are being put in the ground in a neighborhood that is never doing to receive city water? We believe that there are solutions that can be put in place that will help address the issue for multiple residents at one time rather than the piecemeal program of consulting with each individual homeowner (at their request if they are aware of the program). Too many homeowners in our neighborhood are being made responsible for handling the increasing runoff of multiple developments. Town information and communication would be better if they DID NOT use Nextdoor, but found another method. Nextdoor notifications are often delayed by multiple days, so it is not timely. Flyers or direct mail should be used if you are going to do a fiber installation in a neighborhood. To my knowledge, there was NO notification from the Town about the Lumos fiber installation. Greenspace connectivity is very important to us. We have nice greenspace nearby, but for our neighbors to access them, we must cut across undeveloped, private property. In many ways, our Fox Meadow neighborhood is just cut off from the rest of Carrboro and it's many benefits.

- Our neighborhood (Lloyd Square) is the subject of an onerous bioretention pond scheme. We pay a lot to keep these ponds maintained even though they clearly don't work, and though I believe the town has stopped using ponds like we are required to have. It's a bummer.
- Overall infrastructure and development and maintenance. Carrboro is a large part of the reason we are still in North Carolina. Carrboro has the potential to be one of the next best towns in America. And with the right plan and the right bets I believe y'all can do it. Please light be tree in front of town hall for the holidays.
- Overall, a nice town to live in and raise a family
- Parking at Mall is really hurting us.
- Personally I am extremely comfortable in Carrboro, but I'm a well off cis-het-white guy. I have many many friends in Carrboro who are not white or are not as well off as I am and helping them deal with their struggle to find work, to find affordable housing, to find services, etc., is what has informed my opinions and my answers here. I love Carrboro, I think it is a wonderful place to live and raise a family and I recognize it is already more progressive and inclusive than a great many places in NC or the country at large, but that doesn't mean we can't get better, especially as the triangle continues to explode in population.
- Please consider implementing regular compost pick-up service, even if it means raising taxes
- Please consider my statement about idealism vs. reality!
- Please consider town lighting that prevents light pollution. Dark skies are increasingly rare. The street light near our house is very bright and we like to use a telescope sometimes!
- Please do not destroy the character of this unique small town!
- Please expand the bus routes serving Carrboro! If I miss the bus to work, I have no other options. I don't drive, and I want Carrboro to a more walkable, bus-able town. I would even consider learning how to ride a bike if the town offered a program for adults. Also there is definitely a lack of affordable housing here. I would be so happy to live here for the rest of my life, but I can't imagine ever being able to afford a house here. But I do want to say thank you to all of the town workers! Y'all are amazing!
- Please fix the crumbling pavement on North Greensboro across from the Breakaway Cafe.
- Please have a dance arts series.
- Please pave Hillcrest Ave

- Please proactively share development information. Please find a way to put more money into the schools. My children's classes ta times have been huge.
- Please regulate rent.
- Please support and uplift your Jewish neighbors
- Please zone for more vertical/multiuse/bike friendly development and not big corporations..
- Repaving, street lighting, new industry - not just the university
- Secure the town website. I hesitate to go on it as it is unsecured.
- Should be enforced to take good care of the appearance of your property, example is 201 N Greensboro
- Slow response to concerns regarding storm water drainage - passes the responsibility to others.
- Soccer fields. Faster development.
- State property adjacent to Ready Mix? Relocate Ready Mix and make a park?
- Thank
- Thank you for all your hard work and attention
- Thank you for the work you do!
- Thank you! I love this town and you all do a wonderful job making it feel welcoming and supportive
- Thanks to police and fire stations.
- Thanks to the police dept for doing a wonderful job of helping my son with guardianship paperwork. He is black and on the autism spectrum and was afraid. But the policeman was so kind and respectful.
- The aggressive towing from HT and WSM needs to stop. People do not see the warning signs. WSM is closed, they park there and cross the street for restaurants.
- The drive to tear down bollards and promote vehicular traffic everywhere is a mystery to me. Carrboro is a great community for pedestrians and cyclists. People should have the opportunity to use public roads without fear of high speeds from vehicles commuting quickly through town.
- The fire department did a very good job hosting our cub scout tour.
- The influx of the uber-rich and undergrads has made Carrboro lose a lot of its charm. It's becoming nothing more than Chapel Hill-lite.
- The most important current issue is affordable housing. It is extremely important that we get rent control.
- The only reason I can afford to buy a house here is because I do not have kids.
- The Town Council has been imperious--and the general civility that has made Carrboro a wonderful place to live (I have been here 30 years) is fraying. The tone of the discourse around contentious issues as we try to manage growth has deteriorated in alarming ways. We can and should do better.
- The town needs a more diverse business communities outside of retail. As an entrepreneur, I have to commute 1 hr. to have a space to work with other people interested in sectors that are thriving. The town appears to have a non-diversified business tax base.
- The Town seems to be run by a clique. Planning caters to developers. For affordable housing, protect and expand mobile home parks and stop people from turning homes into airbnbs.
- The town should look to organize / aid / assist in age 0-3 learning-and-nurture groups for poor and low-mid income families.
- THE UNHOUSED IS ALSO A PROBLEM
- There are too many mostly empty parking lots downtown to be building a parking deck. Any private lots are a waste of space, environment, and potential for the town and residents.

- There is a group of progressive social visions that is not in alignment with the residents. Classic example of progressive thinking.
- There is a growing concern about leaving the middle class behind in planning. Minority groups are represented, businesses are represented but families who want to own property, work and live in Carrboro are not being represented. Give incentives for 1st time home buyers, and especially those who provide essential services for the town and community. It needs to be the primary focus because it generates a strong economy and a strong community. Also, retirees should be actively encouraged and recruited to volunteer and share their experience and expertise within community programs.
- TOC internet availability in west Carrboro, Fidelity Street.
- Too much flooding when it rains.
- Town council needs diversity of family types. No one is representing families with kids.
- Town leaders seem to dismiss those who dare to disagree with them and do not seem to respect the needs of middle class Carrboro citizens who are neither rich nor poor
- Traffic issues. Chatam county cutting thru town.
- trails, access to University lake.
- Trash and recycling rollout dumpsters left on the street 24/7 on W. Poplar are an eyesore
- Underscoring the need to move along the development of lot at Weaver and G'boro.
- Unsafe merging by drivers.
- Update Libba Cotten Bikeway with new pavement and make 3 lanes to 2.
- VACANT LOT AT GREENSBORO AND WEAVER HAS BEEN AN EYESORE FOR 30 YEARS-MIDDLE OF TOWN
- We are very excited about the early planning to convert the rail line into a multi-use trail. Please accelerate that!
- We love living here
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- We love this town and want to stay, we do community-serving work personally and professionally, but we don't see a way to live here permanently (and many are like us) due to the lack of affordable housing options. Even renting is getting out of hand and we are beginning to pay more than "affordable" and in buildings which need work. This has a major impact on the growth and diversity of the town.
- We need more crosswalks. Especially on Main Street. There are gaps between streets people cross at busy times with no signage to assist them and drivers.
- We need more infrastructure around public green spaces. Water, bathrooms, etc.
- Work on flood prone areas. Not fair to turn long term residents into flood zones.
- Would be nice to have community interest education programs on mental health, stress management, personal finance, saving energy, how to buy a house, etc.
- Yea, I'm a classically trained chef and yet I'm stuck at a crappy, hourly job where I barely make ends meet! My rent is \$1400 and one of the 2 pay checks I get every month, goes straight to rent. Maybe you all could do something about that.
- you're all doing a great job