

Row ID	When you think about the way Boise has grown over the past few years, what positive changes come to mind?	What most concerns you when you think about growth in Boise?	Of the concerns you listed, which ones should be the City of Boise's highest priorities when planning for our city's future?	What elements of life in Boise would you most like to see the City of Boise work to preserve?
2	New businesses, better biking, restaurants and breweries	Too much road construction, lack of pedestrian and alternative transportation outside of downtown and the green belt.	Too much road construction	Historic, walkable and bikeable
3	Upscale & modern look & feel; "hip" culture; good balance; mixed use balance; respecting more open space designs.	Parking; ease of transportation; traffic; increased crime.	Transportation within the city itself (trolleys, spaces for Uber/Lyft to pick up/drop off passengers, bike lanes)	Open gathering spaces for music, gatherings, festivals, picnics etc.
4	More jobs, better paying jobs, more diversity, more restaurants, increased housing values	Cost of living increases, people being angry about the increased diversity, less ability to access events that used to be easily accessible due to too many people, traffic, growing too fast, using up farmland	Cost of living increases, Using up farmland, growing too fast,	Low cost of living, green spaces
5	The value of my house has gone up; that's really the only positive I can name.	<p>The thing that most concerns me is the identity of the city being lost by locals losing out and being replaced by wealthier transplants who systematically change the character of the city. I believe that what we are seeing is White flight on a macro-level with many transplants seeking Idaho for it's conservative reputation. However, Boise has long been a liberal city, and Idaho's conservative values have historically stemmed from an independent attitude: Suspicion of big government matches suspicion of big corporations and organized religion and extreme suspicion of any intermingling of the three persists. I see that the newcomers are often conservative because they are extremely religious. This is actually the opposite of what values many Idahoans have long-term held. This sort of public display of religion and "tooting of one's own moral horn" is totally against Idaho values and mannerisms. The polite and hard-working character of Idaho needs to be maintained.</p> <p>Overpopulation is a huge concern. I think that the only way that Boise will stay a great place or will improve is by attracting more childless couples (instead of large families). More working-age people who contribute via taxes will improve the schools. The large families moving here are doing the opposite of that. Quite frankly, they're a burden and we have far too many of them already. I really don't hate kids though. Having less kids coming in is the only way to give the kids already here a decent future. They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well, we have a serious shortage of villagers!</p>	The highest priority for the City of Boise needs to consider when planning for the future is to actively attract childless couples. There are already enough amenities and activities for young children and seniors. Working-age adults need to be prioritized in planning cultural activities and other expenditures. This is the demographic our city needs the most and who can serve a valuable role in balancing out the influx of seniors and minor children. Working adults are desperately needed and need to be considered in planning more.	The greenbelt and other areas that are walk/bike friendly like Federal Way need to be preserved. Greater connectivity from neighborhoods to these areas is needed so Boise can maintain it's active lifestyle. The Boise Art Museum is fantastic and needs to be funded to maintain its programming. The foothills need to remain free of housing developments. The historic neighborhoods need to be preserved -and not just the North End. Long-term Boiseans need to be preserved through affordable housing!
6	It has gotten people engaged in the civic and local political process. The local level is the most important part of government, but often the most overlooked — it is the only level of government where the people can shape their environment, but only if they stay involved. Growth has also helped the community come together to advocate for more transparency from local elected officials. I would like to say high paying jobs with innovative global companies, but I'm still waiting for that. Oh, I know, I do love having a Trader Joe's now, but that is about it (and the parking situation there is atrocious). And, TJThomson and Lauren McLean are fantastic because they actually listen and respond to public input and concerns.	The cost of housing has become unaffordable for those of us who grew up here. Traffic is getting awful & there's no long-range cohesive plan for public transit (and no a streetcar is not needed). While it's touted in the media that Idaho's jobs are growing, these positions are mostly in the construction or service industry. The wage gap is getting larger and the disparity between rich and poor is more prevalent. I moved back home to Boise after college in LA to have a good affordable quality of life and this is slowly eroding.	Attracting high paying jobs with innovative global companies that Millennials want to work for. I.e. AirBNB, Boeing, Tesla, etc.	Keeping the cost of housing affordable and equatable to the average median wage and Not building luxury condos that no one lives in because they only serve as safety deposit boxes for investors and untraceable foreign money.
7	Diversity: people, education, food, etc Increased: art and music opportunities Continued: friendliness and quality of life	Urban sprawl, traffic, lack of safe bike commuting, threats to our outdoor spaces and public lands.	Urban sprawl and access and preservation of our outdoor spaces.	Access to our outdoors. Access to arts and music. Green spaces in our city. Infrastructure that supports the growth approved.
8	More good food and diversity. Jump. More local gatherings -winters/summery market, freak alley painting, food truck rally's, bigger Saturday market.	Roads, traffic, public transportation, losing small important parts of my childhood- historic buildings, parks, fort boise dog park!	Roads! More roundabouts please. Also further reaching, more consistent public transportation	Art. Historical buildings, like the cabin. Parks. Public land/space
9	The completion of the greenbelt and construction of the Foothills trails are amazing. The Botanical gardens, the growth of BSU, and the renaissance of downtown Boise are all great things that have happened since I grew up here in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s.	The loss of farms and open spaces, the "advertising" of Boise and Idaho across the nation. We are big enough! Our roads are already over capacity. Eagle Road is a disaster. The development of our farmland and ranch land is turning us into a microcosm of California...which the Californians are trying to escape by moving here. It is really affecting the quality of life. When I have to plan my day around the traffic, that is a sure sign of declining quality of life.	Stop growing so fast. Slow down and let the city catch its breath and adjust to the growth we've already had. Preserve what remains of our farm land.	It might be too late, but I would like to see the spaciousness and openness that remains preserved. No more building on Highway 55. No building in Dry Creek. Leave what little open space that remains on Hill Road alone. Make sure our agricultural land does not get rezoned for housing developments and strip malls. If we don't preserve what we've got it will be gone forever and we'll be just another place the Californians ruined. (See Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Bend, Denver, Ft. Collins, etc.).
10	Recycling efforts, continued additions of parks and greenbelt	That the mayor & city council want to encourage growth at the loss of our current standard of living. That developers are willing to smash in so many houses on such small pieces of land with a green light from the city and ACHD and no public input. That our roads become more crowded everyday and the perception is that no one in our local government cares (have you tried to turn left on Harrison recently from 16th, headed south? Have you noticed how there is no infrastructure to support all the houses being built in NE Boise?).	Infrastructure, transit and transportation. I have traveled all over the USA, to the largest and smallest of cities. I don't want Boise to be the next sprawling mess. I am not a reasonable person to know that we will have growth, but I do feel like our city leaders are only listening to who they want. They are not listening to mid-sized educated business owners like myself that actually acknowledge the growth but also want a balance and compromise to this growth. I was born and raised in Idaho and I love it dearly...but I often don't feel our city leaders respect that. They only respect the opinions of those that are moving here for the very same reasons I have stayed.	Sense of community, reasonable commutes, protecting our established neighborhoods from being overrun with new developments and traffic.

11	I can't think of anything positive, at least from my own perspective.	Crowding / congestion / artificially inflated housing prices / loss of culture and character / recreational spots being overrun and trashed / our friendly slowed down way of life is being lost in favor of having more "stuff" / solid waste disposal will soon become an issue / our utility infrastructure will become stressed and prices will rise / local businesses being crowded out by big-money projects and rising property taxes / long-time residents will end up footing much of the bill for infrastructure upgrade that will eventually become unavoidable / noise pollution / increased air and water pollution.	I don't trust the City of Boise to do much of anything to properly plan for "our city's future." We've had plan for growth in place for many years, but as soon as someone waltzes into town with a big checkbook nobody pays attention to the "plan."	The character of our neighborhoods and communities, as defined by the people who've spent their lives creating that character. Not by an investor with a "plan." Uncrowded parks and streets. A friendly and unhurried atmosphere. Local citizens making decisions about how their neighborhoods and communities ought to change or not change; instead of major projects being developed under the radar, and a slick PR campaign in place, such that project approval becoming a virtual fait accompli when the time comes to roll it out to the public for comments. City government--along with their developer, investor, and real estate friends--behave as if Boise is their own private fiefdom. I don't recall ever giving anyone that kind of power and authority. You have betrayed the very community you were elected to serve--the existing community, those of us who gave Boise its character and charm, not the soon-to-be community.
12	Seriously. None.	Housing prices, loss of sense of community, traffic, incompatible cultural ideas, environmental concerns, loss of open space loss of historic buildings, loss of cultural identity	Reduce growth	Open space environmental stewardship
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14	The increase in diversity and cultural enrichment.	Lack of managed, long term infrastructure planning. Prioritizing amenity projects (main library, bike skills park, sports stadium) over needed infrastructure (transit, affordable housing) - even after citizens tell Council again and again that we don't need these projects at this time, to the point of bypassing any opportunity for public vote by bypassing city bonding in favor of massive increases to city budget. City focusing bulk of resources on downtown core and adjacent neighborhoods rather than looking at the whole city. Lack of cooperation between cities, counties, and departments in the valley. A Mayor and City Council who have one vision for the future of Boise, but who increasingly do not listen to the citizens on their vision and ideas; there needs to be engagement with the community earlier and more extensively on projects, planning, and budgeting. Native and long-term residents being priced out of their neighborhoods due to skyrocketing taxes and utility service fees. Slow process to incorporate unincorporated "Boise" areas of Ada County, which would share the tax burden among more of the area residents using city amenities (parks, library, etc).	Transit options (valley-wide rail, mid-distance commuter rail, increased bus services, increased bike lanes, long-distance Amtrak rail, increase to airline flights and one-stop destinations) and housing (increases to property taxes, overall shortage at most price points both for sale and rent, increasing homeless population). As a landlord, it is frustrating trying to provide affordable rents with the constant increase to property taxes and utility services.	Character, identity, and history. Preserve physical space by maintaining landmark buildings (our character and history - such as the downtown Library! and The Cabin, not tearing them down to make us look like Salt Lake city) and open and green spaces. "Boise nice" comes from a place of people loving where they live and welcoming people in. With a shortage of housing, disproportionate wages to cost of living, perceived lack of transparency in local government or opportunities for citizens to prioritize city projects and spending, massive increase to property taxes - these things and more are chipping away at the joy people have in living here, and their willingness to welcome others in. Please listen to your citizens' concerns and stop dismissing them as crackpots and naysayers - we understand that growth is happening, but we need real opportunities to impact how that growth is managed and planned for.
15	I love the diversity. I love the new businesses that have opened but I worry about Idaho's economy because it is based on hotels and conferences, call centers, and the dairy industry.	Housing and transportation. I have been renting for 5 years and this is the year that rent is being increased by a lot. I am afraid that I will be priced out of Boise soon. I love my 6 mile commute and would take the bus more often but I stay late at work and I can't walk home due to my mobility issues.	Housing. When I was nearly homeless 5 years ago it was difficult to find an apartment. Now I am hearing the stories from the VA Housing person and from CATCH staff about the inability to find any affordable housing.	The historic character of Boise. I love the brickwork and the sandstone of downtown. I would love to have that character reflected throughout the city, not just downtown. Vista, Fairview, State, Overland, Maple Grove, 5 Mile, and Orchard are streets that need help with incorporating the Boise character. I think the historic Boise district and the Idanha Building show the character of a town that keeps it's roots while growing. The Boise library is a prime example of taking something unwanted and turning it into something special and useful. Additionally the Cabin adds to the feel of the library area and would hate to see anything happen to it.
16	Expanded cultural activities. Ridge to River pathway system. More restaurant choices. Boise State University	Mayor Bieter and city agreeing to plans and public expense before public comments - examples new location for baseball/sports park - also Bike Park off Reserve St. Concern that city planning staff represents developers rather than Boise citizens. City planning process is flawed with poor signing, limited notification and poor web site to help inform citizens of development details. Limited bus system hours and routes. Problem with ACHD and City not working together. ACHD should be involved in transit, not just widening roads. Traffic gridlock already here and will soon overtake Boise most livable city slogan. Legislature not allowing local option taxes for Boise transit. No local/state effort to revive Amtrak. Loss of farmland and local food to market. Building rentals for growth that do not allow renters to achieve equity. City not standing up for protection of Boise's historic resources. Example-having to relocate The Cabin, a CCC project-now on the Nat. Register for the new library. City making plans and then not following them - example City councilman Ludwig proposing a 9-story office building in a low rise prime residential area.	Include citizens in growth decisions. A must is to have the city better inform and engage the community in growth. Better signing for new development, improved notification to a larger area, and a web site that allows citizens to easily navigate proposed plans and staff analysis. A major effort to get Boise transportation under the city of Boise eg. roads, transit, pet/bike etc. Stop promoting growth through CCDC projects and other chamber/city/state incentives. Stop paying tax payers funds to promote growth. Get city/CCDC out of parking business. Extended pay parking is hurting retail merchants and working against downtown visits.	Protect Boise's historic resources by listing historic buildings 50 years or older on the city's preservation lists. Establish a demolition ordinance to limit landfill waist and protect undocumented historic buildings. Continue to make Boise more walkable and bike friendly. Discourage road widening. Strengthen Neighborhood Association involvement with development change and provide more funds to help neighborhoods improve.
17	More good restaurants.	Lack of affordable housing for working class and the need for public transit options.	Affordable housing	Open spaces, ease of getting around.
18	Local shops, restaurants; community centers & opportunities;	Traffic, preserving green spaces, safety, pollution	Traffic & pollution - trains & bikes should be a priority	Safety, local growth instead of chains
19	Addition of great restaurants and breweries and Esther Simplot Park is beautiful.	Gentrification, lack of affordable housing and urban sprawl; having to increase roads and housing and losing valuable outdoor space for hiking, biking, swimming, etc.	Preventing urban sprawl; build up not out.	Outdoor and natural activities; areas to get outdoors to hike, bike, ski, swim, etc.
20	Downtown is more vibrant and businesses seem to be doing better. More opportunities for people, particularly young people.	Losing connectivity and ability to get around easily. Increased traffic everywhere makes it harder to get around by bike or drive. Losing connectivity due to St. Luke's, closure of Jefferson Street, other construction. Overuse of foothills and foothill trails, one of Boise's "gems." Building in the foothills. Development of "destinations" like the proposed bike skills park and St. Luke's, that bring lots of people into a small residential neighborhood like the east end. Losing small town feel.	Increase options for public transit to reduce cars/parking, etc. Better transit into downtown from the Bench, Harris Ranch, neighborhoods, Meridian/Nampa, etc. This will increase ability to develop outside of just the downtown core. Better transit will also enable development of more high-density housing in other neighborhoods that may be within a mile or two of downtown but still very accessible.	Connectivity, walkability and bikeability. The foothills and river as "escapes" from the city. Honor building codes, guidelines, Blueprint Boise, etc. (stop making exceptions) so that new buildings are set back from the sidewalk, are not taller than they are supposed to be, etc.

21	The growth in diversity and culture. Shifting fixed mindsets to being open-minded and accepting of the world's innovation and change. The possibility of making Boise more accessible for visitors and also making the world more accessible to not only citizens of Boise but the state of Idaho.	There are a lot of moving pieces to reactively and proactively adapt to the growth, something will fall through the crack. Does the city have a true vision into everything occurring to adapt to the change so that the "thing" that falls through the crack doesn't fall too hard or can be caught prior to becoming a large misstep.	Transportation is a consistent worry I hear from citizens. I feel that innovation and use of current infrastructure to stay ahead of the transportation is key. I have a personal curiosity as to why the train tracks that run through the heart of Boise and surrounding cities isn't being utilized for transportation between cities eliminating cars on the road and providing the ability for all classes of individuals to easily transport from the outer ADA county cities into the City of Boise.	The true kindness that the citizens of Boise exhibit to their neighbors and visitors.
22	Economic opportunity, progressivity, and diversity.	Traffic and impact on "ease-of-living" due to larger population and less space.	Traffic, Boise needs to develop better public transportation with Meridian and Eagle.	Walkability and active communities.
23	I think the City is being thoughtful about how it grows, guided by Blueprint Boise.	My biggest concerns about Boise's growth are more related to how the whole Treasure Valley grows, and impacts to environment (air, water & open space). I'm concerned that the community (Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, Caldwell and Ada/Canyon Counties) hasn't collectively planned for transportation and protection of farms and open space.	First and foremost, we need an "envision" process for Treasure Valley to decide how we want to grow, and then zoning to follow. Related and my second biggest priority is transportation. Again for entire Treasure Valley, we need to to plan for growth and consider light rail or a train, similar to the Wasatch Front in Utah.	Clean air and water. Agriculture. Open Space. Viewshed.
24		Housing affordability is a grave concern; with too many people living close to the edge of homelessness, rapidly increasing rents will push some people out of housing. Wages are not keeping pace with rents and housing prices. Rapid growth also invites a slew of traffic-related issues because current roadways are not capable of handling a large increase in traffic flow. Add to that the scarcity of public transportation options and you have congestion and gridlock only a short way down the road.	I honestly don't think that the city is equipped to handle the housing affordability issue because, for better or worse, that is tied so closely to the free market of real estate. However, having said that, the city could add requirements for affordable housing to its P&Z approval process to build within the city. On the issue of traffic, the city is somewhat restricted by ACHD ownership of roads, so I think the city might be better working with appropriate partners to improve the reach of public transportation.	I think Boise has a phenomenal parks system, one that provides free use to its citizens regardless of income, age, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity. Keep it going!
25	I like that there is more culture coming to Boise. I live downtown and love the idea of the Hawks moving to the St.Lukes lot on Americana. My idea of a city is a place where you can walk or take public transit to everything.	That people can't give up their cars and that there isn't much incentive to do so. I am against street cars downtown only because the buses already aren't being utilized. I believe a train from caldwell to boise with possibly an expansion later on would fill a great need.	A train from caldwell to Boise	Low crime.
26	Great new buildings, good job opportunities, love the new people I have met!!	Traffic, hard to keep up with the growth, feels like it is starting to really change our quality of life for the worse.	Keep up with the growth. That's complicated, I know, because it involves so many different things.	Minimal traffic jams, awesome recreational opportunities, open space, great jobs
27	Dining options, good local food, friendly people, outdoor equipment retailers, livable employment, Opportunity, and revitalization.	Angry people coming here and changing the culture. The lack of quality affordable housing. More people arriving everyday without alternative transportation options just means the roads will quickly become un navigable.	Newbies should get welcome packets showing how nice everyone in Boise is and classes should be offered to teach people that their lives could be so much happier if they were just nice! Everyone in Boise is nice! It should stay that way. Alternative transportation might help with that. Less time stressing in the car, more time smiling on a bike!!	Bike friendly is a must. If the foothills accessibility goes, I go!
28	Urban density and urban housing. Infill development and rejuvenating old buildings.	Need to plan and implement more transit options.	Transit capacity, reliability, and access.	Pockets of commercial use in an near neighborhoods.
29	New opportunities for recreation at new parks; new opportunities for eating and entertainment downtown	Affordable housing; NIMBYism; lack of public transportation options; sprawl and lack of density in new developments	Sprawl and public transportation	Livability, bikeability, parks, open space, vibrant downtown, family-friendly
30	New parks have been added	Many more people can't afford to buy a home due to increased costs. Property taxes are increasing too fast. Traffic and congestion has worsened.	Housing costs and proper zoning. Boise leadership seem to be controlled by developers.	Foothills preservation and river access - they are allowing development too close to river with no public parking.
31	A more vibrant downtown if you can deal with loss of parking, streets take over by buses and bikes, and a dirtier environment. Listen to the citizens a	Crime, loss of open space, loss of livability and quality of life.	Open space	Listen more to people who live in areas where changes are planned. Stop ignoring us and cramming things down our throats we don't want. We know our neighborhoods better than you do!
32	increased residential influx for downtown (increased population making downtown more sustainable)	Inability of ACHD to keep up with traffic demands (not enough emphasis on increasing road capacity, especially in SW & western Boise/Ada county), Inability of the city to keep up with demands on emergency services, too much urban sprawl with NO transit services, moving vital city services out of downtown (Police, Fire and School District headquarters in suburban neighborhoods instead of the city core). Why would a developer invest in and build in downtown if the city won't keep its administrative offices there??? AND keeping Boise an affordable place to live and raise a family	1) Making sure that emergency services have the resources needed and required 2) The ability for people to get around (without a decent transit system there has to be lanes for cars to drive or we will become a city of gridlock). 3) Keeping Boise affordable, the increase of new residents is pushing the cost of living threw the roof but wages are not following (this a recipe for disaster).	Keeping the city for becoming a gridlocked mess of traffic and people.
33	A vibrant downtown with lots of activities especially around the Grove Plaza. I work at a law firm in the Wells Fargo Building and really enjoy getting out and about during the lunch hour. The metro center is also a great idea.	The number of apartment complexes being constructed without thought to increasing parking spaces and road capacity.	Although this idea would require the joint effort of Boise City, Ada and Canyon Counties, car pool lanes on the interstate and connector and a light rail system from Nampa to Boise would be fantastic for the I-84 commuters. When I lived in Beaverton, Oregon and worked in downtown Portland, my car never left the garage Monday-Friday -- I could get wherever I needed to go on the light rail, busses and/or streetcars.	The mix of urban and rural communities. The open spaces are so very important and I think Boise is doing a good job of preserving them.
34	There has been a very positive influx of culture. It is apparent in several areas in Boise, most notably downtown Boise, the Bench or Garden City. Also, I have seen a greater focus on supporting small businesses (in these areas in particular). I have noticed that the general Boise population is happy if not enthusiastic to support local businesses.	Development is inevitable as we mitigate the influx of new residents. I am concerned that ethical development (with focuses on environmental and long-term impacts) will give way to the pressure of demand and will subsequently result in over-development, the loss of public land and high-priced real estate. The close proximity of recreational public land to Boise is one of the significant reasons we are seeing so much growth. It is one of the most attractive features of our city. On the same note, there has been a rise in Boise's homeless population. It would be heartbreaking to see Boise become like our neighboring cities on the Pacific coast, where even the average wage is barely enough for housing. I am also concerned that local businesses will be priced out of high demand areas like Downtown. The reason for Downtown Boise's rejuvenation is because of the eclectic and unique businesses.	City planning, i.e. the regulation of development and a smart, well-planned approach to managing Boise's homeless. I know this is an extremely complex matter, easier said than done. In terms of Boise's homeless I think calling on Boise's local businesses and community to help would be met with enthusiasm. I know there are businesses already working with the City doing great things to address this matter.	Local businesses and public land.

35	Fewer vacant lots, fewer surface parking lots, more infill of overgrown or abandoned properties. More cool people, more commerce.	Sprawl, low density development, and poor walkability.	Encourage mixed-use, higher density development so that people can walk or bike to places near where they live.	Existing historic architecture should be preserved wherever possible. Encourage developers to put some thought into larger developments, rather than just building glass boxes.	
36	The growth in Boise has been great in helping the city expand, new businesses, etc.	It does not appear that there is a plan for the valley or for Boise. Growth and profit for developers are given priority over road repairs/expansion, public transit, where we allow dense housing projects and preserving open space.	Preserving open space by keeping dense housing projects on major thoroughfares (not back neighborhood roads). Additionally, Boise has to plan for the expansion of Meridian, Eagle, Star, etc and the extra volume of traffic that puts on Boise residents.	Open space and the foothills- it is what makes Boise unique.	
37	1. preservation of foothills open space, 2. attraction of some additional retail options, i.e. Whole Foods and local chefs and restaurants	losing the green space expansion of St Luke's Hosp with associated reduction in quality of life for downtown and adjacent neighborhoods due to increase in traffic and reduction in air quality increase of homeless population, graffiti, neighborhood crime lack of public input in growth and planning. i.e. Military Reserve development affordability for current residents due to increased taxes	preservation of green space	1. access to the outdoors, foothills, parks, river 2. our community: the goodness of Boise as represented by neighborhood safety, absence of graffiti, appreciation for green spaces 3. affordability 4. walkability to downtown area and BSU events	
38	Vibrant healthy downtown.	Traffic. Changing behaviors on the road. New people moving in and not embracing what it truly means to be a Boisean. Maybe some cool PSAs might be a good idea. -- such as "you go, I go" when merging, honoring traffic lights and stop signs, paying attention to bikes and pedestrians on the streets.	Of other concerns, one that must be mentioned is support for policing. The BPD needs to hire more officers, now, to catch up and then keep pace with the growth of both residential policing as well as traffic enforcement. Use the increase in property tax revenue to pay for more officers. Don't go the unfortunate way of my former town, Anchorage -- they abandoned community policing, didn't hire cops, and crime went through the roof.	Walkability and a quiet town feel. No CITY.	
39		Crime, taxes, the Atmosphere of Boise changing		Traffic, parking	
40	More diversity	Traffic destroying existing neighborhoods. Development in foothills increasing risk of flooding.	Stopping growth in the Boise foothills. Saving neighborhoods below and protecting the foothills.	walk and bike ability	
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42	The growth in Boise has been visible in the great businesses that have come to or decided to set up shop in and around Boise. The downtown seems a lot more active than in the past.	I wish there was less sprawl and more emphasis on making mini-communities around the area. The North End used to have several mom and pop grocery stores. This meant you could walk to get a gallon of milk. What if we were to try to make less suburbs and more cohesive neighborhoods--thus cutting down on car trips which add to one of my huge concerns--pollution due to over-populated road ways. What if CBH made more self-contained communities with restaurants / 2 theater cinemas, little stores, instead of urban sprawl? What if mom and pop places set up shop again in the North End?	Air and water quality / safety. I know the Mayor's office has felt that growth is inevitable, and in many ways, it represents a feather in Boise's cap to demonstrate growth. But at what price? At what point do we examine the long term effects of uncontrolled growth? Look at the Fort Boise Reserve bike trails proposal. According to some, we've turned our back on history and our knowledge of the environment by thinking that development would be wise. Let's not make mistakes similar to the landslide homes near Table Rock.	The small town feel. Please do not belittle those who are trying to hold onto what made them want to move to Boise in the first place. One way we could do that would be to reassess the speed limit in residential neighborhoods. Take a town like Iowa City for instance. It's a growing Midwest college town. There are some streets that are main thoroughfares--akin to our 15th or Harrison--where the speed limit is no more than 25. People actually take their time driving places. Boiseans, on the other hand, drive through the North End--past elementary schools!--texting going 35-40. Despite our phone calls to the police and their efforts, nothing changes. What if we took steps to change the mindset of those who already live here in a way that encourages the small town feel we love all the while doing our best to welcome newcomers? I believe lowering the speed limit could help. And, I believe studies out there prove this. It would certainly make streets like 15th safer for kids and families! http://www.wri.org/blog/2017/05/need-safe-speed-4-surprising-ways-slower-driving-creates-better-cities https://www.ce.nl/publicatie/why_slower_is_better/948 https://www.iowadot.gov/traffic/manuals/pdf/speedlimitbrochure.pdf	
43	I love the business growth (restaurants, entertainment, city improvements) Having the first round of the NCAA tournament was awesome and a great promotion for the city. I love the revitalization of run down neighborhoods.	Crime. I grew up in Vegas and was witness to the increase in crime, dui, in home invasions, murder) with the booming population. I stopped answering my door in 2000 if I didn't know who it was out of fear.	Crime	Encroachment of wild life. Please stop building in the foothills.	
44	The great new architecture, wonderful unique restaurants popping up, and the commuter friendly bike lanes being added.	Traffic patterns (need for more easily accessed highway to take congestion off 84. Possibly a North loop and eventually a South loop), need for more amenities like grocery and restaurants in Southwest Boise due to all the housing development, and need for more connecting flights to and from Boise.	Roadways...ensuring proper flow of traffic. Wider roads, more interstate connections (i.e. replacing Five Mile bridge that is being fixed with an interstate interchange rather than just the bridge still.)	Preserve the trails, greenbelt, local food sources, and eclectic shops.	
45	Better economic and job prospects. More density, (seemingly, anyway), better walkability and bikeability. More attention generally on quality of life, open space etc than when I first moved here in 2008. Just like a nicer place to live.	Housing affordability- my neighborhood is becoming gentrified. And while it's nice on one hand because people care for their yards and properties, I also wonder what our city will feel like if all our downtown neighborhoods are filled with high-income families and high-income young couples. I'm also concerned by what I see as a lack of accountability on the part of residents for making affordable housing possible. It seems that people are frightened by affordable housing in their neighborhoods (NIMBY) and are making it difficult for Boise to make room for lower income folks. Additionally, our lack of viable public transit options concerns me.		Open space. I realize this is in conflict in some ways with my point about needing more places for housing. But I strongly believe that our parks and foothills are crucial to the health and happiness of all our residents.	
46	Great restaurants, fun new stores downtown, new hotels, lots of energy and excitement for our wonderful city	Traffic, pollution, losing the friendliness Boise is known for	Traffic (because that will also affect pollution)	Clean air, clean water, friendliness, quick commutes	
47	The city layout is so convenient, and beautiful. I love how clean the downtown area is kept. I love love love all the trees.	All the tall buildings that cover the view of the mountains, especially St Lukes on the East end. Also I see a Panera going in on the west side of town - one of the things I love about Boise is that it is NOT filled with "cookie cutter" restaurants and fast food places. I would hate to see more of that coming in to the downtown area. I believe they should remain on the outskirts of town.	Not expanding downtown to the point where it no longer feels like an intimate city with easy access. I would prefer to see the expansion going outside of the city proper.	The feel that downtown is accessible without hassle - not too much traffic, easy parking. I love that the city offers culture and tons of free activities for all. I absolutely would like to see us preserve all the accessible protected lands for hiking and biking. The greenbelt is a treasure.	
48	Downtown development, public art, open space levy	Lack of affordable housing, lack of living wages, NIMBYism, lackluster design downtown, wrong focus - trolley, poor relationships with other agencies when we should work towards a common vision, lack of sidewalks and street lights in established neighborhoods	Affordable housing Better relationship with ACHD - I am over the nonsense Density is needed	Walkable streets, open space, diversity of housing types and costs	

49	None.	Traffic, crime, higher cost of living, higher rent prices, pollution including trash and smog, loss of local culture and ideas, higher housing cost when buying a house, transplants, loss of open space, Californians, people from other states exploiting Idaho, Mayor Dave Bieter's power trip and ego, poverty, homelessness, safety, everything that negative growth brings.	ALL OF THEM! - Traffic, crime, higher cost of living, higher rent prices, pollution including trash and smog, loss of local culture and ideas, higher housing cost when buying a house, transplants, loss of open space, Californians, people from other states exploiting Idaho, Mayor Dave Bieter's power trip and ego, poverty, homelessness, safety, everything negative growth brings.	TRULY LOCAL businesses, low traffic, keeping transplant people out, truly local culture and ideas, lower housing costs when buying a house, lower rent costs (and not public housing, that just increases crime), lower population, nature, the environment, open space, clean streets and neighborhoods.	
50	More restaurants/coffee shops.	Cost of housing for low income people, traffic, over use of our ridges to rivers system.	Cost of housing for low income groups.	Traffic, size of houses (no overgrown houses on tiny lots) ridges to rivers system.	
51	Open space, trails and greenbelt are total wins! Also, Boise IS a vibrant city thanks to the influx of people and businesses and things to do.	The rate of growth is my biggest concern. I don't believe the current rate of growth is sustainable if we want to maintain "the most livable city" status. We are losing the uniqueness and character that already make us the most livable city. The things that will make it even better is the walk-ability and bike-ability pieces but it seems in the efforts to accommodate the influx of new residents we might not be focusing on building those pieces as we go. I don't believe "retro-fitting" is an option for those amenities (and others). Once it's gone you can't go back and un-develop, un-build.	The rate of growth....although I'm guessing city officials didn't know how many people would come pouring in. You can't really plan for when "the secret's out" ... I have lived in a community in VA that did hold developers accountable and the developers DID do what they had to because people still want to live there. And if a certain developer said no, they wouldn't/couldn't because too expensive for them, too many rules, regulations etc - it was ok there was another willing to do what was needed to get their project built in that community in accordance to what fit in with the community - it's history, geography and existing infrastructure.	the unique character and geography including the flora and fauna that are native to here. Thank you for putting this out in some many different venues and opportunities!	
52	More diverse. More options for shopping, eating out, entertainment.	Two major concern. Growth has caused such an increase in cost of housing and yet income has not risen. Particularly hard for retirees. Traffic - major roads are slow and bottlenecked all day.	Traffic - more mass transportation options.	Love our trails and park system! Preserve those!!!	
53	Diversity: cultures, ethnicity, people with advanced degrees, new parks, land conservation. Bicycle share! 20 mph speed limit.	Demand on aquifers, non-smart growth, Dry Creek development, sprawl, traffic, lack of decent public transportation, influx of big box stores. Loss of uniqueness of Boise.	Water management, protection for wild land/sprawl management, public transit (especially weekend service). Incentives to not drive.	Quiet. Small-town feel. No loss of wild ecosystems. Water conservation. A place where everyone knows each other.	
54	Growing racial, cultural, and ideological diversity. A shifting focus towards sustainability.	That we're not being thoughtful enough in proactive, long-term planning. I'm worried about unhindered sprawl and a lack of infill development is destroying the agricultural and natural spaces that Boiseans hold so dear to our identity. Our transportation system is already woefully underdeveloped and which will only get worse as our population continues to grow. We don't need any more parking garages; I've never seen a city that has as large a percentage of downtown real estate devoted to parking. We need to shift our focus to public transportation and alternative commuting methods. There also is going to have to be some aggressive advances in affordable housing. Rent and housing prices are out of control and not at all in line with the low wages that cripple our state. Property management companies in this town are predatory and AirBnB's are exacerbating the problem. Additionally, the lack of adequate transportation infrastructure compounds the affordable housing shortage problems as more and more low-income workers and families get pushed to the town's limits with no way to get around. We need to get Ada County on board to find solutions to these looming problems.	Affordable housing. We have the opportunity to do better than the cities our new citizens are fleeing from. Protect the working class and enrich our city with thoughtful, multiuse, infill development.	The prevalence of small businesses. Socioeconomic diversity in our neighborhoods.	
55	More diversity, more things to do, more energy and connections and perspectives,	Cars. Cars. Cars. We are still guiding growth around the car. Too much parking, roads that are too wide, doing everything we can to not inconvenience drivers. It seems like half the construction downtown is for parking garages. This is moving in the wrong direction. We need more density, fewer cars, better transit and better biking infrastructure. Why are we not building more neighborhoods like Hyde Park? Protected bike lanes to get into downtown? 15 minute interval bus service?	Designing a city where cars are not a necessity.	Compact neighborhoods, walkable/bikable places.	
56		Traffic! Don't give developers everything they want and ask the current taxpayers to flip the bill! ☹️ the roads are already very congested! Send them out to the desert and let the developers build the roads!	As a life long resident, please maintain Boise's uniqueness by not filling in every little crack with development! We like our open space! Another huge problem, speed on the freeway; when in the heck are the police going to get control of the speed! ☹️. IA freeway here we come! ☹️☹️	Open spaces, foothills, river, downtown	
57	E. Simplot Park and water features there. Levy to preserve foothills. Vibrant downtown.	Limited public transportation; affordable housing; increase in housing costs	The City must work with all relevant entities to make public transportation more accessible and usable, most especially for those commuting to jobs.	Open space/parks; walkable downtown that attracts all ages during the day as well as the evening. Welcoming attitude toward all who come here.	
58	I like seeing all the local restaurants, breweries, etc., popping up. It's great to see us embracing food, drink, and arts in our local culture.	What most concerns me is that our city is growing so quickly that housing and rental prices are quickly squeezing out people like me who have lived here our entire lives and who have good jobs but those jobs don't provide us with high enough wages to meet the demand of the housing prices. We need wages that match our housing prices. Our minimum wage is just \$7.25, and I realize that the minimum wage is a state mandate, but that doesn't mean that Boise-based businesses can't literally rise above that level when they are able to do so and know that it is the right thing to do for their employees.	The matching of wages to housing prices.	The amazing juxtaposition of the city feel with the country feel -- that I can live within 10 minutes of nearly anything in the Treasure Valley, from fabulous food and rink to wilderness like long-distance hikes and camping at hot springs.	
59	The recycling program is fantastic, Boise Green Bikes are awesome and the addition of new parks is great.	I think parking, increased traffic, and pollution are a concern to me. I am more concerned about the loss of open space (Hill Road!!) , more kids of historic neighborhoods (Central Addition) and the emphasis on high density and expensive not affordable housing.	Affordable housing but not high density and skyscrapers!	Open space, historic neighborhoods, and the small town charm not displaced by outsiders with lots of money destroying the things that make Boise luvable.	
60	I love the addition of parks, the protection of open space, more bike lanes and increasing diversity.	I see many very high priced houses eating up fields and foothills. I see increasing traffic without corresponding public transportation plans.	Keeping Boise livable- managing growth so we don't turn into a city of strip malls and traffic jams but walkways, bikeways, planned town centers and no car required.	The ability to travel without a car.	
61	More diversity, arts, parks	Traffic and loss of open space	Both	Open spaces	
62	Vibrant downtown, new libraries, extended green belt, new restaurants	Traffic	Infrastructure - traffic planning, more foothills trails	Great parks, lots of hiking and biking trails.	

63	Diversity, arts, culture, open-mindedness (wow, pride parade!). I also like that pockets of Boise neighborhoods are developing personalities and "centers" of their own somewhat based off of the Hyde Park model by repurposing and reenvisioning defunct buildings. Small, indie businesses can thrive if they focus on serving a small, local population of walkers/bikers/neighborhood and get creative about remodeling older spaces (i.e. the Caffeina in the Collister neighborhood or Clairvoyant in the whitewater neighborhood). Let other cities build the strip malls.	Displacement due to rising housing costs (aka the California-cation process of property hoarders buying large amounts of land/property because it's "cheap" without an intention to necessarily live here), loss of quiet spaces, disappearing swaths of land, chain businesses	Protecting space. I think Boise has a unique and powerful opportunity to show other cities that a modern city can and should have zones of high population and zones of open space.	Pedestrian, outdoor-mindedness, innovative, liveability. Boise is the "city of trees," so there has to be a conscientious action plan to make sure it maintains that nickname.
64	Nothing positive can be said for the rate of growth that we've experienced. The City has done in lousy job at managing roadways to accommodate the increase subdivisions that the city has approved.	Our quality of life has diminished in the city due to the over congestion of our roadways. New subdivisions should not be approved to be built before the roads have been improved to accommodate the increase of traffic to comes with the new subdivisions. Also the rate at which property taxes are increasing are unrealistic and outpacing the wages for this area. Long time residents are hurting with these tax increases as our wages remain stagnant.	Do not approve new subdivisions until the roadways have been improved to handle the increase in usage that comes with these you subdivisions. How quality of life is being severely impacted.	The Boise Foothills.
65	I love our vibrant downtown, the branch libraries, and the ridge to rivers hiking and biking areas. We've always had great parks along the greenbelt and the new Simplot park is lovely. The greenbelt is wonderful!	The traffic has become awful! I live between State and Hill road. All the new multiplex housing along State and the one planned on the wonderful old Hill Road section are a huge concern. We don't need a zillion new people on those roads!	I really only listed one. I'm just sick about the Hill road development, but am concerned about losing our country look and feel as well as the increased traffic from multiple unit housing.	Recreational opportunities and cultural opportunities and relaxed atmosphere
66	Vibrant community, the CO-OP and Wholefoods, Ridge to Rivers. The Greenbelt support. Greenbelt improvements east toward Lucky Peak. Liberal attitude toward refugees. New Farmer's Market. Younger demographics	Traffic strangulation on State, Glenwood, Chinden. Trying to do a Rezone on Old Hill Road. Development in Dry Creek. Lack of multi unit housing development downtown using up the surplus parking space. Car oriented highway designs - making Boise a pass through area.	Drastically reducing the use of private vehicles on public streets and roads in Boise. Replacing cars with electric scooters and ebikes and small transport pods.	Bikeways in the hills and in the valley. Pedestrian friendly areas. Zero fatalities on the roads. The view shed of the hills and mountains. Improved air quality.
67	Downtown is thriving compared to the past.	Safety. Boise police department is woefully understaffed. It is clearly less safe in Boise than it used to be. Traffic is getting more challenging.	Safety.	Open spaces. Foothills open.
68	Awesome library services - from the free internet access, to being able to borrow books from other libraries and pick them up at a local branch, to fantastic free events. Parks are well managed and plentiful. I love the recycling program, and welcome composting and can work with the plastics change - I think it was a good solution given the circumstances.	1. Assuming that improved bus or other public transit will solve traffic problems. Please survey everyone who wants better public transportation with this question: How often would you yourself actually use it? I am concerned that many people will want everyone else to use the public transport, while they themselves keep using their car. I could be wrong, of course, but I think it is worth asking the question. 2. Increased population means increased number of crimes reported, even if the crime rate stays the same. More police officers would be needed, or criminal services will be prioritized and community services cut. 3. Parking. Even if people walk, bike to work, entertainment, etc, they will still own cars that need to be parked. It seems as if the developers and others think that if everything is within walking distance, people will not own cars. I disagree. Residential and other parking needs to be planned with the assumption of two cars per family. 4. Decreasing air quality. Thirty years ago, I remember the foothills being clear and purple except in the winter. Now the foothills are hazy more days than they are clear. 5. Doctor shortage, especially specialists. Longer wait times for new patients means a decline in health care. 6. ACHD feud. I don't want the city to take over the roads. Please change the focus from the blame game to one of finding mutually acceptable solutions, even if it means not getting everything you want. Sometimes a "no" answer can open doors to better, more creative thinking.	Police department funding for more officers. More public service education of drivers on road rage, tailgating, speeding and those annoying loud car stereos. Stronger laws, education and enforcement against outdoor burning and vehicle emissions. Work with ACHD instead of trying to undermine or get rid of them.	A responsive police force for quality of life issues, such as a phone call I made late one night a few months ago regarding loud music. The police talked to my neighbor in a timely manner, and the issue was resolved. I am afraid as Boise grows, there will not be enough police to handle such community calls, because criminal calls will be prioritized. I already see quality of life in the quiet Boise subdivision I have lived in for forty years being eroded by traffic sounds, smelly smoke from fire places, and loud car stereos. Keep the library services for all of us without internet access and smartphones, and keep up the good work on the recycling program.
69	none	Traffic, lack of public transportation, need more bike lanes, property taxes pushing out natives, urban sprawl	public transportation -- train.	bike paths, parks, trees. affordable housing
70	Opportunity	Lack of local opportunity for long-term residents look for good honest employment like myself within the professional leadership field.	With the growth how will we maintain our small city charm?	Long-term local voice for positive change with open to forwarding thinking to help drive higher educations for our children.
71	More jobs. More hotels also entice more business through meeting and convention services.	It feels somewhat uncontrolled. Affordable housing is disappearing and transportation issues are reaching a boiling point. We need a mass transport option that runs at least until midnight.	Transportation. Affordable housing options will soon be outside the City limits and we need ways other than cars to get folks to work.	Walkability, bikability and access to river and trails are fundamental elements of Boise that must be preserved along with a respect for one another and a true community spirit.
72	Diversity, culture, opportunity	Affordable housing, too many cars, not enough public transit	Public transit	Affordability, neighborhoods feeling connected
73	Whitewater park	Stuffing too many houses on small pieces property. Losing green and open spaces in town. Traffic concerns	Too many houses on too small of lots.	Open green spaces. Increase set backs on new construction.

74	None.	<p>built, and they came. We now have a big mess of a city.</p> <p>-Getting from one area of Boise to another is next to impossible. No direct routes, including Front Street, which is constantly congested. One must zig zag all over the place to get from one point to another, i.e., east to west, north to south, etc.</p> <p>-Bigger isn't better! There is nothing wrong with a "small-town atmosphere". Stop the insanity.</p> <p>-Reminds me of the '80s when then mayor Dick Eardley tore everything down, including many historic buildings, and we were left with vacant lots for years. Now we have build, build, build, and nothing but congestion.</p> <p>-St. Luke's and Boise State have been allowed to destroy major streets and neighborhoods in Boise. Capitol Boulevard, which used to be Boise's crown jewel, from the Depot to the Capitol Building, has been desecrated. It began with another former mayor, Dirk Kempthorne, when the Grove Hotel was allowed to encroach on the view of the Capitol from the Depot. We now have a lovely view of roof-top mechanical equipment, and traffic light after traffic light for the BSU kiddos.</p> <p>-Whose brilliant idea was it to allow Gardner to build an office building in downtown Boise and not provide any parking for all of the people who occupy the offices in said building? Insanity!</p> <p>-Bike lanes...enough already! Seldom used, and taking up valuable space. Glad we have ACHD which still tries to show some smarts.</p> <p>-Boise's streets are congested enough, as it is. The idea of a trolley taking up valuable space on already crowded downtown streets is absurd, and really laughable.</p> <p>-And, a stadium in downtown Boise...again, build, build, build. Bad idea!</p> <p>-We don't need a new library in downtown Boise. Perhaps, instead of taxing residents to death to build "field of dreams" after "field of dreams", taxes could be cut and residents could keep more of their own money.</p> <p>-Oh, and not everyone shares the ideas and so-called values of city "leaders". Some of us like</p>	<p>How are residents going to get from one area in the city to another? Too many people means too much traffic. As much as the city wants residents to travel by bus or bicycle, it ain't goin' to happen! It's just not convenient.</p>	<p>Small town atmosphere instead of large city madness. No need to compete with Portland, which has become a much bigger mess than Boise. Let's just be Boise, and we don't have to be the "most welcoming city" or whatever...just Boise.</p>
75	More offerings of restaurants, stores and more diversity of people.	<p>Transportation and affordable housing. Please add the local tax factor for public transportation and create a circular by-pass around the greater city (Columbia to Hill Road, Highway 16 to ?) to encourage growth in outlying, more affordable areas and as an alternate to the Eagle Road jam-up.</p>	<p>Both transportation and housing without exclusion</p>	<p>Public safety, welcoming city for refugees, open space</p>
76		<p>Road infrastructure and traffic.</p>		
77	Sorry to say, nothing. That is really sad.	<p>Traffic, crime, rude people. Cost of living, TAXES. My wife and her family born here. Just makes them sad everyday. Sick and tired of increasing school budget.</p>	<p>Traffic crime. School waste</p>	<p>It is all gone. When I found Boise after getting divorced in 1996, I fell in love with the city. My wife and I are now looking for a new place to live. Sad sad sad</p>
78	More available housing and a large new park	<p>neighborhoods. I live near a large apartment development at State St and Gary Lane. When the city council approved the development they praised it for it's mixed use and walk-ability and as an attraction for the neighborhood that people would want to walk to. Instead it is two very separate developments, neither of which attracts individuals using any mode of transportation other than cars. No one walks or bikes to it. Rather than mixed use it is two distinct developments. A group of restaurants in one and dense housing in the other that is in no way attractive as a walking destination. It is buildings in a parking lot with very little green area. What the city council described as the desirable aspects of this development when giving reasons to approve it, don't exist. While it provides housing it does not contribute to the neighborhood.</p> <p>My other greatest concern is that the complete focus in all aspects of the City government seems to be on downtown Boise and getting people to and from downtown, with a complete disregard to those who don't work or live downtown. As best I can tell all members of our city government, view Boise as downtown and the north end. This is constantly evident in any City of Boise activity. It showed up even in the page that directed us to this page. There were three images, two were downtown and the third was of an access road that goes directly to downtown and was less than four miles from downtown. Another example is the winter of 2016-2017. Go back and review the Facebook posts that address snow removal. Those that discussed work the city was doing were almost exclusively focused on downtown Boise snow removal. Boise is over 80 square miles, downtown Boise is slightly over 1 square mile. Why this large focus?</p> <p>Another incident shows a complete disregard for neighborhoods. There is a small piece of property on Gary Lane that is managed by the Parks Department Boise Parks and Recreation Department. Many years ago I had an e-mail conversation with Tom Governale, then director of Boise Parks and Recreation, where his indicated this was future park land. From</p>	<p>Slowing growth and protecting neighborhoods. It isn't all about development!</p>	<p>Neighborhoods and parks!</p>
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80	Diversity, Expansion and, well, growth	<p>Affordable housing, crime, wages not keeping up with rising costs</p>	<p>Lower wages for low and middle class families.</p>	<p>Festivals, Outdoor activities</p>
81	The increased economic impact and new businesses coming to our area is a plus for the entire region.	<p>The city needs a plan to preserve what makes Boise so great- our access to nature and preserving out open space. Growth must be planned for- in terms of roadways, public transportation, etc. as well. Density (apartment complexes, etc) should be concentrated along large major arteries... not along open space or neighborhood roads.</p>	<p>Smart planning for where high density developments are located and a traffic plan for those areas.</p>	<p>OPEN SPACE!</p>

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83	Increase in events and things to do, like concerts, shows, and festivals. Increase in food and shopping options.	Traffic and housing. There doesn't seem to be a plan for how to move people around the city as population grows. Neighborhood amenities aren't really forming. Most non housing growth is focused downtown, which requires people to get to downtown to do things.	Creating neighborhoods, so we don't have to travel across town to get to things.	The greenbelt and open green space.	
84	1. Boise has done a great job keeping the city neat, clean, and family friendly. 2. Boise has done an excellent job with its park system, the Greenbelt, the Boise River, Ridge to Rivers, and a host of amenities and events (new or maintained). 3. Considering the growth, Boise has done well with air quality, water quality, and other environmental factors. 4. Diversity has improved, and 5. We have a steady and growing economy (even though wages are still pretty terrible).	These all relate to a decreased quality of life. 1. First and foremost, congestion. Not just with traffic congestion, which is a given, but congestion at our public places and activities. Already the trails can get crowded, as well as the river, whitewater park, our parks, events, et al. Congestion and crowding cause increased user conflicts, impacts relating to overuse, and loss of access and availability. 2. Next, traffic is obviously a fundamental concern. Infrastructure doesn't seem to keep up, and during certain times of the day (7:30-10:00; 3:30 - 6:30) I don't even try to get anywhere but home because moving across the city is nearly impossible. 3. Affordability and cost of living, including an increasing discrepancy between cost of living (high) and wages (low). Part in parcel with this are the number of so-called "equity locusts" who move to Boise from more expensive locations, and have much higher purchasing power here. This is disruptive to our neighborhoods (gentrification) and economy, as there is an illusion as to the value of cost of things (exacerbated by those who are able to work remotely at California employers). 4. The loss of Boise's character and charm, which includes a loss of civility, loss of place and one's investment in said place, general apathy toward place. 5. The anything-goes development ethos, and a sense that both the City and the public must defer to them. 6. Just the general sense of decline and pessimism, that Boise will eventually turn into the very sort of place everyone that moves here is MOVING AWAY FROM, e.g., that Boise will become just another Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, Denver, etc. - overbuilt, oversprawled, expensive, too competitive, and lower quality of life.	1. More localism and regionalism with respect to development. Look to the policies of the state of Vermont, for instance. 2. More public input, or statutory restrictions upon the sorts of development allowed. 3. I would look into a tax system that advantages Boise residents over foreign investors (whether another city, state, or nation), second property owners, flippers, and crowdsourc rentals (Air BnB, VRBO, et al). Admittedly this is more likely a state issue. 4. Infrastructure improvements that properly considers scope, scale, and context of traffic patterns, while still continuing to encourage multi-modal traffic. As an example, the pedestrian lights on Whitewater Blvd. are nice, but when those lights stop traffic every other minutes for pedestrians, and back up traffic into the dozens just so one person can cross the road... it doesn't really make sense nor help with the flow of traffic. It is less onerous for one pedestrian to wait a minute or two to cross rather than to back up many dozens of cars to wait for said pedestrian. Similar situation with St. Luke's downtown and Idaho and Main Sts. The fact of the matter is you cannot continue to penalize people because they drive a car, especially when drivers make up the significant majority of commuting (if I recall, well over 90%).	Unfortunately, I don't know how you preserve Boise's quality of life and livability with a population growing as fast as we are, and I don't know what the city of Boise can do to discourage said growth. But that quality of life for most people already living here with inevitably decrease as they have to compete against newcomers for everything from housing, jobs, traffic, parking, access (to trails, natural amenities, events, restaurants) and space. The City of Boise should have an obligation to consider locals interests over newcomers, and I don't feel Boise has that in mind at all.	
85	A more lively downtown scene: new restaurants, bars, and events. Sometimes it feels overcrowded, but I'd rather have that than a vacant downtown.	I'm worried about sprawl and traffic. I know the city is pro public transportation and walking/biking, so that give me hope. The downtown trolley idea is terrible- I wish the city would think of better ways to get people out of their cars. The bus system need help- no one will opt for an hour+ long bus ride from Meridian to Boise when they could drive themselves in 20 minutes. It has to actually be convenient.	Probably traffic.	Keeping it walkable/bikeable, keeping the foothills trail system in good shape (and grow it!), the greenbelt is amazing... If it weren't for the foothills trails I would see no reason to live here. Boise must work hard to preserve that system. With so many new people moving here it's getting crowded and loved to death. I certainly don't know how to deal with it I just hope the city recognizes that without the foothills Boise's just a hot, dry place to live with crappy winters.	
86	Clean safe city	Obsession about expensive public transportation options that are from technology that was developed 100 years ago	I understand we need to move people, let's look at cutting edge options that are also safe.	Safety in downtown for criminal behavior	
87	with the way that better has been dealing with the growth there are no positive changes, he does not listen to the people he only cares about the tax revenue from the californians moving here	overcrowded streets, stores, shopping, camping, fishing, hunting	maintaining open space and not over developing	open spaces for us to enjoy rather than looking more and more housing, apartments, townhouses strip malls.	
88	Why is the question posed in the positive? Why not ask the question, "How do you feel about growth?" My thoughts don't go to the positive with the recent growth spurt. Housing costs (rentals and purchases) have skyrocketed. New construction is occurring all over town and to the west in neighboring communities. Our property taxes seem to be endlessly increasing. Traffic is horrendous. Travel times have increased. Road rage seems on the increase. Road construction/reconstruction seems to be everywhere. We have a mayor and city council that seem to be promoting the construction of a ball park near the river and close to downtown, and several aspects of this are bothering me. First tax \$\$ to a private company, next congestion and noise, and lastly a blind eye and deaf ear to concerns expressed by residents and tax payers. This in the name of growth. Now on to stupid use of the term "sustainable growth". Growth is NOT sustainable. Period. I'm a biologist and know of such things, but it does not take a biologist to understand that these terms of art are a whitewash of the reality of the effects of growth locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Clear thinkers who don't get sucked into growth for growth's sake know this. Why does the city promote growth? So, this first question had a distinct bias, I think. Hope the rest of the survey goes better.	See my response to question 1, and read on. Responsibility in governance with respect to growth needs to start somewhere. Perhaps it may best start locally. Knowing the unlimited growth is not sustainable leaders must engage intellectually with growth issues as they relate to economy and quality of life issues in our community. Livability has diminished with the recent growth spurt. How will we deal with livability issues in the face of continued growth. Will new development paymit way? Will we make the mistake that Fort Collins made by ever increasing highway capacity? Will we ever grapple with and solve the need for effective mass transit (not downtown loops to nowhere)? Air quality is a concern, especially in winter, when inversions are common in the valley. Increasing road capacity will only exacerbate that problem. Water availability could become limiting with increased growth. We already have the beginnings of water wars in the valley with respect to senior water rights holders and newer domestic uses of water, especially with respect to reservoir storage and reservoir evacuation issues. Note, the ground water and surface waters are one system and need to be managed as such. Water quality in the Boise River is compromised below Lander Street, and the compensatory benefits Boise invested in further down river leave a stretch of river in which water quality will only deteriorate with increased population growth. How will the city address the need for greater sewage-treatment capacity? Again, I'm a biologist. I know how rivers respond to nutrient pollution. How do we balance what I see as livability and true sustainability issues? I almost cringed when I used the word "balance". We may have already over balanced toward development at the cost of/to resources.	Growth, growth, growth! Traffic, fossil fuel use, air quantity, water quality, public space -- these and other areas will be compromised with increased growth. They already are compromised.	Neighborhoods. Transportation. Transparency. Access to public lands. Air to breathe. Water to drink and in which to swim. Civility in everything we experience. How does this latter item relate to human packing/growth?	

89	Increased availability of high density housing in the urban core. There should be more apartments/condos in the urban center (and pushing outwards) to increase walkable living and reduce traffic. Additionally, and really in line with the above, I appreciate Boise's continued support of green space, specifically the Esther Simplot Park and the foothills fund. The parks and green space also make Boise so great.	I continue to worry about our lack of transportation infrastructure. I also worry about housing affordability.	Public transit. I heartily support light rail for Boise. I think it should run from the airport to the city center and then out State Street. I also think it makes sense to revive the railway between the Boise Depot and Caldwell.	I am lucky enough to live close to downtown. I truly appreciate the ability to walk and ride my bike in and around the city. I also want the foothills preservation and open space preserved as much as possible. The foothills are maybe the city's greatest amenity. Once they are developed, they will be gone forever.
90	I like the cultural aspects, in that touring acts actually stop instead of just driving through. The increased variety of retail options.	Short term greed taking precedence over long-term planning. The road networks cannot handle the increase in traffic. Older neighborhoods such as the North End being gentrified to the point where people who actually work downtown can't afford to live there. Destruction of the most beautiful parts of the valley to put up hideous McMansions (Harris Ranch).	Long-term planning. Shoving another sub on a road that's already beyond its capacity is something we do all too often around here.	Greenbelts, parks, Halls Gulch, historic buildings, those places that everyone enjoys. Keep them that way. Too much of the riverbanks are being turned into McMansions along the river towards Lucky Peak. Soon the river will be for rich folks only.
91	Boise has done a good job of attracting urban amenities to the City (i.e. concerts, chains, etc.).	A lack of sustainable long-term transportation and infrastructure planning.	Focus on high-density development to address housing issues created by increasing population, along with attention to the transportation infrastructure to reduce congestion.	Emphasis on the marriage of an urban and outdoor lifestyle.
92	The downtown core; restaurants, shops, bars, and housing. Parks; simplot, whitewater, and the new section of the greenbelt.	Traffic and transit. We need to focus on growing mass transit and alternative transport options.	Making alternative transportation safer and more convenient.	Open spaces
93	Overall, city government has done an incredible job of fiscal management, infrastructure development (police, fire, libraries!), planning for growth, and especially recreation. A huge thank you for the greenbelt, parks, and all the places where we have so much fun playing. The city has a great vibe, with restaurants, entertainment and cultural opportunities.	We need public transit! Without it, traffic will be so bad that we can't enjoy everything that SW Idaho cities and counties have so carefully cultivated. The Idaho Legislature must wake up to this urgent need before it is too late. It is almost too late now. I'm also very concerned about rising drug use, mental health issues, homelessness and dramatic income inequality across the nation. I appreciate efforts the city is making to address the problems on a local level.	Growth is good, but keep a lid on it. Boise residents value quality of life over wealth. Keep that in mind at every step forward.	Outdoor recreation. Neighborhoods with mixes of housing and commercial development closely connected by pedestrian and bicycle paths, as found in my neighborhood in southeast Boise. Community safety and security (kudos to our excellent police and fire departments that emphasize prevention and education as much as crime and fire fighting).
94	The downtown has grown with it. So many parks and events taking place throughout the weeks has the city thriving.	Housing prices are very high, traffic is becoming a little crazy - I avoid most of it but depending on where you are heading, there isn't any way around it. The bus system needs to run for longer times (later in the night)	Have a solid plan to help congested traffic, obviously stop and go traffic will still happen but with construction - help build better flows of traffic to mitigate the issues.	Keep the downtown thriving with local businesses. It is a fun vibe with all the local bars and restaurants. And keep promoting the events such as Live after 5.
95	None.	Lack of transparency in the decision making process (e.g., selection of architect and design for a new library, among other ideas). Lack of opportunity for meaningful input by citizens. Lack of accountability.	Transparency and opportunity for meaningful public input; accountability for actions taken.	Nature and the unbuilt environment'; clean water; less noise and light pollution; safer streets; alternatives to automobile traffic; real friendliness toward cyclists and pedestrians.
96	The branch libraries, and the plan for the new downtown library. Whitewater park. Public art, especially on the utility boxes. Improving the walkability of downtown.	Downtown losing its character. Large buildings too close together. Bland architecture. Losing our culture of "Boise Nice" Greenbelt maintenance not keeping up. Many areas with degraded surface. Continued development in the foothills. Limited foothills recreation opportunities in the east side. The people flooding into Harris Ranch have little access to the foothills compared to the north end or NW Boise. Consequently, Table Rock and the Military Reserve are seeing very heavy use. Somehow, despite the obstacles, we must find a way to provide more access on the east side of the foothills.	1 The magic of Boise is our river, with its miles of Greenbelt, leading to a beautiful, accessible, vibrant downtown, with immediate access to foothills recreation. Development and growth is inevitable, but we must not lose our magic. More large-scale development in the downtown core is just going to make Boise look and feel like any other city, and break that connection between the river and the foothills. The next big buildings should be separated from the core by a few blocks. Spread it out. 2 The Greenbelt. Everything I've ever seen promoting Boise prominently mentions the Greenbelt. But our Greenbelt is now decades old - and we are not reconstructing it on a schedule to keep up as it continues to age. Every city now has something like the Greenbelt - and most are newer and many are in better shape. Every mile of Greenbelt needs to be rebuilt on a schedule - probably every 10 years or so. Not just patched. If this is one of our crown jewels, we need to treat it that way.	"Boise Nice". We can no longer just assume that newcomers will absorb our culture. The city should take steps to actively promote what makes Boise different - or we will lose it. We are losing it. Greeting people with a smile and a hello on the trails. Letting people in on the roads, and not being quick to honk. Our community spirit. Our pride in Boise. All the little things that make daily life more pleasant. We need to actively and explicitly promote our culture - welcome packets to new residents, advertising campaigns, etc. If we take it for granted, it will just be a memory.
97	Vibrant, lots of activities	Loss of natural habitat, traffic, housing becoming un-affordable for families	Protect land, alternative transportation (not just two blocks with no connection like St. Lukes), every development approved should include affordable housing, require solar on homes, have connectivity for alternative transportation.	Clean air and water, open space.
98	Boise is by and large a community that welcomes people, refugees in particular. Happy to see the Idaho State Historical Museum being renovated. The Spaulding Ranch acquisition is very exciting. Hope to see an urban demonstration farm inside the city. James Castle House is an amazing project. City Hall renovation is a big improvement. Enjoyed the chance to give public input for that. Thrilled to see the city acknowledging the native Americans who were here first.	I'm a little disturbed by all the hotels going up. I realize tourism is an economic engine and that Boise is a vibrant community but it seems a little much. I'm very disturbed about the steam roller that is the Boise downtown stadium. I actually like the idea of a downtown stadium but I don't think the area proposed will work. I don't think that area is blighted. Rather I see small affordable housing that apparently will be torn down once the area is designated for urban renewal. I'm also very disturbed by the Mayors comments about Hill road. I worry that we will be come a strip mall city like most other large urban areas. I'm also very concerned about the homeless population in Boise. It is a very visible reminder of the inequality of income distribution and the accompanying lack of affordable health care. I'm also concerned that, as a 38 year resident of Boise who has lived in the same home in SE Boise for 27 years, I couldn't afford to sell and replace my home. My son can't find a house he can afford. Yet our real estate market is considered quite affordable by people from surrounding states like Oregon, Washington and California. How do we manage this? Those people are coming in and paying cash for houses. Wage earners in Boise can't compete.	Managing the explosive growth so that we don't make the mistakes of SoCal, Phoenix, Albuquerque and so on. Make sure that infrastructure is paid for by developers. Work on light rail between Boise, Nampa and Caldwell to relieve the horrible congestion on the interstate. Attract higher paying jobs. Pass a \$15 min wage.	I live adjacent to the River Run Subdivision which was developed with housing that ranged from apartments, to condo's, to patio homes to full size homes. This kind of development encourages people of varying income levels to live together and form a community. Many Boise neighborhoods used to be the same way but that is changing.
99	I hate it what my hometown has become--a crowded, congested, no-place-to-park, expensive, mess.	Loss of farm land and open spaces. Traffic congestion and air quality. Quality of life--when I have to plan my days around the traffic and how long it is going to take me to get somewhere (allowing for congestion) the quality of life is diminishing. It used to be easy and quick to get across town but no longer. It is a freaking nightmare.	Farms and open space.	Farms and open space. I realize this is more of an Ada County/Treasure Valley issue but as Boise grows it pushes people out and we are losing our farms at an alarming rate.

		Blatant disregard for the West side of Boise (which should really be annexed to Meridian) and our politics/values. This is evident in the garbage/recycling/composting changes we are now ridiculous to follow, and I have a hard time believing is actually environmentally or fiscally friendly because of the extra trucks and labor needed. Forced participation in these programs by charging more for opting out is frustrating. Also, the new stadium makes me irate. I don't want to pay for that. Something of that scale should support itself or shouldn't be around. But developers who have the ear of the city council seem to be more important than the citizens. And definitely more important than the West Boise citizens. Traffic and infrastructure growth to keep up with growth. I do NOT want a new transit system downtown. The cost for something like that when the bus system isn't utilized would be foolish. If you feel you must do something along this vein, then improve the efficiency and attractiveness of the current bus system. What this does mean to me is planning with ACHD to build roads that will handle growth in the future, so road construction going on now is not out of date in a year's time. I worry the growth and influx of people moving in from California will bring their politics with them and change our city and state from a fiscally conservative area to an area that increases taxes at every whim, and then years down the road wonders why we have lost what makes us different from the state they left. But there's not much the city can do about that.			
100	The Greenbelt has stayed intact.		Infrastructure planning.	The Greenbelt and parks.	
101	A diversity of opportunities	The transportation system is not keeping pace with the development of subdivisions. Developers should pay for upgraded road systems. The city seems only to care about an expanded tax base. Growth seems to be the only thing Boise cares about. I would like us to retain an identity, some small town charm.	Transportation corridors keeping pace with development.	Quality over quantity. Unrestrained growth is not always the best solution.	
102	The parks are wonderful, lots of opportunity to get outside and enjoy them and the activities they offer. More entertainment opportunities	The lack of affordable housing, a road system that is not keeping up with growth, horrible traffic congestion, and construction seeming to be 'let's build something on every bit of open land'. The growth in west Boise has been phenomenal but the roads aren't able to handle the traffic; Maple Grove, Five Mile, Cloverdale, are all packed with traffic. More subdivisions are being built but the roads are not expanded to deal with the traffic.	Dealing with the road capacity (or quit building until the roads are improved) and finding ways to have affordable housing for folks just starting out and for those with lower incomes.	Parks, outdoors, community events....and the travel means to get to them and enjoy them.	
103	The new transit station downtown, JUMP, beautification of downtown, and increasing diversity.	Traffic patterns and unaffordable housing.	Both are crucial and of equal importance to me.	The great incorporation or nature that we have, I hope that never is lost. I grew up in Seattle and love how intergrated into nature Boise is. Hoping it never loses that.	
104	Some attractive infill, improved bike ways (but more needed). Growing cultural diversity. Wonderful city arts.	Urban sprawl & loss of agricultural lands Traffic	Ways to make it easy for citizens not to have to drive: bikeways, mass transit, walkable streets	Beautiful parks & open spaces. Trees. Walkable downtown. Empowered neighborhoods.	
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107	New parks, revitalized Linen District, new Hill Road, bike lanes. More traffic circles. The whole world uses them; maybe we should notice. Traffic moves instead of idling on the street. BoDo. The Saturday market. More downtown activities.	City Hall, in particular Mayor Bieter, is out of touch with his constituents, and more interested in accommodating large development interests. St Luke's now blocks traffic flow from down town to the East End. After a year of new road construction, every day there is a traffic jam from Fort St, around the east side of St Luke's, to the streetlight at Main and Warm Springs. It is gridlock for at least an hour in the afternoon. The new roads are not able to carry more traffic. St Luke's now has a ridiculous 6 foot wide "safe passage" walkway, 3 feet from the existing sidewalk. How many people walk in a circle around St. Luke's?; it is a green belt to no where. The downtown bus depot was extremely expensive. Why wasn't some of the vacant land just west of down town used? . The trolley? We need mass transit between Nampa and Boise, not a downtown circulator that no one will use. And the proposed stadium? Bluntly, if the stadium and the trolley get built, the Mayor and City Council will need to find new jobs. Even the new plaza in front of City Hall is not usable. The area needed trees, shade, so people might meet and sit outside. Instead there is a hot concrete plaza that people hurry across. The ugly rusty leaf blades do nothing to enhance the space.	Quality of life for existing residents, Affordable housing close in. The North End has more mercedes than bicycles. Neighborhood Parks — more of them. Bike lanes that provide real transit roots through town— not ones that are six feet wide for a block and then narrow to a non existent shoulder. City staff that are attentive to their citizen's needs and interests. Planning and Zoning staff seem to be more interested in finding a way to say "no," so the public will go away, than in looking for a way to say yes.	Parks, shade, trees. Bike lanes that kids can use. People drive to Julia Davis to ride on the Greenbelt. There should be neighborhood parks throughout the city. Kids should be able to ride their bikes to school. Find a way for mass transit to Nampa. I -84 is a parking lot almost every day.	
108	More job opportunities, business opportunities and business growth. Cool new buildings, national recognition,	Increase in crime, loss of small-city feel, loss of green/natural/virgin space, increase traffic, congested streets and long commutes.	Traffic	Foothills!!!!	
109	The growth of downtown businesses indicates a healthy economy.	The expansion of vehicular traffic and the need for clean, crime-free public transportation.	Responsible growth that plans for alternative transportation sources.	"Boise nice."	
110	positive growth and changes with the greenbelt, increased foot traffic downtown, enhanced BSU campus, greater employment diversity.	Traffic, crime, architecturally unattractive/brown buildings everywhere, unsustainable water use by residents and new development	Crime. Keeping it low will always make it an attractive place to be.	Clean air, natural rivers, pedestrian and bike friendly downtown and neighborhoods	
111	None, we have over sold Idaho and Boise, been gone for years been back 6 year's, it's a mess, I'm second generation Idaho from Blackfoot, attend BSU 69 through 75.	We need RENT Controls... traffic...	Rent control, especially for seniors. That's me!	Stop downtown ball park planning, were getting to many Libs here..	

112	Greenbelt and paths	<p>1 Developers are running amok and unleashed. Further out from city center they are just rubber stamped instead of bringing the Greenbelts path, infrastructure (roads/schools) and improvements that would be suggested by building more homes. Don't get me started on parking that is lacking everywhere. Try to go to camel's back on the weekend and see all the cars on the narrow roads? Who thought that was a good idea?</p> <p>2 The City has no vision but growth and that is the worst way to run a city. What kind of city do you want to be if growth is your concern? New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Atlanta, Dallas? You can't control cost of housing with growth, look at all those cities... Did they get cheaper as they grew? There is one truth to all of them, you cannot grow you way to cheaper housing. Affordable housing would come from good jobs that pay for the more expensive housing. Need to be more realistic about commutes as Los Angeles found out that people will drive in their cars.</p>	<p>2 The City has no vision for growth and how that will help the average person. Tell me would spending money on a stadium help someone who's budget cannot afford the Boise State football tickets? Seems to be something that the 1% could enjoy and not anybody else. Not to mention the parking problem as the city forgets that most people can commute from Caldwell and other places to enjoy something like that. Heck Micron doesn't even have a rail system to work. I want managed growth with master plans for area's. Once it's built it's hard to make it better. Land from home's need to be paid for by ACHD for example. Building huge buildings close to major roads into downtown has the same problems. It's a pipe dream to think that everyone walks to work or even bikes. If that were true, you wouldn't have the famous 405 in Los Angeles CA and the freeway 710 also in Los Angeles has a problem that they couldn't connect it to another freeway because the homes would cost too much to do so. Boise already has a problem with not being able to get around the backside in the foothills. 184 ends in downtown instead of being a circle loop. Yeah un-managed growth scares me more than anything and would doom this city faster than a Los Angeles.</p>	<p>Growth will happen regardless of what people would do. Build more area's like the Boise river greenbelt and have more parking for them so people can enjoy them. Have a good master plan, narrow roads only help developer's and not a city that has snow it needs to push to the side. A narrow road uses less concrete and more houses can be built but it's not a good system for a city.</p>
113	there are really none. it has been a continuous downward spiral with infill, new development, traffic congestion and the terrible policies of the bitter administration	loss of quality of life.	quality of life and keeping open space open	getting aggressive bikes out of the foothills
114	None!	<p>The city and its surround suburbs did not keep pace with the growth with traffic. Meridian is a perfect example. Developers and neighborhood contractors didn't widen roads to compensate for the fluctuations to the people moving it. Most roads are only two lanes and the few five lane roads don't last long and then becomes a bottle neck two lane roads. Heading west is worse since the freeway goes from four to two lanes and then backs up for miles! Why hasn't ACHD put a another freeway on the north side of Ada County? Chinden Rd can't handle the traffic flow there and State Street is another consumed road with traffic which is going to get worse with Eagle booming. As more and more people keep moving here and homes continue being built, this city and its suburbs will not be able to expand accordingly. Things need to be done now and not wait to think about.</p>	<p>With the neighborhoods being built, make sure the builders widen the roads to compensate for the additional traffic flow on the roads.</p>	Parks
115	Smart open-space acquisitions—foothills levy is one of the best investments the city has ever made in its future. Growth has brought greater cultural and ethnic diversity, great restaurants.	Government is growing more distant from the people. Leadership is assuming too much power—electoral success brings hubris. Power corrupts; you begin thinking you know more than the people who elected you.	City officials must learn the skills of systematic development of informed consent.	The sense that we are neighbors.
116	Nice downtown, more diverse businesses	Lack of street infrastructure and planning for new subdivisions. ...just building here and there. And foremost the loss of farmland...build out in the desert.	Streets and public transportation	Farmland and iconic businesses and buildings
117	Greater expansion of cultural events, things to do (choice in eateries, happenings, concerts, etc).	Traffic, lack of affordable housing, sprawl.	Affordable housing	Open spaces
118	Increased diversity. Increased cultural events. Increased health care access.	Traffic. Parking. Urban sprawl. Unchecked growth. Lack of open space. Water issues.	Urban sprawl, open space and traffic.	Open space and walkability.
119	Like the growth, don't like the traffic. Positive change - the house I own is increasing in value.	The relentless effort by the current administration to make it bigger and faster. The increasing efforts to pack more into the city core is forcing far too much vertical development, too much of it with architecture that looks like it might have come from the old Communist Romania.	The official efforts to fuel and feed the growth. The growth will happen, no need to hyperventilate over it.	Historic buildings, keeping Boise a "walkable" city.
120	None	Horrible traffic congestion due to projects. Ugly architecture of new buildings and tearing down of city's charming old buildings. Claiming urban renewal in areas that don't need it. The increased concern for safety on our streets and in out homes.	The urban renewal of areas that should be left alone. Rezoning constantly for higher density that lacks charm and simply enriches developers. Increasing size of police force.	The charming old residential neighborhoods with or without historical designation being inundated by monster homes. Open spaces that are privately owned and not city purchases.
121	More access to nation wide amenities.	The thought given to the growth. Most of the emphasis is on downtown — even a circulator bus when there are parts of Boise that don't have access to any public transportation. A baseball park in downtown? That will snarl the traffic even worse	Downtown emphasis vs. the rest of the city Public transportation available for all	

122	<p>It's been nice to see downtown take-off Infill development although some of the design is questionable The hope that more growth will bring more services, more entertainment, greater demand for better jobs and so-on Regionally, it's been great to see what's happening in Garden City to more vibrant on the waterfront (I wish Boise would do this)</p>	<p>Unplanned nature of growth Lack of public transit (including the poor Level of Service that we have with existing transit options) Lack of race, ethnic diversity The fact that most people are moving in are retirees so we aren't actually growing new industries other than services Lack of affordable housing Lack of Pre-K Skyrocketing housing prices The lack of neighborhood activity centers Access of public services for everyone Not many good paying jobs How the comprehensive plan is not really followed when it should be Lack of developers knowing what is good design and how to serve the city Lack of transparency about how decisions get made Terrible development (hodgepodge) in the North End of new houses Lost of historic places Development in places that don't make sense (storage units on the river) Concerns that people moving here are not inclusive in their thinking Emphasis on building roads and not thinking enough about bikes and other forms of transportation Don't want to turn into Florida or Fort Collins I've heard that the City is trying to shut-down opportunities for public input on development</p>	<p>Affordable housing Lack of diversity Thoughtful planning Transportation Lack of living wages and an economy with good jobs</p>	<p>Art and cultural scene Its history Of course, the public lands and greenbelt Living wages Equitable economic development Affordable housing</p>	
123	<p>Spreading out the city into Meridian, Eagle, Star, Caldwell, and Kuna. The regional area is growing and that's attractive to families and businesses. It's so much better than those west coast cities that try to limit growth and end up putting policies in place that make housing prices unaffordable.</p>	<p>1) That someone will implement "smart" growth and try to restrict single family home building. 2) That Boise might ruin public transportation by trying to build light rail, sucking all the dollars out of transit and creating a huge boondoggle. This happens everywhere. Light rail is a vanity project for corrupt real estate developers and mayors. 3) The shortsightedness of not widening the arterial streets as development went west. 4) Fewer "new" residents share Boise's self-reliant ethic.</p>	<p>3) widening the arterial surface streets/synching lights to improve traffic flow and public safety.</p>	<p>The work ethic/cooperative independence that lets more people be successful.</p>	
124	<p>I appreciate that new parks are being added and open space is being preserved. In addition, as Boise has become more of a "real" city, I've noticed that things have generally improved in quality (e.g., food, services, etc.).</p>	<p>City government - I've been really disillusioned about how the city has approached growth. The mayor frames it as inevitable, which is true, but I think the city can exert more control over how it occurs, rather than pretend its hands are tied. I think the point at which I stopped trusting the city government was when Scott Ludwig was appointed to the city council. He doesn't seem capable of pushing back on big money developers, probably because he is one himself. He was exactly the wrong choice (older white male wealthy Republican developer) to address growth in a fair manner in Boise. Growth patterns - Why do we keep on approving developments consisting mainly of single family homes that are miles away from any commercial development? Bown Crossing is held up as a great example and yet I'm not seeing anything like it. Transit - it has gotten worse in pretty much every way. You guys know this and there's the whole ACHD/local option tax problems, so I'm sure you are as/more frustrated than I am.</p>	<p>Find some way to limit the influence of real estate money on the city government.</p>	<p>I want to see Boise turn into a real city, rather than an endless sprawl of subdivisions and strip malls with no public transit.</p>	
125	<p>New people to our community bring new ideas and new opportunities that were either fiscally not feasible or even considered previously.</p>	<p>I'm concerned that we have made zero progress with regard to public transportation - reminds me of the Boise Redevelopment Agency of the 1970's and 1980's. There is a very vocal group that has an almost NIMBY attitude that growth is okay somewhere else, just not their neighborhood. It seems especially in the downtown Boise core area, lots of square boxes get approved for building, but anything different has to fight like hell to get it approved. As Boise has grown there are more events on public roadways and I feel that these are very poorly communicated to the community in general. Finally, it seems like an influx of homeless have arrived here.</p>	<p>Valley wide public transportation solutions.</p>	<p>Encouraging the small town feel in our different areas of Boise. Boise has grown too much for the entire city to feel like a small town, but we can certainly encourage that feel in lots of different locations. I feel like the Northwestern edges of Boise are in desperate need for parks and they are feeling a little bit neglected compared to other areas.</p>	
126	<p>I know this is ACHD but like more bike paths on the roads, changing configuration of Emerald. Updates to Greenbelt near Americana. More dog parks and excited to see new Housing for chronically homeless.</p>	<p>Traffic, losing the small city feel, losing local business and being like every other city with only chain restaurants and retail. The proposed stadium. Switch it with the propose CWI property.</p>	<p>Keep working on being welcoming to all people. More affordable housing in addition to the new place by Urban Ascent. Mass transit if legislators ever let us do a local option. Keep good balance of green and high density buildings.</p>	<p>The walkability, small city with lots of green space for all people including more fenced dog parks</p>	

127	I enjoy the vibrant downtown with the variety of local restaurants and public markets and activities that have increased in numbers over the years and grown in size. I also enjoy the addition of, and improvement to, the many Boise parks. Finally, the emphasis on safe biking routes is also a welcome positive change.	The lack of satisfactory public transportation. I grew up in Boise and went to college in Portland, OR in the late 1990s then moved back a couple years after graduation. The inability to get around town other than by my car or bike is my major concern. I fear that this is only going to get worse and harder to solve as more and more time passes. I also am concerned about affordable housing for the low to moderate income Boise residents, who are quickly being displaced by the current housing market.	Public transportation	Open space, parks, and maintain a healthy Boise river,
128	I enjoy the unique development we have, such as White Water Park, Anne Frank Memorial and the Basque Block, Freak Alley, The Grove, etc. We continue to innovate locally and invest in local businesses, arts, people which helps set us apart from other cities. Development like the LIV District and Bown Crossing and neighborhoods like the North End are promising and more of that can help us as a city rely less on cars. They also harbor a better sense of community than other neighborhoods	Our reliance on cars and the congestion and pollution that comes with it. As a city we should push our neighboring cities to invest more in Valley Ride so we can improve public transit between us, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa and Caldwell. Much of our traffic seems to stem from that and if there was a fast and frequent alternative such as a bus route then I think our traffic issue could seriously improve. The affordability is also very concerning. Less than 1% of rentals are currently available and housing prices are soaring. We need to focus on building more housing, including small infill development within neighborhoods. Any empty lot can be a potential for a 6 plex that appeals to the neighborhood character, and adds more than just one house on a lot. More focus on mixed use and apartment development and less on single family housing. Also many of our new or renovated buildings are beautiful, I think trying to influence more unique architecture that plays to our individuality. Modern architecture is good and businesses like LocalConstruct are creating beautiful buildings, but I would like to see us take a modern play on traditional architecture seen in buildings like the Idanha or Adellmann Building.	Housing affordability and Public transit investment/pushing neighbor cities to invest more.	The growing activeness of our city! There is a lot more do to and to explore and fostering those kind of things. Treefort, Story Story Night, Boise Classic Movies, etc. are programs that come to mind that provide to our uniqueness.
129	I don't think there are positive changes. Housing costs are horrible, traffic is horrible, our hospitals are hard pressed to keep up with patient loads, crime has gone up, job opportunities are diminishing, illicit drug use is going up, homelessness is going up, and the only plan I see coming from city hall is to keep cramming more and more people into the Treasure Valley.	Growth is out of control, completely irresponsible and bound to overwhelm the community infrastructure on every level.	Traffic needs to be the priority as that has the most direct impact on health and public safety.	I would love to see conservative values become important in Boise but unfortunately with the influx of California liberals, I fear we will soon be just another overtaxed, freedomless socialist hellhole like we see in California. We already see this taking place since the mayor and the city counsel took it upon themselves to selectively express outrage at president Trump enforcing immigration laws when they were mysteriously silent while Obama did the same thing during his administration. It's hypocritical, embarrassing and something only a liberal would do and does not speak for everyone in Boise, and yes, there are more people living in Boise besides your North End liberal hipster XXXX buddies. (Learn the meaning of the word "condone" by the way)
130	More places to shop, increases to property values, so I am no longer underwater with my mortgage.	Traffic and the lack of affordable housing. Our wages do not match the price of housing.		Parks, Open Space, and large private property lot sizes.
131	The increased diversity in people and businesses. Increased public transportation.	Availability of housing. Parking issues. Culture shift (less of the small-town friendliness).	Availability of housing. As a married professional in my 20s, I had hoped to buy a home soon, but with the current climate, it is increasingly difficult as people move here with higher paid remote jobs and take the cheaper housing options that current residents would like. Rent costs are also increasing so fast that general inflation/salary increases cannot keep up. This issue has potential to push many long-time residents out of Boise.	Friendly, open culture. Greenbelt access. Brewery and winery options.
132	This community has so much more to offer - vibrant downtown, excellent restaurants and entertainment, and events. There is pride in the community and its shows in how old and new neighborhoods are transforming. Boise has also grown up, now offering an inclusive environment for people from all walks of life. The City has seen positive changes in the past several years. But its at a tipping point in my opinion.	Lack of downtown residential growth. We have a lack of affordable housing, the most popular neighborhoods (based on selling cost per square foot) are in around the central business district, and we have increasing gridlock on our roads - a product of commuting from one area to another. Although there is no single answer, a start would be encouraging residential development in downtown Boise. It is a shame that every approved project is office space, hotels, or 5-story condos and townhouses. It's time for someone to have the vision to build high-rise residential offerings in Boise. A near-crisis level shortage of residential housing across Boise needs to be addressed and developers should be held more accountable. Transportation is a huge issue in Boise, but every conversation seems to be about commuter trains to Canyon County, public transportation, and I-84. Has anyone looked at a map lately? Much of the growth in the valley is in the northwest. Eagle Road is a nightmare. Commuting down Chinden, Fairview, or State Street is awful and not a viable long term option for the Valley. It's time to start addressing the fact that we are will soon be a metro of 1 million+ and most of the City's population commutes down minor arteries with 30 mph speed limits and stoplights every half mile. The valley desperately needs more high-speed arteries, not just more lanes on I-84 and more buses.	Housing and transportation go hand-in-hand and are the biggest issues the city faces in my opinion.	Keep neighborhood history - particularly in key neighborhoods like downtown, the North End, Hyde Park, etc. is important. But I also feel that historic preservation and ownership rights need to be weighed. I disagree with other residents that feel that something needs to be preserved just because its old and I feel like the City sometimes overreaches when it comes to residential properties.

133	- Bike infrastructure improvements - Continued development and maintenance of foothill trails	- The lack of affordable housing	Lack of affordable housing is obviously a problem in Boise, the Treasure Valley and pretty much anywhere in the country that is desirable and has jobs. It seems that Boise has put a priority on working with major developers to create housing and get out ahead of the housing shortages. This is a good thing for the economy, but the downside is that new development typically is very costly and would not be considered affordable. Where I think the City of Boise and surrounding municipalities can increase affordable housing options is by introducing ways to incentivize homeowners to add housing units on their property. Examples include ADU's and single home conversions into duplexes. This maintains the look and integrity of the neighborhood while potentially providing an income source to help fund home improvements. Current law in Boise requires that if a homeowner adds an ADU to their property, that property will then be required to have the owner occupy one of the housing units forever. This in effect disincentivizes homeowners to add affordable housing units in existing structures such as garages or basements and drives some of these improvements under ground and out of the purview of the housing department. I feel that if the city changed this law and also reduced permit costs for ADU's and duplex conversions on existing properties affordable housing options would increase and traffic may be reduced. The City of Portland initiated some of these methods a few years ago and was able to improve affordable housing options in closer proximity to economic hubs.	Walkability and bikability are two common denominators for a vibrant city. I feel that if the city continues to promote this type of infrastructure, healthy development will continue.
134	I love to see all of the road improvement and the attention to better defining bike lanes. I am so excited about a new Main Library and I love the library branches. The new restaurants and hotels downtown are great - it is wonderful to be part of such an ALIVE city!	Traffic, of course, but that is slowly being addressed. I hate it when people complain about road blockages, etc. If they don't like the city they should just leave. Utilizing the downtown for events is wonderful. I wish we had better public transportation.	Public transportation throughout the Valley - not just the downtown core. That is public transportation that is frequent and throughout the day and late into the night. We don't necessarily have to use large busses. Why not try some 15-20 passenger vans or smaller busses. An electric train/trolley would be nice too, of course.	Bicycling and pedestrian paths/routes. However, I am opposed to electric bikes on the Greenbelt or on the sidewalks. They are a motorized vehicle and should be treated as such. Also, all the ridge to river trails.
135	Vibrant and diverse downtown. Restaurants, live music, breweries, greenbelt links. Re-imagination and re-purpose of classic old architecture (though not as complete as it can be).	Traffic, sprawl. Lack of defined neighborhood identities...not just Downtown. Lack of coordination/communication (respect??) between ACHD and the City (really..... new projects built by ACHD to be torn down within months for new construction previously approved by the City)	Mapping neighborhood identities, and revising/modernizing plans for transportation and growth that maintain these unique identities.	Preservation of old town. Incentives to fill the empty office and retail spaces still there with LOCAL talent. Keep big chains in Meridian. This can include better global circulation (perimeter parking and transportation nodes, free/nominal gas shuttles to city...see Santa Barbara shuttle system at Wharf).
136	Growth brings more businesses and services.	Infrastructure will lag behind the growth.	Emphasis needs to be on expanded infrastructure.	Friendly environment, Parks and Trails system
137	Things to do!!	Horrible traffic, big developers taking over.	Traffic We night a light-rail system to get folks across town more easily...NOT just the stupid 'circulator' downtown, that the mayor wants!	Parks
138	An increase in diversity, growth of parks, funding for arts and history projects, maintenance of the greenbelt and other recreation areas. I am very excited that Boise began municipal composting. That was huge!	Traffic, increased homeless population, exponential rise in the cost of housing, development of valuable urban agricultural areas.	Cost of living (primarily housing) for middle and low income working residents.	Affordable housing, access to public transportation, open space, recreation, dog parks, farmers markets. I'd like to see the urban agricultural policies promoted.
139	More vibrant downtown and more cultural activities	Cost of living, traffic, crime	Cost of living. The city plays a role by being a business friendly city which results in wage growth and also through planning and zoning, which will allow housing supply keep up with demand.	Quality of life, i.e. traffic mitigation, public transportation, education, etc. Candidly, I am livid with how the city was willing to sacrifice an entire neighborhood (the Bench) for the F-35s. I am worried that city council will be willing to do something similar in the future that will hurt those neighborhoods in which the council does not care, i.e. anywhere but the NorthEnd, Foothills, and downtown.
140	More diversity, more community events, more social service providers	Traffic infrastructure, housing affordability	Housing affordability	Community events and culture of togetherness
141	More cultural and restaurant options. More vibrant downtown.	City Hall approving large projects without consideration of how they affect existing historic neighborhoods. Increased traffic, congestion, and aggressive driving, especially around the St. Luke's downtown campus	More transparency. More respect for concerns of existing neighborhoods when they attend public hearings against new developments. All high density building is not good, there is a breaking point where high density becomes a negative and we are nearing that point (Denver, Austin are great examples of what not to become)	Respect for existing historic neighborhoods!! Do not sacrifice entire neighborhoods for development. More consideration to traffic and how additional development will impact traffic and existing neighborhoods. Variety of healthcare choices. St Lukes has become a monopoly and healthcare has gotten more expensive as a result. The Blue Cross statistics back this up.
142	With growth comes new business, and more careers that will likely pay more. I love seeing new things come to our city.	Housing prices are skyrocketing, and many places are now out of reach due to either high cost or being outbid by cash buyers. We need to bring prices back down to something more reasonable. We need to improve our transit. The bus system needs to operate later in the day and on weekends. We need a light rail between Caldwell and Boise to reduce congestion on I-84 and the connector. Address vehicle congestion especially at choke points. Major roads need to be widened, especially bridges that cross I-84 like Five Mile and Cloverdale. Parking downtown can be tough. I think the recent meter changes are fine and the ParkBOI site is useful, but I hope to see more garages.	Housing affordability.	Preservation of historic homes and structures is always nice to see. Being a bicycle friendly community is great.
143	greenbelt is wonderful!	traffic gridlock	GOOD MASS TRANSIT!	

144	More diversity is a good thing for the city. Having different people with different perspectives is positive. The economic boost to the community is good for business, though not necessarily good to citizens.	Boise, and the surrounding cities, are NOT prepared to handle the growth. Everyone talks about the growth constantly, but there are no good plans in place to provide the growth. Blueprint Boise has no teeth- meaning a developer can easily sidestep it as it's NOT city code, but rather a suggestion of how to grow. Transportation, infrastructure, protecting open space, education, and all the other issues attached to growth are concerning. The lack of collaboration between cities and other agencies is very concerning. We can't plan in a bubble.	Collaborative planning to handle growth (because growth is more intense beyond city limits) is essential. Working with Meridian, ACHD (possibly the most important partner), Kuna, the state, and others to accommodate growth needs to happen. Being prepared, and quickly because this is happening now, is crucial. Try to be proactive, rather than reactive, in addressing the growth is important.	Bikeability. Not having the sprawl other cities have would be good to preserve. There's already some of that on the south and west sides of town, so curbing that would be a positive. Protecting our open spaces (parks and foothills) is a vital piece of keeping Boise Boise.	
145	New ideas, new people, growth, economic booms	The unwillingness of people to have density and embrace urban lifestyles. Boise is a city, not a rural area, if you want farmland, move elsewhere. I'm concerned that people set in their ways will hold the city back from experiencing great growth like Salt Lake City or Portland. I would love to see a denser, fuller city that trickles out into suburbs and farmlands on the fringes. But the core of Boise should be dense with tall buildings.	Public transit, high buildings to keep downtown dense, more parking garages underneath new buildings.	I like how small and walkable downtown is, nothing is too far away. However, better public transit would be better, commuter rails, better buses, etc to enjoy night life safely from areas that are further from downtown. Uber and lyft are great but riding a train or bus into downtown would be better and more cost effective.	
146	For more information on ALICE, please visit: https://www.unitedwaytv.org/alice-report	<p>With growth comes many opportunities for economic development. Seeing this city, that I and so many others love, explode with new development is exciting, yet a little intimidating and can make one feel melancholy over the changes occurring so quickly because there is so much that Boise has to offer that makes it great- from the Greenbelt, to downtown entertainment and art, a bustling university, outdoor recreation, great restaurants, businesses and plenty of things to do, you name it, we have it! I know people are concerned of how that will change or evolve with more people moving here, yet the growth continues to make increasing these types of things we all love a developmental dream to expand upon.</p> <p>Growth, like we are experiencing, is one way that provides employment and development opportunities, of all sorts. It also increases revenue for our area and state which is great. However, on the flip side, the economic changes that we are seeing and the job creation that this growth is fueling, isn't creating the same kinds of opportunities or jobs for vulnerable families that fall into our "ALICE" or Working Poor population, and it is pushing these individuals further out from where job hubs are in the city and surrounding areas. People are losing their homes to development and landlords that can sell the home they rent now to make a profitable earning.</p> <p>The job market is booming, but needs to consider how to also create jobs for our ALICE folks to take advantage of. We need to provide necessary training, education and actionable skills to have opportunities of higher earning jobs available to this population that will further take them and their families down a path of success and help remove barriers to financial stability and sufficiency.</p> <p>I am most concerned about affordable housing and how this growth is further dividing, and creating even more barriers to low income folks. Boise is special for a reason, the people, the place and the friendliness of how inviting our city is, are all things that draw people here. I don't want to see the charm and things that make us all love Boise disappear because of how rapidly we are growing. There is a huge sense of community here, we can't lose that!</p> <p>We need to continue to work on improving transportation systems, and alternative transportation to better accommodate how we serve a growing city's mobility.</p> <p>It's imperative that we are strategic in the way that we approach new development to avoid urban sprawl and building subdivisions that aren't connected to anything. Open land is important and a value of a lot of Idahoans.</p>	<p>All of them :-)... Affordable housing, job development opportunities for vulnerable families/working poor and transportation, strategic development to avoid sprawl and disconnecting communities, schools, and neighborhoods.</p>	<p>The charm and quaintness of Boise being a "little big city". I talk to so many people that don't want the 'secret' of Boise to get out because they love how wonderful Boise is and know that with major growth, these things they hold with admiration will inevitable change in some manner.</p> <p>Boise is a city that you still know your neighbors, can make new friends that quickly feel like old friends, and you feel safe in our city. It's a city that is clean and beautiful and has opportunities and an abundance of things that appeal to many people.</p> <p>I'd like to see us keep our sense of community and our good ol' fashioned Idaho hospitality. Boise is so special; it's a city that can't lose it's prior identity because it is growing and changing so much. There needs to be areas of Boise left undeveloped. I know we need housing, and we are in housing crisis, but the sprawl and loss of agricultural land does in some ways break my heart as a 5th generation Idahoan that has family roots in farming. We need our open spaces, our foothills and those places that still remind us that we are the West and we have mountains, rivers and open lands to enjoy.</p> <p>Historical maintenance is crucial, and not just artifacts in a museum, to keep and preserve the past and history of what has made Boise great, we must not lose the old with the new, but accommodate for the expansion and keep our 'little big city' charm.</p> <p>As we grow, I hope that we will preserve our passion for the people that live here and how we can especially serve those that are going to be most affected and displaced by the growth.</p>	
147	The re-sale value of homes is amazing. The shopping, dining, and things to do are abundant.	I am terrified for what the commute around town is going to look like over the next 10-20 years. We need a public transit system badly but the funding for something like that seems outrageous at this point. Eagle Road and Chinden for example always seem to be a disaster. There is simply NO good way out to Eagle from anywhere unless you live in the State Street area. The congestion on the freeway during rush-hour is awful. Along-side that, while the seller's market is fantastic, being a buyer is terrifying. It is my single greatest fear for the next year, where I will be in the market to sell/purchase again. I'm VERY worried I will have nowhere to go because prices are so insane and inventory is so low. I am combining households with someone and we are STILL concerned about the purchase price in spite of the fact that we will also both be sellers in such a hot market.	Public transit/traffic.	The historical spaces, the open park areas, the foothills and Boise river, and the overall cleanliness of our city. Boise is FAMILY friendly to all families; blended, same-sex, adopted, on and on. I would hate to see Boise become unclean, with no regard to culture and diversity.	
148	The addition of family friendly parks and recreation	Lack of affordable housing, traffic & affordable programs for children.	Affordable housin. & traffic	Outdoor parks & strong community	
149	College of western idaho became accredited. Jobs and economy	Areas of Boise which were homes to wildlife and in native states have already disappeared. Not enough is being done to preserve our native lands and our farm lands. Our farms are being pushed farther out as the cities grow. We need to work on preservation. Once these areas are developed there is no going back. While the economy may be growing and good for newcomers. It poses a threat to the quality of life for current residents. The high increases in rent does not compete with wages. Our youth and low income who have contributed to this community lose opportunity to live the american dream of owning or renting. Property management companies make it really hard by expecting residents to have 3 times rent on rental properties. It is no wonder homelessness and poverty is on the rise. These issues, think 30 years from now are going to have high impacts on the beauty of our city and the quality of life will not sustain. Look at other cities where this has happened, high crime goes with poverty. We will see an increase in crime due to poverty and mental illness goes up as well when people barely survive to make basic needs.	I feel everyone needs to make preservation a priority. Take a leave no trace approach to living. We need to change the way we recycle not just due to chinas laws. We need more community gardens. Positive thinking is contagious and if we can all do this starting with our children. Show them farming and preservation at elementary level. Agriculture is okay to have in schools not just the schools in farming areas. Promote FFA. Support nonprofits which give people back health.	More wildlife refuges. To preserve native state. And laws to protect farm lands/family farms. I hope my input makes a difference. Thank you so much for reading.	

150	Downtown urban growth (restaurants, housing, parks, new buildings), capital infrastructure investments (roadway improvements, ROW improvements, new parks), and increased job opportunities.	Suburban sprawl in adjacent communities of Eagle, Star, Kuna, Meridian with the lack of connectivity of transportation and the lack of communication and coordination between those jurisdictions with the City of Boise, COMPASS and ACHD.	Coordination with other jurisdictions. The positive outcomes of that coordination are not evident as well as any visible output from COMPASS. We need mass transit to survive the growth. I unequivocally support train-system infrastructure between the cities.	Bikeways, including but not limited to the greenbelt system and river front access. Thank you!	
151	None. I am not concerned with the "vibe" of downtown. Nor do I care about the latest restaurant opening.	The increased cost of living due to escalating property taxes, vehicle registration fees, proposed taxes from our progressive government, i.e. levy's to support affordable housing and the absurd trolley. In other words direct and indirect costs to me are far, far greater than any benefit received from the growth.	The progressive local government. There needs to be fiscally conservative people in charge who will not rubber stamp whatever project comes across the desk. Growth in and of itself is not healthy.	The "small town" atmosphere. PS The credibility of this survey has to be questionable. There seem to be no controls preventing individuals from submitting numerous responses.	
152	commercial changes to downtown to make a pleasant urban experience	overcrowding parcels of land with housing, infrastructure not in place prior to any housing let alone the overcrowding	infrastructure first then responsible housing	green space, parks,	
153	- I don't think there has been positive changes, but if I had to say one thing, it's been the bicycle infrastructure downtown.	- Although bicycle infrastructure downtown is decent, the rest of the city is abysmal for cyclists. The best way to deal with growing traffic demands is by reducing the need for people to drive by making the city more pedestrian friendly, creating safe bicycle infrastructure, improving public transportation and dedicate entire blocks to be car free zones. Creating safer roads will also greatly decrease the cost and pressure it's forcing on our healthcare systems to handle the growing number of car accident injuries. - Idaho has among the lowest incomes in the country. If income does not keep up with growth of the city, the growth pattern will either be reversed or force a lot of people with these lower income on the streets. I'm already highly considering moving out of state next year as are some of my coworkers.	- Bicycle infrastructure. Forget about downtown. That's good. Focus on the rest of the city. This is the primary reason why I want to move. Bicycle infrastructure is among the worst I have seen. I shouldn't have to ride on the sidewalk, but it's the only way I can ride to work safely. That is unacceptable.	- To touch on income and cost of living. If there were to be a law to put a limit on rent costs, something along the lines of income based or tied to the average income of a particular area of city, it will help stop slumlords by charging as much as they unfairly want until they force their tenants on the streets. For many of us, we don't have a choice but to pay what landlords want us, because we need a place to live. I'm not working my ass off just to pay someone else's mortgage while they sit by the pool, drinking their margaritas.	
154	Diversity, increased patronage for the arts	Loss of Boise character, loss of open space, traffic congestion and added pollution due to poor transportation options	Transportation	The friendly, welcoming attitude that is reflected frequently by our Mayor and Council, for example, in their recent statement regarding the treatment of immigrant families and children.	
155	Downtown, whitewater Parkway/Simplot Park, Hill Rd and 36th roundabout	I have a neighbor who goes to the bathroom in a bucket, her house is 2 story health code violation. I have been reaching out to city, county, state for years. Code enforcement to law enforcement, Charity to mental health, no substantive change. He Boise can't handle her now, what happens when we get bigger?	Responsible growth, insuring our population does shoot up and allow infrastructure and support services to fall behind.	I live 15 minutes from anywhere in town.	
156	I can't think of any.	No transit system.	Transit system, and get rid of our mayor.	Historical buildings.	
157	New opportunity for entry level jobs. Still safe city	Bringing in weak jobs that don't pay competitively with Salt Lake. Anytime you grow, you run the risk of bringing in too many people who had a hand in wrecking Seattle and Portland only to try same liberal policies here. Boise is more than the North end and downtown, and it's citizens are not all liberals. Your first survey was under 600 people and is a joke in regards to where the participants come from. Hopefully this will be more representative of all citizens.	Maintaining conservative family values.	Family events, strong parks across the whole city not just downtown and stop wasting money on wrecked homeless initiatives. They aren't underemployed. Most are drunks and junkies and the city continues to feed that.	
158	Downtown places to live, work, etc.	Too many homeless, crime, not enough public transportation for workforce	Crime - more officers: public transportation that brings workers from inexpensive housing to work places, and winter road	Parks, not over control of residential streets, stop putting speed bumps and roundabouts, family environments	
159	New local businesses	Infrastructure is not in place to handle the growth		Parks and outdoor recreation. And of course keep reminding the transplants they are in Boise and should be nice	
160	We just moved here 7 months ago. What we appreciate most is the cultural diversity and easy accessibility to so many amenities.	Ability of the transportation system to keep up. Real estate values crashing at some point.	Easing traffic congestion and offering alternative transportation methods	Green belt and local businesses	
161	New up scale places, new architecture, new emphasis on high tech development	Roadways, pollution, affordable housing, wildlife	Commute times and congested roads	Wildlife protection and access pathways to river	
162		Housing. Not only does Boise have a critical need for low income housing it has a crisis in moderate priced rentals also.	I think Boise as it is now does a great job of reaching and catering to a higher income group of people but falls on its face when dealing with the residents who do not live, work and recreate downtown. There are so few activities for moderate to low income children. Sports, dance, pools, water facilities, the Y are all priced out of reach for far too many families. I would like to see Boise focus on the whole city not just the foothills and downtown.	I love the preservation of acreage in the foothills, keep it up! It is truly an investment for our future.	
163	I love how downtown Boise and parts of Garden City have become popular urban spots. I like the shift to more environmentally friendly ways of living. The growth of the community events.	Public schools, public transportation	Public trans	Table rock, freak alley, Idaho pen, properties on historical streets (warm springs/harrison), public spaces and parks,	
164	The artwork coming to downtown	I grew up in Seattle. Natives can't afford to live there anymore. I have had numerous bad experiences with bicyclists. They can take down my license plate but I can't take theirs. Free parking in downtown is going away so I rarely eat or attend events down there anymore. The view from the depot to the Capitol is being gobbled up	maintaining sky sight	Lack of graffiti and trash downtown. I hate the new hotels that are eating away at the sunlight and love the artwork	
165	not much positive about it. maybe more flights available.	that the city & surrounding area is becoming unlivable due to increased traffic, congestion, crime, etc. Too many people competing for too few opportunities	slow down and be smarter about it. impact fees should be at least tripled to slow down the rapid development and greed and get the infrastructure developed as things change instead of years after the change/development occurs. No more ready, fire, aim.	slow growth down to reasonable levels. the growth has driven real estate so high that most of my 13 employees have to live in other cities just to find a house they can afford. These are people that for the most part, make over 50k a year.	
166	more businesses/job opportunities	overcrowding (loss of space both living and outdoors), crime, schools, traffic/lack of infrastructure	infrastructure, crime	outdoor life especially trails for biking/walking, parks, family focus	
167	I do not think that there have been any positive changes with the rapid growth of the area.	When I think of the rapid growth of the area I think of more crime, more pollution, more traffic, less green space - all the reasons why Boise was a great place to live, low crime rate, beautiful clean air, not a long commute and lots of areas to roam.	reduce the urban sprawl, and traffic control.	I have loved Boise because of its smaller size and sense of community. With the growth everything that I have loved about Boise is going away. Looks like it is time to move.	
168	lots of good restaurants and things to do for entertainment.	a whole bunch of cheap housing for immigrants and illegal aliens is going up all over the place. why don't you build some housing just for American citizens that are poor?	figuring out ways to curb illegal immigration in the hiring of illegal aliens to work in Boise	good old Western European values. God family country that kind of thing. what I would like to see the city of Boise not do is cater to a bunch of immigrants	

169	Growth boosts the economy and helps businesses stay strong. But there are more negatives than positives	Traffic is horrible! plain and simple and there are not enough traffic cops available to actually do their job well. the speeding and road rage on the city streets is so dangerous and thoughtless. it's scary. Home/apartment rental prices are total out of range. the average person makes 10 bucks and hour and can't afford a roof over their heads now...	affordable housing for the citizens that want to live and work here but seriously can not afford the rent.	the parks, the greenbelt, the clean city streets. We have a great place to live. Let's keep it that way.
170	More financial flow of the economy.	Overgrowth too quickly. Transportation not well thought out to handle booming growth. Cost of living to cost of wages are becoming a bigger divide because of out of state people moving here. Public education needs to be looked at and massive improvements needs to be done.	What the City if Boise can do of what I just listed is to better plan for the massive growth explosion which can be a good thing, currently it is not being handled well.	Keeping Boise values and Idaho Values whole and intact.
171	The ability to provide feedback on development proposals that don't align with the community development plans and working with the developers to modify. The downtown development has been great as well.	1. Traffic patterns, Boise lacks a major north/south freeway 2. Keeping Boise foothill development to a minimum 3. future development growth direction and traffic 4. Keeping ahead of the population demands on downtown (parking, etc); 5. Many areas approved for high density housing but a lack of commercial	Keeping ahead of the population growth with forward (10-20+ years) infrastructure	Boise foothills, Greenbelt (continue to expand and improve)
172	I'm loving it we are even getting better events in town cause of the growth.	the roads are not getting done fast enough	roads	
173	Growth while maintaining a decorum is a talent retained in the recent several years of growth.	Transportation issues/maintenance and updates of roadways in addition to traffic flow control. Building height increases can soil the Boise charm. Medical providers need to increase.	Traffic/road control, medical access increase and commercial and habitational building height restrictions.	Zero tolerance for crime, traffic infractions and general disobedience.
174	New businesses	Growing out, losing the open feel, traffic, public transportation. Too many residents that are transplants complaining about growth.	Build up, don't build out. Concentrate on minimalist housing subdivisions. Require renewable lawns with less water usage needs.	Stop making the top of the list for places to live? Build up, Not out.
175	Lots of growth at the university! New office space built downtown means more good-paying jobs, and I see lots of new restaurants and service jobs catering to recent transplants and Boiseans with more money in their pockets.	Housing stock is not keeping up with demand, and new development seems to be mostly suburban sprawl instead of affordable, high-density options. With the sprawl comes traffic, and transit infrastructure seems to prioritize single-driver cars over public transit options (commuter rail, bus rapid transit, etc.). I fear that development will come in the form of more traffic lanes, more freeways, and more sprawling homes and lawns.	Housing. Promoting affordable, multi-use, high-density housing options in or near the downtown core or Vista will make driving less necessary, create concentrated audiences for local businesses, and make Boise a vibrant, enjoyable place to be.	Keep the foothills free of development. Keep the greenbelt as a functional recreation place as well as a commuter pathway. Keep pedestrianizing downtown. Let Boise remain an affordable place to live.
176	There are a lot of areas that have been restored and are improving in quality like the neighborhoods on the Boise Bench for example. We've also had tremendous growth in job opportunities and companies wanting to open offices here. Alleyways and restaurants have improved greatly downtown and I feel like our culture is increasing in diversity. Higher quality concerts, hotels, exhibits, and restaurants are opening which is great. The economy is strong which means that more people are happier than ever. We now have a more bike-friendly city and seem to be moving more toward being environmentally friendly.	My main concern is housing and traffic/parking. I am 24 -- a college graduate who has a good job. Many of my friends are in the same situation, and yet, we cannot afford homes here or sometimes even rent here. Boise is now above the national average and it's a bummer that native Idahoans can't afford to live here because out-of-state people are moving here and driving up the prices. Traffic is also starting to get bad and will only get worse. Parking is limited as it is but will be more sparse as we grow. I'm worried that those moving here from out of state will not appreciate the resources we are given -- like the Boise River, Bogus Basin, the Greenbelt, running trails, etc. -- and will not take care of them.	From my perspective, both traffic and housing should be a priority. The general infrastructure we have cannot handle the number of people that are coming, and will come, here.	My favorite thing about Boise, and Idaho in general, is that everyone is so nice! We all help out each other, hold doors, say hello, smile, etc. I have noticed that people who are out of state are less likely to be patient, happy, and kind. They are often very rude and impatient and I fear this will change our culture. We also have always had a low cost of living. It breaks my heart to think that one day we will turn into a Denver or Seattle... people are fleeing those cities to get away from it all and I never want to feel that way about Boise.