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<td>When you think about the way Boise has grown over the past few years, what positive changes come to mind?</td>
<td>The most prominent changes include increased diversity, more restaurants, increased housing values, and improved public transportation. Boise's downtown has become more pedestrian-friendly, with the addition of the streetcar and bike lanes. The city has also focused on preserving its historic buildings, such as the Old Idaho Penitentiary and the Idaho Musical Arts Center.</td>
<td>Boise is a vibrant city with a strong sense of community. People are friendly, and the city has a lot to offer.</td>
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<td>What concerns you when you think about growth in Boise?</td>
<td>Concerns include increased traffic congestion, loss of historic and natural spaces, and the potential for sprawl. The city needs to find a balance between economic growth and preservation of its unique character.</td>
<td>The city should focus on sustainable development, ensuring that growth is not at the expense of quality of life.</td>
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<td>Of the concerns you listed, which ones should be the City of Boise's highest priorities when planning for our city's future?</td>
<td>The highest priority should be addressing transportation issues, followed by housing and preserving historic sites. Boise needs to invest in a robust public transportation system and ensure that new development is thoughtfully planned to protect the city's character.</td>
<td>Boise needs to prioritize clear and efficient transportation networks.</td>
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<td>What elements of life in Boise would you most like to see the City of Boise work to preserve?</td>
<td>Elements of life in Boise that should be preserved include its historic buildings, public parks, and diverse cultural offerings. Boise should also continue to support its arts and music scene, including museums and galleries.</td>
<td>Boise should maintain its cultural institutions, such as the Boise Art Museum and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.</td>
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The character of our neighborhoods and communities, as defined by the people who've spent their lives creating that character. Notice an invader with a "plan." A condescension of people and streets. A friendly and unfurled 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 city fiesta campaign in place, such that project approval becoming a virtual fait accompli when the time comes to roll it out to the public comments. City government—along with their developer, investor, and real estate friends—be as I believe is their own private fiefdom. I don’t recall ever getting anyone that kind of power and authority. You have betracted the very community you were elected to serve—the existing community, those of us who gave Boise its character and shape, not the false one for community.

Don’t trust the City of Boise to do much of anything to properly plan for “our city’s future.” We had plan for growth in place for many years, but saw so many changes within town with a big checklist nobody pays attention to the plan.”

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Transportation is a consistent worry I hear from citizens. I feel that innovation and use of current infrastructure to re-apply 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 fully utilized. Does the city have a true vision into everything occurring to adapt to the change so that the “tragic” that falls through the cracks doesn’t fall too far and can be bought prior to becoming a large mistake? 

Transportation needs the space and the political will to grow. Boise needs to develop better public transportation. With Mega Projects the city does not have to be a large bureaucracy to get much done. The city can be open in terms of space and where we can get things done to leave room for growth and innovation. The city needs to be open and the county needs to be open.

The growth in diversity and culture. Shifting fixed mindsets to being open-minded and accepting of the world’s complexion 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. 

Economic opportunity, productivity, and diversity. 

Traffic and impact on “Nice Things” due to larger population and less space. 

Part of the state of Idaho. Boise is the capital and a key infrastructure transportation. Boise is the capital of the state. Boise is the capital of the state.

Think Boise is the City being thoughtful about how it grows, guided by SmartPlan Boise. 

My biggest concern about Boise's growth is more related to the whole Treasure Valley grows. Boise is moving into the Treasure Valley. Treasure Valley is growing and it’s growing at a fast rate. Boise needs to plan for the growth and consider right or a train, similar to the Wasatch Front in Utah. 


I think that there is more culture coming to Boise. I live downtown and love the idea of the people moving to the St Luke's area. My idea of city is a place where you can walk, bike or take public transit to everything.

Dining options, good local food, Friendly people, outdoor equipment retailers, bike rental, Employment, Opportunity, and revitalization.

Angry people coming here and changing the culture. The lack of quality affordable housing. Boise people arriving everywhere without alternative transportation options just means the roads will quickly become unworkable. 

Newspaper should give us important people showing how nice everyone in Boise is and Boise should be offered to threaten people that they could suffer damage if they were not treated to everyone in Boise is nice. It should stay that way. Alternative transportation might bring with that less time stressing in the car, more time writing on a billboard.

Frequent public transit and more access. Boise leadership seem to be controlled by developers.

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The number of apartment complexes being constructed without thinking to increased parking spaces and road capacity. 

Some people are happy to not have to support local businesses.

Development is innovation. As we migrate the influx of new residents, I am concerned the ethical development (which 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 other side, 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 family barely enough for housing.

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 to not have to support local businesses.

I'm not sure if the train tracks that run through the heart of Boise and surrounding cities isn’t being fully utilized. Does the city have a true vision into everything occurring to adapt to the change so that the “tragic” that falls through the cracks doesn’t fall too far and can be bought prior to becoming a large mistake?

The true kinship that the citizens of Boise exhibit to their neighbors and visitors.

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The growth in Boise has been great in helping the city expand, new businesses, etc. 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.

3. Encourage use, that is, to make the city visible.
4. Preservation of footpath open space, protection of additional retail options, i.e. Whole Foods and local chefs and restaurants.
5. Preservation of green space, especially those associated with quality of life for downtown and adjacent neighborhoods due to increase in traffic and reduction in air quality, increase of homeless population, traffic, neighborhood crime.

6. Use of the green space, specifically Soldier’s Hill with associated reductions in quality of life for downtown and adjacent neighborhoods. The lack of public input in growth and planning, i.e. Military Reserve development affordable for current residents due to increased taxes.

7. Parking: Traffic, changing behaviors on the road. New people moving in and not embracing what it really means to be a Boisean. Maybe some cars FAKI might be a good idea—i.e., "social cars" when merging, housing traffic lights and stop signs, paying attention to bikes and pedestrians on the streets.

8. Preservation of green space, one that must be mentioned is support for policing. The city needs to hire more officers, now, to catch up and then keep pace with the growth of both residential and commercial development. Traffic. "Don’t go the unfortunate way of my former town, Anchorage—it abandoned community policing, didn’t hire cops, and crime went through the roof."

9. Smart healthy downtown.
10. Green lane, see the Atmosphere of Boise Changing.

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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, and just increases crime), lower population, nature, the environment, open space, clean streets and neighborhoods.

Open space, trails and greenbelt are total waste! Also, Boise is a vibrant city thanks to the

a) closer proximity to nature and a downtown that fits.

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 us even better is walk 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 other. Once it happens you can't go back and or develop on (unfit).

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" out ... I have lived in a community in LA that hold developers accountable and the developers DO do what they had to because people still want to be there. And it's a certain developer said no, they wouldn't/couldn't because too expensive for them. too many rules, regulations etc. It was all there was another willing to do what was needed to get their project built in that community, in accordance to what fit is with the community - it's history, geography and existing infrastructure.

Thank you for putting this out in so many different venues and opportunities!

Growing racial, cultural, and ideological diversity. A shifting focus towards sustainability.

That we're not being thought enough in proactive, long term planning. I'm worried about unbridled sprawl and a lack of still development is destroying the agricultural and natural spaces that Boiseans hold dear to our identity. Our transportation system is already wastefully underdeveloped and which will only get worse as our population continues to grow. We need to do more planning, we'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 in line with the low wages that comprise our state. Property management companies in this town are predatory and ARIK'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 towns' limits with no way to go. We envision Ada Co. city board to find solutions to these looming problems.

Affordable housing. We have the opportunity to do better than the cities our new citizens are leaving from. Protect the working class and enrich our city with thoughtful, multi‐scale development.

The presence of small businesses, Socioeconomic diversity in our neighborhoods.

Diversity—culture, ethnicity, people with advanced degrees, new parks, land conservation.

Demand on aquifers, non‐extract growth, Dry Creek development, sprawl, lack of decent public transportation, influx of low‐income housing, lack of sidewalks 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 people enjoy the outdoors.

People share! 30mph speed limit.

Thats the way you get 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 denser, lower, better cars, better roads, and fewer roads. Why are we not building more neighborhoods like Ridge Park?! Protected bike lanes to get to downtown? 15 minute interval bus service.

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More diverse, more things to do, more energy and connections and perspectives.

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The next work with all relevant entities to make public transportation more accessible and usable, most especially for those commuting to jobs.

Open spaces, freight, rail, transit.

Hiking trails, parks and water features there. Lessy to preserve footills. Vibrant downtown.

Limited public transportation; affordable housing; increase in housing costs.

Designing a city where cars are not a necessity. Compact neighborhoods, walkable/bikeable plans.

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Comes out of the local restaurants, breweries, etc., popping up. It's great to see us

embracing food, drinks, and arts in our local culture.

What most concern me is not our city is growing so quickly that housing and rental prices are quickly outpacing but people live who have lived here our entire lives and who have good jobs but those 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 wages is just $7.25, and 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 that is right thing to do for their employees.

The matching of wages in housing prices.

The amazing juxtaposition of the city feel with the country feel – that I can walk within 10 minutes of nearly anything (Treasure Valley, from fabulous food and risk to wilderness like long-distance bikes and camping at hot springs).

Affordable housing but not high density and desertification.

Open space, historic neighborhoods, and the small town charm not displaced by sidewalks with lots of money destroying the things that make Boise unique.

Have the addition of parks, the protection of open space, more bike lanes and increasing urban density.

I see many very high priced houses eating up fields and footills. 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 that walkways, bikeways, planned green centers and so on required.

The ability to travel without a car.

More diversity, arts, parks.

Infrastructure, traffic planning, more footills track.

Great parks, less Idahinloking and biking lanes.
Nothing positive can be said for the rate of growth that we've experienced. The City has done a disservice in urging studies to accommodate the increase in submissions that the city cannot accommodate.

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 in traffic to come with the new subdivisions. Also, the rate at which property taxes are increasing are unaffordable and surpassing the wages for the area, this adds to the issue. We do not need a zillion new people on the roads.

There are obvious downtown, the branch libraries, and the ridge to river hiking and biking areas. We've always had good parks along the greenbelt and the new10 mile park is lovely. People need recreation.

Traffic congestion on area, Glennwood, Citizens. Trying to be a Beacon on the604 Hill Road Development in Dry Creek. Lack of multi-unit housing development downtown along with the over development of the area. Car oriented highway designer. Meeting these demand from those who want cars is a waste of time. There are people who would like to walk to work.

Traffic has become a real problem in the State and it is all road. We are like a zillion other people with this problem. The traffic is an issue and the people that plan these subdivisions are not thinking straight.

We need to be cautious about those who think about parking cars and not about those who like to walk.

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Traffic congestion and roads are getting worse. It is not clear that it is used to be. Traffic is getting more challenging.

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Traffic congestion is getting worse. A responsive police force for quality of life issues, such as a phone call I made late one night a few weeks 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 resources to handle this issue. We need to prioritize. I already see quality of life in the quiet Boise subdivision I have lived in for forty years being eroded by traffic sounds, smell from fire places, and loud car stereo. Keep the library services for all of us without internet access and smartphones, and keep up the good work on the recycling program.

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Small town atmosphere instead of large city midsize. No need to compete with Portland, which has become a much bigger mess than Boise, so let’s just be Boise, and we don’t have to be the “most welcoming city” or whatever, just Boise.

Traffic, Crime, Schools. Boise. So, what is it? Crime, schools, quality of living, Idaho. My wife and I have bought here and makes sure to eat everyday, sick and tired of increasing school budget. Boise is a nice city. Our neighborhood is nice and our neighborhood is nice. We have a nice neighborhood. Boise is a nice city. We have a nice neighborhood. Boise is a nice city. We have a nice neighborhood.

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More available housing and a large new park

Solving growth and protecting neighborhoods. It’s isn’t all about development!

Neighborhoods and parks!

- The increased economic impact and new businesses coming to our area is a plus for the entire region.
- The city needs a plan to preserve what makes Boise so great - our access to nature and preserving our open space. Growth must be planned for in terms of roadways, public transportation, etc, as well. Density (apartment complexes, etc) should be concentrated along major arteries, not along open space or neighborhood roads.
- Smart planning for where high density developments are located and a traffic plan for these areas.
- OPEN SPACE!
Traffic and housing. There doesn’t seem to be a plan for how to move people around the city as population growth increases. Neighborhoods aren’t really formed. Most non-housing growth is focused downtown, which requires people to get to downtown to do things.

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Increased availability of high density housing in the urban core. There should be more apartments/condos in the urban center (and putting condos on the waterfront) to increase walkable living and reduce traffic. Additionally, and really low with the above, I appreciate Boise's continued support of green space, specifically the Esther Simplot Park and the foothills fund.

More parking and green space also make Boise so great.

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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/degrading/comparing changes we are now ridiculous to follow, and I have a hard time believing it is actually environmentally or fiscally friendly because of the extra trusts and labor needed. Forced participation in these programs by charging more for opting out is frustrating. Also, the new stadium makes me race. 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 is leap up with 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 is we’re planning with AGID to build roads that will handle growth in the future, so road construction going on now in 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 one that increases costs at every whim, and then years down the road wonder why we have lost what makes us different from the state they left. But there’s not much the city can do about that.

The Greenbelt has stayed intact.

104 Diversity of opportunities.

The transportation system is not keeping pace with the development of subdivisions. Developers should plan for upgraded road systems. The city seems only to care about an expanded bus system. Growth seems to be the only thing Boise cares about. I would like us to retain an identity, some small town charm.

105 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 are not able to handle the traffic. Maple Grove, Rio Mile, Cloverdale, are all packed with traffic. These subdivisions are being built but the roads are not expanded to deal with the traffic.

Dealing with the road capacity (or old building until the roads are improved) and finding ways to have affordable housing for folks just starting out and for those with lower incomes.

106 New transit station downtown, LIDAP, beautification of downtown, and increasing urbanity.

Traffic patterns and sustainable 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 have how integrated into nature Boise is. Hoping it never loses that.

107 More attractive infill, improved bike ways (but more needed). Growing cultural diversity. Wonderful city arts.

City Hall, in particular Mayor Bieter, is out of touch with his constituents, and more interested in accommodating large development interests. St Luke’s new build traffic flow from downtown to the East End. After a year of new road construction, everyday there is a traffic jam from Fort St, around the east side of St Luke’s, to the street at the depot and between 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 new has a ridiculous 4 foot wide ‘safe passage’ walkway. 3 feet from the nearest sidewalk. Now more people walk in a circle around St Luke’s, it is a great belt to nowhere. The downtown bus depot was extremely expensive. Why want some of the vacant land just down town used!!! The trolley? We need has trained between Hampe and Boise, not a downtown circular that no one will use. And the proposed circulator? bleh, 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 new needed trees, shade, so people might meet and sit outside. Instead there is a hot concrete plaza that people hurriedly cross. The ugly metal railies do nothing to enhance the space.

Quality of life for existing residents. Affordable housing close in. The North End has more mericles than bicycles. Neighborhood Parks — more of them. Bike lanes that provide real transit routes through town — not ones that are six feet wide for a blook and then narrow to a non existent shoulder. City staff that are attentive to their citizens needs and interests. Planning and engineering staff see 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.


The lack of pedestrian and bike lanes is the need for clean, crime-free public transportation. Reapirable growth that plans for alternative transportation sources.

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2. Developers are running roughshod and unashamed. Further out from city center they are just rubber-stamping instead of bringing the Greenbelt 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 canoe’s back on the weekend and see the cars on the narrow roads? Who thought that was a good idea?

2. The City has no voice but growth and that is the way it is run. 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 with housing with growth, buy 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 that far.

3. There are really none. It has been a continuous downward spiral with JAVA, new development, traffic congestion and the terrible policies of the latter administration.

3. The city and its surrounding suburbs did not keep pace with the growth with traffic. Atlanta is a perfect example. Developers and neighborhood condominiums didn’t widen roads to compensate for the influx to the people moving in. Most roads are only two lanes and the few five lane roads don’t last long and then becomes a battle road. Two lane roads. Building went on worse since the freeway went from four to two lanes and then back up for some. Why hasn’t JAVA put another freeway on the north side of Ada County? People can’t handle the traffic. Flow there and State Street is another crowded road with traffic which is going to get worse with Eagle blossoming. As more and more people keep moving here and homes continue to be 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.

4. The high space requirements — foot traffic is one of the best investments the city has ever made in its future.

4. Government is growing more distant from the people. Leadership is assuming too much power — elected success brings hubris. Power corrupts, you begin thinking you know more than the people who elected you.

5. More downtown, more diverse businesses

5. Growth has brought greater cultural and ethnic diversity, great restaurants.

5. Traffic, lack of affordable housing, sprawl, open space. Moldable housing. Urban sprawl, open space and traffic. Open space and walkability.

6. Increased diversity. Increased cultural events. Increased health care access.

6. The remarkable effort by the current administration to narrow and limit the growth. The efforts are made to reduce traffic over the city. The growth will happen, need to happen, to incorporate changes.

7. More the growth, don’t like the traffic

7. Horrible traffic congestion due to projects. Intergovernmental new buildings and tearing down of city’s charming old buildings. Horrible congestion in areas that don’t need it. The urban renewal of areas that should be left alone. Horrible congestion in areas that don’t need it. The urban renewal of areas that should be left alone.

8. Positive change - the houses own is increasing in value.

8. The increased concern for safety on our streets and in our homes. The increased concern for safety on our streets and in our homes. The increased concern for safety on our streets and in our homes.

9. More access to recreation wide amenities.

9. The thought given to the growth. Most of the emphasis is on downtown — even a circulator but when there are parts of Boise that don’t have access to any public transportation. A football park in downtown? That will snarl the traffic even worse.


10. 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 developers’ 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.
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 more people are moving in are renters so we aren’t actually growing new industries other than services  

lack of affordable housing  

lack of fire  

Manufacturing 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 new design and how to serve the city  

lack of transparency about how decisions get made  

Territorial development (hodgepodge) in the North End of new houses  

Development in places that don’t make sense [storage units on the river]  

Concerns that people moving here aren’t 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  

Affordable housing  

lack of diversity  

Thoughtful planning  

Transportation  

lack of living wages and an economy with good jobs  

Affordable housing  

Art and cultural scene  

Of course, the public lands and greenbelt  

Using edges  

Sustainable economic development  

Affordable housing  

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 side cities that try to limit growths and end up putting policies in place that make housing:  

unaffordable  

unrealistic  

1. That someone will implement "smart" growth and try to restrict single family/home building.  

2. That Boise might run 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 short-sightedness of not widening the arterial streets as development went west.  

4. Fewer "new" residents share Boise’s self-reliant ethic.  

5. 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 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 (lifer white male wealthy Republican developer) to address growth in a fair manner in Boise.  

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Growth patterns - Why do we keep on approving developments consisting mainly of single family homes that are miles away from any commercial development? Boise Cossing is held up as an 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 frustrated as I am.  

I am 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 social activist 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 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 island  

New people to our community bring new ideas and new opportunities that we either:  

1. Fully cut without any consideration previously.  

2. Fully cut and then reconstitute something entirely new.  

3. Study and cut or enhance or modify previously.  

Keep working on being welcoming to all people. More affordable housing in addition to the current plan. More transit. Let’s do the local option. Keep good balance of green and high density buildings.  

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Increased development of周期ic housing. More dog parks and reacted to see new housing for historically homeless people.  

Traffic, being the small city feel, being local business and being the every other city with city, I mean restaurants and retail. The proposed stadium. Switch it with the purpose CIB project.
The lack of satisfactory public transportation. I grew up in Boise and went to college in Portland, OR in the late 1980s 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.

The unique development we have, such as White Water Park, Anne Frank Memorial and the Boise Bikes, Boise Access, The Grove, etc. We continue to invest locally and invest in local businesses, arts, groups, which helps us set apart from other cities. Development like the Old District and Downtown neighborhoods like the North End are growing and providing and more that of help us as a city rely less on cars. They also harbor a better sense of community than other neighborhoods.

Housing affordability and Public transit investment/putting neighbors to invest more.

The growing attractiveness of our city! There is a lot more to do and to explore and housing these kinds of things. Trolley, Story Story Night, Boise Classic Movie, etc. are programs that come to mind that provide to our unique.

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 Role 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.

Affordability is also very concerning. less than 15k rentals are currently available and housing prices are soaring. We need to focus on building more housing, including small units for development within neighborhoods. Any empty lot can be a potential for a small units that appears to the neighborhood character, and adds more than just one house on lot. More focus on mixed use and apartment development and less on single family housing. Many of our new or renovated buildings are beautiful. I think trying to influence more unique architecture that plays to our individually. Modern architecture is good and preservation like Old Boise has creating beautiful buildings, but I would love to see a modern play on traditional architecture even in buildings like the Citizens or Ada Bolton building.

Traffic needs to be the priority as that has the most direct impact on health and public safety.

Would love to see conservative values become important in Boise but unfortunately with the influx of Californians, I fear we will see the just another overwrought, liberal, socialist find like we see in California. We already see this taking place once the mayor and the city council took it up themselves to selectively express outrage at president Trump eroding immigration laws. They just have to be everywhere. If you live here and something as ordinary as a liberal would do and does not speak for everyone in Boise, and yes, there are more people living in Boise based you North Idaho liberal hater XIX! buddies. (Learn the meaning of the word "condom" if you will.)

Traffic and the lack of affordability housing. Our wages do not match the prize of housing.

Availability of housing. As a married professional in my 20s, I'd hoped to buy a home one day, 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 that general inflation/housing increase 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.

This community has so much more to offer - vibrant downtown, excellent restaurants and entertainment, and events. There is pride in the community and its shown 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 no one thing is not my opinion.

Transportation is a huge issue in Boise, but every conversation seems to be about commuter trains to Glancy County, public transportation, and 54. 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 Chicken, Forest, or State street is awful and not a viable long term option for those valley. It's time to start addressing the fact that we will never see 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 arterials, not just more lanes on old 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 oversteps when it comes to residential properties.
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. When I think the City of Boise and surrounding municipalities can increase housing options is by introducing ways to incent homeowners to add housing units on their property. Examples include ADUs 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 if a homeowner adds an ADU to their property, that property will 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 fees for ADU’s and duplexes on existing properties affordable housing options would increase and traffic may be reduced. The City of Portland released some of these methods a few years ago and was able to increase affordable housing options in a shorter period to economic rules. Radically and literally are two common denominators for a vibrant city. I feel that the city continues to promote this type of infrastructure, healthy development will continue.

Bike infrastructure improvements

Continued development and maintenance of bike trails

11. The lack of affordable housing

12.  I love to see all of the road improvement and the attention to better defining bike lanes. I am excited about new Idaho Library and love the Library Branches. The new restaurants and hotels downtown are great. It is wonderful to be part of such an AWC city!

13. Traffic, of course, but that is slowly being addressed. I have when people complain about development... 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.

14. Lack of defined neighborhood identity...not just Downtown.

15. Incentives for downtown restaurants, live music, breweries, greenbelt links. Reinvigorat and repurposing of classic old architecture (though not as complete as it can be).


17. Things to do! Horrible traffic, big developers taking over.

18. An increase in density, growth of parks, funding for arts and history projects, maintenance of the greenbelt and other recreation areas. I am excited that Boise began municipal composting. That was huge!

19. Traffic, increased homeless population, exponential rise in the cost of housing, development of valuable urban agricultural areas.

20. Cost of living (primarily housing) for middle and low income working residents.

21. Cost of living. The city plays a role in being a friendly city which results in wage growth and also through planning and zoning, which will allow housing supply keep up with demand.

22. Traffic, infrastructure, housing affordability.

23. More density, more community space, more social service providers.

24. City Hall approving large projects without consideration of how they effect existing historic neighborhoods. Increased traffic, congestion, and aggressive driving, especially around the St. Luke’s downtown campus.

25. More transparency. More respect for concerns of existing neighborhoods when they attend public hearings on new developments. 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)


27. Permits are backloging and people are now out of work due to extreme high cost or being shut out 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 to shut down between Caldwell and Boise to reduce congestion on I-84 and the connector.

28. With growth comes new business, and room carers that will likely pay more. I love seeing new things come to our city.

29. Preservation of historic homes and structures is always nice to see. Being a bicycle friendly community is great.

30. 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 grow large bases. Why not to some S/S-20 passenger cars or smaller buses. An electric trolley would be nice, of course.

31. Linking residential neighborhoods, and mixing/transitioning plans for transportation and growth that maintain these unique identities.

32. Parking, development, pedestrian pathways, sidewalks, bike lanes.

33. Bike infrastructure, Pedestrian sidewalks, bike.lanes.

34. Affordable housing, access to public transportation, open spaces, recreation, dog parks, farmers markets. I like to see the urban agricultural policies promoted.

35. Beautiful city, livable city, walkability.

36. Quality of life, i.e. traffic mitigation, public transportation, education, etc.

37. Cyclists feel like they are second class citizens.

38. Candidate, I am livid with how the city was willing to sacrifice an entire neighborhood the for the benefit of the F-15s. 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 care, i.e. property but the historical, historic, and downtown.

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40. Respect for existing historic neighborhoods? Do not sacrifice existing neighborhoods for development. More consideration to traffic and how additional development will impact traffic and existing neighborhoods.

41. Variety of healthcare choices. St. Luke’s has become a monopoly and healthcare has gotten more expensive as a result. The Blue Cross statistics back this up.

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45. The lack of affordable housing.
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. Boise is not a sprawling city, 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 plan 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 as an easy fix), Kuna, the city of Kuna, the seller’s states, and others to accommodate growth needs to happen. Being prepared, and quickly because this is happening now, is crucial. It’s too to be proactive, rather than reactive, in addressing the growth is important.

Participants, high buildings to keep downtown dense, more parking garages underneath new buildings.

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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.

If you’re not to see our sense of community and our good of fashioned hospitality, Boise is special, so it’s a city that can’t be lost this prior identity because it is growing and changing so much. There needs to be areas of Boise left unexplored. I love 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 1st generation farm 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.

We need to continue to work on improving transportation systems, and alternative transportation to better accommodate how we are moving a growing city.

It’s important that we are strategic in the way that we approach new development to avoid urban sprawl and building subdivisions that won’t connect to anything. Open space is important and a value of a lot of residents.

All of this (affordable housing, job development opportunities for vulnerable families/walking poor and transportation, strategic development to avoid sprawl and disconnecting communities, schools, and neighborhoods)

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Home ownership and family friendly parks and recreation

Many of Boise’s houses are small 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 further out as the cities grow. We need to work on preservation. These areas are developed there is no going back. While the economy may be growing and good for newcomers, it strains stress to the quality of life for current residents. The high increase in rent does not compete with wages. Our youth and low income who have contributed to the community low opportunity to be the american dream of saving or saving. Property management companies make it really hard by exploiting renters with terms not rent to own rental properties. It is no wonder homelessness and poverty is so the rise. These issues, this 10 years from now are going to have high impacts on the beauty of our city and the quality of life we 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 family sonrue to make basic needs.

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New bike infrastructure downtown: our neighborhood will go from the bathroom to the bedroom, future home to a family health care solution. No need to be looking out of one's window anymore.

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None. I am not concerned with the “Isle” 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. In Vegas to support affordable housing and the affordable housing. In other words direct and indirect costs to me are far greater than any benefits received by the downtown.

The progressive local government. These needs to be locally 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. The credibility of this survey has to be questionable. There seem to be no controls preventing the public from casting numerous negative votes.

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Traffic is terrible 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 totally out of range. The average person makes 65k and barely can’t afford a roof over their heads.

Affordable housing for the citizens that want to live and work here but seriously can not afford the rent.

Benefits:

- Future development growth direction and traffic.
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