



Online Questionnaire #1: Vision and Values | Results Summary

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ABOUT THIS SURVEY

INTRODUCTION

In late 2020, Pueblo County—in partnership with the City of Pueblo and Pueblo West— launched a major update of the Region’s Comprehensive Plan for the first time since 2002. This update is needed to respond to shifting population and demographic trends, a newly diversified economy, and the evolving needs of unincorporated areas. The updated Regional Comprehensive Plan will explore the needs of both incorporated and unincorporated areas within Pueblo County.

This document summarizes the results of the first of several community engagement opportunities that will be provided as part of the Regional Comprehensive Plan process. Online Questionnaire #1: Vision and Values—was available on the project website throughout January and February 2021 and was widely advertised through a variety of channels. The survey was offered in both English and Spanish.

Results are organized into five parts:

- **Part 1: Issues and Opportunities**—includes respondents’ opinions on issues and opportunities in Pueblo County regarding transportation, recreation, natural environment, built environment, housing, economy, and quality of life.
- **Part 2: Vision and Values**—reflects respondents’ opinions for the future vision and values of Pueblo County.
- **Part 3: Survey Respondents**— provides a summary of who participated in the survey, their relationship to Pueblo County, and respondents’ demographic information including age, ethnicity, and household income.
- **Part 4: Open-ended Responses**—includes respondents’ free form answers to open ended questions in the survey. Free form comments are provided in full.

Where a free response option was offered for a particular question, a summary of major themes derived from those free responses is provided. In some instances, references to individuals or details that would reveal the individual were removed to protect the privacy of respondents and those referenced.

NEXT STEPS

Input received will be used by the project team to establish a draft framework for the Region’s Comprehensive Plan that reflects the community’s vision and values. This document will also serve as a starting point for diving deeper into any issues, opportunities, challenges, or concerns expressed by survey respondents during the next steps in the Region’s Comprehensive Plan process.

PART 1: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

BACKGROUND

Pueblo County's Regional Comprehensive Plan addresses a wide range of topics. This section of the survey explores existing conditions in the following areas: quality of life, housing, economy, transportation, recreation, environment/natural resources, built environment, and rural/unincorporated areas. Input received will help us determine what is working well in Pueblo County today, and what could be improved. Responses are presented as:

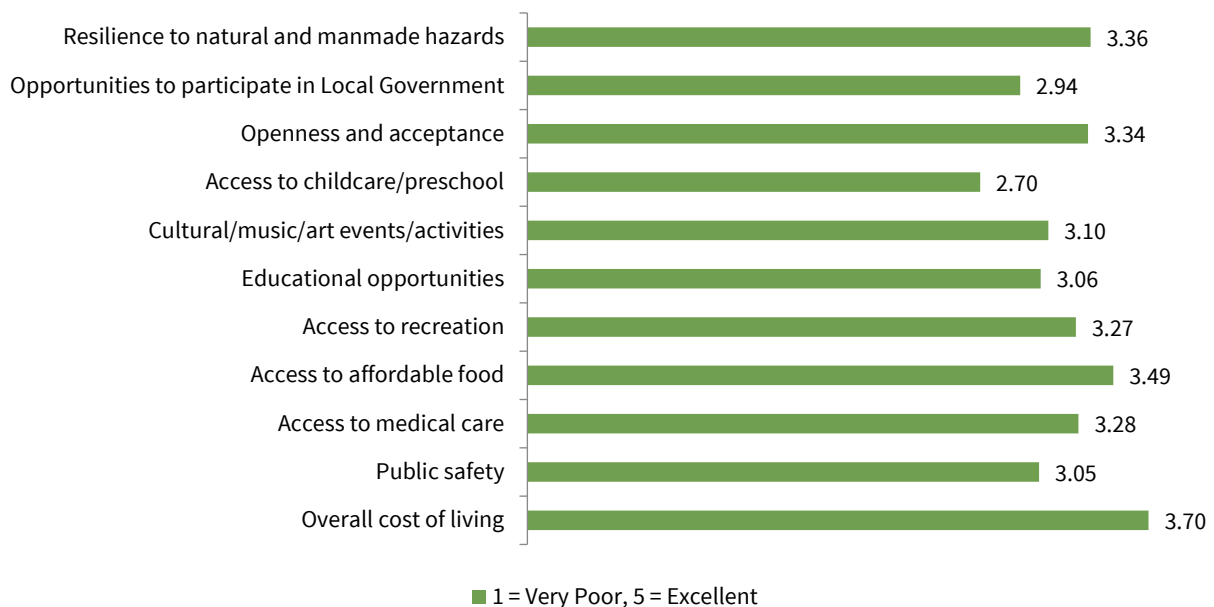
- **Ratings for each Topic Area.** For each of the topics listed above, survey respondents were asked to rate the different elements of each planning topic on a scale of 1 to 5. 1 meaning *very poor*, 2 meaning *poor*, 3 meaning *average*, 4 meaning *good*, and 5 meaning *excellent*.
- **Other Issues and Opportunities.** Respondents were also asked to provide feedback on issues and opportunities specific to Pueblo County as a whole. This feedback is reflected in the free responses provided in Part 5; summaries of these responses are provided in this section.

The feedback in this section will be used to inform updated policies for the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Q 7a: Please rate the different elements of QUALITY OF LIFE listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Of the Quality of Life Elements, overall cost of living was rated the highest (3.70), while access to childcare/preschool was rated the lowest (2.70). Also receiving high ratings were access to affordable food and resilience to natural and manmade hazards.



Q 7b: Do you have any other comments related to QUALITY OF LIFE?

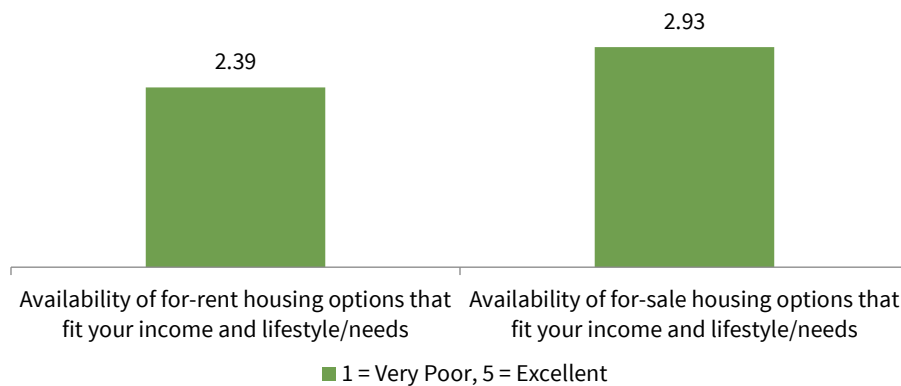
Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Quality of Life** included:

- **Access to/availability of medical care.** Many respondents are unhappy with health care services, in terms of access to services and quality of care.
- **Access to/availability of recreational facilities/opportunities.** Many respondents mentioned the need for more recreation facilities. In particular, a pool, athletic center, and specific opportunities/activities for youth.
- **Cultural/music/art events/activities.** Many respondents hope to see more entertainment activities like music venues, museums, and family friendly activities. Respondents also note that the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center is a major community asset.
- **Education.** Many respondents would like to see K-12 education improved in Pueblo County and are generally unhappy with the current personal growth opportunities presented to youth.
- **Opportunities to participate in City or County government.** Many respondents expressed interest in contributing to local governance and opportunities to have a greater voice and share their ideas.
- **Public safety.** Many respondents are concerned by the number of people experiencing homelessness in Pueblo County, crimes like theft, drug use, and the state of public infrastructure and services.

Q 8a: Please rate the different elements of HOUSING listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Both housing elements: availability of for-rent housing options and availability of for-sale housing options received moderate ratings, but respondents believe availability of for-sale housing (2.93) is slightly stronger than availability of for-rent housing (2.39).



Q 8b: If you indicated the availability of either for-rent or for-sale HOUSING options was poor or very poor, please explain why and what type(s) of HOUSING you would like to see more of.

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Housing** included:

- **Affordability.** The majority of respondents who addressed the open-ended question mentioned affordability as a concern. Respondents expressed that both purchase prices and rental prices are unattainable for many families. Respondents mention that the issue of affordable housing contributes to other concerns throughout the community, like homelessness and public safety.
- **Housing stock.** Many respondents mentioned a general lack of housing availability across all categories of housing. Additionally, there is need for more high-end options, handicap accessible housing, and pet-friendly housing.
- **Newer housing options.** Many respondents would like to see more new construction and updated housing options, particularly downtown.
- **Rentals.** Many respondents shared that finding an affordable rental unit, in a low-crime neighborhood is very difficult. Some respondents hope to see more rentals for young professionals, in walkable areas, as well as more options for low-income families.

Q 9a: Please rate the different elements of the ECONOMY listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Overall, quality of business and services was rated the highest (3.08), while ease of finding/retaining employees was rated the lowest (2.35). Also receiving high ratings was support for small businesses and also receiving low ratings was ease of starting a business.



Q 9b: Do you have other comments related to the ECONOMY?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Economy** included:

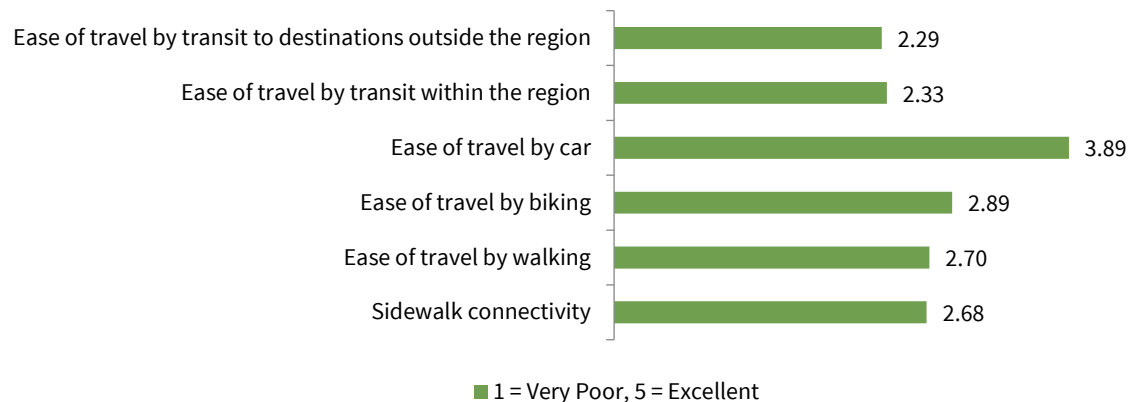
- **Access to employment that offers a living wage.** Many respondents expressed that Pueblo County needs more job opportunities that offer a living wage. Respondents repeatedly named the following sectors as areas of interest: tech, construction, renewable energy, and manufacturing.

- **Availability of employment opportunities.** Many respondents mentioned the difficulty in finding any employment opportunities and hope to see large companies with a large number of positions come to Pueblo County.
- **Quality of businesses and services.** Many respondents would like to see more retail and food options – both restaurants and grocery stores. Respondents expressed interest in small, locally owned businesses, with sustainable practices, in higher-density areas and near popular recreation destinations.
- **Support for small businesses.** Many respondents feel that the community could better promote and support small businesses through training and incentives. Additionally, there is interest in developing more robust arts and entertainment offerings.
- **Tourism amenities.** Many respondents hope to see better tourism offerings in the future that highlight the many existing assets of the community, which include recreation destinations, the Riverwalk area, and seasonal festivals.

Q 10a: Please rate the different elements of TRANSPORTATION listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Overall, ease of travel by car was rated the highest (3.89), which far outrated any of the other transportation elements presented. Ease of travel by transit to destinations outside the region was rated the lowest (2.29). Also receiving low ratings was ease of travel by transit within the region (2.33).



Q 10b: Do you have other comments related to TRANSPORTATION?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Transportation** included:

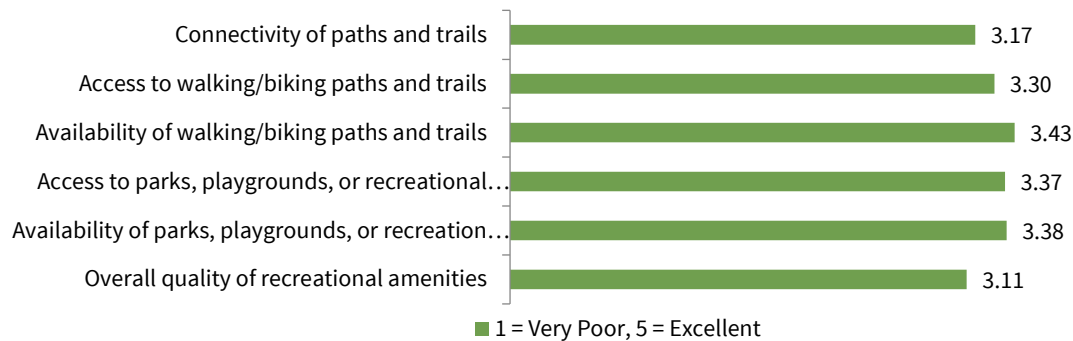
- **Ease of travel by biking.** Many respondents are concerned about their safety when bicycling, would like more designated bike lanes, and note the downtown area as being particularly dangerous.
- **Ease of travel by car.** Many respondents feel that the roads need repair. At the same time, many respondents feel that the car centric nature of Pueblo County inhibits other forms of transportation.
- **Ease of travel by transit to destinations outside the region.** Many respondents would like to see an option for public transit throughout the Front Range and in particular, to and from Denver International Airport.

- **Ease of travel by transit within the region.** Many respondents are seeking improvement in the regional transportation system. Repeated criticisms include the bus system’s lack of predictability, constrained hours, and minimal routes to different edges of the community.
- **Sidewalk connectivity.** Many respondents mentioned the lack of sidewalks in many neighborhoods, as well as the clear difficulty for wheelchair users.

Q 11a: Please rate the different elements of RECREATION listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Overall, ease of travel by car was rated the highest (3.89), which far outrated any of the other transportation elements presented. Ease of travel by transit within the region was rated the lowest (2.33). Also receiving low ratings was ease of travel by transit to destinations outside the region.



Q 11b: Do you have other comments related to RECREATION?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Recreation** included:

- **Access/proximity to parks, playgrounds, or recreational facilities.** Many respondents appreciate the recreational opportunities, but respondents are concerned about accessibility and inclusiveness.
- **Access/proximity to walking/biking paths and trails.** Many respondents recognize the multitude of trail offerings, but do not think the accessibility is entirely safe in terms of parking, sidewalk maintenance/availability, and trash/debris discouraging use.
- **Availability of parks, playgrounds, or recreation facilities.** Many respondents would like to see more options for family and youth, as well as a recreation center with offerings for all citizens.
- **Availability of walking/biking paths and trails.** Many respondents hope to see more trails and walkways and better maintenance of this infrastructure.
- **Overall quality of recreational amenities.** Many respondents are very happy with the quality of recreational amenities like the multitude of outdoor opportunities, Arkansas trail, Riverwalk, and parks, but also note the need for better maintenance and safety in these spaces.

Q 12a: Please rate current conditions with respect to the ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Overall, both air quality (3.74) and access to public lands (3.73) were rated the highest, while remediation and reuse of industrial lands was rated the lowest (2.61).



Q 12b: Do you have other comments related to the ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES?

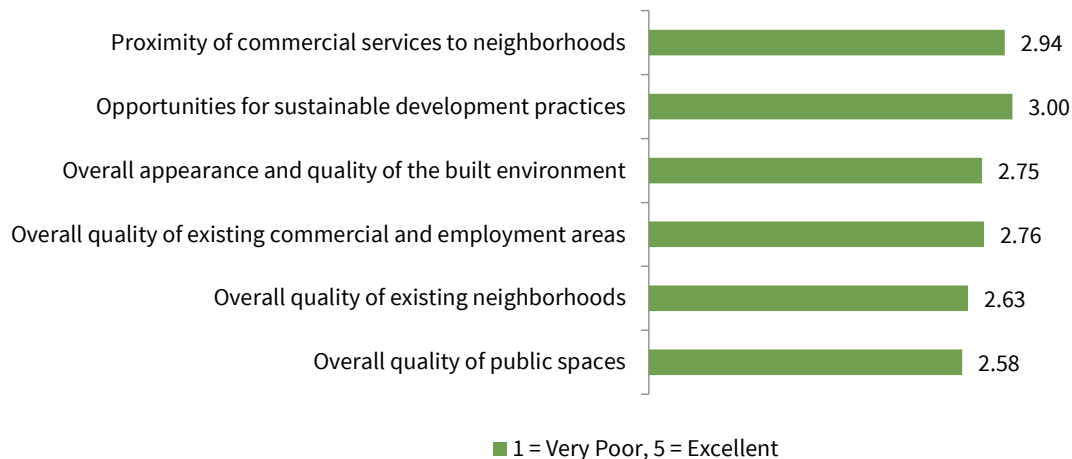
Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Environment/Natural Resources** included:

- **Access to public lands.** Many respondents would like to see a financial assistance option to allow for better accessibility to state parks, as well as better maintenance of public lands.
- **Air quality.** Many respondents are concerned about air quality and would like to see better monitoring of the local air quality. Respondents also mentioned marijuana grow sites as sources of stench.
- **Protection of environmentally sensitive lands.** Many respondents feel that the community needs better pollution and trash control in sensitive areas, especially near water resources. Additionally, many respondents think the community needs a substantial recycling program.
- **Remediation and reuse of industrial lands.** Many respondents are concerned about the image of the community and feel that industrial remediation is necessary to clean up degraded sites and views from roadways.
- **Water conservation practices.** Many respondents think that Pueblo County needs better managed water systems and would like to see a focus on xeriscaping techniques.
- **Water quality.** Many respondents are concerned about the quality of water they drink, as well as the quality of recreational bodies of water.

Q 13a: Please rate the different elements of the BUILT ENVIRONMENT listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Overall, opportunities for sustainable development practices were rated the highest (3.00), while overall quality of public spaces was rated the lowest (2.58). Also receiving low ratings was overall quality of existing neighborhoods (2.63).



Q 13b: Are there specific aspects of the BUILT ENVIRONMENT that you would like to see change in the future?

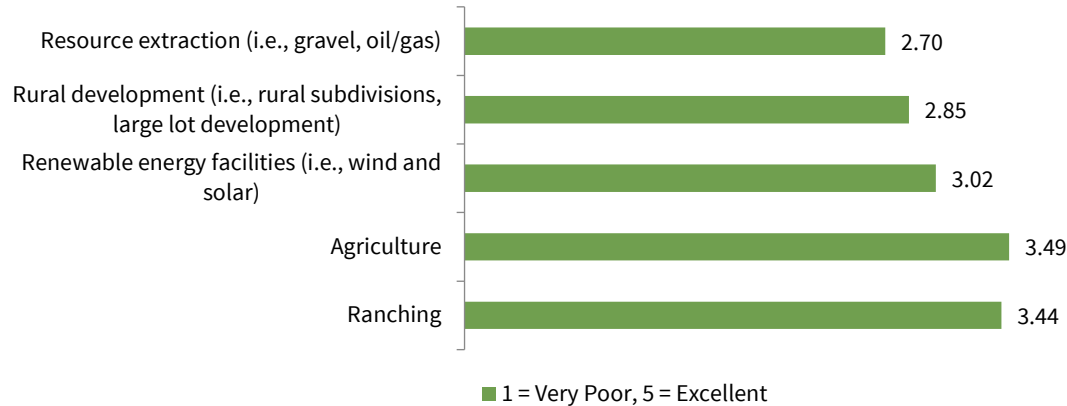
Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Built Environment** included:

- **Opportunities for and/or use of sustainable development practices.** Many respondents mentioned interest in bringing solar and other renewable energy options to Pueblo County, as well as other sustainable development strategies.
- **Overall appearance and quality of the built environment.** Many respondents are concerned with empty and unkempt properties, and would like to see spaces revitalized and better maintained.
- **Overall quality and condition of public spaces.** Many respondents think that the condition of roadways and other transportation infrastructure are lacking. Additional improvements could be made with accessory structures like proper lighting and landscaping.
- **Overall quality and condition of existing neighborhoods.** Many respondents mentioned the disparity in quality across neighborhoods and hope to see underdeveloped neighborhoods given an opportunity to flourish.
- **Proximity of commercial services to neighborhoods.** Many respondents are seeking better access to local grocery stores, restaurants, and businesses throughout the County.

Q 14a: Please rate how well you feel the following land uses are being managed in RURAL/UNINCORPORATED AREAS listed below on a scale of 1 to 5.

Planning Area Specific Ratings

Overall, agriculture was rated the highest (3.49), followed closely by ranching (3.44). Conversely, resource extraction was rated the lowest (2.70).



Q 14b: Do you have other comments related to the above land uses (or other land uses) in RURAL/UNINCORPORATED AREAS?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Rural/Unincorporated Areas** included:

- **Agriculture.** Many respondents are concerned about conserving agricultural lands and ensuring the industry has the necessary resources to thrive into the future.
- **Renewable energy facilities.** Many respondents exhibit interest and excitement in Pueblo County focusing on renewable energy development and seeking non-polluting energy sources.
- **Resource extraction.** Many respondents would like to see better regulation of resource extraction in the region. In particular, respondents are concerned about location of such activity and health and safety impacts.
- **Rural development.** Respondents express differing views on the best use of the rural landscape. Some respondents hope for preservation of the land, views, and rural atmosphere and others hope to tap into the rural landscape to increase density and support affordable housing.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Q 15: Are there other issues or opportunities that you that you would like to see addressed as part of the Regional Comprehensive Plan?

Common themes: Other Issues and Opportunities

Some highlights from the responses to this question include:

- **Economic development.** Many respondents are concerned that Pueblo County does not provide enough economic opportunity to support citizens and encourage local youth to stay in the region. Various ideas are posed by respondents, which include bringing in larger corporations/industries to provide employment and strengthening the local education system.
- **Energy and environment.** This topic covers responses that express interest in Pueblo County's committal to renewable energy, land preservation and management, as well as efforts to maintain environmental and human health.
- **Governance and community involvement.** Many respondents express concern over current COVID-19 regulations and more general governance decisions throughout the community. Additionally, many respondents are interested in contributing to the community's continued planning efforts.
- **Growth and development.** Respondents recognize the need for responsible growth that integrates affordable housing, businesses, and amenities that support economic development. At the same, respondents hope that any growth and development be very mindful of maintaining natural assets and landscapes.
- **Health, safety, and housing.** Many respondents addressed concern over the number of citizens facing homelessness throughout the community. Respondents expressed interest in providing better services to the homeless population and at-risk youth.
- **Maintenance and beautification.** Many respondents mentioned the need for a county-wide cleanup and trash management program that addresses both private and public properties. Other aesthetic goals of respondents include better lighting, community art integration, and landscaping.
- **Public infrastructure.** Many respondents hope to see public infrastructure improvements, including roadway improvements, public transportation options, high speed internet, and cellular service.

Part 2: Vision and Values

BACKGROUND

In addition to the City of Pueblo, Pueblo County is home to the towns of Rye and Boone, and the unincorporated communities of Pueblo West, Avondale, Colorado City, and Beulah. The updated Regional Comprehensive Plan will explore the needs of both incorporated and unincorporated areas within Pueblo County. Residents were asked to take this in mind with respect to the following questions.

- Why do you like living in Pueblo County?
- What aspects of Pueblo County would you like to see change in the future?
- What three words best characterize your vision for Pueblo County's future?

Q 16: Why do you like living in Pueblo County?

Common Themes

Some highlights from the responses to this question include:

- **Community.** One of the most cited reasons that respondents enjoy living in Pueblo County is the community – the people, the friendliness, the family ties, and diversity. Respondents mention how nice the people are and the strong sense of community ties.
- **Cost of living.** Many respondents enjoy the low cost of living in comparison to other Colorado communities, but mention the fear of that affordability changing.
- **Location, open space, and recreation.** The most popular response to this question related to the location, open space, and recreation opportunities of living in Pueblo County. This includes the great weather and close proximity to the mountain region, along with the beauty and space provided by the rural setting in some parts of the County. Respondents also noted that the location contributed to a healthier environment and access to natural resources.
- **Town amenities.** Many respondents mentioned that the town has the necessary amenities like stores, small businesses, sports from the local university, restaurants, and services. Respondents also noted the culture and art of the region as great assets.
- **Town size and atmosphere.** For many respondents, the town size and atmosphere are just right and often described as a small town feel, but with the services of a larger town.

Q 17: What aspects of Pueblo County would you like to see change in the future?

Common Themes

Some highlights from the responses to this question include:

- **Culture and entertainment.** Many respondents want to see more options for citizens of all ages to enjoy art, music, and cultural festivals. Respondents would like to see the community's rich culture on display and affordable ways to enjoy that culture.
- **Development and growth.** Many respondents would like Pueblo County expand business and restaurants, in particular creating walkable commercial districts.
- **Education.** Many respondents recommend that effort be put into the K – 12 school systems and opportunities to better prepare youth for various career paths through mentorship and apprenticeship programs.

- **Employment opportunities.** Respondents would like to see more higher paying jobs and diverse industries brought into the community. In particular, respondents point to the need for employment opportunities that offer a living wage and provide options for local youth to stay in the area.
- **Governance.** Many respondents critique the local governance structure, hope for better regulation to keep neighborhoods clean and safe, and show interest in becoming more involved in local governance opportunities.
- **Health, safety, and housing.** The topic most often mentioned by respondents was related to health, safety, and housing improvements. Respondents want to develop solutions to better assist the population of homeless citizens, address crime rates and drug use, and enhance quality of living for all.
- **Local pride and beautification.** Respondents frequently shared the pride that they hold for their community and their hope that improvements, clean ups, and beautification can be made to better reflect that pride onto the community.
- **Open space and recreation.** Many respondents realize the incredible natural resources and recreational assets of the community and would like to see these aspects better promoted and maintained.
- **Public infrastructure.** Many respondents see room for improvement in public infrastructure throughout Pueblo County, including road and sidewalk repair and maintenance, as well as upkeep of these public spaces after major weather events. Additionally, many respondents mention the lack of high speed internet as a major inconvenience.

Part 3: Survey Respondents

BACKGROUND

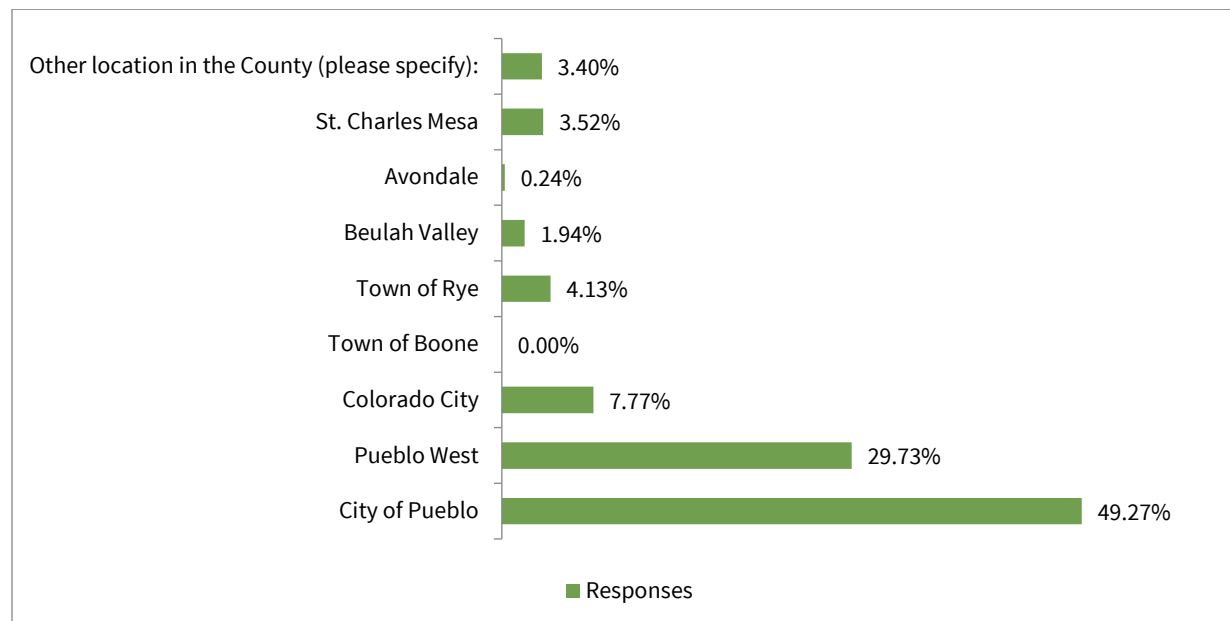
Survey respondents were self-selecting. Of the 828 respondents to the online survey:

- Many are long-term residents. Almost half of the responses came from people reporting they have lived in Pueblo County for 21 years or more, whereas just 10 % of all responses came from people reporting that have lived in Pueblo County for 2 years or less.
- The majority of respondents – almost 50% - live in the City of Pueblo. Another 30% of respondents live in Pueblo West. The remaining, roughly 20%, of respondents either live in Colorado City, Town of Rye, Beulah Valley, Avondale, St. Charles Mesa, or other locations throughout the County.
- The leading reasons that respondents reported for living in Pueblo County included: being born in Pueblo County, a job/employment opportunity, and to live with/near family.

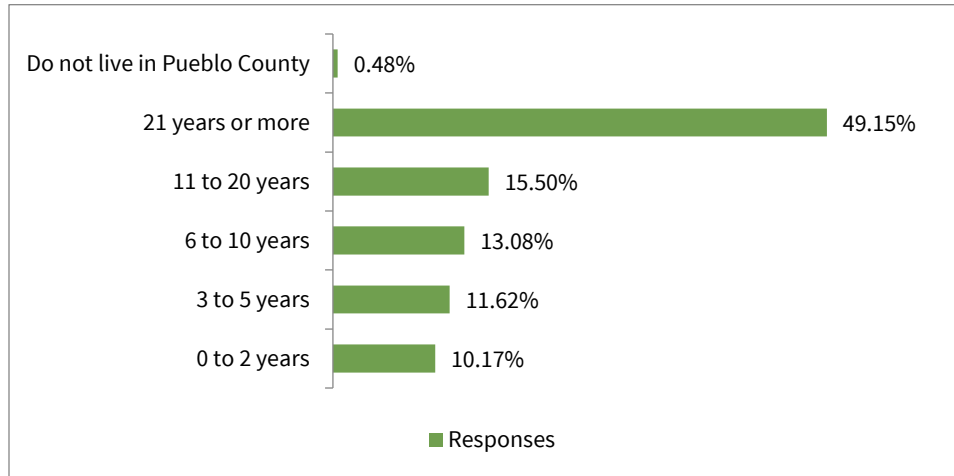
Not all participants responded to all questions.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Q1: Where do you live in Pueblo County?

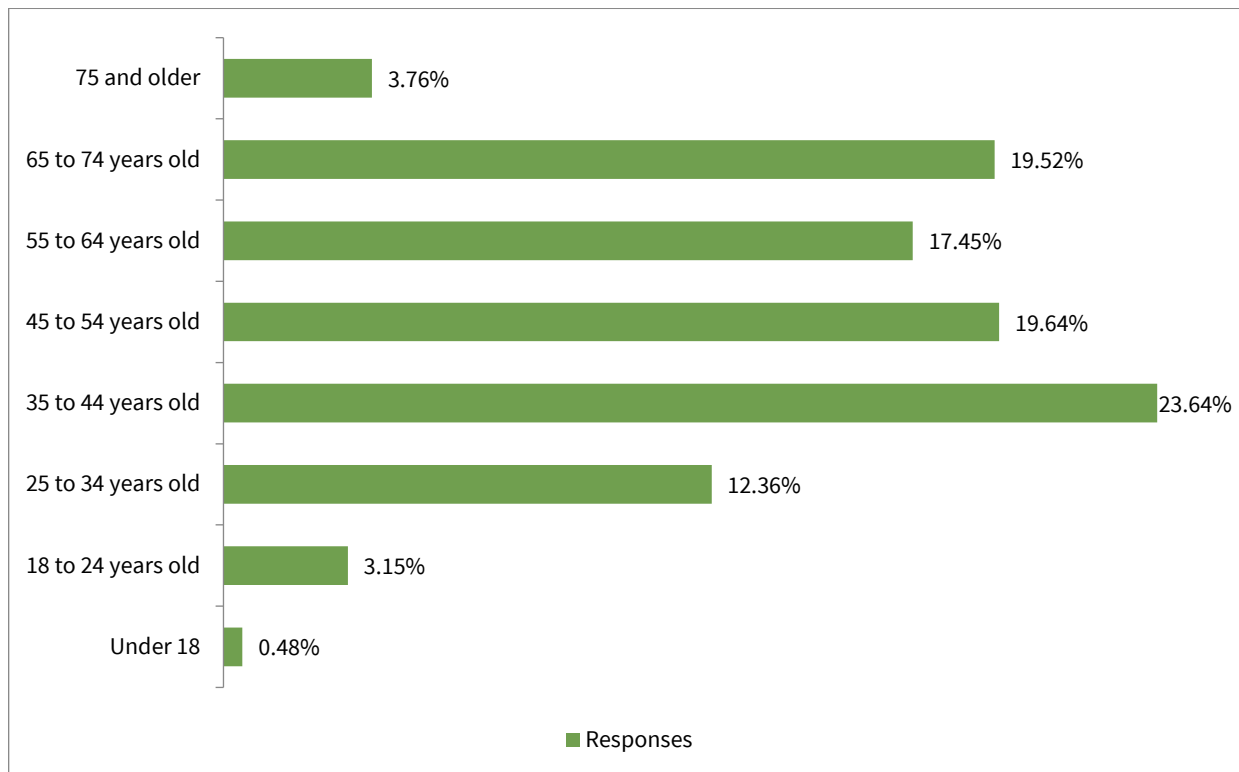


Q2: How long have you lived in Pueblo County?

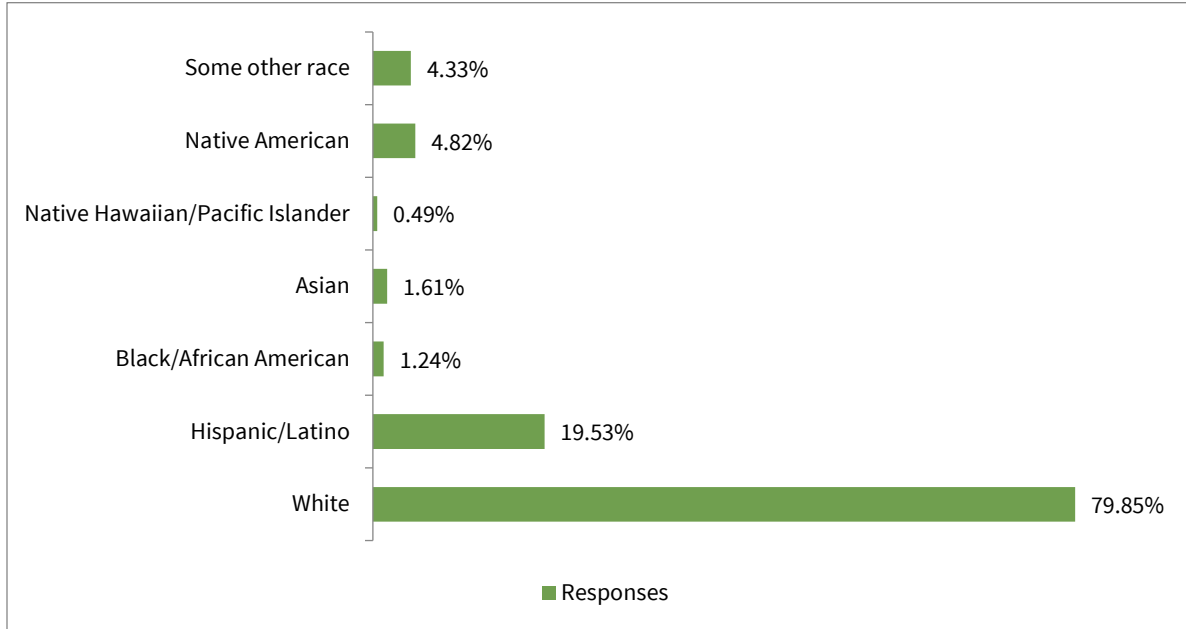


SURVEY RESPONDENTS' DEMOGRAPHICS

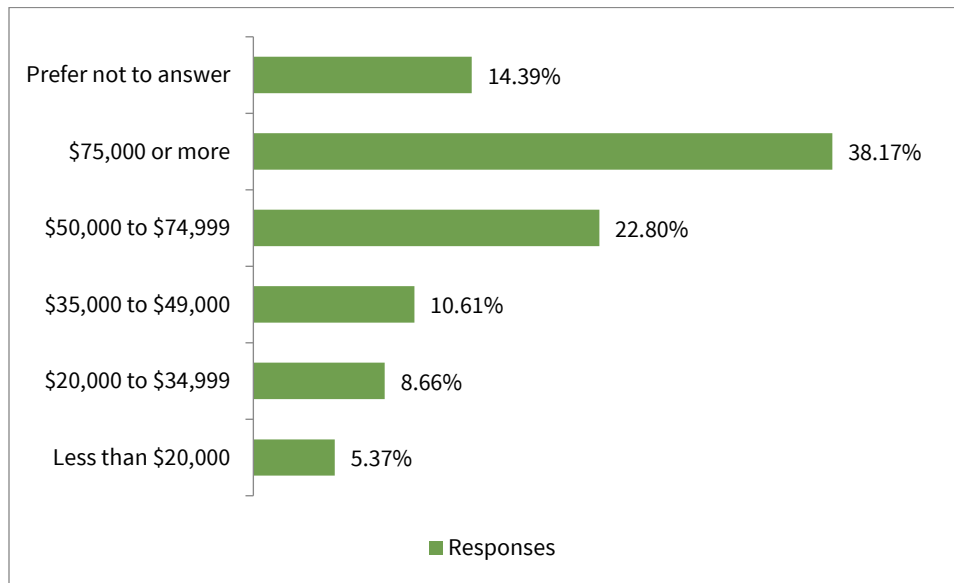
Q3: What is your age?



Q4: What is your race/ethnicity?

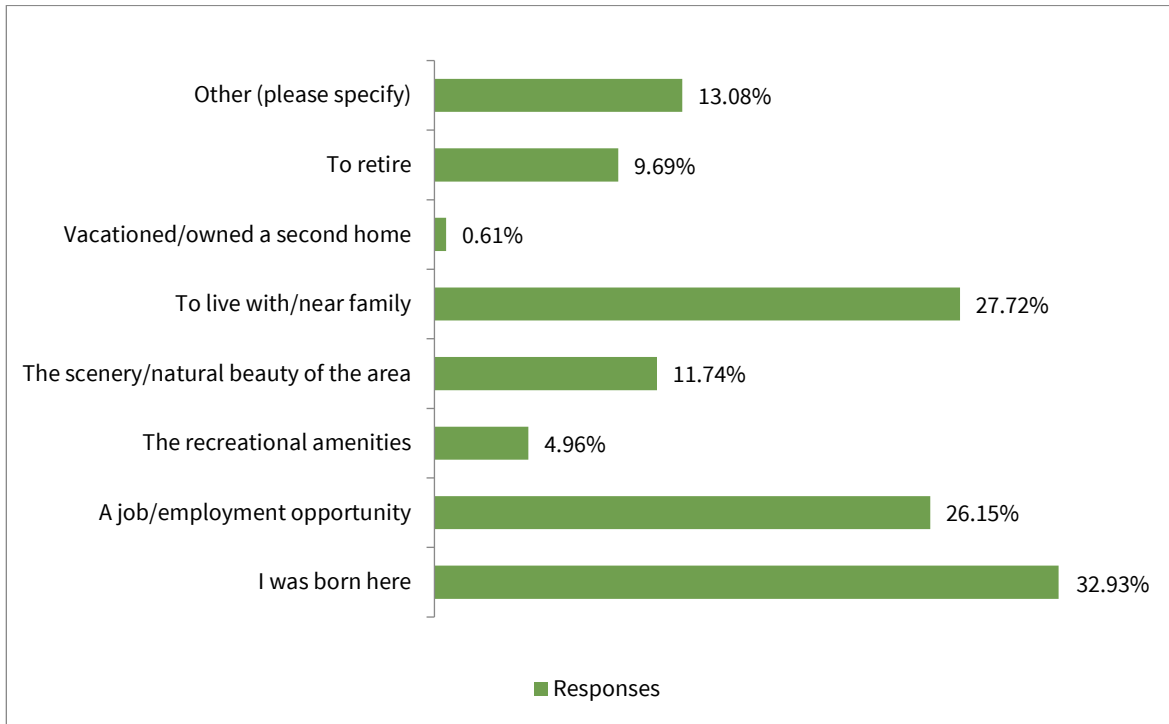


Q5: What is your annual household income?



CHOOSING PUEBLO COUNTY

Q6: What brought you to Pueblo County?



PART 4: OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

Q 7b: Do you have any other comments related to QUALITY OF LIFE?

Quality of Life: Access to/availability of affordable food

- The lack of a natural grocery store such as Trader Joe's, whole foods, or Sprouts is a serious absence. Natural Grocers is growing but we need more healthy Grocers on the east side/Belmont area, and we need the city to supplement true farmers markets for local and backyard growers to share produce!
- Our city does okay on most of these metrics but there is also plenty of room for improvement, especially on access to food and pharmaceuticals. Several of our neighborhoods are suffering and need help from our city/county government and other elected officials.
- We need more parks for kids especially in PW on the North side. Also, a Costco would help families get great quality food at great price.
- Too many food deserts - need more food access points that are connecting gardens and smaller grocery outlets, not just mega-corp stores and food banks
- Need more jobs and more food access points
- Town of Rye NEEDS a small general store to offer basic needs. It's hard to go all the way to co city for water, bread, milk, tp, during cold and bad weather times.

Quality of Life: Access to/availability of childcare/preschool

- Schools/Child care need improvement More cleanup needed, less water use by city/state along I25. Recycling??

Quality of Life: Access to/availability of recreational facilities/opportunities

- Bessemer area in need of Teen Youth Center.
- There's not much to do here...all fun/recreation is out of town. Why do tennis courts close at 3 in the cold months? Most of the time the weather is mild and dry.
- Need more for teenagers and athletics
- Very sad when bees baseball team was lost. Need new swimming pools"
- Need recreational facility to include swimming pools
- Not enough safe parks and bike trails In Pueblo
- I was shocked at how few opportunities there are for swimming in the summer and youth sports year-round. We came from the San Luis Valley and expected more opportunity but found LESS. Youth sports are non-existent in Beulah. In Colorado City they are either, so non-competitive it's ridiculous of 100% competitive, club-level. There is no in-between. Swimming pools are over-crowded and seem to be largely un-supervised. we instead drive an hour and a half to La Junta. Their pool is CLEAN, and the lifeguards are amazing! They also have VERY AFFORDABLE concessions. I can't attest to concessions at Pueblo pools. I also had a horrible time finding quality swimming instruction for my kids. In the SLV, we did swim lessons every year. Here, we found they were all full and wait listed. My kids haven't had a lesson in the 7 years we've lived here. My son was on track for Jr Lifeguard at 10 years old when we moved.
- Would prefer better recreational opportunities on the river. Boating and access to river put-in and take out. Inform public of river safety. Clean up river walking area and stop total focus on 'river walk' and include more trails outside of the commercial areas.
- More outdoor activities and use of open land.
- I think there's some strong possibility not yet realized in the city and county. Covid has certainly impacted the social aspects but it seems that there is strong potential for growth in various areas. It

would benefit the city and county to start looking at funding mechanisms outside of just tax increases and start strongly investing in things like the infrastructure to sustain affordable development in the many vacant areas. I also think enhanced focus on open space and park enhancement would benefit the area. Surprising the lack of beaches for example, with the abundance of water features.

- Lots of good hiking
- So far we love it here.....slower pace.....closer to our kids.....great weather
- Proximity to so so many places and activities.
- Need a pool and or an athletic center like Highlands Ranch has
- There are many more things available now. I don't think Pueblo markets them well or focuses on keeping them up- like repair of cracked bike trails, for example.
- We need an indoor Olympic swimming pool that could be shared with adults for part of the time.
- Beautiful weather. We can be outdoors so many days of the year.
- City needs more walkable/bikeable corridors and more access points to trails. Old buildings downtown need to be renovated for housing to help create a more dynamic downtown. We don't need any more parking lots downtown. Downtown is a parking lot. Need more curb cuts in downtown neighborhoods (blocks/mesa junction/old north end) for wheelchair/stroller access. I hope the city continues with its plan for a kayak park and improved park along the Arkansas.
- The amazing weather in Pueblo makes getting outdoors more accessible for more days during all times of the year. However, the walkability of the community is diminished by the lack of continuous sidewalks and sidewalk maintenance.
- Love boating at Lake Pueblo. Love that we can afford a house in Pueblo West.
- More safe places to take children to play, climb, jump, swim, fish, arts n crafts... Low entrance fee....
- The beauty of the mountains and the mild four seasons. Both 5's.
- Love the developing trail system and bike lanes
- The younger people need more outdoor activities that are free or reasonably priced. I.e. hiking, biking, camping, dirt biking. Look at Gunnison for an example of how and what to do.
- We need an indoor lap pool that is available all day, if not 24/7. Most of the gyms don't have a lap pool. Those that do have just a couple lanes and very limited access. Plus, they are very expensive.
- I love the weather and sunshine here. I love to explore outdoors.

Quality of Life: Access to/availability of medical care

- In recent years, the quality of the Pueblo medical care community has declined . MJ, narcotic and alcohol use has increased and is overwhelming treatment resources.
- It's harder to evaluate because of Covid. I would like to see the Pueblo County Health Department act more independently of state mandates because we are so different from more populated areas.
- Senior services lacking
- I would like to see more path access from the north side around town. We also need to do something positive about affordable public housing and healthcare access.
- We have the worst medical system here. I have been missed diagnosed 5 times in the 26 years that I live here. I go back to Ny for all major medical issues.
- Medical care very poor. We go to Colorado Springs. Going to Parkview is like visiting someone in prison. Parkview assumes worst about everyone.
- There needs to be better mental health facilities that are long term.
- Not as friendly as used to be. Health care gone down considerably since Corwin reduction
- A lot of our medical care is good, but specialty care is lacking. The Health Department response to COVID leaves a lot to be desired, especially in the area of communication.
- Quality medical care is limited in my opinion.
- There seems to be an emphasis on industrial development over the interests of community health and well being.

Quality of Life: Cost of living

- The costs of living here are going WAY up, WAY too fast, and those in leadership positions WANT it to be that way. They are primarily concerned about generating revenue and knowing that that makes life much harder for the citizens here clearly doesn't matter to them.
- We need more and better paying career opportunities here. The Mill, and Vestas are two of our biggest employers and are both corrupt and extremely hazardous places to work. Not because of the work itself but because they are both run by money hungry corporations who don't care about the safety of their employees. And the housing market is ridiculously high compared to the availability of good paying jobs in the area.
- Great affordable place to live.
- Very affordable place to live and close to many recreational opportunities.
- So much depends on economic status. Pueblo has a real problem with equity. I answered from my prospective but understand there are many that do not have the same opportunities I have.
- Find ways to encourage good union construction jobs that pay livable wages and supply health and retirement benefits to workers and their families.
- Housing is too expensive. My daughter makes good money but can't find affordable housing. Very angry about that.
- Rentals can't be found and there isn't any affordable housing.
- Cost of the utilities on the west side near swallows is ridiculously expensive and only have DSL for internet and it's unreliable.

Quality of Life: Cultural/music/art events/activities

- We would like to see a venue where music other than country music was provided for other types of music. Also, a pro sports arena would be great. I would also recommend more events be held at Pueblo State Park.
- Columbus Statue invites Proud Boys and other White Nationalist/ racist to Pueblo. It needs to come down.
- I love the community gathering places - like the Arts Center!
- Cultural opportunities abound with museums, theater exhibitions and parks and recreation. In particular the myriad of stunning offerings at the Art Center and educational offerings of university, I-12 and community colleges.
- Poverty and age of our city can dampen the spirits. We seem old, wrinkled and dirty compared to the roaring growth, newness and sparkle of northern Colorado.
- Pueblo County needs more of a cultural/musical presence.
- Compared to Denver metro Pueblo is sorely lacking in recreation centers, museums, specialty grocery stores, and entertainment activities.
- Our city needs more activities for youth and young adults.
- Fun things for families to do and new stores and food places.
- More activities for teens.
- Severe lack of eating establishments other than fast food, we usually drive to Springs for dining options. Very very little in the way of entertainment or cultural activities. Extremely annoying considering the population of this town.
- Need more cultural events and things to do like concerts and more choice of restaurants in Pueblo west, more bowling alleys , miniature golf, entertainment centers.
- Not enough family friendly activities available.
- Pueblo has been country living for years...we need growth ...but not like Springs & Denver.
- Pueblo is severely lacking in the entertainment area for adults, kids, and families!

- The Sangre de Arts Center has nearly a fifty-year presence, it is key to downtown, and it deserves attention and support. The community should seriously consider an Arts District Tax.
- Would love to see more educated cultural activities.
- The continued display of a monument to Christopher Columbus signals Pueblo's disturbing callousness to this man's reputation as the Father of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
- Not much for senior connection. PW has more for young families and kids. It's out of balance.
- Without bars, no social opportunities.
- For a "small" town it has big amenities.
- Pueblo has a high quality of life because of the people, opportunities, variety of cultural activities. We have a Nature Center, zoo, Arts Center, River walk, Convention Center and great restaurants.
- I've only been here for six months so I don't know many of these things. I would love to see more things for kids. And I would also love to see the homeless population helped out more.

Quality of Life: Educational opportunities

- Having been involved in recruiting individuals to Pueblo, I feel one of our major drawbacks is K-12 education. Many professionals work here but live in Colorado Springs due to school issues.
- Outdoor opportunities are excellent. We don't market them as well as we should, and we don't support related entities like we should. School District #60 should do some serious internal evaluation to determine why enrollment is dropping, why District #70 enrollment is rising. Too many decisions are based on what is convenient or expedient for administration instead of trying new ideas, listening to teachers, treating students like individuals instead of sheep, and listening to students.
- Overall, Pueblo is a wonderful place with a lot of potential. Things have improved in the last few years, and we need to continue to pursue innovative thinking to use environmental, social, and health issues to help bring in jobs. Additionally, the school districts need additional support, which will help make it a more attractive place for companies to come here and bring the jobs. There's a lot of foundational elements to help make it an appealing place and to use these categories in this question to grow employment opportunities for the people of Pueblo.
- Not enough tax money coming in to even fix street gutters and get more drains in my neighborhood. Schools are dominated by common core and passing state exams, families move to other schools (charter & regular) to isolate socioeconomically. How many Eastside kids go to Fountain Magnet? It is in their neighborhood!!! We are failing lots of kids in terms of education. I do not want I 25 to turn into the highways of Dallas TX. It's really starting to feel that way. 5 billion more gas stations and Starbucks are not what I would choose. Many people want to grow. I want to increase quality of everything we already do and help citizens that already live here. Only one birth center, not good. People in a wheelchair cannot navigate most neighborhoods.
- Need to locate charter schools next to affluent family neighborhoods in order to attract people not from Pueblo to live in Pueblo instead of commuting from COS and working in Pueblo.
- Only one area has high speed Internet (Rye, Colorado City) Sad that Pueblo Governments don't do anything to get it everywhere.
- Low income neighborhoods do not get enough educational or access to fresh foods in poor neighborhoods! Shame! My quality of life is affected by having to drive by the Columbus statue every day and see a genocidal historical figure glorified!
- Pueblo has good quality of life unless one is young and ambitious. Pueblo loses too many younger adults to larger cities with more opportunities for professional and social growth.
- What is leadership doing to ensure we have jobs to keep our educated younger folks from having to leave? Think harder. There has got to be more here than skilled labor and working in mediocre Healthcare facilities.

Quality of Life: Openness and acceptance

- Need to embrace multiple cultures.
- Division between races, ethnic groups, age groups are a concern.
- From what I can figure out, it appears that "transplants" are not really welcome in city or county government.....which is hilarious, to me. How is that even a thing?...."He/she is a 'transplant' " (therefore, their opinion is not valued).
- I really enjoy Pueblo's unique ability to enjoy and share cultural and ethnic diversity. You don't have to be Italian or Mexican or Slovenian to appreciate those communities and what they have added to Pueblo over the years. What an interesting history!
- There has been no progress for inclusivity and cultural diversity. This affects our systems which continue to perpetuate systemic racism. Even the few in leadership that are non-white and male, do not advocate for the need for this inclusivity and continue to hang on to power without truly addressing the needs of the majority of the people. We cannot progress as a community until this fact is openly acknowledged.
- The same overt racism and susceptibility to believing lies/conspiracy theories that are at work in the nation also flourish in many individuals who reside in the County. There is a significant distrust of the County government among some members of the community, that needs to be addressed through education and delivery of training for careers in the 21st Century (i.e., the Green Economy)-- a new WPA to shift the paradigm toward citizens actually seeing (and being given the tools to know) that they are RESPONSIBLE for creating the democracy and the economy that we all need.
- Restrictions of 2020 on rights, has been a horror. Telling people to turn on one another, disgusting. Threats from Health agencies and/or government concerning adherence to orders, alarming!
- Personally, I do well on most of these elements, but am troubled by community members who are struggling with them.
- The city/county needs to be a better partner in organizations that are working on these topics. I also think racism needs to be added to this as well. The city has done a horrible job in addressing racism in all facets especially in symbolism. And yes, I'm referring to the Columbus statue. They have done a horrible job in responding to that situation.
- "Openness and acceptance"- I would say the city/county has failed the community in resolving the Columbus statue removal. In that respect I'd give a 1, how friendly are the people in Pueblo I'd give a 5.
- Resilience to natural and manmade hazards"" there is a lot of inequity in the way the city/county handles emergency's, climate change, hazards from neighborhood to neighborhood. In some areas they would get a 1 and others a 5.
- I am fairly new and have found some of the community to be very unwelcoming, which results in a tough transition and clouds my judgement on Pueblo.
- love the friendly people
- Pueblo County is a very diverse group of people that make this community what it is - strong and accepting.
- Pueblo County reminds me of how life used to be in the Metro Denver area. People born here stay here, that speaks volumes.

Quality of Life: Opportunities to participate in City or County government

- I have chicken-and-egg questions, like: In a post-pandemic environment, we should be in a great position to attract new residents who work remotely. Do we need to attract them first so we can improve quality-of-life options or do we need those options first so we can attract people?
- City council doesn't care about pueblo.
- I'm trying to pitch ideas to the mayor so my business idea of cannabis inspecting can get off without any external problems.

- The liberal agenda of our elected officials has greatly hurt this city and has allowed crime to ravage the citizens. Additionally, totalitarian policies are threatening our American way of life. This is shameful for the Home of the Heroes and deeply troubling.
- More can be done for the homeless I have ideas.
- Loss of small businesses, mask mandate, restrictions on freedom.
- Not allowing one person to pay just 3000 a month for a city owned asset. (The golf course\$ and perhaps stopping the nepotism.... city park golf course will now be run by the advisory board members daughter in law..... nifty right?
- Por representation in government.
- I grew up here and I have always loved this city. The people were who made it great. That was until the MJ was passed. Now we have people from other states who came here with their liberal views and a bunch of politicians who care more about money than the safety and well-being of the citizens.
- Quality of life — MUST IMMEDIATELY block all outside interference from entities/financial buyouts related to the UN Agenda 21 — 20/30 operatives who infiltrated behind the scenes and recruited local office holders to transform our traditions and home rule to a globalist recruitment program.
- Based on my experience Pueblo has great amenities, but those amenities aren't properly cared for. For example, our trail system prior to the addition of the levee trail was constantly covered in graffiti. Park and Recreation didn't have their own tools and was expected to call the graffiti hotline just like other citizens. This is highly inefficient, because one pressure washer isn't enough to cover city buildings and trails. However, after three years of trying to convince the city to purchase a second pressure washer, and or utilize a United Way Grant to purchase one, Judge Sikes was able to make this happen.
- The need for a better water system in Colorado City is very high on the list. Right now, it's extremely expensive and it seems the system is broken more than it works.
- It's still kind of a "good old boys" town, so to get anything done you have to know somebody.
- There is no progress in pueblo no change at all! Young people have no voice and city council and judges are all in cahoots. We have nothing but cynical heartless ignorant people running this town. Pueblo is like a hole filled with crawdads and once anyone ever tries to leave or better themselves like crawdads all the others will pull it back down with them in the hole. No one wants to see anyone doing better than them and will pull you down or ostracize you if you even try! It's a cesspool of haters coming at you from every direction.
- The elected officials are so removed from the reality of our community's needs, this survey is a perfect example, Inglis only, for people that don't have access to internet or an electronic device (the poor community) again they will remain desi franchise.
- Local Government needs complete reform. It currently is the biggest deterrent to equity and support for all citizens.
- The City and County government processes are not equitable. Commission and board meetings are held at times when only retired or non-traditional workers can attend. Also, the City and County websites are AWFUL and very difficult to navigate. They need a full re-do with a new look - Maybe partner with the university to work on it for cheap/free.
- Most city council members just enrich themselves, their communities in pueblo west and businesses rather than caring for the people.
- Government positions and leadership are controlled and it's hard for new blood to get in.

Quality of Life: Public safety

- Crime is a real problem. Homeless people are another big problem.
- The trash around town is disgraceful.
- too much crime... I am constantly worried my car or packages will be stolen.
- TRASH EVERYWHERE ALWAYS!
- Police need to actually ticket folks for speeding.
- Would like to see better maintenance of roads.

- I don't understand how people complain about the crime but won't except small tax to help it with officers and as well companies coming in like Amazon getting denied which would have provided tons of jobs and help raise community up and maybe would have encouraged others to bring some revenue to this town to fix roads and keep our city clean and safe.
- I live Pueblo! However, the city-maintained areas seem pretty lacking. Especially sidewalks and gutters.
- Need more upper end housing. Community needs to be cleaned up. Tax empty/boarded up houses to encourage renovations of boarded up homes.
- Need some grass & trees — that aren't dead. Need for cleanup/pickup.
- The entire county needs more commitment to recycling, pick-up or deposit of recyclable goods
- Stop the drug trafficking.
- I get really sad that our city government doesn't seem to care about the people in this community. The roads all over town are really bad and our vehicles get trashed out driving the roads, yet they put a ton of money into the Riverwalk. We need a facility for the homeless in the Winter time. My heart breaks for them being out in the cold. We go through this every Winter and the city does nothing about it. There are so many empty buildings in this town that could be turned into a shelter for the homeless. I don't get what city government does with the money. WE NEED BETTER ROADS and A SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS!
- Legalized weed has destroyed this city and brought nothing but scumbags to this town !!!
- The roads here when it snows are not taken care of/cleared as well as in the Midwest which is a danger
- A lot of people with drugs in the area.
- Concerned about the homeless population and trash. Theft.
- Please cleanup condemned housing.
- Lack of concerns the high rate of crime are two things off the top of my head that need to be addressed
- Need to clean up the graffiti and the gangs as well as the homeless and panhandlers
- Horrible job clearing roads after snowfall.
- need an actual animal control division here. Way too many lazy, irresponsible and neglectful dog owners here. Ridiculous how many dogs are constantly on the loose and people walking their dogs without leashes and NOT in control of them and also, they let their dogs pee on your street mailbox (the acid ruins the paint as well as the stucco itself) and they can poop anywhere they want w/no cleanup by owner who's well aware of it. Too many dogs left outside all day to bark nonstop while owners are at work. Sadly, too many people need to be hit in their pocket\$ before they'll decide to be responsible pet owners. (yes, we actually do really like dogs and blame their lazy & irresponsible owners and not the untrained animal.)
- Lack of respect for private & public places, i.e. Trash, drugs, theft, & violent crimes are ruining all of my favorite places here.
- TAXES are extremely HIGH!!! Cost of Auto. licenses are Ridiculously HIGH compared to other states! ROADS ARE POOR! GARBAGE DUMPED IN THE COUNTY and no one in PUEBLO COUNTY GOV'T. CARE...let alone do anything about it. (pueblo gets special dump days. WE DON'T)
- Crime in Pueblo West is on the rise. Still many unpaved roads. Wages aren't in proportion to cost of living. Electricity is extremely expensive through Black Hills.
- If the arms depot to the east of pueblo can be cleaned up effectively and safely, then our quality of life will continue to the good.
- The crime and homeless in this town are getting out of hand.
- When I say public safety is low, I'm specifically saying we need to funnel money away from the police force and into public services. Having more cops doesn't deal with the problem at its source.
- We could do more for the homeless.
- I love living here but my number 1 complaint is the amount of aggressive homeless. I voted yes on recreational marijuana not realizing the amount of drug and alcohol addicted people it would bring to the community. Prior to all the mj shops I was not fearful of the homeless. Now I am.

- Incessant fireworks for at least two weeks prior to July 4th is stress inducing for pets and humans alike. Seemed to be better last year, likely due to Covid and a temporary curfew. On some July 4ths I've been forced to leave the city for the night, because the air is so choked with acrid smoke.
- All the potholes in PW lower our quality of life.
- Marijuana has caused severe negative issues to our youth, safety, and prospects of good people moving into our area.
- Too much petty crimes with no punishment.
- Plow the roads and get the druggies off the streets
- I would like to see improvements related to petty crime. Constant concerns about car break-ins, package theft, public illegal drug use, etc are becoming old.
- The roads SUCK.
- Regarding public safety, I feel safe in my neighborhood however there are parts of town that do not always feel safe. Biggest concerns and factors are gang activity (stolen vehicles, violence) and drugs. How are we addressing these? I love Pueblo but this can be a deterrent to visitors. I feel I live in a bit of a bubble but I hear from friends in EMS that it is bad!
- Police don't enforce theft, so it will always be a problem. Makes Pueblo trashy and unsafe.
- Pueblo and Pueblo County is very dirty. Trash, graffiti, unkept store fronts. Awful.
- The crime rate is beyond ridiculous. I will be leaving Pueblo County for that reason. Also, the codes are not enforced and people are allowed to keep trash, furniture, old cars and dilapidated houses everywhere you look.

Quality of Life: Resilience to natural and manmade hazards

- County lacks program for soil quality, water quality. County lacks program for development and infrastructure.
- We must begin now to make Pueblo County more sustainable. We need water security and more sustainable new development. We cannot continue to grow at this pace and ignore global warming. We must find a way to require and subsidize wind and solar power in addition to other more earth friendly ways of producing energy. Food waste is another big factor. WE have so many empty buildings and warehouses, yet we continue to offer permits to new business, which requires more loss of habitat and more parking lots etc. Thank you for your time.
- Water issues in Colorado City desperately need to be addressed.
- Colorado City's water supply is in need of repairs and upgrades, we get violation notices several times a year and we may run out if we have another severe drought year.
- We have had problems with the water for years, the people in charge seem to not take care of the problem. The water is very expensive.
- Water quality is very bad.
- Our water is needing extreme help. Poor quality. Poor management. Outdated water and sewer both. Need outside help
- Our water in Co City is severely contaminated and at times at extremely low levels, this issue should be a priority for the Pueblo government to resolve. Our community deserves to have plenty of clean & drinkable water...it starts with people who are on the board to take action and represent our town.
- The area by 29th Street that crosses under I-25 is a flood hazard.
- Good water quality.
- Air quality can be poor, between wildfires and use of wood stoves and prescribed burns in Rye
- Having to buy water to drink because tap water is not safe. Water rates keep getting higher. Very tight restrictions on outdoor watering. Way too many new homes being built. Not enough water !!

Quality of Life: Other/Not Applicable

- Marijuana is not good for Pueblo County.
- Many people in this community have low expectations.
- Diverse transportation opportunities and the ability to thrive without a motorized vehicle are critical to quality of life. Pueblo has failed miserably in this arena to date.
- It's slowly improving.
- With the funds available to work with, we feel the area has done great things.
- None that I will say publicly.
- Rude attitude of some drivers has diminished my interest in staying in area.
- No.
- Needs improvement.
- The quality of life has diminished a little as more people grab a little slice of the region.
- Just need to be prepared for what will come.
- Opportunity to age in place, assisted facilities and activities for older folks
- We really like it in Pueblo.
- Not frantic or crowded
- I think we need to work on making these things better.
- A significant income disparity exists as well as a general low-expectation by service providers as a result. Too much dependence on former manufacturing emphasis.
- No.
- I believe agricultural land needs to stay agricultural and not be turned into PUDs.
- It could be better but it sure isn't worse. I think Pueblo has a lot of potential to be great but we will lose the small town atmosphere especially as population growth in Colorado trickle down here.
- Growing so fastconcern that community will not be able to keep up with population. Losing small town feeling.
- We love it here.

Q 8b: If you indicated the availability of either for-rent or for-sale HOUSING options was poor or very poor, please explain why and what type(s) of HOUSING you would like to see more of.

Housing: Affordability

- More affordable housing options needed in neighborhoods where it is safe to go out for a walk in the evening
- Affordability in areas that don't have drive-by shootings, poorly kept yards, high turn-over rates of tenants.
- Houses for sale have risen beyond affordability for single parents in Pueblo West
- The rents are sky-high here. I get approx. \$900 Social Security. No way can I pay \$1,000 a month for rent.
- Rent prices are increasingly high compared to other States beyond California, NY, etc.! Way too many slum lords in Pueblo.
- While our family can afford things, we are in the minority. There are many family members struggling to even find affordable options locally for rent or purchase. Is worse on the rental side but the supply side for purchase is also challenging.
- Cost
- Affordable homes
- Compared to Texas housing here is almost twice the cost
- Cost is high. Less expensive to buy than rent. That is not good.
- Lower rent housing

- The cost of living has significantly increased over the last decade. A 1-bedroom apartment used to be \$300 and is now \$700-\$1000. And that's for a dump! Landlords are allowed to charge an arm and a leg for a POS property and Pueblos pay/revenue doesn't pay enough for people to afford this.
- Rent is high for decent housing
- I do feel that housing rates are riding unequally to pay increases. In pw they are putting up modular home on a permanent foundation so buyers can get a conventional loan but not disclosing that to buyers that the quality of home is less, but purchase price is same as stick build. Shame on us for allowing this.
- Housing needs to be cheaper in general I don't consider for four hundred thousand dollars to get a decent house in a decent neighborhood cheap
- Housing is not available at affordable rates.
- Pueblo needs affordable housing for rent for lower income families that are safe and with access to transportation
- Too many people are coming from Denver & Springs and pushing our market
- Need more expansion of affording single family homes IN the town.
- Affordable and quality urban housing such as nice condos or town homes that aren't 500k + Development of Pueblo's downtown area for more than homeless camps.
- The average price of a home here 15 years ago was \$120k, now it's 2.5x that. Yet, the average income has not grown. For those that do make enough to afford a \$350k + house, they are commuting from outside city limits. People need \$80k or \$500/ month housing options without subsidies. Which I intend to develop if I can get some traction.
- most folks given the choice will own or rent a home. affordability becoming an issue
- Although I am fortunate to have a house, I understand that those looking for reasonably priced housing are having trouble finding it. Not having affordable housing leads (obviously) to homelessness, which increases other community problems.
- Housing pricing rising so fast causing increased taxes and no opportunities to sell and buy different home in same area due to lack of availability and rising housing costs.
- Affordable housing everyone here wants the money to live off of so it's near impossible to afford
- Looking to scale down house size but keep acreage or build. Building costs are high and minimal available in the other category.
- More housing that is affordable
- Housing for single family income with small children. \$1500 a month is Not affordable to rent and \$300k is not affordable to buy.
- As a senior citizen I am unable to afford more than a mobile home
- Affordable housing for families. The cost of housing exceeds peoples' wages both in renting and buying a home.
- I cannot afford to rent at the prices that are being asked and I can hardly find anything I can afford to buy.
- rent is ridiculous for the average wage in this city.
- Disparity between lower income and average income is increasing. Harder for people who make under \$50,000 annually to sustain economically.
- I am well-housed, but Pueblo County has serious shortages of affordable housing.
- 1200\$ a month for 2 bedrooms is crazy
- Work with the community... Predominantly low income...hard to find stable housing for these families...even middle-class struggle. Many slumlords. Individuals buying and renting homes who do not live in pueblo. High rent. 3 times income. Non-refundable application fees. Gentrifying neighborhoods.
- More affordable family homes. Rent is affordable when it is a third or less than your monthly income which is not the case here. That puts families at risk for homelessness.

- The cost of rent and purchasing a home are sometimes unreasonable for the majority of our community. We have many children homeless because the leadership of our community point fingers at each other and nothing gets resolved.
- Rent is getting insanely high, while so many buildings around town remain empty.
- Affordable rental opportunities where pricing reflects median income here in Pueblo. Right now, a three-bedroom house rents for between \$1,500-\$1800/month. Families would have to bring home at least \$4,500 a month to even be considered for one of these rentals. Right now, people are having to move in with other family members or rent out rooms just to have access to housing for their children, especially those of us who don't qualify for housing assistance.
- I have lived where I am now for 50 years, if I had to go out and look for housing on my income, I would not find it easy. Pueblo has a great lack of affordable housing.
- Pueblo has an affordable housing shortage. More housing of all kinds, especially affordable housing, would be desirable. Pueblo focuses much of its housing efforts on new developments on the outskirts of the city; such development is not in itself a problem. However, much land and housing within the existing city is left vacant, abandoned, or dilapidated. This is a very complex problem. Pueblo should focus on connecting isolated neighborhoods, getting rid of zoning and building rules that unduly inhibit development, examining perverse incentives created by the current tax system, de-incentivizing owners from keeping property vacant, and focusing political will on making the core of the city a desirable place to live.
- For what there is in Web low compared to other places I can buy a house at the beach in the large tourist town that is 3-bedroom 2 bathroom with a big yard for 50 to 80000 as opposed to some of the rundown houses here that are in the upper 100 thousands.... Furthermore, if you buy property the types of housing you allow people to build should not be so restricted.
- More affordable housing options; senior housing; center city apartments; zoning/code change to require renewable energy in ALL housing;
- 3-4 bedroom homes for family of 6 affordable being under \$1200/month
- The property values are assessed so high by the Pueblo County Assessor that it makes housing nearly impossible to afford for so many; the property taxes are punitive and extortive for so many, but those in leadership positions DO NOT CARE. They are primarily concerned about generating revenue...and the fact that it makes it very hard for so many citizens does not matter to them.
- Not much housing and houses that are somewhat affordable are dumps
- Apartments are over \$1000 a month and the average income is 30,000. To buy a house is even higher. Cost of living to wages isn't equal.
- I would like to see better new construction. There are too many homes being built on 1 acre+ lots with 2 car garages on a slab. Would prefer to see minimum 3 car garages with side entry.
- The legalization of cannabis has drastically increased the rental costs and housing costs.
- More affordable housing that offers more square footage and decent amenities. The demand is high and the properties are in very poor condition and very expensive.
- Many of Pueblo's neighborhoods are tired and run down. Trash and weeds are a problem along roads, alleyways and yards. Pueblo needs more master-planned communities like many other growing communities where community landscaping and amenities are put in at development and maintained. Affordable nicely maintained rentals are also a problem. Wages need to go up or housing needs to be more affordable. Right now my observation is that a lot of the Pueblo wages are low and the cost of housing in Pueblo is increasing like many places in CO. It's getting more and more difficult for the people who aren't moving in from somewhere else or who haven't sold a house somewhere else to enter the housing market. I grew up here, left for 30 years and just recently came back. Shocked at how expensive housing is for the wages.
- Rentals were hard to find. We bought a house a few months ago, but the market was very competitive.
- All types, there is very little available within the low-income community. Most people I know rent something half the size they need due to cost.
- More affordable housing for families. Children are going without stability.

- Prices have risen a lot in 3 years.
- More affordable housing in safe areas of town for those of us who make too much to be able to get federal help, but don't make enough to be able to buy or rent because of the cost of housing
- Housing for single adults with a pet under 1300.00 plus. 1 or 2 bedroom. They want 3 times the rent income not possible always.
- Affordable retirement patio homes and condos.
- I'm very concerned about the lack of affordable rental housing. I believe it contributes to homelessness and low quality of life for many.
- I still rent, but rental rates have sky rocketed and it's hard to keep up.
- Overall, income is still far too low to meet the needs of single parent families and of the options available crime is much, much too high to risk my child's safety.
- Our city has become a mecca for slum-lords. Rents are ridiculously high and inflated home prices are making matters worse. The populations moving in do not contribute to our economy, they work-play-shop in El Paso County or further north.
- We own our home, but it seems clear to me as someone who works with the public in adult education that we are facing an affordable housing shortage. There are lots of positive ways to deal with this, not building housing projects, but good plans.
- There is another housing bubble happening. This will collapse just as it did in 2008. Selling prices are way too high right now.
- Salaries/income making housing a serious problem. People who are able to afford housing often relocate to Pueblo, with assets from sale of much more expensive areas. This creates an unrealistic assessment of the housing issues in Pueblo.
- Very little affordable housing.
- Low options for people who make less than 30,000 yearly.
- We were hoping on buying a home in a better neighborhood, because of the housing bubble my income cannot afford a home now, and I couldn't afford to rent even in the area I live in. Housing is a necessity and shouldn't take an entire income to manage.
- The cost of homes does not match the single incomes of this community. Extremely overpriced !!!
- Low cost rent
- Rent is ridiculous on south side and buying is worse !
- I'd like to see investment in older neighborhoods to improve living conditions for everyone. "Broken window "philosophy doesn't work. Addressing the lack of full-time living wage jobs in pueblo would go a long way
- The level of salaries do not measure up to the housing costs
- Pueblo, like all counties/states, needs to provide affordable housing for all our citizens. And get at the Root, Systemic causes of homelessness, and solve that problem.
- The market is pretty tight right now for homes that are for sale
- Finding a modest house in my price range was difficult in the current seller's market.
- The government insist on destroying communities by poor choices of mixing zoning issues which affects housing prices and quality of life
- There is a huge gap in the cost of housing and average/median household income. It may be more affordable than other communities but still not reasonable.
- Affordable family housing for rent is lacking.
- Rent is way too high!! My wife and I were lucky we had an amazing landlord for 9.5 years. We finally purchase a house a little over a year ago, but even that, the house was pretty expensive.
- There is no affordable, accessible housing for people on benefits. I could not possibly buy the house I live in now at today's rates.
- I am fortunate to own my home, having bought it several years ago. The housing market is horrible right now, with many Puebloans unable to rent or buy affordably, and realtors are catering to outsiders at the expense of folks who are already here

- The prices of houses for rent and sale cannot be met with the cost of living, lack of jobs and the amount of pay.
- Very little AFFORDABLE housing for rent or sale!
- Low income housing requirements in all new apartments
- What is so called affordable housing seems to only be in the redline area of town or not close enough transportation
- The rent rate is far above the average wage, let alone minimum wage. The number of outside investors versus access of locals to funding or credit ability is hardly existent or a factor offsetting the incoming real estate investors.
- Why can't we have more of section 8 housing? How about we reopen the section 8 housing list?
- Gentrification of older neighborhoods. Out pricing affordable housing.
- Not so much for myself but affordable housing is a public health crisis in Pueblo county.
- Little manufactured homes for low-income and homeless.
- The cost of housing has gone up and has become unaffordable for many.
- The same house I bought in 2014 for 50K would cost more than twice that now and I would not qualify now, if I needed a new loan in that range. Low income entry housing is needed.
- Low inventory in our price range. It took us a LONG time to find a home to buy.
- Both rentals and for sale housing is getting ridiculously expensive and unaffordable.
- Family homes with 3 or more rooms have skyrocketed in price. Most homes are overpriced, and this problem is getting worse as people from Denver and Springs move to Pueblo during covid. The wages of Puebloans have not increased with the cost of housing.
- Rent is too high
- Rent is on the rise for poorly kept houses for rent and almost unaffordable to buy newer housing
- Programs for helping people purchase homes that do not qualify with the normal mortgage terms.
- We are personally fine. But Pueblos economy needs to catch up with the increase in housing prices.
- when we first moved here I had a budget of 100,000 for purchase. The houses available were not even livable. I found one, the one I am in now, and it has so many problems I should have bought a newer house that I still can't afford.
- Prices have sky rocketed. Need more affordable housing
- Efficient safe low income housing, help for the homeless, a city run shelter or a work/housing program that is actually effective
- Expensive. Could use more senior housing on sliding scale.
- Outside entities are coming in and purchasing property and raising rent prices while we do not have high wage jobs available
- Housing is just way too expensive.
- rent/ purchasing a house are way to expensive.
- There is not enough affordable housing options. Rentals are hard to come hand houses are too expensive for what you are getting.
- There was a lot of resistance from landlords when they knew I was moving here from out of state and the requirement for me to pay every place to run a background check was absurd. The cost of living is very high based on the quality of housing and I lots of reports of "slumlording" for those lower income renters. None of them cared to reach out to previous landlords to check my good history of renting, they only cared about me being able to pay.
- Everything is above basic income
- Affordable to teachers housing allowing pets including medium to large dogs that are well-behaved.
- Housing has gotten so high no one that lives here can afford it. We need more starter homes that are in safe neighborhoods. We need more housing options for the people I serve in my work. Many people have money to spend but their credit score is too low and they can't find a place to rent
- Pueblo City and County needs more affordable low cost housing .
- The cost of homes is way too high. Bank: you cannot afford \$950 mortgage Me: okay I'll keep paying \$1500 rent ..

- Property values have increased so quickly that everyone is selling their rental properties for lots of money
- Rental pricing is also ridiculous and there is virtually NO affordable housing. It seems that the drug addicts and criminals are worried about more than the hard working people of this town.
- Super expensive and have to commute to Colorado Springs to get a decent job
- Housing cost in recent years has gone up a lot.
- Price of owning a home . Will we out price ourselves like other places have?
- Zero availability of affordable housing

Housing: Housing stability

- I am fortunate enough to own my home, so have not explored other housing options. I do know there is too much homelessness for our country.
- Rent is sky high. There are very little programs here to help people. Instead pueblo is built on a system to separate families and kick you when you're down. Single mothers barely have a chance. There are no reunification efforts to try to keep families together that's why there is so much poverty and people who are homeless. Not to mention why so many children are left with their grandparents because its so difficult to survive here. There's no way I myself would even be able to have a home if it weren't for my parents who own the house I live in and only charge me the mortgage payment. If not for them I to would be homeless and my children would be the ones suffering. I'm very lucky and count my blessings everyday but others here are not so lucky. This needs to change! Even myself with a college education struggle to find adequate work! No growth here, but I'm stuck here due to the fact that I couldn't afford the home I have if it weren't for my parents owning the home I live in. I can honestly say that I've helped more people than the city has. I have a single mother who was living in her car staying at my house rn because I have a heart and wasn't about to let her and her child freeze to death in their car! But city council members would die before they ever open their home to ANYONE or try to help them!
- Housing for homeless
- Neighborhood stability and safety. County officials need to enforce ordinances and standards normally required of homeowners and developers.
- Pueblo has a radon problem that hinders ALL lifestyles it impacts. We need to concern ourselves with livability - not just affordability.
- Don't want to see section 8 or homeless housing in PW. both have been massive fails for a long time in other areas for several factually documented reasons.

Housing: Housing stock (in general)

- There is none poor availability and the list are long with no answers to when.
- Rent pricing is insane, there are very few options.
- We need more apartments with 3-4 bedrooms for families.
- Not pet friendly properties for rent
- Not enough, good, clean housing for the average wage family.
- More high end home choices
- There seem to be options for low income rental in the city. However, for those wanting a safe and quiet rental there are very few. Furthermore, there are not many options for upscale rentals.
- Not enough rental property or apartments
- Downtown homes
- Need more upper end housing so higher income people will live in the city. Have ordinances that fine/tax derelict properties. Need one level condos for seniors.
- I would like to see more net-zero and sustainably constructed home options, as well as mixed use townhome developments.

- High rents, pet-friendly options limited
- Housing in areas with paved walk ways/bike paths.
- Not enough high value homes
- I would like to see more apartments that have wheelchair accessible units and allow pet ownership. There is no place in Pueblo with available units that offers both.
- Pueblo needs more housing, period. As a realtor, I see young families priced out of our market at every turn.
- I would like to see a tiny house community where the houses are built and situated to make full use of solar energy.
- Not available
- Not enough older homes or multi-family homes (duplex or quad-plex) for new built homes. Metro District does not make that a priority. Single family homes bring in more tax dollars.
- Prices have increased. Very few apartments and no condos or patio homes.
- More pet friendly rentals. Landlords charging \$30 just to apply is wrong. One told me they had 60 applicants!!!
- Shortage of housing results in price gouging.
- Pueblo does not invest in its neighborhoods by offering home renovation loans and no investment of vacant lots owned by the city by offering to first or second chance homeowner programs. By bringing new families into struggling communities there is potential for increased property values.
- Pet acceptance and applications as well as the fees associated with both.
- Few options in mid-price range within city limits; most are older and low priced or modern and outside city limits
- With the median household income being \$40,000 in Pueblo, buying homes or renting in safe neighborhoods is out of reach for many Puebloans.
- Simply very little available.
- More house inventory. You have to know people to find affordable housing, and Covid is making most landlords either increase rent or stop renting. There is no direct relief for renters, and nothing affordable to purchase. I am a first-time homebuyer who would prefer to stay under \$200k, but that is no longer an option.
- What is available is not within standards, run down. Improve the standard of living.

Housing: Multi-family housing

- Medium density “missing middle” multi-family: duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes
- WE NEED MORE HIGH END CONDOS AND TOWNHOMES IN GATED COMMUNITIES.
- Town houses and condominiums
- Would like to see more multi-family housing and townhomes that infill in the cities underinvested areas. And housing facilities that include amenities like swimming pools, gyms, and rec rooms.
- Apartments, mixed-use housing in walkable neighborhoods. There is very little of this in Pueblo West.
- Housing for single, non disabled, non senior citizens.
- More multi-use housing as well as mix-income housing!!! Communities that thrive and are working to decrease health inequities use this method of mixed-income housing and it WORKS!
- Multi-family structures

Housing: Newer housing

- Housing stock is old, no neighborhood amenities.
- There are no apartments available! Need a nice new high-rise or patio homes specifically to rent.

- Very little to no single-family rental apartments or homes when our family moved in May, 2020. No homes will accept dogs. Not many high-quality real estate options or variety when we finally purchased a home 5 months later.
- The "inner city" and "downtown" residential space is so limited and building downtown or renovating space for residential is so challenging that area builders are deeply discouraged. Without residential downtown, the downtown economy cannot thrive.
- I would like to see abandoned buildings removed and areas opened up for new building within the city to encourage more people living in the city.
- Downtown condo.
- Apartments too old and not updated with the times
- More higher end with gated communities!
- Several well designed, energy efficient, low-to-medium-income cluster communities not based on short-term cheap construction. Aspirational housing with parks and recreation facilities.
- Townhouse & houses in a community with health club, pool and park for residents in the area to use. Like Denver or AZ of course there's community fees associated with this kind of community.
- Low inventory of new construction
- I would like to see more housing opportunities downtown.
- Substandard shacks

Housing: Rental housing

- No rentals in rye/Colorado City.
- The houses for rent here have slum lords never seen it like this before they have a run down shack and want to rent it out for full price of a good home and people are so desperate to not be homeless they pay for these unsafe homes the laws are construed to be in favor of renter but judicial favor the landlord honestly feel if a person rents a house in pueblo a permit should be pulled and place inspected in order to keep people safe and housing market cost up not have these run down shacks as cash cows bring others property down in value
- Lack of affordable rentals and entry level housing.
- The rental market is very competitive and difficult for people to find places to live currently. More opportunities for affordable options would help the city. The housing market is also in a boom, which is good news. However, the city needs to keep looking into ways to help first time buyers and giving opportunities to vulnerable populations that need help holding onto their families' properties. This will avoid pricing people out of the city, which we are seeing in Colorado Springs and Denver.
- Not many rent options other than in sketchy areas.
- When I was looking for a rental, I had the choice of dumpy/run-down and affordable or average and unaffordable. There needs to be more affordable housing available. There are plenty of existing homes and structures that could be improved for this purpose.
- I own my house, but I know that rentals are hard to find at an affordable place. Unless it's on the east side in a bad neighborhood.
- Need more rentals in apartments, housing, and affordable for sale. It's so expensive here compared to the Midwest, but also the availability is horrendous. Houses are sold not even a day on the market, and rentals are so hard to find. I don't know why every place for rent under \$700 is nowhere to be found, or that there are 20 families competing to get in.
- It is difficult to find affordable rentals in lower crime areas that are well maintained - lots of renovated older units with failing heat, appliances, pipes, etc. Newer apartments for small families would be ideal
- More apartments for rent. More homes for rent. Options for low income to "rent to buy".
- There is not much housing available for renters here.
- We need more rentals. Young professionals have trouble finding places to rent near downtown and get stuck renting on the northside in soulless apartment complexes with no walkability. There are numerous unkept empty houses that should be accumulating code violations (see Doug Bruce's houses

in mesa junction). Why isn't the city doing more code enforcement? There needs to be denser housing downtown and the city needs to support backfilling the neighborhoods with higher density housing.

- Seems to be very little rentals available
- I rated for me personally, however, affordable housing for people with limited income is progressively getting worse. I have major concerns re: out of town buyers/ landlords buying up many properties and raising rents. Too many rentals and many neighborhoods have trash everywhere with no follow through following complaints from the city.
- Rentals are pretty much nonexistent
- Houses for rent here in Pueblo are almost as high in Denver a Two bedroom home here is \$1000 or more for a decent place
- I would like to see more rental housing available across the board. There is a need to support lower-income families, with safe and comfortable housing. We also have a rental market for families seeking more "luxury" style complexes. Pueblo only has 2 complexes currently that market themselves to that demographic.
- single family rentals
- No available rentals. Need more single family homes with three bedrooms at affordable prices.
- There are very few rentals available if any in my area
- Prices of Rentals are too high. And slim to non in the Colorado City/Rye area.

Housing: Retiree housing

- Need more retirement areas. They attract more businesses and better and more organized medical.
- Not enough houses for pre retirement age people
- Not enough patio homes or condos for older residents !
- Why isn't the core area that Black hills owns not be considered for an inner city high density housing development. In addition, that would re-invigorate the Mid-town Shopping Center. More Senior Living choices. Pueblo is prime for attracting retirees!!! Co-op Studios for creatives.
- Cheap or subsidized Senior housing.

Housing: Single family housing

- Single family homes for growing families in Pueblo West.
- More starter homes
- need more single-family homes or townhouses between 100k-200k and modern housing
- Homes for larger families (seems like everything is 3 bedrooms or less)
- More small 2 bedroom homes with small yards
- Need more large family homes at reasonable prices. We have 6 people and low income
- Difficult to find affordable single family homes with 2 bathrooms under \$250,000
- Trying to find a house with 3 bedrooms for under \$1,500 a month is next to impossible.

Housing: Other/Not applicable

- no opinion
- I said no opinion
- N/A
- Both
- N/A
- I said I didn't know about rentals because we own our house
- Renting doesn't apply to me

Q 9b: Do you have other comments related to the ECONOMY?

Economy: Access to employment that offers a living wage

- Clean energy jobs, tech jobs
- Pueblo is economically depressed. And those in leadership positions respond by raising taxes, raising property values, raising property taxes, and making life even harder than it already is for the citizens.
- Need focus on Learning, Medical and Tech sector. These sustain growth.
- Increase the minimum wage
- Focus on developing all areas of town not just the north side. There are areas lacking grocery stores and the stores that are here were here when I was a child. Shopping centers and stores are tired and worn down. Pueblo has so much potential to be a great place to live but needs to raise itself up and invest in the things that attract people to a community. Variety of nice shopping draws people to a community. Good paying jobs make people want to stay. Pueblo is missing variety. How about Trader Joe's, Costco, another Chik-fil-a and movie theater. So many of the existing places are packed and on the north side. How about job opportunities for college graduates that pay a college graduate wage. Keep the CSU graduates in town. Give them a reason to stay and want to raise families here. Give people who travel to Pueblo for events or travel through Pueblo to say wow, this would be a nice place to live.
- Higher than minimum wage jobs
- I would like to see jobs that pay a livable wage and that all branches of government were engaged with making our schools better. Economic development is directly tied to the quality of education and Pueblo City Schools is not delivering a quality education.
- More upper management jobs.
- PEDCO needs to recruit businesses with higher average wages. The \$15 per hr in last sales tax was already behind- Pedco needs to lead, not follow.
- More IT jobs, construction. Need people who work in the city to live in the city. 1/2 cent sales tax should be used to help city people not folks living in the Springs.
- Businesses that offer a good wage and that require an educated workforce.
- More tech sector jobs and workforce development and recreational and local foods industry-focused businesses.
- More opportunities for people with advanced degrees.
- Get pedco out of this town. All they bring here are slave wage jobs !!!
- More high income and career jobs
- Lots of people with higher degrees seem to not stay in Pueblo. I would like to see more businesses that help increase the quality of life and help treasure the natural resources and land we have around us. The pot places are ridiculous. Research is showing it is not generally a good thing. Lots of people abuse it.
- I would like to see higher pay for teachers, more renewable energy employment opportunities, and a better arts and music representation in the area.
- Pueblo desperately needs more jobs that pay their employees a living wage. Too many of Pueblo's jobs are minimum wage, low skilled jobs
- County pay so low for tech talent the kids out of CSU and pcc don't want to work in Pueblo. Sad to lose all the young smart talent. Will keep Pueblo down if they can't keep youth here.
- Consider more business in the energy sector.
- Tragically, Pueblo appears to be a minimum wage city with few good paying jobs. You can see it in the lawns turning to dirt. Nobody seems to be able to afford taking care of their property, further eroding pride of place.
- More manufacturing/ Tech jobs
- Wouldn't be able to make it unless I owned my own business.

- more high tech jobs besides call centers and more opportunities for education - apprenticeships and job training for youth besides PCC
- Livable wage businesses as well as more places for shopping and dining as well as entertainment
- My kids left because of no decent job opportunities
- Bring sustainable jobs to Pueblo. NO MORE WEED FACILITIES!! PLEASE!!!
- Higher income and professional career
- Investments in green and high-tech industries that pay their employees a living wage.
- We should focus on attracting businesses that pay higher wages in our community. And if these businesses require advanced technical training, then we need to provide opportunities for people to receive that training for low or no cost. When Vesta came to Pueblo and needed more welders, we provided ample opportunities for people to receive welding certification. We need to do the same with the other industries, especially the tech industry.
- Renewable energy.
- more businesses and employment based on existing intellectual and renewable resources; less focus on heavy industrial or recruiting businesses from outside there region
- We need to bring in more manufacturing or technical jobs to bring in new money. We can't survive as a city only recycling our money through service industry jobs. But there is a lack of willing and able workers because they can get free money and assistance too easily. Makes them unwilling to work and retain employment.
- Low impact, clean, light industry, technical, energy efficiency and renewable energy related.
- Our county thrives in the service industry but those jobs often do not pay enough for a family to make an adequate living.
- I think we need something that stands out in order to lure more people in to build up our economy. I would like to see more businesses open that relate to kids so they have something to go and do and also more organic food store like sprouts
- There are not a variety of jobs with a livable wage.
- We desperately need to increase the level of education to attract employment opportunities that pay a living wage. I don't mean just degrees but trained trade also
- I would like to see more jobs that don't require a degree that pay enough to support basic needs without the necessity of a second or third job.
- Allow larger companies to come here and create more quality jobs. This then helps housing. Bring attractions and local incentives
- Drug testing for marijuana has kept many in Pueblo from tax paying work in a community that has legalized marijuana use
- More jobs for people with a college degree.

Economy: Availability of employment opportunities

- Technology
- More diversity in employment opportunity for career growth while remaining in Pueblo. Improved communication via all media's for career enhancement, education and opportunity.
- We would like for the city and county to stop running off potential employers (like Walmart warehouse).
- Large distribution type centers for large quantities of jobs.
- Manufacturers
- Please put people to work fixing the roads! We need Recycle centers then figure out ways to repurpose and reuse what they take in. We need better education for our children as well as better mental health so that people don't end up homeless.
- more manufacturing and/or warehouse enterprises, less dependence on MJ retail and production .
- Deliver free Training and paid internships opportunities for all citizens to be prepared with the technical skills and work ethic/social emotional skills to be eligible for careers in the green

economy/solar/wind/et al. And deliver robust internet access throughout the ENTIRE County immediately. Prioritize the quality of real-life, work-related education opportunities for all kids, move away from the delusion that high performances on standardized tests prepares anyone for careers. Implement apprenticeship opportunities for all kids, and train business leaders and their teams to be effective MENTORS to young people in those apprenticeships.

- Need more large businesses to come to Pueblo. Need to offer large incentive to get them here.
- outdoor recreation manufacturers, outdoor recreation companies, outdoor recreation opportunities
- I would like to see trade schools back in the high schools.
- Manufacturing and preparation of a workforce to meet the needs of industry.
- Difficult to find professional jobs, like accounting. I have always had to travel somewhere for work.
- Manufacturing
- Pueblo County needs a non-government operated ""Community Development"" Commission to research, attract larger employers.
- It is difficult to attract and retain young professionals. Once they receive training and experience, they seem to want to either move to or live in other areas, such as Colorado Springs or Denver Metro.
- Small batch manufacturing
- Retaining the brain trust of the community. Our youth, if motivated for Higher Education leave and do not return.
- More for the kids to get them off the streets and out of gangs.
- Again, it is very difficult to attract and maintain young professionals in Pueblo. In the future, Pueblo should focus on makers, artists, businesses that cater to retirees, infrastructure that supports remote work, and renewable energy.
- "This is relative. If you have a disability it is almost impossible to find employment unless you work for a non-profit that helps that community.
- Blue collar manufacturing
- I have heard PEDCO has made it hard for good jobs to come here. Joe Jobs are hard to come by and this is a huge hindering for our community.
- Promoting and utilizing Trade Apprenticeship training programs to provide better opportunities for community members.
- Hard to find office jobs.
- Create incentives to bring business or corporations to our area bringing more jobs.
- We give tax breaks to companies for jobs but they don't deliver either in volume or wages most of the time
- More warehouses that offer more employment opportunities and better pay.
- Stop preventing free market of cannabis business. Not like there is much other technical or management work in pueblo.

Economy: Ease of finding/retaining employees

- It's hard to find good workers for home improvement like plumbing or electrical. People know that there aren't great options and so you'll settle to get a job done. We need a way to be able to weed out the bad and let the good ones in. A Costco would be great for families to get food on a budget.
- There have been a restaurant and a plumbing company I know owners that both have business in c Springs, tried starting businesses here a they could not get employees to show up for work and really just poor quality of candidates.
- Need better talent in workforce - willingness to work and stay in a job
- Workers in Pueblo tend to be undervalued & underpaid - we don't appreciate our own.
- Great place to start a business. Hardest part of small business here or anywhere else is getting quality people to work for you, even if you pay them a livable wage.

- It can be hard to find good job candidates. I have never started my own business, but from observations, it seems hard for people to start businesses.

Economy: Ease of starting a business

- Pueblo continues to have a bad reputation for services to business including zoning, permitting, Pueblo continues to have a bad reputation for services to business including zoning, permitting, etc.
- The staggeringly high electric rates are a debilitating factor for our community and they disincentivize businesses from relocating here, thereby hindering economic growth.
- Pueblo has limited growth or economical opportunities for the entirety of my life. This has limited opportunities, housing, and employment. The city is largely economically disadvantaged, partially due to residents as well.
- Better support of new restaurants and food trucks including faster licensing/inspection for opening.
- Have a friend who owns a business and so I know it's not easy to start one, but the cost of startup here, with the properties are expensive, is hard for anyone to maintain afloat. Employers pay minimum wage or a little more depending on the job. Pueblo is a Medicaid town so much of the citizens now have gotten lazy and want that handout. Cause it's no longer a hand up as the more someone does to try and better their situation the more the government screws them. Cost of living is expensive, so you need to work a job that pays more than minimum wage (which is hard to find here) and then with "COVID" the officials here shut down small businesses and other jobs which royally screwed us all. All over a virus that has a 99.98% survival rate.
- Rejection of non-union businesses intentionally pushes away businesses. Seems the people in power care more about retaining power than growing our community.
- The lack of educational programs and difficult processes to access becoming an entrepreneur is evident specifically for the immigrant population.
- Again, it is very different for those in poverty, educational opportunities are expensive and are essential to obtain a job that will support a family. As for those starting a new business it is not easy to know which regulations have to be met, which departments that have to have checkoffs. Too many places to go to get permission to move forward. Need a one stop place to go to get all permissions taken care of.
- Just hard to get started and approved. Pueblo is notoriously known for no growth. We don't like outsiders or change and it shows in the businesses we have available
- Pueblo is an insider town and newcomers may have a difficult time integrating
- Pueblo city it's not very friendly to small businesses starting or it's planning in business so I so I don't
- Prohibitive Electrical energy costs inhibit new business start-ups and make existing margins small.
- There's an unofficial mafia that you must pay in order to have a business

Economy: Quality of businesses and services

- More retail and entertainment venues in Pueblo West. My wife and I hate having to go into Pueblo for the majority of our shopping needs.
- I would like to see more selection in grocery shopping. Again, it is hard to evaluate what's available for entertainment because of the questionable strictness of the Covid lockdowns.
- Revitalize Union Avenue, high end gift shop and furniture options, COSCO, expanded farmer markets
- Pueblo West needs a Trader Joes, or a Whole Foods!
- Need more selection of American food restaurants and shops-home goods, 5 below etc.
- Would like to see less marijuana facilities or at least less advertisement of the facilities.
- Movie theater by the river walk...more restaurants on south end of town...
- I would like to see a Sprouts or a Trader Joe's grocery store in Pueblo.
- American owned and run businesses.

- As far as businesses, this town absolutely needs new and improved grocery stores, especially on the northeast side of town. I have heard from franchise businesses in Colo Springs that it is virtually impossible for a chain to come into Pueblo, that those in charge make it extremely difficult, so nothing new wants to come here.
- The Arts Center, History Colorado, and other cultural venues are very important to the Pueblo community. I would like to see more businesses/restaurants occupying the empty storefronts along Union Ave and Main St.
- I would like to see more performing arts.
- Fewer chains, more black and brown business-owners
- More restaurant's
- More small unique restaurants that are not big chains. Better and more grocery stores.
- Need more diverse cannabis businesses I have ideas
- We need progressive retailers, like Whole Foods. Gluten free/vegan/organic restaurants. We only have Natural Grocers for a county of 200k people.
- More eco-friendly businesses.
- More options for fast food and dining on Pueblo's Southside.
- Better/larger Aquatic center/recreation facilities. More retail stores
- Family friendly activities. Small amusement parks, water parks, aquarium, expansion and support of our own zoo, minor league sports teams with state of the art facilities for our youth to have access to Access to grocery stores with fresh food on all sides of town"
- better grocery stores w/better inventory and choices, a Costco (NOT Sam's) and Trader Joe's is wanted/needed, street repairs, better wifi access, water pricing's ridiculous and Metro District, in general, has no credibility and isn't respected.
- We need more variety of places to shop and eat.
- I'm all for sorting local, I do it everyday. But, the reason other communities thrive is the quality, consistency of businesses & products far surpasses what we have here. More importantly, the use of community generated funding is spent more efficiently in appropriate areas.
- I think Pueblo West could use more businesses. I think it is an excellent location for a Costco to serve Southern Colorado.
- We could use a few restaurants and a gas/ convince store. That would help with jobs also.
- Grocery stores, recreational places for teenagers
- More restaurants, we have lost two of the most popular ones and it would be nice to have a family place to go for not a lot of money.
- While Pueblo's small business environment is incredible and prosperous, increasing chain stores and restaurants in major areas (Riverwalk, North Side, Regency) will help with subpar tourism and amenities.
- LOCAL E-commerce, I.T. hubs, Senior Services, electric bike manufacturer, regional rec/cultural tourism services
- we need a local food hub and more co-op options for sharing the infrastructural costs for people starting businesses for co-packing, co-processing, storing, growing food locally indoors, selling cooperatively, etc.
- Need a food based business incubator
- End cannabis business store caps in the city and the moratorium in Pueblo County.
- Still have to use Amazon to buy most things. Businesses are lacking in Diversity and quality of goods, services offered.
- Not enough minority homeowners nor enough incentives for minority owned businesses and enterprises on the main areas of town. For instance I would have to go to Denver or Colorado Springs to get my hair done if I wanted my hair braided or permed.
- County government and city officials need to do a better job of recruiting newer, sustainable businesses. There are plenty of abandoned facilities that could be utilized and they should also focus

on the clean up the eyesore of the steel mill. Officials from the past did a huge disservice to the our community by rejecting sustainable businesses that were interested in the past.

- More chain food places, Amazon Warehouse
- Pueblo needs more retail and restaurant options. Mainstay/chain style retail and food options that any city this size typically has. In addition more small business shops and restaurants. People should not have to drive to CO Springs for retail and restaurant options.
- We need to invest in a large sporting complex that would offer opportunities to keep youth busy with healthy choices. Dedicated good soccer and pickleball fields and courts
- I would love to see many different shops/restaurants from bigger cities like COS and DEN. I see some improvement in this with Pueblo getting a Jersey Mikes and a Culver's. I would also like to see helplines for kids/teens who want to start a business.
- More local Pueblo stores and services no more walmarts mcdonald's etc
- Business that support seniors.
- Grocery store near the library. Developing Alternative energy. Community gardens. Support brick making (such a strong history with brickwork in mill). Certainly through the arts (go Ken Williams) as well as residential. Same for Adobe homes (cool, designed for the desert.
- Creative sector
- Anything but especially entertainment/ athletics
- neighborhood markets
- We need to get more modern chain restaurants and shopping. We chase these companies away because a small percentage of wealthy businessmen make too many decisions.
- I would love to see business and restaurants built around the reservoir.
- More restaurants/ city center type of places.

Economy: Support for small businesses

- The city makes it extremely difficult to have a small business in pueblo. The city seems to be against growth.
- Unique small businesses, more creative industries.
- Would like to see local businesses supported the way these new companies are with the tax free bees
- Pueblo small businesses have some issues with customer service. I believe they need help developing those skills and training. It is tough to compete with big chains especially when employees at the chain stores are friendly and on the ball. I would also like to see more shopping opportunities.
- Pueblo's Small Business support systems are archaic and don't put enough emphasis on partnerships with our local higher ed to get actual Business Development education prior to launching businesses. Which is why we have such a high rate of turnover. We are also missing a locally controlled Newspaper which is fundamentally flawed for new businesses. A good local paper with a strong web presence and social presence is vital to getting news on community, public health, and new businesses to our community.
- We need to invest in our arts and entertainment. Right now Pueblo only has 1 real art gallery and all the businesses downtown are completely gone. Making it easier to lease and invest in small businesses would be great.
- Creation of more public service or providing more funding for local community organizations.
- County has been too liberal in programs to assist. Those getting assistance should have obtainable goals and ability to sustain and maintain a good standard of living.
- I've never been more ripped off by small business owners than I have been in Pueblo. Especially in the trades. There is a standard for poor customer service in Pueblo, businesses and government entities alike.
- Economic diversity is important. Local businesses contribute to that diversity.

- I would like to see more opportunities devoted to supporting small and local businesses as well as supporting the entrepreneurs already here rather than giving economic incentives to large companies that don't really care about Pueblo (e.g., the PBR on the riverwalk - WHAT THE HELL!?! Prime real estate on the river walk and nothing is happening there. It's a shame)
- Less franchise and more locally owned business; more opportunities for the creative sector: week long art festival; healthcare - Pueblo s/b S.E. Colorado health center
- More variety of small shops on Union. This seemed to peak in the early 2000s and sadly many are gone.
- Any and all small businesses that follow the mask mandate!
- I would like to see increased support for the creative / arts community.
- More black and brown owned businesses
- Keep government out of the way for small businesses. Refer to free enterprise success
- More black owned businesses.
- More promotion for small businesses instead of the Hugh focus on cooperation.
- It is a tough time for any type of business however would prefer for the city/county support new and existing local businesses. We need more entertainment for our youth, ask them for ideas and research what is working in other cities. Coffee hangout, concerts, drive in/outdoor activities? Top Golf type of business..this place is always packed. Could the city/county be creative and develop their own or bring in a Top Golf. It would still contribute to our economy and bring tourists and appeal to locals. Also...support your local arts. For example, Broadway Theatre League, Memorial Hall events, Arts Center etc.
- Covid disrupted everything but before there were enough opportunities people just had to look and small business here were looking positive especially bars and restaurants.

Economy: Tourism amenities

- It would be nice to see the city push for better tourism amenities and update the city's public face (i.e. the I-25 corridor and HWY 50) to help bring up the reputation of Pueblo in the minds of the rest of the state.
- Natural tourism attractions could be improved with more economic support. HARP is beautiful and well supported. Couldn't the same thing be done for Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center? Promoting fishing on the Arkansas, improving roads and ball field in Pueblo Mountain Park. There is a great need for employment opportunities that would keep Pueblo's brightest and best in the community after they complete their secondary education. Could we attract more tech jobs? Would we not be well served to emphasize STEM fields at earlier grade levels. How can we expect students to excel in STEM fields when they don't get much science education until middle and high school? No chemistry until high school. Science is not included on tests until grade 5 and then the results are not used to rate/rank schools. We are not taking full advantage of the in children's lives that they are most curious and thirsty for knowledge. Education is the pipeline to employment, innovation, and a strong economy.
- To better support the economy, more innovation is needed and more ideas from the community need to be considered. In recent years, lots of ideas to support local businesses seem to be delayed or inaccessible due to HARP and PEDCO regulations. An example of this is the partnership with Bull Riders since a lot of their contractual agreements and the expansion of the Convention Center seem to be projects that do not meet demand. Engaging the arts community can help with beautification and also lead to more attractive elements to help the downtown and other areas bring in tourism. Similarly, there needs to be more innovative ideas with the Riverwalk. For example, instead of limiting access to the occasional boat tour, open it up to paddle boards, kayaks, and make it more communal in its pull for visitors. The ideas to revitalize the old 4 & 5 plant, and the alpha beta could be good options to explore. It will take a lot of investment and time, but it could help open up more spaces for restaurants, local shops, recreational spaces, and businesses that help people create.
- Tourism could bring many dollars into Pueblo, but our mayor and council do not understand this. Tourism is at the bottom of the list. This is going to bring us further down.

- There is SOOO much more Pueblo could do for tourism. An art festival every summer downtown or on the riverwalk. A Christmas art fair. And when I say art - I mean art booths by people who create - not the weird booths of mass-produced stuff.
- When gambling was offered in the riverwalk we should have said yes. When Budweiser wanted to come here, we should have said yes. When the Walmart DC wanted to come here, we should have said yes. When someone offered to remodel the golf course and make it a destination golf course. Pueblo should have said yea instead of giving it to the advisory committee's daughter in law
- We have so much to offer as far as tourism, but it seems no marketing. There is SO MUCH art and culture, MANY museums that no one knows about.
- Tourism opportunities are underutilized and poorly marketed. I believe tourism offers a means of sustainable development and would like to see governments, individuals, businesses invest in marketing initiatives.
- Not enough things to do in pueblo.
- There are huge local opportunities that have not been maximized. We could lean into creating draws based on neglected areas being revitalized and optimized. For example, the nature river walk near the city park feels abandoned but is beautiful and could easily be enhanced to offer a better feel. If you have a way to house people affordably business will flourish because people buy where they live.
- Entertainment opps are lacking so there isn't much draw for tourists
- Market what we have that's great about Pueblo in regard to outdoor amenities and recreation. People with disposable income are here all the time at Lake Pueblo boating, fishing, hiking and biking etc. We do nothing to keep them here for shopping, meals or other. Pueblo is a top stop for cyclists doing cross country biking. Again, we do nothing to entice them to stay here longer. The days of the mill and "pride city" attitudes are antiquated. If you want a reason for pride, clean it up!! Make Pedco and city council and Mayor's office actually do a decent job of their intent and move to the future and quit making stupid choices for our city. They are consistently thinking and acting from the past. I'm so tired of hearing "oh that's just Pueblo" and things stay mediocre. For that reason, we are not planning to retire here.
- Nothing to pull tourists here
- Hotel rates are crazy high. I can go to Tulsa and find a very good hotel for under \$90 a night? here? \$130. People will stay in Springs and drive down rather than stay in pueblo.
- Potential to expand tourism, but it would take considerable funds to be raised.
- Better management at Regional Building, who have a stranglehold on business here, and who seem to be deliberately roadblocking any out-of-town folks trying to come in. Also, why do like five people own most of the downtown area, and yet aren't penalized for vacant and deteriorating buildings?
- What's with all the welcome centers and the focus on welcome centers. Tourists don't just meander into a brick and mortar welcome center if they are visiting. They use the internet. Do a better job of promoting Pueblo online, like including suggested walking tours (partner with local arts orgs who already are doing that) instead of wasting valuable downtown space on a space designating for "welcoming" people that no one uses. Another example of how backward the town is when it comes to tourism. Advertise fly fishing! Kayak park! These actually bring people in.
- It seems that to find work in Pueblo, including contract and part-time, it's not what you know, it's who you know. Tourism amenities could be expanded because of the mild climate.
- There is available employment but there has been a lack of educational support for citizens to gain the skills to qualify. Would like to see the responsibility of tourism promotion removed from the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. They lack the professional skills necessary to compete with tourism promotion of other cities in CO.
- The Chamber does a terrible job as the CVB. There is no other way to put it. They totally mismanage the funds they are given to promote the community and spend money in stupid ways. They are hard to work with and seem to actively dislike partnering with companies/groups/agencies that work in the tourism industry.
- More touristy some more industries,

- How about innovative campgrounds-so many RVs drive right by Pueblo. More hiking trails would bring more people. Manufacture of small livable quality houses. How about a botanic garden? Attract more tourists, in other words.
- We need to start cleaning up things to continue to attract tourism.
- It would be nice to have a tourism industry with “things to do”, events.
- There are a lot of restaurants, but nothing to “do”.
- Anything that would help the economy of this town.

Economy: Other/Not Applicable

- Homeless population is detrimental to Pueblo
- We are home of heros but look like a run down city our cleanness in this city lack roads are horrible we have homeless on every street corner but marijuana revenue through the roof where is the money going love that were getting new school and love that it will help youth but what;s gonna keep them occupied and not in the streets we need more youth programs and police to keep crime down.
- Again, failed liberal policies are destroying this city.
- Clean up and beautify I25! It's a turn-off for travelers. Pueblo seems to take pride in being ugly--I noticed it when I moved here.
- Retires
- I'm self-employed so it's hard for me to judge traditional employment opportunities.
- no opinion
- "I would like to see the businesses, especially restaurants and bars, allowed to open at 100% occupancy! they've been ruined because of the whims of our Governor and Mayor.
- The curfew and closures have killed small businesses.
- Small businesses are being pushed out by government /Covid and corporate. Please support them more by opening and giving people the option to shop/dine.
- Quit trying to supplement. Give a hand up instead of supplementing laziness and ineptitude
- American made and more access to health facilities with doctors and not PAs
- We The People MUST get the corrupt government hacks voted out of local/state office— to be replaced by true US constitutional representation as stated in the Bill of Rights & all Founding Documents.
- Taxes need to be kept in check. People on fixed incomes can't afford to live if taxes keep being raised disproportionately to income available.
- In pueblo its not about what you know and all about who you know! Its like one giant high school it sucks!
- More recreational activities and events
- You can try all you want to improve the economy, but it won't happen until the schools get better
- Performance entertainment

Q 10b: Do you have other comments related to TRANSPORTATION?

Transportation: Ease of travel by biking

- Community transportation priorities are horribly wrong, and entirely car-centric. And when the city attempted a new bike lane concept, short-sighted business owners downtown revolted. An entire mind shift is needed.
- Drivers are rude and do not watch for walkers and act like a walker is an inconvenience. Biking in downtown Pueblo is frightening.
- Would like to see more bike paths and greater enforcement of traffic laws
- Need more trails without constant stop signs

- Things need substantial work and investment. Some great bike trails but near zero connectivity and accessibility to get from one key destination to another. We have some of the widest roads in the county, yet a paucity of bike lanes and traffic calming measures. We have also way overinvested in parking. As most cities are shifting away from downtown vehicle congestion and accommodation, Pueblo is moving in reverse.
- More bike lanes and mass transport north and south please.
- North of 50 has been ignored as far as paved trails.
- Need more trails, parks, and open spaces in PW.
- We would love to safely travel by bike for shopping and most errands. We cannot “safely” get across town because either the bike lanes aren’t connected or there are so many homeless camps near stores on trails that I would not take my kids through there. There needs to be more transportation, other than private car, between Pueblo, the county and Pueblo West. Building more highway to handle cars is a backward decision. There also should have been a safe bike lane from Pueblo to Pueblo West when the highway was expanded. And the exchange at 50 and Pueblo Blvd is one of the dumbest things I’ve ever seen. What a wasted opportunity. I would love to see the data on increased traffic accidents there.
- We need better sidewalks and bike lanes. It is dangerous to ride your bike in this city. People don’t stop for pedestrians.
- Pueblo is designed for cars and cars alone. I often feel unsafe biking or walking because cars allowed to go so fast in the downtown area. Why are roads downtown designed like highways? The new transportation secretary Buttigieg did great work in South Bend making the downtown more dynamic and walkable and vibrant. THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN HERE. South Bend (minus the world class university there) is a doppelganger for Pueblo and should be a model.
- need to connect biking corridor across the front range eventually
- I know there is work being done to connect city and pueblo west trail systems, but it has a long way to go.
- This is the least bike friendly community I’ve lived in. I need to bike many days, as my household only has one car, and it should be easy, but I am so close to being hit by a car every time I bike. It’s terrifying and frustrating to deal with that during my commute.
- Safety is our biggest issue with transportation. I don’t feel safe to bike, walk, or run within the city. I feel slightly safer in pueblo west
- Lot’s more needs to be done for bike paths, hiking etc. especially in Pueblo West
- We have cut out a lot of driving availability so we can add bike lanes. I have not once seen a bike on those designated lanes .
- I am familiar with bike trails by the Arkansas River and Fountain creek but that is all I know of

Transportation: Ease of travel by car

- Repaving of Dillon Drive north of Highway 50. As seniors, we have to take that road very slow because of all the dips and potholes in that road. If we don’t my wife has experienced a wrenched neck and shoulder more than once because of its poor condition.
- Poor roads pot holes, people using disable ramps as driveways, parking on sidewalks,
- Speeding is a major issue in Pueblo especially I25 and Highway 50 through Pueblo. Cars continually speeding with no law enforcement-numerous accidents
- If you don’t have a car in Pueblo County you will have a very difficult time getting around. Alternatively, roads are getting congested and are in poor repair. We need some improvements if we ever hope to grow.
- The roads in Pueblo West flat out suck. But instead of fixing roads, the leaders in Pueblo West decided to build another Taj Mahal fire station and con the citizens into paying for it.
- The roads are absolutely terrible. Where is all our tax money going? Stuffing the pockets of elected officials, no doubt.

- Does anyone here know how to use a turn signal? Or stay in their lane? Basic driving skills?
- Many of the streets are in our condition.
- The lack of paved roads in PW is ridiculous.
- bus service seems to be ok - wish more would take advantage of it. Our roads are finally starting to get paved and improved. I know it takes time.
- Fix the roads in neighborhoods. Monitor traffic better by police. Worst drivers I've ever seen in this town and no one cares because no enforces/monitors. Police speed down streets like everyone else
- Connection between roads like Outlook to Dillion would be nice to have completed, as well as finishing Dillion. Connecting Spaulding from Pueblo BLVD to Purcell. There are only two ways into Pueblo West from Pueblo and when the major road is under construction it's difficult. Dirt roads in Pueblo West are awful and hard on vehicles, would like to see them all asphalted. Road maintenance is not maintained timely. Deleting driving lanes to make a bike path is irritating (like recently done on Outlook), I have not see one biker even use it.
- Again, we need better roads that don't trash out our vehicles as we drive over them. Check out the 11 St bridge here in the Westside, it is horrid. Our streets are really bad.
- They need a road that connects 25th lane and Everett road to the highway 50 bypass. It would ease travel from Blende to the north side of Pueblo and avoid having to drive clear to baxter road to do so !!!
- Potholes are bad!
- Better master planning of streets, more cross town thoroughfares. stop adding on mishmash of neighborhoods of winding streets and cul-de-sacs.
- I gave it a poor rating...but I prefer the dusty roads and equestrian trails.
- Snow removal done by the County is hideous. While DOT is out plowing roads, the county is still sleeping.
- I do not agree with additional fees being added to gasoline. The people here voted to pay a fee to the Board of Water for road repair.
- The unused bike lanes impede traffic.
- way past time to get signal lights well coordinated depending upon different traffic times of the day in PW as well as Pueblo.
- Gas prices are high for this area.
- fix the rural roads
- Some residential areas still have dirt roads, but are graded well.
- Condition of roads can be limiting
- Pueblo loves cars. In many ways, Pueblo has a vibrant auto community. Unfortunately, Pueblo loves cars to the detriment of other aspects of life. Sometimes it feels like Pueblo loves cars more than it cares about neighborhoods, economic vitality, and even children. One would be forgiven for thinking that Pueblo is built exclusively for cars: wide streets encourage fast driving; local government refuses to build devices that actually slow down cars (e.g. traffic circles, speed bumps, narrower lanes); most residential streets are exceedingly dangerous for everyone, especially children and cyclists; traffic engineers add lanes and big streets to ensure that cars travel quickly, but by doing so inadvertently cut up neighborhoods into isolated pods; the enormous quantity of roads suck up government money and time; parking lots fill downtown to such an extent that an outsider would think the purpose of downtown is to store vehicles in empty lots and garages. Practically no one ever pays for parking, yet Pueblo keeps building more parking lots and parking garages. Traffic is nonexistent, yet our community spends huge amounts of money to build big wide roads. Pueblo's auto infrastructure is such that few people can find Pueblo attractive; instead, the city has a vehicular utilitarianism that encourages people to drive through (and out of) the city as quickly as possible.
- That safe bike lanes and pedestrian paths could so obviously succeed if done correctly make Pueblo's car culture so frustrating. The old commercial centers - downtown Pueblo, Mesa Junction, Bessemer - could be so much better than they are because they were originally built for people, not cars. With global warming, electric bikes and scooters, Uber, work-from-home, and autonomous driving vehicles

either here or on the horizon, Pueblo needs to focus on slowing cars down and making safe spaces for other modes of travel.

- Our roads and bridges need work. You should spend the Marijuana money on that instead of buying new buildings like the Wells Fargo building without tax payer approval.
- I hear the bus lines don't run late enough for the working people to catch a bus after work. The option to travel outside our region seems to be best by air. I have a car and so travel is not a real problem for me. I rated ease of travel by car as average being as many streets have rough surfaces and bumps. Recent upgrades to streets on the northside where I live is appreciated.
- I'm glad I drive
- Snow removal on city streets is an issue.
- TOO MANY POTHOLE!
- I25 should be 3 lanes on both sides and it would be nice if the roads were plowed
- Too many pot holes
- I know it can't be changed, but it sure would be great if more roads were paved here. Especially ones that a lot of people would end up using, like those accessing established trails that are often so poor people avoid them. Make it easier and people will come here. Take advantage of the natural beauty more.
- Some of the neighborhoods with access to major roads need stoplights to be able to get out of the neighborhood. Pueblo Blvd and Acero for example.
- These roads. Need Jesus.
- Fix the streets...many are bad and becoming worse by the day!
- Pueblo West roads are HORRIBLE !!!
- Roads suck. You knew that!

Transportation: Ease of travel by transit to destinations outside the region

- Would like to see transportation to/from Pueblo West from Colorado Springs airport
- Would LOVE to have train service to Denver's airport
- Our regional airport needs more airline service. Rail service into the northern part of the state would be very beneficial.
- We need a rail system that travels the entire front range even up to Montana and Wyoming and as far south as New Mexico. Also, if better transit existed into the valley people could continue to live out east, but work in town.
- Need rail to Denver and connection to the south.
- People move out to Pueblo West to get away from the mass transit and to have their own private community.
- Train to Denver!!! Needed. AND - seriously - I've lived in small towns and Pueblo's public transit is abysmal.
- Train to Colorado spring to Denver to Boulder
- I can't find a bus that goes from Pueblo to Denver airport
- To have a railroad system connecting Pueblo to Denver would be absolutely lovely. I've driven to Denver, taken a bus to Denver, and taken an airplane to Denver. I would soooo prefer hopping on a train to Denver.
- We need Amtrak!!!!!!!!,.
- Let's have a commuter train to Colorado Springs!
- Get Amtrak's Southwest Chief hooked up to Pueblo. Then extend passenger rail service through Pueblo, north and south.
- Leroy Garcia's plan for a train/ rail system
- Would like to see the train from Pueblo to Fort Collins moved ahead.
- We need a train from Pueblo to Denver

- need the high speed train from here to Denver, busses to Colorado Springs for shopping, events and roads in need of repair- too many potholes
- Bus route to industrial parks from lower income areas.
- Would like to see the bus system expanded and revamped so people without cars can get to places in the evening. Am looking forward to rail service through Southwest Chief and Pueblo to Denver.
- Would very much like to see additional transit options to Denver.
- Train or metro to Colorado Springs to Denver to Boulder
- This is for COLORADO CITY - my answers would be different for the city of Pueblo - GOOD for sidewalks, AVG for walking AVG for bikes, AVG for transit within region. The problem with pueblo transit as far as buses is that it ends at 6 or so - however, the bus service is good & appreciated. It also would help to have a line that goes out to the Airport (for both jobs in distribution centers, etc. & use of airport) or some sort of airport shuttle
- Airline connectivity is poor. It is much easier and cheaper to drive to Colorado Springs. Also, I understand the local bus service only serves the city limits of Pueblo.
- Fast transit between Pueblo and Denver would rapidly change transit in the region for the better.
- Would love to see light rail come to Pueblo and an affordable shuttle service going to Denver and the Springs.
- Need train to Denver ASAP.
- FRONT RANGE RAIL !!! Better walking and bike trails and EDUCATION for drivers.
- The Bustang is a great new option, and I'm very excited about rail service to the North, especially if it includes ferrying our personal cars
- I'd like to see more public transportation in Pueblo and to other parts of the state.
- The region is built out for cars. Tough to imagine any affordable mass transit. Fast rail along I-25 would be nice.
- The ability to travel is nonexistent beyond a level of income. The consistency of transportation is not be relied on. The local, regional, national, or international ability for travel is out of reach and daunting for most citizens.
- I'm still waiting for you guys to get the rail situation straightened out.
- I feel that greater support needs to be given to establishing passenger rail service between Pueblo and destinations to the north, south, east and west.
- It would be nice to have more transportation from Pueblo West to Denver and gambling towns.
- Living in Pueblo West there is no busses or trains to take people to any jobs outside of PW. People go onto social media asking for rides to work or outside the city or county
- Increase airport activities to other locations
- I know we have tried and it has not worked for us but I miss the flights from Pueblo to Vegas and other destinations. I am looking forward to the rail system that will connect southern Colorado with northern Colorado
- Southside seems to have areas where there are no sidewalks. We really need rail service!
- Need bus system outside city limits
- I know it is complex but it would really be nice to get that train from Pueblo to Denver.
- The government expense of operating an airport in Pueblo exceeds the value. The cost of airfare from the Pueblo airport is much higher than from CS or Denver, and it is less expensive to drive to those cities. Therefore, there are so few passengers that it makes little economic sense to have a functioning airport in Pueblo unless, somehow, ticket prices can be reduced.
- Need Amtrak or similar up and down front range to include Pueblo

Transportation: Ease of travel by transit within the region

- Expanding public transportation options should be a priority.

- Getting the bus system onto tech that will enforce Ontime busses will transform our less-fortunate communities ability to sustain jobs and get out of poverty! I constantly hear complaints of busses 30-40 minutes behind schedule. Bag & grocery limits on public transit are also fundamentally flawed and keeping our lower classes down. Only 2 bags per bus trip is insane. How do moms feed their kids on 2 bags per trip!?
- Transportation needs to be overhauled completely. I've never seen transportation handled so poorly in a community.
- I would like to have the use of "hop on hop off" transport throughout the city - especially into neighborhoods to bring the city together.
- Public transportation should be more regionally focused not City focused. Transportation within the city is pretty good but hours should be expanded. Transportation between the City and Pueblo West, Beulah, Rye, St. Charles Mesa etc. leaves a lot to be desired.
- Our bus system is not well supported and makes it very difficult to use. For example, people trying to use the bus system need to set aside 1 hour for what should be a 15 minute drive. The hours should also be extended to help working individuals who need this transportation to get to work and cannot currently rely on it. This also affects how the city connects to the university and community college. Most students limit their engagement with the city because they do not know what is there beyond Wal-Mart and the movie theater. Also, Pueblo needs to be open to use trains to connect to other cities on the Front Range. Our bike and walking trails are a hidden gem in Pueblo that should be expanded and offered more connections and support. There are countless places in the city where sidewalks end, do not connect, and also put bicyclist and pedestrians in precarious positions that could get them injured or killed. There is enough parking in downtown and surrounded areas, so please stop worrying about that and directing funding in that direction.
- We are an overall low income community with many residents not having reliable access to personal transportation and our public transit system is abysmal.
- We desperately need some sort of public transit in and too Pueblo West. I travel by car but as I age I will need to get around differently. Also kids could use transit to things like the YMCA, etc.
- Public transit in Pueblo is inadequate
- Need more half buses, with more routes and later and Sunday's
- Public transportation needs limited
- Public transportation needs to run 24/7 and be free to the poor.
- There is no transportation system between Beulah and Pueblo.
- The bus service is too small and not convenient enough to encourage people to use it. The hours of operation are too short and it is very hard to get from one side of town to another
- Public transit is adequate
- Light rail between Pueblo and Pueblo West.
- Public transportation is choppy and has huge growth potential. There is also more than just bus as an option, ought to consider what other options look like (small train routes, etc.)
- Buses between Pueblo and Pueblo West
- Transport is the worst in Pueblo county. It is catered to drivers only. Our transit system doesn't run. At night or Sunday days. Meaning if you have no car you are SOL. Also, no transportation options in the county at all.
- Our bus system is great but difficult for families needing transportation in the evenings
- Looking forward to hyperloop
- We need reliable transportation (buses) to and from Pueblo daily. When someone's car breaks down people can't get to jobs or appointments.
- There is no public transportation in PW
- Busses need to come to Pueblo West. Bus service needs to be available 7days a week.
- We want the Hyperloop!! Without high speed mass transit, we will continue to fall behind as a nation. Hyperloop would massively improve Pueblo county and propel the City of Pueblo to among the finest in the world. Houston to Cheyenne in 45 minutes on an express train. How awesome is it that?

- bus routes outside of 81003-81005 is useless. nothing in 81006 nothing in 81007, and heaven help a person if they don't need the bus Monday-Friday 8A to 6P. bus routes in the city are few, the rides are long, and hardly accessible to someone who might rely on public transportation
- We have transportation deserts here in Pueblo where folks have to walk too far for bus stop, and the hours are not conducive to folks who work.
- There's only 1 city bus and cab company. Even if you order lyft you have to have a card and many don't even have a bank account!
- 24 hr buses please
- No bus service
- The public transportation needs to be revamped to be more accessible, affordable and user friendly.
- Transportation in Pueblo negatively impacts opportunities for people in pueblo. We need to provide bus routes that serve all workers, including evenings and weekends. We should also have bus service to every Pueblo County community. If someone does not have a vehicle and lives in Pueblo West or Avondale, their employment opportunities are significantly diminished.
- Buses need to run longer then their normal hours
- I have traveled by public transportation in cities all over the world but in 20 years of living here have never used a Pueblo bus. One runs one block from my house but I can't find a schedule or route information that makes any sense.
- Only inside of Pueblo City is there good transit.
- Our bus system barely works and needs serious upgrading and expansion due to longtime underfunding.
- Public transportation options are woefully inadequate.
- I wish the Pueblo transit hours to be lengthened till 10pm so that I can be able to work outside my immediate area and I hope to see a commuter rail or regional railway to connect the city of Colorado.
- Would be interested in transit between pueblo/pueblo west. Also interested in expanded/unconventional transit options like the old trolleys or bike share programs
- Longer hours for public transit are desperately needed.
- Need to encourage mass transport use. Need to consider electrifying mass transit and taxis.
- Pueblo West doesn't really have public transportation so someone needing that this wouldn't be the community they could live in unless their job was closer and they can walk or ride their bike.
- There is no public transportation in PW and the UBER drivers will not go beyond the Hen House to pick you up if you live on the 2nd McCoullough or farther.
- Transportation between Pueblo and Pueblo West.
- I would like to see bus transportation expanded from Pueblo to Pueblo West with possible park and ride points. I support brining Southwest Chief rail to Pueblo.
- Public transportation is a joke.
- Busses are one way and no Sunday service many sidewalks have been removed or are poorly maintained Bike lanes have been removed and safe passing laws are not being observed by motorists
- No bus system in Pueblo West
- Maybe another bus stop farther out, maybe 20th Ln? Or a study for it, not sure how well it would be used. and with that maybe some sort of help to The City.

Transportation: Ease of travel by walking

- Please fix the sidewalks!
- Enforcement of crosswalk rules and safety is needed throughout Pueblo as most drivers do not know that they must stop for pedestrians.
- Streets are in poor condition, sidewalks are in poor condition.
- It is not safe to walk around this town because of the vagrants and homeless that are everywhere begging for everything they can get.

- I have a car. It is difficult to walk anywhere in Pueblo West.
- My comments apply most specifically to Pueblo West, RE sidewalks and walking safety....
- I'm sure you're getting an earful on the horrible conditions of paved roads. Neighborhoods aren't walkable. I rarely see a bus in my neighborhood. Lights are poorly timed.
- Sidewalks throughout the city are in poor shape. We still need a lot of work to repair streets. Adding another fee on households is not the answer to replacing infrastructure.
- Sidewalks are mostly broken or uneven. Bikes don't even use the sidewalks or lanes and choose to instead ride with the traffic of cars (where they think they own the road). Construction is constantly messing up roads and backing traffic up. The city spent, what? \$4 million to make a bike land on Elizabeth street and now they want to redo it? 4 MILLION DOLLARS! WASTED!
- Pueblo West is essentially inaccessible without a car, and the sprawl makes walking/biking unsafe and impractical.
- In my own neighborhood, walking is relatively easy, but throughout the city there is very little walkability from residential areas to commercial areas. Creating more mixed use and walkable areas would benefit all of the residents of Pueblo. Bike lane connectivity is also horrible and needs to be improved to make it easier for less experienced riders to get around town safely. This would make Pueblo more sustainable! I also think a bus or rail system that connects Pueblo to Colorado Springs and Denver more regularly than the Bustang would be a huge benefit.
- So much traffic on Lincoln/Thatcher. Also the turn needs a push button light to stop traffic.
- Roads could be improved. Sidewalks too.

Transportation: Sidewalk connectivity

- Pueblos West need more sidewalks on the southwest side and connection to the lake trails for walking and biking.
- Most areas don't have sidewalks.
- I like that there is a bike path close to our home, but it isn't very expansive and it's difficult to get to. Also, if I go for a walk with my kids, I have to walk in the street because there are no sidewalks where we live.
- I feel terrible about people with a wheelchair. We are failing them! We are putting their lives at risk. Even worse they are getting the message that they do not matter in this community.
- Many areas in Pueblo have sidewalks that are in disrepair or do not have curb cuts. This makes many inaccessible for people who use wheelchairs and often forces them to have to use the street or a bike lane.
- Lack of sidewalks in Vineland
- Sidewalks are inconsistent and often do not connect throughout the northside and historic areas in Pueblo like Elizabeth, Greenwood, the Avenues, and adjacent to the Country Club.
- Pueblo West has no sidewalks. Walking or bicycle for transportation requires one to do so on busy streets or in dirt. The City of Pueblo does not have this problem.
- STOP INVESTING IN PARKING DOWNTOWN. There is enough. Encourage people to park around downtown and walk in. The Riverwalk is AMAZING! Additionally, in Mesa Junction the sidewalks are terrible! They start and stop randomly and not all corners have curb cuts which makes walking incredibly difficult with a stroller or for people with disabilities. INVEST IN A WALKABLE CITY, please. Thank you.
- As I mentioned earlier, the walkability of the community should be a major focus for improvement for both residents and visitors. The trail along the Arkansas is amazing, but in order to access it, you have to either walk or drive on streets.
- Our sidewalks need lots of work, all over town.
- Sidewalks are awful. Most places do not even have sidewalk, and when there are some they are bad quality.

- Majority of neighborhood don't have sidewalks, walkability didn't exist
- The sidewalks are not handicap accessible in many areas, particularly Bessemer.
- Spend more resources in poorer neighborhoods for sidewalks roads and other infrastructure
- Colorado City/Rya area needs a sidewalk or paved path along or near Hwy 165 and to Lake Beckwith. Lake Beckwith path needs fixed.
- There's not a lot of sidewalk or bike lanes. Additionally, riding a bicycle in Pueblo County is dangerous due to the drivers not paying attention.
- fix sidewalks and residential roads
- It would be nice to have better and more sidewalks in some of the older neighborhoods.

Transportation: Other/Not applicable

- not user friendly
- no opinion
- Huge difference in response between Pueblo city limits and Pueblo West. Pueblo West has plenty of opportunities for improvement.
- Needs improvement
- Partially disabled, and therefore no opinion on pedestrian issues.
- When the local powers that be transformed city streets into partial bike lanes . . It became obvious that in a few years free travel by car will be limited . . According to the Agenda 21/2030 goals . . Pueblo County was signed on to these beginnings in 2012. We Americans are not giving up freedom to travel as is found in communist/fascist countries
- Comments are specific to my resident
- Go see the east side and go to liberty point and tell me what needs to be done!
- Please fix, level or hide the eyesores along I25, especially on the south bound lanes from the steel mill to Pueblo Blvd
- More small town support.
- I live in the county , I have never used public transportation in Pueblo.
- Since we moved here , COVID hit and we haven't gone anywhere.

Q 11b: Do you have other comments related to RECREATION?

Recreation: Access/proximity to parks, playgrounds, or recreational facilities

- Pueblo West in particular has some great walking paths and easy access to the reservoir for more recreational opportunities.
- More play time events embracing all skills and ages made available at neighborhood parks and schools. 7 day programs with ease of access
- We have excellent recreation opportunities and beautiful parks and open spaces but not all neighborhoods have convenient access and we have at least one potential recreational/economic asset that is neglected and suffering - the Fountain Creek
- Why is Lake Minnequa so underdeveloped? First, there's nowhere to park. I tried walking there and the lakeside is a minefield of dog feces! Why isn't this gem polished and cleaned up?
- The schools lock their baseball fields. I pay taxes and my kids can't use facilities easily.
- Sure, the facilities here are well kept. But the cost to attend them is expensive and not everyone can afford it.
- Since CV19 . . The park recreational local/national access has been pathetic . Again, another assault on property rights/freedom of land use by bureaucratic handlers in regional/local zoning . . A map of the US Landmass has restricted travel into nearly 3/4 of the open lands n forests. Research images of

landmass under government overreach by bureaus/bureaucrats — labeled as “protecting the environment”

- The quality of parks and accessibility again is not comparable among the different sites of our community
- Recreation is an area where Pueblo should excel. Two rivers flow through the heart of the city. With the State Park, trails in Pueblo West, and access to the mountains an easy drive away, Pueblo should be a recreation mecca. Pueblo should focus on increasing access and connectivity to these areas.
- Development and inner city redevelopment should require green and accessible space
- Pueblo could be an amazing recreation community, but has a long way to go in terms of accessibility and inclusiveness of this type of lifestyle.
- YMCA too far away from town. Need community centers.
- The YMCA is far away for most people. I would love to see a downtown recreational facility with a GOOD lap pool.
- See comments above about lap pools.

Recreation: Access/proximity to walking/biking paths and trails

- Have every park have asphalt paths that light up from the ground from green to red to blue.
- Pedestrians and bikers should be considered for every part of the city in terms of bridges and paths. For example, we live in Eagle Ridge and to get into town through all of the commercial areas and over/across hey 50 is very dangerous. Let’s consider pedestrian and wild life bridges.
- Many of the parks and trails are underused. Need to encourage exercise to have better health. The river trail needs to more connections to it.
- Need more secure parking. I can't use the kayak walking trail because my car keeps getting broken in too. I have ideas
- Clean up current pathways of bums and debris and expand, trail system could bring in tourism
- These river walks and such would be great if you didn’t have to worry about your vehicle being broken into or stolen when you return or possibly jumped by a meth head while you’re enjoying them !!!
- Find a way to run biking trails OFF of regular streets. Maybe bike trails could follow alleyways, parks, boulevards or open spaces. Designating bike lanes on streets seems not to work very well for cyclists or drivers.
- The hiking trails are in the hills
- Sidewalks and paths leading to the trails are dangerous.
- Would like to see more access points to the Arkansas River trail that are like the Main Street access. And would like more lighting in these areas. Would also like to use google maps more to plot paths and trails. Love the new pedestrian bridge going over the kayak area.
- I've worked a lot on access, but there is no park or trail I can reach from my own residence without driving.
- City needs more pedestrian and bicycle access from east to west side of I-25.
- Music and art availability, venues, access to play the river walk, an art alliance that actually pays artists and musicians
- Somewhat the same as above. I no longer feel it is safe to park at access spots to the trails. Crime without consequences really is an issue.
- Need more access to walkable paths for biking and active transportation
- See above. Pueblo itself isn't bad in the trails department, especially near the state park. Outlying areas in the mountains can be difficult to access.
- Keep connecting trails but also incorporate roadway improvements. We should not have to drive our bike to ride it

Recreation: Availability of parks, playgrounds, or recreation facilities

- Lack of County parks! City does a great job.
- more outdoor activities
- I think the options/quality very much depend on what type of recreation you're seeking. Families definitely need more options. Mountain bikers love the reservoir. City cyclists have a lot to complain about.
- We don't need any more money wasted on parks in the city
- we need a city recreation center with a big indoor pool
- More well taken care of recreational places for all.
- A park and splash park on the Mesa would be amazing!
- More money into parks for kids.
- Need more for teens
- A senior center with activities for older adults would really help.
- We need more parks! Especially on the North side of PW. There are none. PW in general does not have enough parks. "
- While there are numerous parks that are highly accessible the YMCA is the only recreation type facility in Pueblo. The Price is too high and it is situated in an area that is hard to access unless you have vehicle, which leaving many Puebloans out. Also, one Recreation center for a city of Pueblo's population is laughable.
- More options for families and children. Updated Park and playground equipment.
- there is a lot of outdoor recreation, but need a water park or swimming pools , kayak rentals at lake
- Not enough activities for young children
- Need recreation on the north side for children
- We desperately need more for kids to do. We especially need a large indoor aquatic center. The only place to swim is the YMCA and it's not affordable nor great for swimming. It gets too hot here to not have adequate pool access in the summer, and year round would give everyone indoor recreational opportunities throughout the year.
- We need access to community centers in all areas. We have schools in every neighborhood that are not being utilized on evenings and weekends. Why can't we start Community programming in schools to serve every community in? Also, if school buildings are being utilized for everyone, people who do not have children in schools are more likely to help support their upkeep.
- Lake Pueblo is the main attraction in my mind in pueblo county
- Beulah and the Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center in general are such assets but not sure city realizes that.
- We need indoor/outdoor Pickleball courts. Mineral Palace already has dilapidated courts that could be renovated and updated. Bike trails and a rock climbing wall would be nice.
- We need more dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts!
- City sponsored fitness activities/ events
- We need to invest in a large sporting complex. We have a good weather to accommodate sporting tournaments; including soccer, pickleball, lacrosse, etc. Pueblo needs a major upgrade to invite those that reside here to enjoy it more with healthy activities. Let's have some good things and opportunities to bring in good professionals and others that want to raise a family here.
- Need a decent rec center
- more dog and kid parks
- We need more activities for kids.
- Outdoor recreation is fabulous, however, the winter months have NOTHING to offer.
- No City Recreation Center like most cities have...very behind in this arena

- More pickle all courts would be a great asset
- More activities for high school aged students.
- Indoor/Outdoor dedicated Pickleball courts

Recreation: Availability of walking/biking paths and trails

- County doesn't have walking paths, or sidewalks
- We need more walk ways and trails.
- The more walking and bike trails the better. It is good for people, and some people need it to get around safely. I do think parks need updating and more maintenance. Pueblo people love parks and use them a lot. It would be a really good investment to put money into them because so much pleasure will be reaped.
- Great infrastructure. Additional trails at the lake and mountain bike trails parallel to bike path on wooded section. Pump track dirt jumps etc. Pueblo is mountain biker's city or could be. Also keep expanding the Whitewater park. The people are coming. Pool sessions to grow kayaking. Indoor facilities for climbing and jumping bikes. More trails open to bikes at the mountain park.
- Green belts should be a common theme in every residential area.
- North side has been ignored on developing walking hiking trails. Trails are mostly around the utility lines.
- Walking trails and paths in Pueblo West that are pretty would be very nice
- Safe pedestrian crossing for I-25 (N, mid, S) for HWY 50/Bonforte area, walking /bike path along entire Pueblo Blvd. & to industrial parks. I used to have to ride my bike to work by the airport & it was very dangerous
- Plans being made for a trail around Lake Beckwith to connect with longer trail to Kalman Community Center (in-progress)
- It would be great to see the path continue around McCulloch
- How about HORSEBACK RIDING TRAILS!!! We pay taxes too!
- Pueblo West has a great trail system. LOVE IT
- More and safer bike trails
- generally shortage of walking paths and trails, and low maintenance and community care for same.
- I look forward to a continuous Fountain Creek bike/hike trail from Colorado Springs to Pueblo.
- Pueblo needs more bike lanes!!!
- It would be nice to have some paths through the various large parks so those who enjoy getting out but are handicapped needing a cane or more severely needing a wheelchair, could get through a park and find it enjoyable.
- More walking and bicycle paths would be nice
- More walking paths around town. We need more than the riverwalk/nature center
- Love all the outdoor recreation.
- Love what Pueblo West has done with the bike trails

Recreation: Connectivity of paths and trails

- Simply having parks and trails isn't enough. Connecting them, maintaining them, and providing real amenities (like restrooms, working equipment, etc.) is what's broken in throughout Pueblo and Pueblo County.
- Again, Pueblo is a hidden gem when it comes to recreation, and it should be used more for its tourism and promotional elements. The reservoir, river trails, parks, Nature Center, and other areas give us so many opportunities to get outside and get exercise. They could be supported more with connections, maintenance, and updates to related equipment.

- Needs additional investment - especially a County-wide recreation master plan to enhance connectivity and do a better job of showcasing our assets.
- Again, Pueblo West lacks sidewalks. The trails are nice, but hard to access unless you live close to them.
- Would like to see trails in Pueblo West more defined, would like them to connect somehow to Pueblo trails
- Have you considered an innovative park as a destination to bring people downtown? The new wagon one on the riverwalk is fine, but not very big and not age appropriate for kids over 4 or 5. Parents like to meet up for playdates and then get food or coffee. Why not have a park adjacent to restaurants? The city needs to support creating excellent mountain biking trails at lake pueblo and the surrounding areas. They should provide more material and financial support to Lake Pueblo Trails, the nonprofit maintaining and creating trails. Pueblo is already low-key a destination for winter mountain bike riding with ZERO support from the city. People travel all the way from Denver for the day to ride. As for local recreation, we need more trail and bike lane connectivity. Put medians, flags, bumpers on the bike lane to separate it from the traffic lane. Why do both of our main city parks allow cars to drive right through them?! There are very few parks that are tucked away from cars or city noise. There should be more trail access points from neighborhoods, such as the blocks.
- I LOVE the path along the Arkansas river and am very excited for the pedestrian bridge going in at 4th street to connect to the levee. I'd like to see investment in our playgrounds and the continual upkeep and maintenance of existing parks. What an amazing resource we have - let's make them world class parks! Let's continue to improve the connectivity of our greenspaces by adding more walking/biking trails in town. I'd love to have another safe option to ride my bike to the northside from mid-town.
- Could use more connectivity

Recreation: Overall quality of recreational amenities

- We have really nice walking paths. I don't use them because of poop on the pathways and you always get approached by homeless people.
- An updated trail/bike map is needed. Difficult to walk along some trails (Fountain) due to homeless situation.
- Parks Dept in PW is hard to find. The pool needs to be replaced.
- Hill down to the walk by the kayak park really needs to be regraded and paved and not so steep!
- too many homeless, druggies and gangbangers to use
- Would like to see better benefits for active, retired and veteran military
- Cannot walk around town or bike paths to many homeless and crime
- The trails and bike paths are nice.
- Need to clean trash that litters the river trails
- I love Pueblo City Parks - the staff do an amazing job!
- I think Pueblo County does an exceptionally good job with parks and recreational outdoor activities. It can always use improvement but it is part of what keeps so many of us happy here.
- Playgrounds, sports fields are pretty good. The population needs to take more pride in what we have. Trash, graffiti, etc. is bad. Trying to stay on top of stains budgets for City Parks & Rec. It's not the City's fault. They're trying. Although for a community of its size and with its economic constraints, Pueblo does a good job of providing opportunities in the arts including the Creative Arts corridor and performing arts. There is too much emphasis on organized sports. Pueblo would be well served to better utilize and promote not only the well groomed City parks but it's more wild spaces. The Fountain and Arkansas corridors. The kayak park is a great idea. The community talked years ago to create the nature center, but it was allowed to fall into disrepair. It's improving but it needs adequate funding.
- We need to add timed lights or motion lights to tennis and basketball courts. Can the city lay out what places are open/closed for seasons. Why are b ball courts open all the time but tennis courts are limited.

- Transient population, drug and gang activities creates an uneasy feeling at the two larger parks and the smaller ones as well. Fear of finding a needle or having to witness illicit activities. Growing up it was always known. There were little activities to keep children, teens and adults safely entertained. This has not improved as I am now 34.
- We can't take our kids to the parks because everywhere you look there are needles and trash.
- This is where Pueblo shines. These should be used more for tourism.
- I really like the Arkansas River trail and the Nature Center
- The P. Reservoir is a great asset and the Ark, Fountain river trail system is good . The issue is security and degradation by tagging , litter , homeless .
- Love the Arkansas trail. And the Riverwalk.
- Outdoor recreation is untapped and should be taken more seriously. It will result in less obesity, it will stimulate the economy and give locals and visitors ways to see the city and the county
- Our riverwalk is nice, but I do NOT feel safe alone with my kids. I also feel like there are not any facilities or opportunities for recreation in the Mesa area. We have to travel at least 20 minutes to find anything that is safe.
- Many parts of town are unsafe for riding a bike
- Huge difference in response between Pueblo city limits and Pueblo West. Pueblo West has plenty of opportunities for improvement.
- Parks need cleaned up and there needs to be more activities for families and children. They also need to maintain parks they look like crap with gophers and weeds.
- City Park only caters to organizations and not the people in general it used to be a great park but the quality has been destroyed and the heart of the fun is dead
- The trail system is great, but needs more/better maintenance and more services for the homeless so they don't scare bikers and walkers.
- Exceptional outdoor rec access within the county including Rye, Colorado City, Beulah, and Pueblo West.
- It's dangerous to even go to the river here. The homeless population has all but taken over down there and they're homeless because the lack of everything here.
- There is an extraordinary tennis facility at City Park and NO programming there for adults such as lessons, leagues, etc. The only indoor public recreation centers have very limited amenities. Again, if both of these areas were improved it would attract both community members and visitors. What about a water park visible from I-25?
- More signs and apps on connectivity. More bathrooms on the trails.
- While the natural space is the highlight of the region, little is done to promote and educate a new population of outdoor recreation seekers in resident or tourism.
- I applaud the modifications / constructions that have been proposed to the Arkansas River between the Nature Center and City Park that will increase safety and enjoyment in boating that portion of the river. I feel that paths in the Valco Ponds area warrant much improvement.
- The excessive amount of homeless camps along the trails is a huge public safety concern. They are ruining the trails of our community.
- Not much for the elderly in Pueblo West.
- There should be police on bicycles riding the trails to feel safer...
- City park golf course is poorly managed
- The one park is over run with needles and trash. In PW supposedly there is an indoor pool but no one can point it out to you. The outdoor pool is small and from the 50's. There is a trail in pueblo west but nowhere near where I live and when I did live near it always had loose dogs or atv's on it
- Our parks can be updated and improved
- There are a lot of neighborhood parks but they are not all maintained. I have to clean up broken bottles and needles every time I take my grandkids. But I will not stop taking them because they love the playground.
- Upkeep on the trail from CSU to Runyon lake could be better. The trail from Runyon and west is great.

- The river trail system all the way out to the reservoir is excellent.
- To many homeless around the river trail access. Do not feel safe.
- The homeless camps and people living in campgrounds along paths make them feel unsafe to some people.
- The City Parks are excellent.
- Arrest drug users at parks. Clean it up. It's pathetic to keep building parks where kids can't even play
- Bikers are harassed on roads by motorists and occasionally assaulted
- Parks are over run with needles and the homeless. Enforce the law and clean up the parks. They are not safe.
- I love that we have the reservoir here and all the trails for hiking and biking very nice

Recreation: Other/Not applicable

- No.
- I do not feel safe in Pueblo
- see above comment
- This, also, pertains to Beulah. I have no idea what goes on in Pueblo.
- See above comments as they relate to this heavily.
- no opinion
- I like it the way it is.
- Please see above
- I would think of a lot of other things than parks and bike paths to be included in recreation.
- Definitely not like Denver's.

Q 12b: Do you have other comments related to the ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES?

Environment/Natural Resources: Access to public lands

- Would like to see better benefits for active, retired and veteran military for access to public lands
- Love the trails here then you got the homeless everywhere with needles on ground and I understand they are just trying to survive but so is the rest of the community and we all deserve better from one another.
- Finish the murals on the Levies and update the trails with more benches for resting. Better Maine of trail.
- Easier access with mindfulness toward conservation and forward thinking regarding access for everyone should be a greater priority.
- Would be great to use state parks and forest areas except now the rates have gone up and now you have to have a license just to be in these areas.
- I am a great fan of Pueblo Mountain Park and the amenities provided.
- Pretty decent keep opening more spaces to recreation in and around the city
- Would like to see a senior lifetime pass to state parks
- We are fortunate in having a ton of local environmental resources.
- The rivers are overcrowded badly. One used to be able to walk a distance and get away from crowds. The opening of the parking lot near Goodnight barn has turned the river into a circus.
- Feel like if more public lands are open then we could limit use better and not over running them. Like camping areas, need to have more so that we don't over use what we have
- Parks fees are extreme for those retired seniors/military!
- It costs so much to even be able to enjoy a day at a state park that people will just go wherever is free and the places that are free are dangerous!
- Again, the unregulated homeless camps are ruining our public parks and trails.

- It would be cool for there to be a shuttle from Pueblo to state parks and national forest areas to create more accessibility to public lands.
- Oddly, I have seen repairs to the walking trail and the creekbed of the Fountain Creek happening every few years. This must be very expensive. I wonder if there needs to be a better design flow and a redesign of the walking path in that area just south of Belmont interchange and north of 13th Street?
- Lake pueblo is not well managed and needs new management.
- Open PMI back up to off road vehicles and bikes. Colorado City has an area that has trails cut fir mountain biking and dirt biking that they shut down a couple years ago. Put a camping fee or something to help maintain it and people would love it.
- Pueblo Mtn Park run down...needs infusion of money for repairs, roads and general care of this beautiful park...a gem if cared for and improved
- Dangerous hunting is allowed near homes along the river.

Environment/Natural Resources: Air quality

- In the summer The Steel mill smells like burnt wire has been checked with environmental agency
- Air quality is low due to the emissions and stench of marijuana grows. Pueblo West smells like a skunks ass most of the time.
- We do not have a single employee or department dedicated to environmental protection. It needs to stop being an afterthought. We are fortunate to have good air mixing most days of the year, but the pollution from the steel mill is suffocating downtown in the mornings and only contributes to our poor "pew town" nickname. We need greater investment in stormwater management - especially green infrastructure management. Water conservation practices are all but nonexistent, despite being a desert. We also need to develop a Brownfields map and incentivize development at these locations.
- Still no emissions standards?
- I don't think air quality is that great in Pueblo - we can see the pollution when we drive in there.
- Better recycling programs
- Coming from Denver, air quality is spectacular and I feel like the entire county is less congested.
- We need real-time air quality monitoring with online access to results for the public
- The rate of pollution in Southern Colorado as result of the production for Northern Colorado must be addressed as the inequality in tax distributions favor dense populations rather than the resources used.
- Air quality looks O.K. but in fact is polluted by Comanche Station, cement plant, transportation, industry. Pueblo doesn't have adequate non-point-source air monitoring.
- Lack of car inspection and omissions testing is not healthy for the environment in so many ways
- Too many marijuana grows in warehouses. Horrible smells from these operations. More regulation needed to protect air quality.
- I see people bringing "slag" for their driveways/parking into Pueblo West. Is this slag free from industrial toxins? Is there a proactive public health program for Radon detection in homes and schools?
- As above, air quality suffers. I have a good well, but Rye and Colorado City have issues. Some people here use their property as salvage yards. We will actually be selling our house because of these issues.
- The SUP for the Badge Hill gravel pit was incomplete and also changed several times affecting our environment, air quality , and sound. There are many things about that SUP and amended SUP, and the last hearing that in my opinion is interesting.
- May not apply but since marijuana has been approved, air quality not as good. You smell it everywhere you go.
- Industry pollutes without fear not just the oil and gas but others as well

Environment/Natural Resources: Protection of environmentally sensitive lands

- Pueblo does not have a strong recyclable campaign. Trash, trash, trash is a major issue and such an eyesore especially to visitors-not welcoming
- I would love to see more community gardens run by community volunteers and connected with area schools.
- Not enough emphasis is put on the environment. I am glad the recycling center has opened but the hours are limited and not the most convenient location.
- A concerted effort to remove invasive species from the Arkansas watershed would be helpful.
- Need more emphasis on and support for recycling
- Needs a housing recycling program.
- Too much trash at lakes and parks No respect of pet owners who don't pick up after pets. I've never seen one single person with their pets outdoors carrying a bag to pick up waste. Seen many just walk away
- Offer recycling options
- Our environment, along with its people is what makes Pueblo great. I am always for doing more to protect it and keep our bodies healthy. We have got a lot of urban sprawl going on. My goodness Pueblo West has really grown. They are going to reach Canyon City soon. Animals do need an environment. We will have wildlife issues soon if we keep encroaching into the mountains. And then the reason you moved where you moved is no longer there. It's just more houses with the same idea you had and no more wild land. I think it's weird to send water so far in a pipeline to the east of Springs. Why not just move your body near the water? Seems expensive. I would like to cut way back on the lights in our town. Stars are great. Light up billboards are very Dallas if that is the kind of thing you're going for.
- Global warming has already caused the destruction of many of our Colorado forests, we must begin to treat the environment with more respect. We must also conserve and reuse our water.
- Pollution due to homeless population near rivers and parks. Trash left behind. More recycling.
- Pueblo county does not care at ALL about protecting or preserving lands, water, nature!
- Would be nice if people would stop building! Leave the damn land alone!
- Most everyone wants to protect the environment — but America/Americans are being strangled by an agenda designed not to protect the environment but destroy independence by an iron fist Marxist/global government.
- Community recycling stations
- pueblo needs reliable RECYCLING
- You have a huge people dumping trash everywhere problem which affects most of the above as well as an uncontrolled homeless can live anywhere in squalor problem
- Recycling needs to be increased!! We should encourage people to be planting more trees, and have plots available to each neighborhood for community gardens.
- People in pueblo county should care a lot more about the prairie. it takes so long to regrow vegetation on it, but people think it is just dirt and weeds. We have a long way to go on this issue as a county.
- These areas are SO important!!
- I feel that Pueblo needs to support citizens' recycling activities more robustly. (Sorry if this belongs in a different category!)
- How can the city partner with Forest Service on education?
- Trash everywhere from transient
- The lake, river, and trail system are pueblos greatest assets (including the river walk). Ensuring their upkeep is vital.
- Stop any push got useless renewable energy. It is being pushed for political and monetary gain only.

Environment/Natural Resources: Remediation and reuse of industrial lands

- Industrial eyesores along I-25 such as EVRAZ etc. Pueblo is the ugliest city in Colorado
- dirty, trashy, not welcoming
- Too many eyesores left for years, even decades. Time for Pueblo to make its mark. Pueblo city and county should be the next and best "phoenix" (rise from the ashes). Capitalize on our desert, our name. Make it look closer to a Santa Fe style.
- The city needs massive cleanup efforts!
- Entire neighborhoods are contaminated, and cleanup in Pueblo seems to take 50x longer than anywhere else.
- There are clearly some behind the scenes work going on to help our environmental and natural resources, and some of it is being addressed based on the past damage by the steel mill. Remediation and reuse of industrial lands could help some of the other categories listed in this survey and offer up innovative thinking.
- Please don't allow Black Hills to continue to ruin our beautiful landscapes with tall power lines for other communities.
- The county has granted permission to Black Hills Energy to build transformers through Pueblo West that aren't only hazardous to wildlife, they're hazardous to residents and block our natural views. These transformers do not primarily service Pueblo County, they are to send power to Canon City. Pueblo has no care for the people... this has been objected over and over again by the residents of Pueblo West. It's awful! They aren't even allowing appeals until they actually begin building them. Pueblo West Metro has offered no help to the citizens of Pueblo West on this matter.
- A lot of litter and garbage around, I never see any cleanup going on.
- Too many buildings that are just rotting away.. who owns them? Why are they not forced to maintain? Look at the buildings on Northern Avenue. bulldoze them.. eminent domain
- Weeds! Trash!
- Old industrial sites , particularly along the I-25 corridor , have been a Pueblo eyesore for 30 yrs. , This detracts from Pueblo in the perception of visitors , new businesses .
- One thing I find strange about Pueblo is that some of the most amazing views of the mountains are industrial sites on the east side. So much beauty to behold, but so much ugly on the ground.
- Cleanup mill and superfund. We are considered the armpit of CO due to some of this.
- Pueblo's industrial heritage casts a long shadow. Some small and tentative steps have been taken to remediate and reuse industrial areas, but much more needs to be done. Environmental justice must be part of redevelopment.
- Would like to see the city access brownfields grants for remediation and redevelopment of Black Hills power plant and areas surrounding the Steel Mill and downtown rail lines. (what's with the chemical tanks!!!!) The new billing method for water gives no incentive to conserve water.
- water rights and farming's future are a serious concern -- the Superfund site is moving very slowly in revitalization...
- The smelter Superfund site MUST be taken care of. Stripping people's yards of soil is nice, but the site needs to be cleaned up.
- The fountain is polluted. The steel mill grounds are polluted. There are all kinds of signs of building and left over projects at the "Nature" Center. Last I knew the foot path along the Arkansas was barely wheelchair accessible.
- Not easy, but turn old industrial sites into at least prairie wild lands, if not park lands.
- More remediation is needed for Fountain Creek.
- Increase maintenance of natural land on the I25 so our city can be proud to those traveling through
- The steel mill area really needs cleaning up. It is an eyesore.

Environment/Natural Resources: Water conservation practices

- Water costs are ridiculously high in Pueblo West. If you don't use a drop, it's 58 dollars a month...and goes up from there, depending on usage.
- There could definitely be a bigger, more organized program to help people xeriscape, use less water and, especially, reduce the use of chemicals on lawns and landscaping.
- With water being a precious commodity in this arid environment, it is extremely upsetting knowing how much water all the marijuana grows are using, especially between Beulah and Pueblo and between neighboring counties and Pueblo counties. And it's even worse with the severe drought conditions we've had for the last several years. The residents are asked to conserve water and yet the MJ grows are taking huge amounts of water each day to sustain their plants. I'm very unhappy that Pueblo County Commissioners have let this happen with no thought to the environmental impact!
- Pueblo was smart when planning for water usage and it shows.
- we need to work on grey water reclamation!!
- Need to stop selling our water
- Need more water storage
- The MJ grows are using WAY too much water. Water is GOLD in CO. But city/county government want the money
- The price of water in Pueblo West is ridiculously high and it keeps increasing. People's wages aren't increasing but the price of water keeps exponentially increasing.
- I'm sure there is still lots of lead in houses here and we know it is in some schools. City should do a better job advertising free lead testing in homes. Sometimes the river sort of smells. City should encourage and incentivize climate-appropriate plants (russian sage, cactus, native grasses) and trees. Lawns take up so much water and then people or rentals don't maintain them and they look bad. The City has access to good water rights, but at the expense of the farmers on the mesa, who in less than a decade could lose their water rights to the city. Instead of the city calling up the mesa farmer's water rights, and losing valuable chile / farm production on the mesa, the city should enact water conservation practices. In the summer no one needs to water more than 3x week. This is a desert and we should treat it that way.
- I'd really like to see the BOWW invest in conservation practices, education, and incentives for residential landowners. And NOT just covering the ground with rock! This isn't Phoenix and it isn't appealing! It just makes it feel hotter and bland looking. We have amazing natural vegetation and I'd like to be incentivized for contributing to that with my yard. Additionally, I'd like to see the city invest in replanting trees in older neighborhoods like Mesa Junctions where the old trees are dying and being cut out and not replaced. Planting trees NOW makes this a desirable place to be. Please see this as part of what makes this a pleasant community!
- So many broken sprinklers at city run agencies. I drive a lot at night and see many broken sprinklers at schools and other parks that are shooting water straight into the air. This can happen for weeks because the land keeping crew doesn't work at night. M
- I understand water conservation, but when you raise water prices for your citizens and then sell our excess water...there's a problem. Stop penalizing those who make an effort to beautify our city through landscaping.
- Encourage more xeriscape City and public.
- we need water restrictions, we don't have it, and we will pay for it later. look at the future, I want water for everyone. you don't need a green lawn.

Environment/Natural Resources: Water quality

- We do a great job on water quality related to the Arkansas River but leave a lot to be desired related to the Fountain Creek. Admittedly, we could use more help from our upstream neighbors but we can also do more as a community.

- The Fountain needs to be cleaned up too many homeless using it as a toilet. Little creeks going into the Arkansas River need to be cleaned up. Filled with trash. Need cleanup because dog poop is everywhere going into the rivers and trash is dumped on empty lots and ravines!!!
- Water quality is terrible. contamination from previous industry, Rockwool Plant, CF & I have created areas of questionable hazards.
- I still question the water quality in Fountain Creek. We have not heard much about it lately but the difference in water quality at the convergence of the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek seems apparent.
- Colorado city metro is absolutely horrible always letters about not to drink the water!!
- The work in progress on Fountain creek by 13th is great, keep those improvements up!
- Colorado City is currently experiencing water issues due to poor water infrastructure.
- Please help Colorado City with their poor water.
- Colorado Cities water is horrible and the infrastructure needs a total rehaul
- Water problems
- Water quality is very poor.
- Fountain River needs to be cleaned up.
- Colorado City has so many water issues. They don't know where the water is going, and we are frequently not notified about water being unsafe to drink until a month or more has passed.
- The poor water quality in Colorado city has been an ongoing problem.
- The water here is horrible. We had to buy a whole house filter to combat it.

Environment/Natural Resources: Other/Not applicable

- no opinion
- County's approach and use of economic statistics does not provide a true picture of many local issues.
- Not a lot here.
- Allow lake front properties

Q 13b: Are there specific aspects of the BUILT ENVIRONMENT that you would like to see change in the future?

Built Environment: Opportunities for and/or use of sustainable development practices

- I appreciate how Pueblo County has embraced the possibilities of solar for economic development, job creation, tax base. Solar can grow the economic without demanding the services that other commercial and residential uses require.
- County failed to monitor and/or protect existing resources. Should have more informed budget decisions and improve quality of spending.
- Keep up the work on making former industrial areas more attractive.... and sustainable....environmentally responsible...
- More push for renewable energy.
- County just fought a very large solar company trying to do business in our community. Its Budweiser and Walmart ALL over again
- Sustainability— the “Go Green Everything Movement”— Agendas to destroy . . Freedom & bring humanity under a canopy of tyranny.
- solar contracts are a rip off! Extremely expensive. No decent battery back up to utilize
- There is a big difference in neighborhoods, again equity is the issue. I do love that we are working towards encouraging renewable energy.

- The city and county are improving access to residential/business solar. The city/county code for cementing over parking areas should be reevaluated for a more climate-friendly regulation. Many neighborhoods have been underinvested for decades.
- co-operative solar gardens in low income neighborhoods on empty lots and other forms of growing renewable infrastructure and giving access to people for green options
- Get rid of Black Hills Energy
- Expanded recycling, with easy access. Improvements in our streets are sorely needed.
- Sustainability should be paramount in all projects
- We need more solar!! We have some of the highest amounts of sunshine each year and so much land that just sits. We need a large solar plant!!
- I like the xeriscaping and am learning to use it in my own garden. Much more needs to be done. Pueblo has come a long way but so much needs re-storing and reviving still.
- Lawns are outdated and incredibly wasteful. Sprinklers running next to the highway is absurd. What a waste of water
- More urban concentration, green belts and farm lands around and into city. Check out urban planning ideas in Smart Towns online.
- Commence movement to 2021 building codes for long-term energy efficiency and healthy residences and commercial spaces. Stop weatherizing residential buildings built prior to 1970 and renovate whole neighborhoods with Urban Renewal and weatherization funds.
- Assist citizens to using solar energy programs.
- Too many deer wander here for attractive landscaping to be practical. Solar possibilities are great.
- I know there are a few wind turbines on the south side of Pueblo, but there is not enough. As far as I know, there is no solar to capitalize on the amount of sunlight we get, especially in the summer and fall.
- Do not waste money on renewable energy scams. Wind and solar are being pushed for politician and monetary gain. Stay with proven methods, and look at using more natural gas. Wind and solar are useless eyesores.
- More sustainable buildings relying on solar/wind power. More opportunities for recycling. Actually caring about the sustainability here by those in leadership would be nice.

Built Environment: Overall appearance and quality of the built environment

- Pueblo needs a huge cleanup program.
- Code enforcement for unsightly junk, weeds and too many animals.
- People live here because it's cheaper than other places in Colorado. Pueblo is known as the slum of Colorado. But the leaders here want property values and property taxes to be super high like they are in Douglas County.
- There are investors willing to help build this city but are turned off by locals who don't want outsiders and don't see long term profitability of raising Pueblo to an amazing city
- The steel mill needs to be re-evaluated as well as certain areas of the Industrial Parks as well as Industrial Blvd.
- Too many abandoned homes and businesses. Imminent domain needs to be applied so house can be repaired and used for families.
- It would be nice to see empty buildings being used for anything other than just sitting and falling apart.
- Lack of reinvestment in private property, particularly residential, single-family and multi-family.
- Many of our neighborhoods are littered with old and potentially hazardous houses and buildings. Some have a historic value but could use a little TLC.
- Lots of empty buildings need filled. And odd areas need more attention like near the mid town shopping area/chieftain area.
- We need desperately to reestablish the covenants! When I moved in 26 years ago, PW was a beautiful community. I did not like some of the covenants, but they did keep the community beautiful. now that

they are mostly gone PW is turning into a hell hole. Properties not kept up, boats & RV's in driveways, 5 & 6 cars in driveways, commercial vehicles including a John Neuman School Bus Parked in a driveway, etc. I have always, and still do, followed all the covenants and keep my place beautiful and now have to live amongst the garbage. It is a shame. I am willing to help bring about the changes in Covenants I am already getting signatures, but I do not think fixing one tract will really help!

- Code and covenant enforcement.
- Cleanup. Continued efforts to make buildings look decent.
- Personally, I would like to see more buildings that reflect the historic style of adobe and Mexican colonial, such as in northern New Mexico and The San Luis Valley.
- Pueblo needs a facelift. There are very few aesthetically pleasing areas in the whole city. Very many more are run down and dingy. Also the many, many homeless people make enjoying some of those areas less pleasant.
- More city and county built features will draw folks and will just benefit the community at large.
- Industrial structures seem too close to residential
- Some industrial areas, and residential areas, are a blight.
- No, we moved to Rye for a reason. We don't need a Built Environment in this valley. We like it just the way it is and Pueblo County needs to leave us alone.
- I would like to see vacant, unoccupied and condemned properties sold, renovated and improved. It detracts from the community having vacant buildings and condemned properties all over town.
- Seems the zoning is off. Trailer houses near \$500,000 house and duplexes in the middle of nicer housing areas.
- I think buildings should blend in with their neighborhoods. I'd keep industrial looking buildings out by the airport. I'd require them to plant trees to offset cooling costs, and make use of local plants instead of thirsty lawns.
- I'd like to see continued and improved investment in the existing built environment that provides access for all. The downtown area with the historic buildings is one of my favorite things about Pueblo and I'd love to see those building renovated and space set aside for local businesses as well as residences. We have a lot of crappy landlords too that contribute to the deterioration of our built environment and that deterioration sucks the life out of us when we see it. We need a grocery store in the downtown area. We need to improve our sidewalks in Mesa Junctions, add curb cuts TO ALL intersections (WHY DO THEY STOP HALFWAY UP JACKSON!?!?!?) Continue the addition of art and beautiful native plantings! The plantings around Abriendo and Midway are great!
- Build for people, not cars. Get rid of parking minimums. Focus on rehabilitating old and vacant buildings. Build on and/or use all the empty lots that exist within the core of the city. Stop building big box stores with massive parking lots that end up vacant and unusable (see, e.g., the old K-Mart on Elizabeth Street or the old Albertson's on Prairie). Build excellent broadband/internet connectivity. Build bike/scooter lanes that are actually safe and that have physical barriers separately them from vehicular traffic. Build non-vehicular connections between neighborhoods.
- The empty buildings downtown need to be occupied. If the new plan does one thing for the city of Pueblo specifically it should focus on filling the buildings, and not letting them continue to sit empty.
- Would love to see building that is complimentary and improves the look and feel of the area. Buildings and landscape maintained.
- Downtown Pueblo could use some revitalization. Would love to see Union Ave. look more like Main Street in Grand Junction, CO. Slows traffic, more space for outdoor eating and entertainment, would flow nicely with the riverwalk.
- Too many empty buildings, both commercial and residential. Need a program to fix up and use these spaces.
- Landlords or property managers of low income neighborhoods need to be held liable for the upkeep of their properties. If they maintained their properties better and held them up to code, their tenants would be more accountable for the aesthetics of the “bad” neighborhoods.

- The historic buildings in Pueblo are an invaluable asset to the community and the city needs to do more to promote their preservation and adaptive reuse. Pueblo has such a rich history and if there are goals of revitalizing the city and making it more sustainable, then making use of our historic infrastructure is key. Not only can you get historic tax credits for adaptive reuse projects, but there is a ton of funding through the State Historic Fund that could make the preservation of buildings like the power plant, the Keating School, etc. more doable.
- I love the Riverwalk. I hope it will thrive! Driving on the I 25 through Pueblo, we appear very poor. There is trash all over the sides of the interstate. There are many unkempt properties facing the I25. Something really needs done to clean up all areas. It's depressing. There is not enough usage of solar panels! So many empty roofs at the Industrial Park. So many spaces to put solar panels on businesses throughout Pueblo!
- There are neighborhoods in this town where the city ordinances are not enforced and they look terrible. Those of us who are longtime residents have the options living next to health concerns and eyesores or trying to move but not able to sell our homes for a comparable price to a new home in a better neighborhood. Also sidewalks are not maintained or don't exist and roads are full of potholes or were never full paved to begin with.
- Excellent historic buildings with phenomenal brickwork. Preserve them.

Built Environment: Overall quality and condition of existing commercial and employment areas

- a better mix of housing and commercial services. reliant on motoring.
- I think the downtown area around Main St. needs to be developed and improved with shopping and restaurants.
- Industrial spaces downtown should be subsidized for high quality retail/residential development investors. City should offer the cost to demo abandoned properties to developers who commit to demo and rebuild on lots inside the city within 6mos of receiving the deed and then award them with the price of demo as a rebate after the property passes inspection after redevelopment.
- Protect Pueblo's "mixed zoning" that allows neighborhood shops like bakeries, small grocery stores, etc.
- The far northeast end of town doesn't not have needed services such as a fire station. The situation of our Pueblo Mall is serious, and I worry it will become an urban wasteland. These abandoned commercial buildings in town must be revitalized (Kmart stores, Safeway on 29th, etc.)
- Pueblo needs commercial urban renewal.
- The mall is going downhill fast would be nice to see it restored to a place that you could go get whatever you wanted or needed
- Also, a better job of balancing sustainable commerce needs of our community is a must. I.e., 10+ dollar stores in city limits & 10+ Pot Shops is definitely defining a demographic that isn't taking pueblo in a positive direction
- Job creation. More involvement of young people. More opportunities. Growth not this stagnation. No more city councilmen throwing out good ideas and acting like rulers instead of community members who passionately care about the people. Instead they are all for themselves!
- Need more food and jobs in neighborhood areas
- Shelters for the homeless with educational programs along side of rehab programs. As well as job opportunities and placement.
- Raze vacant commercial buildings
- There are many neighborhoods and shopping areas that could be cleaned up . Many abandoned commercial areas and vacant lots.
- We have a lot of empty commercial space.

Built Environment: Overall quality and condition of existing neighborhoods

- Most of the focus is on downtown.
- It's almost as if Pueblo has altogether resisted planning, and has been at the mercy of landowners who believe (and are treated like) they're oligarchs. How the hell has Louie Carleo been allowed to be the parking lot magnate, slumlord, and general degenerate without being held accountable?
- Pueblo must address the blight prevalent in all neighborhoods including boarded windows and vehicles parked on lawns.
- I would like to see more investment in downtown Pueblo with close attention to in-fill development including the expansion of the Arts Center.
- We have not fully utilized the many areas of vacancy and underdeveloped areas within the city. A new build integrated with existing units is a desirable remedy to expansion.
- More emphasis on low income marginalized neighborhoods
- Older neighborhoods are neglected. Money is being spent on HARP when it is the East side and Bessemer that need full time planning staff working on filling empty buildings, cleanups, finding funds for redevelopment. Landscaping laws are not enforced. Need ordinances to stop parking on lawns. Need to cut down dead trees and plant new ones.
- All of these answers must be variable, because it depends on the neighborhood
- Improvement of existing structures/neighborhoods vs. building new
- I would like to see easier/free access to recycling pick-up locations; free and periodic bulk item pick-ups from individual residences.
- See comments in last section . By virtue of the climate ,lake , river walk and esp. cost of living , Pueblo has a real opportunity as a retirement destination .
- Huge difference in response between Pueblo city limits and Pueblo West. Pueblo West has plenty of opportunities for improvement.
- Redevelop east and west side becoming ghettos
- Pueblo County needs to have a Commission whose purpose is to develop, improve and expand "opportunity zones" to encourage redevelopment and/or rehabilitation of distressed neighborhoods, especially on the southeast side of I-25.
- The disparities between upkeep and appearance of neighborhoods in Pueblo is troubling. Pueblo's East Side is continually neglected and most recently "shunned" from the city with the construction of the sound barrier along I-25. It is very close to Pueblo's Downtown and is the least maintained/inviting neighborhood throughout the city.
- Again, this category should have been done by the different sites in Pueblo County, put all together like this, don't allow me to rate correctly, the inequities and Poor distributions of fans are evident in different sites of our communities.
- Downtown is lovely, but you need to spend that kind of effort and money besides that 8 block area. Neighborhoods are increasingly just houses, with nothing tying people together.
- Eastside of Pueblo needs to be addressed.
- The first 2 areas mentioned really depend on the neighborhood. Some very nice and others very neglected...which just gets worse and worse.
- Neighborhoods have been dilapidated in favor of box stores who've left and left eyesores with little room for small business to reinvent a market which now looks at single source ecommerce for most of its amenities. A solid support in funding, infrastructure, and exposure will be of lasting benefit to any community and importantly, this one.
- Some parts of Pueblo are much better off than others. There's a severe disparity that needs to be addressed.
- Would like to see efforts to assist in upkeep of older/poorer neighborhoods without gentrification
- More investing in the actual neighborhoods instead of downtown.
- Colorado City is older, needs updated.
- Why don't we work on the buildings we have instead of expansion of new ones?

- A lot depends on where you live. How new is the area.

Built Environment: Overall quality and condition of public spaces

- Steers absolutely the worse! Also snow removal within city limits is horrible during storms.
- A beautiful wall on the interstate 25 from Indiana exit to McCulley exit . Bessemer revitalized
- Improvements to the Bessemer ditch, within the city, to include green space / walking trails. It is currently an ugly scar that bifurcates neighborhoods
- Again, trash. The exit from 125 onto City Center Drive from the north needs to be landscaped. The major entrance to downtown Pueblo and it is an eyesore
- Roads in PW are awful. Cannot drive or walk anywhere.
- We need to see improvements in our streets and roads. Additionally, sidewalks are often in disrepair.
- Need to landscape I-25 it looks horrible no more grass put landscaping rock throughout I-25 going through Pueblo
- Roads have many potholes. Many residential neighbors have extremely run down lawns and homes with useless junk and cars on the lawns.
- I have never seen a place where businesses don't keep their properties and the proximity around them, clean, like Pueblo. We know that they are making money.
- This is one of the areas Pueblo should prioritize. The drive through Pueblo on I-25 is littered with trash. Landscaping under overpasses is unkempt. The area around downtown and Runyon Field looks better but more sound walls blocking the eye sore houses and steel mill heading through the south side of town should be addressed. It would help the value of the housing lots and maybe result in people wanting to buy the houses and fix them up since their backyard wouldn't be a freeway. Many of the houses along I-25 are falling apart and the fences are littered with trash and in disrepair. There are nice areas in Pueblo but I-25 doesn't show our best side. My husband and I have lived in different cities due to job relocation and Pueblo's streets are some of the worst as far as maintenance, streetscape and trash. Sometimes you just need to tear some of the old stuff down and start over especially if there is no historical value...buildings like the old K-mart on the south side...it's been empty forever and would make a great Costco/gas station or master planned shopping area for the south side. The south side shopping places are older, crowded and lack variety. Add more professionally designed xeriscape in the streetscapes like was done down. Northern and then keep the areas maintained and free of trash. Maintenance appears to be a big issue as some of the newer landscape areas like the overpass by Sam's Club lack regular weed maintenance to keep it looking nice. The streets in the area were recently repaved but the median is all torn up now so it still looks bad. With a jail in town and the number of homeless people and a homeless shelter there should be bodies able to work clean up jobs. I would pay more in property taxes to keep this city clean and make improvements to raise Pueblo up. Other communities accomplish this, why can't Pueblo?
- Roads in Pueblo County are horrible. Pot holes everywhere. Northern, Portland, many streets in Eastside, Southside and Westside very bad. Very hazardous for motorcycles.
- Some of the poor issues I see are actually State-owned Built Environment. I find the weeds, the decay, the lack of attention depressing along the roadways. We have an inordinate number of deserted buildings and homes. Business facilities that have literally been empty for decades!
- Some road areas need updated, especially eastside
- So glad you asked this question. This depends where you are in town. Some parts of town have nice streets, some are terrible. Some neighborhoods have sidewalks some don't. For example, in Eagleridge and north of Eagleridge. We have lots of area with no paths and no sidewalks. Also, Eagleridge people drive 80 miles an hour. We need crosswalks and stop lights and more patrol here.
- Leaving Pueblo and returning always reminds me of how run down this town really is. The trash, debris, and transient population in public space truly gives the visual representation of Pueblo's reputation; poor and unsafe.
- The sidewalks aren't set up for people who use wheelchairs.

- *More streets paved. *Beautification projects.
- Roads should be built by companies that guarantee their work, no more roads with cracks and gaps because of POOR CONSTRUCTION
- The condition of our sidewalks is horrifying and it's clear that the poorest neighborhoods have received the least investment from the City. We need additional programs to support residential and commercial building rehabilitation, and to penalize our huge quantity of slumlords and those who continue to allow (what could be) beautiful historic buildings to sit vacant as a tax write-off. There are endless opportunities for or and/or use of sustainable development practices - especially solar development. We have been identified as the second sunniest place in America. Cultivation of native and drought tolerant plants should be wholeheartedly encouraged, if not incentivized. Unfortunately, most of us have been fined for growing anything other than water-hungry grass in recent years. Our city needs to undergo major education on sustainable practices and embed them into our plan, our codes, and our policies.
- It's improving. We need nicer landscaping everywhere in Pueblo County.
- Again, we need better streets!!!!!! Our streets are a disgrace!!!!
- Pueblo just looks like an old and dusty town, which it is. But there's definitely an aged look when driving on the highway over it. Same Pueblo as always my dad says :)
- Keep fixing roads and sending out code enforcement.
- It is something we have control over. I think we could really make things nice. Employing more people of Pueblo would be great. Some of the nicest, most talented maintenance workers are employed by the county of Pueblo. They do great, quality work of all kinds to keep buildings and outside landscapes beautiful. Maybe a program through the city/county or PCC to train more people to make our city beautiful, functional and updated.
- More bike lanes, expansion of walking streets keep the progress going.
- Street and sidewalk improvements. Demolition of abandoned/falling apart houses
- Lots of trashy looking areas along main roads. Many sidewalks in very poor shape.
- Like I previously stated, sidewalks are broken or falling apart. There are some areas in town that don't even have sidewalks. Businesses must maintain their own property so that's on them. But the side of town you're on depends on the quality of things as well.
- some neighborhoods are really in need of paint and cleanup, need more trees planted
- Neighborhoods cleaned up, sidewalk repairs, street repairs. Weeds mowed.
- Would like to see more investment in roads and access to bike paths etc. on the north side of PW
- Homelessness has been increasing and has caused more trash and dilapidation etc. of downtown.
- Less lights. Too much light pollution
- I think infrastructure needs improvement in the entire country. Better roads, bridges, sidewalks, sewer, water lines--all of it needs improvement
- The community in general looks fatigued. If there was an incentive to promote upgrades to landscaping/home/etc., this could help change the image of the community.
- Yes, try enforcing the regulations that already exist. You don't. Pointing fingers of enforcement among the different governments doesn't work either. Letting Built condemned houses is a disgrace. Having roads (dirt & paved) not maintained in built areas is a disgrace. The low sealing of paved roads by the county is certainly not up to the standards of the state.
- More beautification and maintaining those areas
- Sidewalks in neighborhoods aren't great.
- Every neighborhood should have the same quality streets, sidewalks, street lights and schools. It is obvious driving through Pueblo which areas have received increased funding. Also, we need to start taking care of abandoned buildings, including both residential and commercial. Owners and landlords need to be held accountable, and we need to implement a practice to start encouraging the refurbishing of buildings to be utilized for community centers, the homeless population and housing.
- Some areas have nice landscaping and sidewalks and others are lacking. People are disincentivized from walking because of bad sidewalks and the lack of curb cuts. Sometimes the drop from the

sidewalk to the street is almost a foot and that is hard in a wheelchair or stroller. Solar is our friend-we have the best solar location in the state. What about a solar art installation? Lean into what we are good at. Mesa Junction is the only real neighborhood in the city where residents can easily walk to a library/variety of restaurants or coffee shops/and commercial shops. Continue to support walkability and mixed use to create dynamic neighborhoods. It is great that the city is supporting pop out dining in the main corridor. I hope this is permanent. It is important for people to see other people eating/using the areas downtown. Please offer more incentives for restaurants to have outdoor seating. No one wants to walk around a dead downtown.

- Mostly areas need to be cleaned up - even our main highway areas where people see first when coming to Pueblo, trash is everywhere.
- I would like to see the median of the entire length of Abriendo Boulevard become a site for the display of numerous sculptures.
- Streets are terrible. More upkeep in poorer neighborhoods.
- Our streets and sidewalks need attention throughout Pueblo County.
- Road repair
- Upgrade our roads. Potholes cost the citizens through car damage.
- I'm not sure that Pueblo West needed the overpass / on and off ramps at hwy 50 and Purcell. Reducing speed to 45 mph thru Pueblo West could have saved millions. Money could have been better spent improving access from I25 to Pueblo West.
- I would like to see more pride in the aesthetics of our public areas. I would like to see more landscaping, cleaner better-maintained roads. We have areas such as the river walk that are lovely, but our general areas lack any polish or appearance of pride in our city.
- Less tax dollars spent on unnecessarily ostentatious government buildings more into public space helping homeless population, and repairing roads
- better street lighting, mainly turn them on. half of the street lights are not working. I hate driving in the dark. I feel that the older neighborhoods are forgotten, they need to be updated such as sidewalks and street falling apart. When was the last time that fire hydrants were tested in neighborhoods. I live in Belmont and we need updates.
- Better connectivity for walking/biking. It is quite good in city limits but quite bad in Pueblo West and the Mesa area. Seems like people are an afterthought or not even considered with parking lots and accessibility at shopping areas.
- The terrible condition of the streets not only effects the appearance of our town to visitors, it is depressing to those of us who live here. The current tax to repave streets is obviously insufficient. It bothers me that the 1/2 cent sales tax builds and builds and jobs are not being created. Why not use some of this money to repair streets? Companies thinking of locating here may well think, accurately, that if the streets look this bad, do the leaders of this town lack pride? Fix the damn streets!
- Sidewalks in Pueblo West would be nice
- I went to the Courthouse the other day and it is falling apart. Why is it not being taken care of?
- More sidewalks on the Lanes and Gale/Everett, bike lanes would be nice too. Indoor/Outdoor dedicated Pickleball courts
- Large public pool.

Built Environment: Proximity of commercial services to neighborhoods

- More retail diversity in Pueblo West. My wife would love to see a King Soopers out here so she can avoid having to travel over 12 miles to the one on Northern Avenue.
- Should have more commercial on my area
- The built environment has seen some improvements in recent years; however, there is lots of work that needs to be done. This includes having access to grocery stores and local businesses closer to neighborhoods that need them. This includes the food desert in the eastside and other parts of the city. A similar issue is in place for the university where students have limited access to walkable stores,

restaurants, and things to do. Working on these solutions could also help bring in jobs and build up the community. There is also a blight of empty businesses in our downtown and neighborhoods that continue to be tax write-offs for the building owners. Instead of building brand new buildings, these properties should be used and revitalized, which would be a helpful step. Finally, the movement toward sustainability is a noble one that needs to be continued.

- PWMD and County need to allow more restaurants and businesses into PW. However, reducing the amount of weed grows and dispensaries in PW. The dispensaries have reduced the amount of families moving into PW but increased the bad element and singles moving in. Crime has also increased due to the change in demographics.
- I wish there were more walk-to family markets with produce year round. Also, many old buildings and businesses are still inaccessible to people who use wheelchairs. I know they are grandfathered in under the ADA, but it would be nice if there were grants to update them to make a more accessible and inclusive community.
- Encourage neighborhood stores
- Some neighborhoods have no close grocery stores or other retail space. Tons of retail along Hwy 50 but not as much on the south end.
- Revitalizing downtown is a great start, but I see so much potential in little pockets, such as Northern Ave just west of I-25, Lake Ave., so many others that could become such cool, funky little areas with local businesses. Plus, Pueblo needs more good restaurants. I was sick of burritos after the first week living here, and I love Mexican food! More Healthy eating, more variety.
- Not enough grocery stores in each part of town
- more neighborhood centers with gathering spaces and smaller commercial services like grocery & pharmacies, coffee shops & cafes.
- More access to groceries in most neighborhoods!
- Small groceries stores in neighborhoods, more building used for small local business
- Pueblo has 3 major deserts, transportation, fresh food access and lack of needed services in the east, west and Bessemer neighborhoods.
- need to fix the food desert on the eastside
- Ease zoning for more businesses in neighborhoods. Increase walkability.
- The loss of grocery stores on the east side is concerning.
- East side issue of no supermarkets. This is a crime issue? More community support needed at the city level. We have beautiful old homes that are deteriorating. Support needed to save this areas rather than razing and displacing people.
- The East Side and far West Side need investment in commercial services
- Need to address the food oasis' (East Side)
- Food desert in parts of town, sidewalks are a mess in places, not walking friendly
- More grocery stores for neighborhoods in low income areas.
- I understand business go where people are but Northside off I-25 and highway 50 is most business large areas of town aren't proportional served. I.e. East Side food Desert.

Built Environment: Other/Not applicable

- So, so many. Too many to list here.
- Less emphasis on marijuana
- no opinion
- There should be a grocery store in the middle of Pueblo. And entering Pueblo from the north is all pot shops. Entering from the south is slum housing. Neither are an attractive site so why would anyone that doesn't know the area consider stopping?? It's all concrete and ugly,
- The Regional Building Department is a major barrier to economic development and improved quality of life in Pueblo.

- Depending upon which side of PW you live, you have 2 different gas companies, 2 different electricity companies, and 2 different internet companies and the ones towards SWALLOWS SUCKS! and they're unreliable and expensive!!!!
- The average citizen has no idea what you're talking about when you say the "built environment " So whatever response you get, probably will reflect a variety of interpretations of that term
- Limited by which side of town you live inside Pueblo West! The only same utility is the water. Gas, electric, and internet service is subject to where you live.

Q 14b: Do you have other comments related to the above land uses (or other land uses) in RURAL/UNINCORPORATED AREAS?

Rural/Unincorporated Areas: Agriculture

- Keep supporting the farmers and connecting it to tourism for Pueblo and the county. Give the agricultural community its support while also making way for more renewable energies. This balance can help the economic support in the county which helps the city. Farmer's markets, the Chilefest, and other ways to remind people of what is nearby are excellent ways to do this. Finally, look at hemp and similar renewable resources that can help bring jobs and the economy.
- STOP allowing more building on ag land. Need farming in on the mesa.
- High quality land and water are not being adequately preserved for the continuation of critical local agricultural operations. The County has also allowed developments such as Pueblo West to develop into one of the nation's most unsustainable sprawling behemoths. Water access, road maintenance and broadband are now obviously big issues for the County to contend with in Pueblo West. There needs to be more careful planning and zoning in our unincorporated areas.
- The MJ grows are abusing the use of water.
- The disappearing ag in the area due to development is disappointing
- The City owns the water rights to many of the farms on the mesa. If the City doesn't do a good job managing water conservation, it will literally put farms out of business in the next decade. The city should continue to affordably support farmers on the mesa and let them use their water rights. Any new developments should be xeriscaped.
- I'd like to make sure that the marijuana development will not negatively impact the groundwater table. Additionally, supporting our local agricultural production and local foods! CHILIS!!
- Pueblo has a rich history of agriculture that is disappearing because water rights are being sold to developers. Would like to see a plan that preserves water rights for agriculture. Very interested in seeing a master plan that incorporated green space and rewards residential infill development.
- need to discuss both hemp and food in the same room when looking at future of natural resources - both farming and ranching are affected by the water rights issues, too and we NEED a place to encourage new youth to enter these careers, a demonstration farm with some training around agricultural science and business and environmental sustainability issues
- Be cautious in fragmenting agriculture by permitting rural subdivisions.
- We need to keep the farm land we have, but it is being sold to make overpriced graded communities. There is plenty of empty land that isn't used for farming that could be used for that.
- Please stop approving SO MANY marijuana grows and shops in one geographic location!
- County commissioner and planning commission seem to marginalize the rural agricultural areas and lack understanding of its value
- Too many marijuana grows
- Our agricultural lands are disappearing

Rural/Unincorporated Areas: Ranching

- Are you even allowing ranchers to survive during this point and time? Heard Biden administration is going to screw the ranchers over pretty bad. Good job Colorado! Way to show support of those who keep us living and fed! I do not believe we have any oil wells here so that one question is relevant. Though the Biden administration has vowed to close down oil and fracking. Guess you all better find a way to get us citizens natural gas to use in our homes!
- Huge possibilities for eco-friendly farming and ranching in our county!

Rural/Unincorporated Areas: Renewable energy facilities

- More solar and batteries to go along with it.
- It's getting hotter in Pueblo, your VOC's are getting worse.
- County failed to monitor and/or protect existing resources. Should have more informed budget decisions and improve quality of spending. Should adopt/adhere to regulatory policies.
- I am proud of Pueblo's efforts to focus on renewable energy. I think overall improvements can be made regarding consideration of wildlife habitat and general environmental stewardship related to development and meeting transportation needs.
- We need to stop extracting and burning fossil fuels. Unfortunately, we have one of the largest coal-fired plants in the entire state burning coal here and polluting our air, water, and land and contaminating us.
- Why is Wind renewable energy not allowed?
- We NEED access to clean energy. Please, we need clean energy!!
- Accelerate the shift to non-polluting energy sources. Move to sustainability. Across the entire County and region. Take a leadership role in the state and the nation.
- Need to update building/use/zoning codes to address renewable energy, infill, and building congestion re subdivisions.
- Need more wind and solar. All the gas lines in Houston froze. Only half the wind turbines did.
- More solar and wind farms.
- I see many falling apart buildings on various parcels of land east of town. Dead trees, half standing, falling apart sheds, tumbleweeds, weeds in the spring and summer. People need to have more pride in their properties. Some of parcels are used for ranching and some for farming. Many places are very well managed but some are not. Great need to place solar panels on the new homes being built in the County!
- I repeat myself, but stay away from renewable energy.
- access to wind power for the city, we make them here so let's us them. make us a test city to show others.
- The large solar project almost left Pueblo because of the crazy conditions that were being discussed. The Badge Hill Gravel out should have never passed. Commissioners who receive large donations for campaigns should recuse themselves from voting .
- We do not need solar or wind facilities. Have you thought of the long-term expense to the community for those things? Look at what is happening to Texas right now.

Rural/Unincorporated Areas: Resource extraction

- County and state need to better regulate mineral development especially oil and gas.
- The County seems to have no spine, allowing gravel pits that obviously should not be allowed. They allow rural residential areas to encroach into wildland fire prone areas, and inadequately plan around water availability.
- We are not using our lands in a sustainable way. Too much is used for ranching and rural development as well as for resource extraction.

- Not sure what to say. resource extraction is not sustainable
- We have no problems with oil drilling here, but there is a large gravel pit on Siloam Rd. that fills trucks with gravel.
- Need more resource extraction.
- Gas and oil industry seem to be blending their presence into the surrounding areas well. Some developed areas were planned out way ahead of planning and zoning, and present some problems.
- Extraction of resources in communities that have been historically neglected like Avondale is a perfect example of the lack of care. Let's see the money that we can get but don't invest property in to the communities that will be putting up with the risks.
- Extracting resources should be secondary to the health and safety of people living in the area (gravel removal near schools!)
- Need lower gas prices, n utility prices...

Rural/Unincorporated Areas: Rural development

- Would like to see better quality newly built residential homes.
- Too many builders taking over open spaces in our rural communities and pushing locals out of the area and out of Pueblo and Pueblo West because of the over cost pricing on housing and rentals. We are a small community and would like limited growth, but we would welcome growth, we just would like to be economical, practical and well build growth and would like to keep our open spaces as well.
- Programs out there encouraging land use of vacant lots for business in order to make best use of our resources.
- Inadequate scrutiny is given to land use when only a favored few are heeded and those with the highest paid lawyers are able to pass variances that are not always beneficial to the environment or the community.
- Too much sprawl.
- Land needs to be used as originally allotted. We purchased here with this knowledge.
- Open lot gardens
- Pueblo County includes a variety of different life zones, from dry grass prairie to mountains. Some parts of these rural areas should be left in a natural state as conservancies. No livestock and minimal interference from humans.
- Enhanced density and ease of creating it would benefit affordability.
- Subdivisions in Rural areas is not a good thing.
- Absolutely no respect for our rural community. Willing to place large corporations over local rural family business
- We don't need subdivisions. Besides Colorado City's water system can't support any more development. There's a shortage of water and quality issues.
- PW has so much untapped potential with regards to development of subdivisions and recreation. It needs to be rebranded and revisioned in its development potential.
- We don't need subdivisions here in Rye. Size of lots at mostly 1 acre or more are perfect for small rural towns.
- lot development was abused so there are more empty lots but good there isn't since the WATER quality and amount in this area is below the needed amounts
- The County needs to allow people to build on their properties. It is imperative that we return the freedom of survival and sustainability to the people.
- Pueblo County needs to adapt their ""city"" ordinances/codes for rural/county usage. The county needs to have more latitude to do what's best for their low-population areas WITHOUT unnecessary, restrictive and oppressive regulations that do not relate to rural settings.
- MORE ECONOMICAL HOUSING IS NEEDED. We are on an unsustainable path for young families and professionals.

- Beulah can not grow much more with their lack of dependable water. They don't need more development!
- unincorporated areas are allowed to pollute without notice, burn garbage and trash without care for pollution and polluted areas take too long to get cleaned up.
- Yes, people out east in the County are impacted by increased traffic/unsafe driving practices of gravel company truckdrivers.
- Rural areas are becoming urban areas, but continue rural status to avoid taxable infrastructure thus putting pressure on Pueblo City resources.
- Continued sprawl outside of cities and existing towns should be discouraged. It's not environmentally or economically sustainable.
- Throughout County emphasis needs to be on keeping home prices stable and development of low income housing should be sprinkled throughout. Encourage duplex, 4-plex and 6 plex residential developments. Encourage "tiny home" communities and recreational vehicle parks.
- Vegetable gardens on the Mesa are a treasure. Pueblo West could use some zoning. Looks like unplanned development. Need a car to do anything.

Rural/Unincorporated Areas: Other/Not applicable

- No.
- the I-25 corridor needs to be spruced up- Pueblo looks horrible from the highway and our businesses would get more traffic and income if drivers felt like getting off the highway instead of breezing right on by!
- need some zoning restrictions for those places that have old car, furniture in yards, etc.
- Growth without a master plan. People who know each other run most
- Needs improvement
- Minimal government is all that's needed not the tyrannical that's come into every county incrementally for decades. Way past time for a massive reset where the people take back their power over freedom in living from corrupt, self-enriching lobbyists bought by the highest bidder both foreign and domestic.
- Most of us living in PW are tired of our high property taxes of which we have to pay but mostly get ZERO benefit from doing so.
- There should be another high school on the north side and a middle school not just on the south side of pueblo west
- When Building the availability of
- The upkeep of empty lots. And in general landscaping not up to code at most houses. Huge lot of land on corner of John Powell and McCullough and it's never been mowed or taken care of.
- The county tends to look away at these areas....letting RVs become homes, letting people build small homes along creeks with no permits, letting garbage just be put anywhere, letting unhealthy dust on dirt roads,
- They are all owned by people who are greedy and won't sell for a reasonable price.
- Lots of trash and cars in the own lands and it's an eye sore
- Keep government out of the way
- Due to a large group of "Karens" in PW you cannot bring in new business or upgrade without a fight so businesses look out dated and poorly kept. Business and buildings are not growing with the people and it shows
- Hiking trails could be developed more in the Greenhorn Valley area.
- All of these areas need to be better promoted for more use.
- Indoor/Outdoor dedicated Pickleball courts

Q 15: Are there other issues or opportunities that you that you would like to see addressed as part of the Regional Comprehensive Plan?

Economic development

- Grow the airport, several missed opportunities like Amazon would have brought good paying jobs for people in pueblo, which also would stimulate the economy of pueblo.
- More restaurants in Pueblo West. Red Robin, White Castle, Culvers, Whataburger, Texas Steak House, REAL honest to God NY Pizza place as examples.
- Attract more business to improve employment opportunities. Clean up areas of town. Safety is a concern. I go to Florence or Cañon sometimes for dining, shopping and groceries.
- Remove cap on city cannabis businesses and the county moratorium on them.
- A second route from downtown area of Pueblo to Pueblo West. Bring in more jobs, preferably with industry. Prepare for the aftermath of the pandemic. People will be in trouble, financially.
- Economy end jobs! Need more incentives for businesses to come.
- More incentives for manufacturing companies to bring skilled labor jobs for pueblo workers giving opportunity to earn a living wage & growth
- Need an Overall Economic Development Plan OEDP to address the economy in Pueblo.
- What about an outlet mall? The closest to the north is Castle Rock and to the south who knows?
- The arts/creative/Makers sector could be an economic driver, provide employment and help make Pueblo a destination.
- I would like to see a plan for cooperation between all of these entities for recruiting new industries to Pueblo, but also for upgrading infrastructure.
- Empty lots to be gardens or greenhouses would help jobs and food access issues
- The majority of Pueblo jobs are unskilled and/or minimum wage, so as we educate at Pueblo institutions, the educated often leave Pueblo or are forced to take positions that do not use their education. Combined with increases in housing cost, Pueblo is becoming less and less livable and has a growing population of people reliant on government assistance.
- Homelessness High crime Living wages and job opportunities. It seems like a lot of people don't even get called for an interview. It's a topic of conversation in a Facebook group
- Improve school options in the City of Pueblo to attract businesses. Increase downtown living opportunities and conditions to help the businesses in that area thrive. We have a much healthier Main(Union) Street than most which encourages local businesses. We need to ensure they can survive by creating a bustling and artistic atmosphere.
- Bring in big companies with technical jobs and real paychecks.
- The only reason people move here is because they get priced out of better cities who offer more. Time for Pueblo to step up and give existing citizens and potential citizens a reason to come here that isn't because "I can't afford Springs."

Energy and environment

- The County's Sustainability Plan has several strong policies re: renewable energy. These should be carried into the Comprehensive Plan, such as "Advance Pueblo County as a Statewide Leader in Renewable Energy Generation" and "Strengthen economic development and create jobs through renewable energy development..."
- Have every house have a tesla battery or a battery that will have Pueblo be run on 100% renewable energy.
- Dry-up of agriculture should never be allowed. Communities like Salt Creek, Avondale, Blender and Midway Ranches have been altogether forgotten, and are not only unsafe, but dying because of poor

land use planning. It's also time Pueblo starts planning for climate change, and being resilient to what's coming: hot & dry, and severe weather.

- Remove abandoned buildings and impose consequences to big box stores that close their stores and leave the buildings to decay and become eyesores.
- Thinning out all Elm trees in the city, with a focus on planting healthy disease free trees, so we can prevent a dust bowl in our future
- Lower costs for electricity; increased renewable energy profile; more efforts to restore, improve, and protect the Fountain Creek and other natural amenities
- Black hills energy really needs to go away. Please, I don't want more high voltage above ground power lines in my back yard!!!!
- I get really sad on my walks when I see new homes built with particle board to start, black tar paper, chicken wire, and stucco over the top. Talk about building CHEAP HOMES that you then sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars. Then we wonder why people are so very sick all the time with all the poisonous chemicals used to build those homes. That is criminal to do to the people. Even if I could afford to, I would never buy one of those homes. They are no way energy efficient!!! They are still putting heat vents under the windows for maximum heat loss. That is sad! Shame on the building trades in cahoots with the utility companies making people use hard earned money to stay warm!!!
- You must require that any new development is zero carbon
- Accelerate the shift to non-polluting energy sources. Ditto the above.
- Pueblo has a beautiful Mountain Park in Beulah that needs to be used more and promoted!
- Large scale solar power facilities.
- Quit sending people to a valley that doesn't have water for them.
- Don't ruin our few farms we have left
- CCMD needs major ASSISTANCE...financially to upgrade the water issues. Their Parks & Rec. isn't above standards either.
- Global warming, renewable energy, water usage.
- Focus on renewable energy should be a major priority!!
- We need affordable housing and sustainable methods of heating/cooling that housing.
- Improved conservation of food producing lands and riparian areas though zoning restrictions
- I would like to see more renewable energy
- How is the soil being treated as a whole--not just agriculturally but also in all public spaces, industry, and private spaces. The soil--along with air, water, and food--are core to our overall health and wellness--including economic wellness.
- Would like to see investment in sustainable infrastructure efforts and programs
- More renewable energy and plug in stations for cars
- A true City/County sustainability program with a Director position and celebration of our position as the renewable energy capital of Colorado and the jobs that could bring. Time to listen to the youth and optimism for the future. Also like to see the State Fair as the center for exemplary use of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for the State: year-round job and training facility as well as demonstration site and cost reduction as a solar and storage self-electric generation facility .
- Consider requiring solar on new homes and subdivisions in the both the County and the City!
- More renewable energy!
- Keep as much open space as possible. Limit growth and over population. More people is NOT better.
- Allie farms and ranches to flourish. Do not use renewable energy systems, they are no or at all cost effective.
- We need to keep children attending school safe! They need to be safe from pollution, traffic and outside dangers. Growth for the sake of growth will eventually take away farm ground and out agricultural base.
- electric rates are outrageous and solar and wind energy is being developed by large corporations ready to over charge for them instead of being owned by users at actual cost rates

Governance and community involvement

- Yes. For a change, I'd like to see leadership that actually cares about the citizenry...and implements steps to ease the financial burdens that are more and more being placed on the citizens here.,
- Investment in a locally owned and controlled Newspaper with a strong web presence needs to be Govt. Subsidized.
- I would like to participate as needed in future planning
- I would like to see and be involved in discussion with the city and county officials working with state officials to bring a better face to pueblo and the southern areas. We appear to be forgotten except at tax time when it comes to funding improvements and enhancing our lives.
- It is so important for all segments to work together. The many problems having the Pueblo community do not exist in silos. Education deficiencies, employment opportunities, mental health care challenges, poverty culture. Pueblo has many strong nonprofits that are true assets to the community. Their importance is often overlooked in this kind of study and we'll intentioned effort. Nonprofits need to be invited to the table as equal partners, valued at the important role they serve in the community, respected as viable business partners and adequately funded. Nonprofits are placed in a nearly impossible situation. They are expected to provide free or very low cost services even for those with the ability to pay while funders expect increased accountability and reporting for decreased funding. The requirements to gain funding related to submitting proposals and reporting use of funds required increased staff time. Nonprofits have to meet the same legal demands for minimum wage and exempt salaries as large for-profit corporations. They are often grilled by funders to explain how they can provide these services and become increasingly self-sufficient. Nonprofits can provide valuable community services for less than government or private corporations, but they must be adequately funded to be able to provide services, staff services, account for income and expenses, and meet the many regulations by which they must comply. Accountability is a good thing, but they are staffed by in-large by people who care deeply for their community and work exorbitant hours. The employees and families of most corporations benefit in one way or another from the services of the nonprofit sector. Though many contribute generously and do value the work, many others in both the government sector and the corporate sector trivialize their contribution and treat nonprofit employees like they are second class citizens that are not too be respected or trusted. All sectors need to work together. There was very little acknowledgement given to nonprofits in the publicity about this effort.
- Not sure if relevant but improved code enforcement and cleanup of neighborhoods and making landlords accountable for their properties
- Yes, make pueblo a 2nd Amendment sanctuary city like 90% of other cities in this state have !!!!!!!
- Pueblo's secret weapon is the friendliness off its citizens, which makes me so proud to call Pueblo my new hometown. Engage with the poor and working class more, get their ideas and then help them launch them. There is so much untapped potential here to make Pueblo as beautiful as its people.
- OPEN THE DAMN CITY BACK UP AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO WORK! Stop raising the cost of living! Though I know everyone is for minimum wage increasing, you all fail to realize that INFLATION happens. With higher wages comes higher rent, higher grocery bills, higher gas prices, etc. Not that hard to understand! Get some type of recreational thing that teens can do here that would keep them from getting in trouble. STOP THE CLEAN NEEDLE EXCHANGE! All that allows is for the druggies to get clean needles and they leave them In our parks and school grounds for kids to get a hold of. Way to promote drug use city officials! No wonder people look down at Pueblo with disgust. Gangs run the streets. Especially now with Covid. A law abiding citizen can't go to work and support their families but a criminal can get a free get out of jail free pass as well! Sick! We do not need a mayor either. What a waste of money! All that dude does is kiss Polis' ass. He stole thousands of the Covid relief money to bail out his own business and that of his nieces and no one saw a problem with this?? CORRUPTION. I also remember reading an article in the Pueblo Chieftain that said the marijuana tax money was stolen by some city officials who used it to give to family and friends. The names of these officials were never

released and Polis wanted the story redacted. Wonder why? Could it be cause he had his hand in the pot? That money was for schools and roads. And yet teachers that year went on strike for better wages. SICKENING OPEN THE SCHOOLS! WITHOUT REQUIREMENT FOR MASKS! I have done the research, I don't follow msm blindly. Masks don't work. But they do cause other illnesses like phenomena! Let's not also forget that children are less likely to get Covid than any other age group (99.99% survival). More children are commuting suicide this school year than ever before due to the lockdowns. Mental health issues have been on the rise since March of last year. But you all don't seem to care. These schools also need a revival. Stop teaching common core. It's stupid and these kids won't even know how to count change back. Way to go public education! I could go on all day but I have a feeling you're getting the picture. "

- Get rid of the mayor.
- City/County government needs to listen to its people more!
- People are waking up to the global agenda destroying their local American Life and Freedom. Those who are in office who are for We The People will be retained by a vote of confidence . . Those who have betrayed the trust will be term limited by vote within upcoming elections.
- Pueblo needs a NON-governmental "Citizen" Commission to work with the city/county with NO "political" bias.
- Where is the citizen's committee? Or, is this part of your plan to make a new City and County of Pueblo?
- We need more programs to unify and strengthen families instead of separating them. ABOLISH THE ANTI FAMILY COURTS!
- Yes, make this right and allow disenfranchised community guide you their input.
- Letting younger people have more say in things.

Growth and development

- The over development of land for housing in Pueblo West. It feels as though we are being pushed out, like in Denver, with housing being way over priced and rentals being extremely high it feels like we may have to leave here as well. We love our community and do not want to have to leave, we would like the opportunity to live and grow here as well. We love Pueblo and all it would have to offer, but we would really like to give the local, already established community the opportunities to grow our great little city rather than have outsiders come in and take over and expand it. Give us the same opportunities that you would give to outsiders, We need the chance to make Pueblo what it can be.
- I would like to see investment in neighborhoods that already exist rather than contributing to more sprawl.
- I believe there is expansion of the Riverwalk planned. Hope so as this is one of Pueblos bright spots and it is used like crazy. Too bad we have the baseball opportunity to sites up north. Looks like they are running with it but we were afraid to.
- Zoning code clarifications, should mean the same thing for city zonings vs county. Should seek to enhance opportunities for development and growth and seek to make it simple and desirable to do development and business.
- Change the zoning on the Mesa so you don't have pot stores/dollar stores in the middle of residential neighborhoods including Highway 50 business.
- more PW town events - it's boring here even for retirees! lol
- opportunities to have additional restaurants in Co City
- Stop building so many homes in one area, spread them around. Those of us who bought because it was semi rural like it that way.
- a change of covenants where I live. We are on 3/4 acre of land and cannot have chickens or any other "farm" livestock here. Why move out of the city if you can't stand to hear a rooster?
- More residential opportunities downtown: Union Avenue, Main Street areas.

- Pueblo should lean in on livability. Increase recreational activities, parks, mixed use, walkability, and make it a desirable place to live and work. Also have people who are younger and who have lived/traveled other places outside of Pueblo involved in city government.
- Create tax based fund similar to what PEDCo has to be used for creative land use projects.
- Very much want to see a plan that reduces the inequitable access to recreation and food. Would like to see a progressive plan that insures businesses can benefit from simplified and efficient permit processes.
- yes the Pueblo Food Project and Water Tower Place and the build out of food hubs that are collaborative in nature
- Stop building parking lots in the city of Pueblo. Focus on walkability and occupying empty commercial buildings.
- Anything you build should be so accessible it is effortless to use.
- Pueblo needs to be careful to keep its best qualities while moving forward in the 21st Century. Don't let this charming city with an amazing history become another boring suburban sprawl.
- Add another dog park on the opposite side of town (east or northeast side of town)
- We need more family friendly recreational businesses.
- Colorado city needs a solution to our water issues. Lots of new houses but nothing to replace the antiquated water system. Also, it wouldn't hurt to commercially develop out here. Driving to Pueblo for affordable groceries gets old.
- Collaboration between city and county. Focus on redevelopment of downtown, it is vital for growth and tourism. How do we address the homeless population problem here?
- More needs to be brought to Pueblo County. Of course Mr. Ortiz seems to stop everything like baseball teams coming here. That would have been a safe place for entertainment for our youth. In order to get the crime rates to decrease we must start as a community to give our youth things to do that will keep them out of trouble. It's very sad watching Pueblo suffer a slow and painful death. Opportunities should not be limited to the leaders family and friends. Hopefully things change because I know myself and a few other families are thinking of leaving Pueblo for a place that believes in expansion and getting their city up to date.

Health, safety, and housing

- I think access to quality health care, particularly specialists, is a huge question. Again, though, that relates to population. More people = more docs, etc.
- As above : We have a need for better medical , chem/dep Rx and appearance efforts . The MJ industry is hurting more than helping .
- Where does the weed money go? Seems like not back to us in anyway. Homeless population has probably tripled since it started. We accept them trashing our city. Chase them off!
- Recycling we lack Recycling. We are a food desert we lack good quality food. We could use a Sprouts. The East side needs a grocery store.
- Police and Fire Department are some of the needs I've identified so far
- The streets being taken care of the drug epidemic the lack of police on streets more for our youth programs to help build or get rid of vacant buildings and encourage to keep up.
- Housing and amenities would go a long way I think in promoting growth. As well as further improvements to law enforcement to address crime issues.
- support services for the homeless population and at-risk youth
- No more prison/jail development let's work on the surrounding communities and amenities so we can keep people out of jail.
- Most homeless are homeless because they cannot access benefits do to being homeless. There is a way to help those that want help in such a way that it supports everything else. I have ideas"

- Police/Firefighter community outreach program. Build community bonds and educate community (young and old) on safety and law issues.
- Drug dealing in city neighborhoods. Filling downtown with new businesses utilizing existing structures. Increased night life not centered around alcohol.
- More focus and more humane resources for people of color and the poor are desperately needed. We have the highest unemployment rate in the state. The upper middle class and wealthy are well cared for in this community. Affordable, quality housing and access is a must. Owners of rental properties need to be held accountable for predatory practices and not be allowed to ignore upkeep of their properties that serve people who are economically disadvantaged.
- Better crime management more recreational opportunities
- A new jail. Homeless shelters. Long term rehab and mental health centers.
- I think areas of affordable housing - Senior Citizens as well as first time home buyers. With the property values continuing to go up it's making it very hard for both groups to really live the American Dream of home ownerships.
- Lift the poor, all will benefit from a better quality of life.
- Without dramatic growth in our economy, I'm concerned about home ownership for our young families in the future. It seems our housing is escalating to house people who work in other cities. There needs to be strategic thinking and planning so Puebloans can't afford to purchase a home in their own city
- The high number of homeless people in the entire county really needs to be addressed. Not only for those individuals quality of life, but for the residence and tourists that come to the area. It has really gotten out of hand lately. The large number of people living in campgrounds permanently, living in campers on the land whether or not it is theirs, is atrocious.

Local program support

- More support for our schools.
- CSU should put more money in CSU P. That university should have a much larger impact on the community and the economy than it does. Merge city and county police and add more.
- more support for Non Profits
- Once again, the education system and its support is equally important to make these other areas succeed. If we do not have improvements with our schools, then we cannot attract companies and employers to come to Pueblo. Also, if we do not support our education system, we cannot educate our students, support the university and community college, which in turn does not help us develop and retain young professionals and our local workforce to stay and help build up Pueblo. This also can help with the issues of crime. Finally, there needs to be better support of the infrastructure to support the houseless population since there is always a damaging and reactive approach to addressing their needs and concerns. Partnering with local businesses can help with the workload and also stop treating all these individuals unfairly like criminals.
- Many people in this area live close to poverty level or are on a fixed income. The working poor fall through the cracks here in terms of services and support available.
- More funding to invest in a strong small business network that will allow a circular economy can be the remedy to our post pandemic issues...
- Quality of K12 education deserves great attention and strategy.
- Need better non college education opportunity.
- The lack of training and employment opportunities available for community members. Better wage standards for hardworking community members.
- More involvement with youth.

Maintenance and beautification

- Mandatory garbage collection in Pueblo.
- The trash is disgraceful
- Have business owners clean up store fronts, trash around the entire county, more updated modern look instead of trash city
- We need a city/ county agency to drive around the main highways and pick up the trash... Pueblo has poor image and we need to keep our main streets and highway clean
- Get rid of your coal pollution.
- Focus on culture, arts, clean up. Help us put a fresh coat of paint on the city. The County areas like Rye, Beulah, Blende, and Pueblo West are enjoying growth and newness. The City needs to be attended to. Let's think of the City as your grandmother. She is wise and old but needs lots of care.
- If there is any money available for free public trash pickup and recycling it would benefit the community overall.
- Recycling.
- It's important to incorporate key sustainability goals and recommendations into this plan - built environment, transportation, public health, the natural environment, economic prosperity, waste, and equity for all residents. Waste management - especially illegal dumping - recycling, and composting are huge issues for our community. Local government has been tiptoeing around this issue for decades and we desperately need to take action. A big waste plan was generated for our community two years ago, but nobody has had the guts to implement it.
- Trash removal and public transportation. Affordable housing.
- City and neighborhood trash cleanup. Accountability of homeowners making homes & property presentable and well kept.
- Driving thru Pueblo itself it seems that we have a big issue with trash, whether it's blown in or people throwing things out of their vehicles. It makes Pueblo seem dirty, unkept. Better landscaping around businesses and around the town in general, I know we are in a drought but we can still look beautiful.
- A citywide free recycling program needs to be implemented. There are too many barriers to recycling at home, and the information in Pueblo is confusing and often inaccessible. We also need to implement citywide trash service to decrease illegal dumping.
- Clean up the county - get us looking nice and finding ways to continue to grow with the community's needs.
- We need to give the homeless bus tickets to leave the city, get addicts and the mentally ill off the streets and into treatment facilities/programs and/or "work to live" programs where they work for the city/county/state to improve the quality of the city while paying for their own treatment, living accommodations, meals, etc.. City-wide cleanup programs would be nice, we need a solid recycling program, a volunteer-police division, and more neighborhood watch programs in more neighborhoods. A community garden venture would be nice and more opportunities for fitness.
- The parks including the small neighborhood parks need better maintenance.
- Uphold code enforcement so our town stops looking so run down and poverty-stricken. And please address the homeless panhandlers wrecking havoc around the city.
- Historical preservation and protection of historical sites.
- lighting on interstate highway like in Denver. clean up along highway. Decorative walls along the highway in the south end of town. Make the drive thru pueblo more beautiful. paint the bridges over the interstate (look at New Mexico).
- Set goals high to improve city (updates, maintenance, greenery (trees), aesthetics and watch these efforts pay off...improve the beauty and accessibility of our city

Public infrastructure

- Sidewalks are a damn hazard
- Pot holes

- We need better housing options, better pedestrian and biking options all over the city. We need to work with farms to get affordable food in the hands of our most vulnerable and should consider a wealth tax to provide a basic income for all.
- burying power lines. Don't add any more visible power lines. Paving more roads would cut down on all the crazy dust.
- County roads are a mess!
- continued improvement in multi modal transportation connectivity and opportunities.
- It would be nice to see Pueblo and Pueblo West concentrate on the crumbling roads and streets. We shop and work in Pueblo and pay taxes and would like to see our tax dollars spent wisely and not spent on frivolous sustainable projects. As a former engineer in the power industry I can't tell you that this new green energy is not sustainable or cost effective.
- High speed internet on the north side of Pueblo West.
- Better connectivity and transportation that isn't private cars clogging the roads.
- I sometimes feel like Pueblo West is the cash cow for the rest of the county. The current agreement with PW and the county for road repair is not working. PW has almost 5 times the population it did when I moved here in 2008. I still see weeds everywhere on metro property and in front of businesses. I don't see any effort to start paving roads in neighborhoods. It is a wonderful place to live but it could use some improvements.
- Year round pool for students and community use.
- Agro-tourism support! Improve our sidewalks in the older parts of town! Invest in making walking and biking an easy choice for residents! Invest IN OUR DOWNTOWN!! It's one of our potentially most beautiful and unique features within the city! I LOVE the downtown area and can't wait to enjoy it once pandemic restrictions lift. The old brick buildings and mill town heritage are part of what I LOVE about Pueblo. Let's make it a place for everyone and not just businesses that aren't willing to invest in our local community and making it a thriving and vibrant downtown. We have such amazing local people, let's invest in ourselves and our ideas and community.
- Make public transportation free until there's a way to get between any two city high schools in less than 1 hour.
- There is a railroad spur of tracks unused since the 1970s that follows the Arkansas River from the city's rail yards on a path past the Valco Ponds 4, 5, 6, & 7. This could / should be developed as a means of recreation by small parties using manually operated light-weight vehicles on that track. Great views and great exercise.
- Cellphone service sucks and they won't put in another tower of than the large on Highway 50 at the King Ranch! Most days my cellphone is just a paper weight!
- Just our terrible roads in Pueblo West...
- Another way in and out of pueblo west other than highway 50 which is dangerous and people treat it like a drag strip
- Is there an inventory of current housing and will it meet 10 year demand? Encourage underground electrical utilities.
- Interstate area through Pueblo is a disgrace. It gives a terrible impression of our city.
- The roads need to be fixed everywhere, before anything new needs to happen
- Indoor/Outdoor dedicated Pickleball courts, either new or existing on tennis courts

Other/Not Applicable

- What difference would it make? I have a business in PW that will be closing when I move from this shithole town. Couldn't find anyone to show up to work because it's too easy to sit on the system or they Couldn't pass a drug test. Welcome to Colorado. Have fun getting the dead beats to pay your salary.
- Covenants, covenants, covenants!!!!
- Apparently second priority.

- Not familiar enough to offer suggestions
- I can't believe you ask these questions, then refuse to respect the citizens in our community.

Q 16: Why do you like living in Pueblo County?

Community

- The history, the people, the community involvement, the weather, and the access to entertainment in nature
- Family
- This is a great city.
- Family favorable weather
- My children live here. We own our home.
- Born here
- Quiet. Friendly, large lots in PW.
- I lived in Pueblo County for 30 years but retired elsewhere. I liked living there because of the friendships we made and the availability of outdoor activities and ease of living.
- Family, culture, blue collar pride, national pride.
- The feeling of community, and the deeply interconnected people make this place special. Outdoor recreation opportunities are plentiful (but fractured).
- Good people...strong traditions
- No traffic, great people
- The community
- Proximity of family and social connections.
- Overall it is a friendly town and family-oriented. There is a lot of history here that should be honored. It is a good climate and has so much potential.
- Born here; family here; established relationships; business owner; climate
- It's home and it feels that way.
- the warmth and grit of the people, culture
- We like the people, the Riverwalk, the Arts center, the non-chain restaurants, the Reservoir for boating and hiking, biking.
- Weather, culture, open and diverse culture. We are not snobby. Lots to do if you look for it.
- I like the small town atmosphere combined with ready access to mountains and outdoor recreation. I love the multicultural appreciation and acceptance of the unique Pueblo culture. Although I s born and raised in Pueblo, I left for several years and lived in more than one other community. I came back! Pueblo is often its own worst enemy. I believe that some of Pueblo's homeless population and some of its crime rate are imported--not all of it. I believe in many ways that Pueblo's economy and self image/culture have never recovered from the extreme loss of jobs at what was then CF&I. Those strong union jobs that afforded blue collar workers a respectable income put too many of our community eggs in one basket. I believe in the people of Pueblo. We are good people! It's a good community. We are friendly and accepting. We need to give ourselves more credit; cultivate better employment opportunities, give low income families the folks and opportunities to succeed and give our students quality education. Schools need to be willing to try new things. Students learn by doing better than by listening. Get kids outside to learn. Get middle and high school students into work places to see the opportunities and career options available to them. Many of the challenges Pueblo is facing are not unique to Pueblo. We can acknowledge the challenges without being defeatists.
- My family lives here, and the weather is good.
- The people are generous and it has such a rich history and culture. The proximity to the outdoors and healthy ways to live are also a strong suit.

- Growing up was enjoyable. Pueblo has a rich history of family and culture, however, it seems more important to hold on to instead of moving forward.
- People are great
- Close to family
- Big friendly town, great for families.
- I like living in pueblo west because it is safer than pueblo. The people are friendly and I like the community here. We originally moved here because of the low cost of living, but that has changed.
- Proximity to family
- Multi-cultural
- Pueblo County is a welcoming, culturally rich, and affordable county with a beautiful downtown core and access to excellent recreational opportunities (if you can afford a car).
- I have established community connections. I am close to my kids' school and extracurricular activities. It's somewhat affordable compared to other Front Range cities.
- Being close to friends
- Born & raised here, lots of family
- Friendly people, great climate
- Family, history, people, environment.
- Close to family, have a good job, and enjoy that nature is out our backdoor.
- Friendly people; climate; location; size; cost of living; Democratic state.
- My family is here
- The people - Pueblo is a friendly town and with just a little bit of effort it's easy to find something to connect to, the rich/diverse cultural history, the historic nature/architecture of various neighborhoods, easy access to outdoors
- Many thoughtful, community-spirited people live here.
- The people are basically good and help each other. It is easy to get around in Pueblo - driving and walking.
- Climate, family and friends.
- Peaceful. Friendly. Safe.
- The community
- Born and raised here.
- Culture and traditions
- My family lives here.
- It's home & I'm proud of my town
- Nice community feel, open and engaging attitude, laid back feel, historic, generally affordable, and circumspect in the present challenges, as well as what lies ahead.
- The culture and traditions
- The people, cost of living, shared values.
- Friendly, safe community with a lower cost of living.
- It's just home
- Born and raised. Family and friends live here. But if I could move, I would.
- I love the weather, the culture, and the people.
- Close to family
- Near family
- Good quality of life
- Very diverse community, something for everyone.
- Concerned Citizens
- Pueblo has always been good to me. My family and friends are here. I had a career here.
- I don't. Only here for family.
- The only reason why I like living in Pueblo County was I have a vast number of friends
- Culture and traditions

- It's my home. Traditions. Family
- The People
- The people.
- The sense of family that Pueblo has, it is a great community.
- Born and raised in Pueblo County
- Close to son, that's why I moved here. Not as much humidity as where I used to live
- Its where I was born and where I grew up and raised my kids here. Beautiful state and I cannot imagine living elsewhere.
- My kids live here. It used to be fairly inexpensive but now prices are moving up.
- Friendly people, ease of getting around, good local restaurants.
- I am proud of my community and most people are kind.
- Because my family lives here and Pueblo has so much history.
- People are generally kind and good-hearted.
- closeness of family
- I know Pueblo has problems, as does all other cities. With that said the citizens are very willing to work on solving those problems. It is the community efforts that are going on presently that keep me excited and engaged.
- The sense of community and the recreational opportunities.
- my husband is from here and we are raising our kids here - it feels safe most of the time and I have been working to help develop a local food system through education
- Home
- Friendly neighborhoods that support each other
- This is home. I was raised here, and raised my kids here. People are usually friendly and it is not expensive to live comfortably.
- I like the people, the diversity, the food and, in general, the many people in the helping professions. I love the proximity of Beulah and the Nature Center as well as the River Walk.
- I've been here a long time. It's a lot smaller than Denver or Springs. I know the people and places and who is trying to help and make changes. One committed individual can make a difference.
- Diverse community, outdoor - nature,
- Its diversity.
- The people, the weather. It used to be affordable
- Friendly
- Diversity of people, places, and beauty of both.
- Community. Affordable.
- To help the most marginalized in our community and advocate for a better Pueblo.
- Everybody seems to know each other somehow.
- My parents are here and it's not over populated.
- The people are wonderful. I like having some space.
- feels good, family
- My family has called the city and county of Pueblo home for generations and am glad to see its culture preserved through the years. It's a progressive place and its people are kind.
- It's home for me
- The culture. Small community that is proud. Supporting small businesses. Enjoy night life at the same time enjoying nature
- Family.
- My family is all here, pretty safe area from natural hazards.
- The people are so nice in Pueblo.
- Pueblo County native
- Beautiful place, people
- Home town

- The culture and the people.
- I like the history of Pueblo. We feel connected as a community. It is not an overly crowded town and we still have opportunities for recreation. The diversity in our community.
- People and culture diversity.
- My family, my friends
- Family, small town
- Family atmosphere
- My husband and I have built a life here. I love my job and I love the quality of local restaurants and the community of people.
- I still feel for the most part that the people here are friendly and care about our county. We are close to mountain recreation, we have Lake Pueblo, we have access to fresh produce in the Mesa, a diversity of restaurants a good selection of grocery stores.
- The sense of community here is awesome, and the cost of living is low.
- Family and history. Grew up fishing in the Fin and Feather Club. Now there is an opportunity for development/tourism. I love the Arkansas River and the res and trails.
- The older culture and values as well as the parks and recreation areas
- The people! And the lower population compared to other parts of the state. We have a base of conservatives who believe in the Constitution and rule of law.
- Born and raised it's my home.
- Quality of life, wonderful schools, and it is where my family is from.
- the people still feels like a small town
- Family is close.
- Love the people, accessibility to the mountains and bigger cities, LOVE the slower pace of life!
- I love the people, sense of family/community and the diversity of ethnic cultures. People love Pueblo for the food and culture and so do I! Let's capitalize on it!
- I love it
- Family
- It is diverse and people are friendly and helpful. People make Pueblo great!
- I was born and raised here, my family is here. Pueblo supports small business

Cost of living

- Cost of living is low
- Friendliness, cost of living, cultural activities, recreation, weather
- Low cost of living. Recreation. Large lots.
- Friendly, affordable, good food
- Because it WAS cheaper to live here.
- Weather, low cost of living
- Cheaper than other places
- SIZE AND AFFORDABILITY
- Quality of life for the cost of living. Ease of access to resources.
- I can afford it, so far. It's fairly quiet.
- Cost of living
- Cost of living...Recreational opportunities
- It is fairly inexpensive here compared to some places in Colorado. The people are friendly. It is warmer than where we lived before.
- Affordable living
- Cost of living, ethnic and diverse culture, historical town
- Relatively low expense, fair to good management and atmosphere.
- Cost of living, slower, less hectic traffic, lifestyle and recreational opportunities.

- Affordable, close to mountains, amenities, not a large city, has college
- The cost of living and the job that I have I enjoy it.
- Affordable, close to such beauty, friendly people. I see a city on the verge of a really cool transition.
- Low living cost, access to the lake, friendly people, small town feel, lack of traffic, good food.
- Cost of living, scenery of surrounding area, proximity to outdoor areas as well as larger cities
- Affordability, nicer people here
- Low cost of living, easy access to outdoor amenities in greater region.
- The cost of living is manageable
- Uncrowded and low cost of living
- Cost of living, climate, proximity to commercial and recreation, and also the charm of people and the town and its history.
- Cost of living. Access to mountain activities.
- Because the cost of living is cheaper. I'm not living on top of my neighbor
- Cost of living
- Affordable living cost
- The cost of living is lower than other places in Colorado. We don't have the traffic problems of Springs and Denver. The library is awesome.
- Specifically Pueblo West- low property tax, low sales tax, and big lots (acre plus)
- Cost of living. Diversity. Quality schools.
- Cost of living but that is quickly going away
- Low cost of living, easy to get around by car, Lake Pueblo is nearby, friendly people, good food!
- Cost of living
- Low cost of living.
- The cost of living and close to the mountains and Denver.
- Cost of living and too old to move.
- affordable, good access to biking from my house, walkable (from my neighborhood), cost of living low
- Cheap to live. People leave me alone. Boating at Lake Pueblo. Not much traffic.
- The views and cost of living. Also the half small town feeling crossed with availability to jobs and shops.
- Decent cost of living. Easy drive to mountains or larger cities. Nice weather.
- It's affordable (not as much these days) and a good equal distance between bigger cities and the mountains.
- Low cost of living, access to recreation/nature and health services. Less traffic and sprawl than the monstrosities that Colorado Springs and Denver have become.
- Cost of living, climate, friendly people, interesting history, excellent food.
- The cost of living and appreciation for real, local food and history
- Cost of living
- Easy lifestyle and lower cost of living.
- Too expensive to relocate
- Cost of living. Friendly
- Very family oriented, affordable, not overly populated
- Lower cost of living, less traffic, adult education opportunities, mild weather
- Not necessarily as much like as I have to because it's all I can afford. It does have great potential if it were cleaned up and a bit safer.
- Cost of living, low traffic
- Cannot adored to move.
- My family is here. Outdoor activities, less traffic, more affordable
- Cost of living. Openness friendly folks
- Cost of living
- Reasonable cost of living.
- Affordable

- Affordable, good location
- Cheaper than other counties. Not too crowded. Good weather. Little traffic.
- Cost of living. Pace of life. Climate.
- Cost of living, access to woodlands and meadowlands
- Cost of living
- Affordability, high-quality higher ed (PCC/CSU), Creative Sector/Artistic opportunities, outdoor recreation
- The air quality is pretty good. Safety. Cost of living.
- It's cheap
- I can afford to live here
- Cost of living. It seems to be a town on the rise.
- cost of living, close to family

Currently unsatisfied

- Currently, I don't.
- I don't, relocated here for a job and am leaving as soon as I can. Lack of traffic is the only thing I like
- If you're in county or pueblo west you are ok but anywhere in pueblo has become so dangerous it's so sad
- I have lived in towns all across the US including Oklahoma, Florida, Arkansas, Alaska, Texas, and Louisiana. Pueblo is by far the worst place I have lived so far.
- I don't, the politicians are all corrupt.
- I'm not sure I do anymore. I was born and raised here and this is not the Pueblo County that I grew up in.
- Do not, will probably be leaving as soon as I can.
- I don't. I will be leaving as soon as possible.
- I loved it because of low crime and population, more of a family environment. Not anymore.
- I don't anymore due to all the negative changes.
- I Don't
- I don't like it anymore. Very sad to have to be here now.
- When I moved here I could actually afford a house...now not so much.
- I was raised here. It used to be a great place but overcrowding and homelessness have taken over.
- Don't like living here anymore looking to move in the future
- I really don't like living in Colorado at all anymore.
- I don't.
- I don't like where I live. It us what it is.
- I don't
- I used to love it but I don't now becoming infested with high crime
- I don't
- Don't want to live in pueblo county to much crime and rather be either in the mountains or out of city limits where the noise is not so much
- I don't anymore.
- I am stuck here.
- Nothing
- I don't like it ... I've just learned to live with it because I was born here and family is here...
- I don't
- I abhor living here.

Location, open space, and recreation

- Love the open spaces.
- The weather and scenery are beautiful and offer opportunities to relax and stay fit. The people are friendly and seem to fit with my desire for freedom and privacy.
- Access to recreational opportunities and “the small town” living feel in a big city.
- Views, relative quiet, good air.
- The openness
- Lot size available.
- Love the area, great weather most of the year and easy access to a variety of recreation throughout the state.
- Proximity to the mountains. Manageable cost of living. Arkansas river, trail and nature center.
- I enjoy being close to the mountains and how nice everyone is here.
- Access to the rest of Colorado and cost of living and incredible restaurants.
- Mountains and ease of driving to springs and Denver
- I like the cost of real estate, I like the dark skies (easier to see the stars!), I like the trails and ease of biking around
- Large lots, open air, mountain views, close proximity to lakes and streams
- The weather.
- Clean air, good drinking water and affordable housing compared to much of CO. My family living here is initially what brought me back but I appreciate the clean air and great drinking water as other places we've lived we were drinking bottled water and looking at the sun through a dirty haze.
- Weather, scenery, people, legal marijuana
- Weather
- The climate, proximity to recreational activities and ease of getting around.
- People, short drive to Springs or Denver, and the mountains
- The geographic location and nearness to metro areas, mountains, and Santa Fe.
- Proximity to mountains.
- The weather. Proximity to Denver and Springs. But the crime and steadily rising cost of living are beginning to become an issue.
- Pueblo is a centrally located point of contact with all parts of Colorado, where you can easily get to any environment you would like. It's also more affordable to live in than many cities in the state.
- It's a beautiful area with lots to offer in the way of recreation and great people
- Open spaces and views. Great people.
- The openness.
- Weather-views-less traffic than up north-
- Availability of expansion
- Close to the mountains, friendly people,
- I like being able to access Lake Pueblo and the San Isabel Nat'l Forest fairly quickly and easily. Pueblo's public libraries are fantastic.
- Clean air, mild winters, low density life style. Easy access to airports. Minimal traffic congestion. Friendly people. Safety.
- Location and weather
- Openness and large lots
- I like the countryside we live in because of the beauty and weather conditions.
- Moderate weather. Pretty.
- Open spaces
- The space. Not houses on top of each other on the North side. The views. My privacy.
- Open spaces
- Location
- I love the open spaces right now but wow, with that many new people coming, I just may have to move away. We are already congested with traffic between here and Pueblo West. Yuck!

- Weather
- I like living here because there are no street lights and no sidewalks. There is also space where you don't feel cramped like in town.
- Space. I live on 3 acres.
- Open land, wildlife and stars
- Good access to reservoir and river, good weather.
- I like Pueblo for its recreation infrastructure. The Whitewater park, the lake trails, the mountain park, the bike path, the river walk. If it was not for that infrastructure I would say that pueblo has little draw except affordable housing.
- The natural beauty that surrounds us.
- Weather
- Open spaces - friendly people - low cost of living - beautiful parks areas and murals
- Space
- The mountains are near. Open space, shooting range is near, clean air. Like the dirt roads, No pavement is what I like.
- Wide, open spaces and we can see for miles!
- Beautiful. I love my neighbors.
- Close to my job in Colorado Springs where pay is higher than in pueblo and more jobs are available. Pueblo west housing is more affordable for my one income family . The larger lot size allows me more privacy and freedom. Location is nice to escape to the mountains on the weekends.
- Quiet, away from the city and crime
- Weather is nice and there appears to be an adequate amount of various types of activities.
- Open feeling. Larger lots
- Location and amenities.
- Views/nature and weather
- Peace and quiet, views, friendly people in Greenhorn Valley
- Quiet and the view
- I like the country she open spaces
- Peace and quiet where I live. Access to Pueblo from here is good. Development must be managed carefully, but favorably to investors.
- For the peace and quiet.
- Quiet neighborhood, space between houses
- large lots w/privacy and peacefulness and lots of great people
- Open.
- Because of the openness however would like to see a better rec center for these kids to have things to do
- It's quiet.
- Size of city and outdoor recreation opportunities. Nice year-round weather. Moderate pace of life.
- Open space!
- Proximity to recreation, cost of living.
- Beautiful scenery.
- The affordability and easy access to many beautiful Recreational opportunities. I also like the community we have found here.
- The land and space
- I love the area. Mountains are close, farms are close, big cities are close. Weather is great.
- Friendly people. Close to mountains and the reservoir.
- It's natural beauty, friendly people, cost of living, proximity to cities.
- Location. Weather. Cost of Living. Warm and friendly community. Culture and Climate.
- I like that Colorado City is green and away from the hustle and bustle but close enough to commute for work to Pueblo

- Sunny days, great water, rich in agriculture (soil), local food (e.g. produce and of course the Pueblo Chili).
- It's quite
- Colorado City was a peaceful place but recently there's been a lot issues with crime, drugs and such. The beauty can't be beat otherwise
- Friendly people, great recreational opportunities
- It's quiet
- Lots of outdoor activities, most neighborhoods supporting each other, light traffic
- We love the openness of ag and ranch lands
- The relaxed atmosphere and more room to spread out.
- Beautiful area, fresh air, good people.
- peaceful in Co City
- Sunshine, nice people, open space, reservoir
- It's far away from Denver, but not too far. :)
- Cause I like Colorado city
- It's away from the hubbub of the city. Clear skies and clean air.
- Access to resources and friendliness
- Open space, beautiful views
- Easy lifestyle. Wide open space
- I like hiking in the mountains and in the very few Pueblo City and County owned parks formed long ago and barely maintained by you people. When was the last time you people created new large parks like El Paso and Douglas does. So, I have to drive up there to hike too.
- The people, the environment & outdoor areas, the potential to be even better.
- Rural and open space
- Colorado City is away from the urban problems. Close to Mountains.
- I love the access to local trails for walking, biking. Access to the reservoir and the Wet mountains. I don't have much traffic to get there, unlike Denver. I love the mill heritage, beautiful old buildings downtown, historic neighborhoods and lower cost of living.
- Proximity to entire intermountain region without the congestion of larger metro areas.
- The weather and the recreational and cultural amenities. The ease of which I have been able to become involved in local government and make a difference.
- It has a little bit of everything. And it's only a short drive to Denver for entertainment or events.
- Cultural activities, walking, biking. Focus/Market on being the northern gateway to the Southwest
- Open space and weather
- It's location, cost of living and future potential
- I like being able to run year-round, and being in close driving distance to good hiking/running.
- Weather. Access to good regional food. The cycling is somewhat good (it could be better)
- It is relatively inexpensive to live here. We're not that far from an international airport. We have the best water! We're very close to the mountains and lots of outdoor activities. Most people are friendly.
- Weather and size
- Great climate, access to Colorado's natural resources, relatively affordable cost of living and green chile.
- Good access to the outside
- Climate, cultural diversity, rural flavor, limited traffic
- Biking trails Access to Reservoir..
- Convenience
- I am an hour away from Mother Nature in all her marvels, and all the offerings of a Denver Metro or other escape.

- I like the variety that pueblo offers, from art to nature, prairie to mountains. Many things are a relatively short commute away and we incorporate a wide variety of lifestyles and environments in a relatively small area
- Great weather
- The weather, accessibility of parks and mountains. Pueblo mountain park, reservoir. Good food green chili
- Climate and family, close to mountains, renewable energy possibilities
- Great climate, location to recreational opportunities.
- I like living on acreage because the homes are stacked so close to each other. The open space and mountain views.
- Not in the city. Quiet
- Views, cost of living is cheaper and not far from the bigger city.
- Open skies and decent "elbow room"
- Cost of living, and proximity to natural resources
- Love the quiet, hate the roads
- Weather
- Beautiful views
- It's the place I grew up in and it's just a really beautiful place in some areas.
- No neighbors up your rear end. Better schools.
- Blue skies, starlit nights, 300 days of sunshine
- Family and close to the mountains. Not too big of a city so I like that.
- Less traffic. Cleaner air and water
- Weather, smallish population, innate beauty that has unfortunately been made less beautiful by people. Very nice people, though.
- I'm in Rye. I like the isolation.
- Culture. Weather. Size. Parks. Trails. Love it here!
- Low population and cost of living. High air and water quality. Easy access to larger cities if necessary.
- I like the weather, the sunshine, living in a small town
- The ease of transportation and beautiful weather
- Climate and easy access to mountains
- Weather, people, recreational activities
- The lake and river system trails.
- I love the beauty of living in the mountains. I fear overpopulation will soon be a problem.
- Open spaces, access to recreational activities.
- Open spaces. Small population. Small town environment
- It's a beautiful area
- I like the Pueblo Reservoir, close proximity to the mountains, and the street fairs
- I live the climate.
- Family is here, cost of living is good, access to bigger cities or state parks is not far
- Recreation, cost of living, small town feel in a larger city
- the weather, the casual atmosphere and overall friendliness and low cost of living
- Quiet, easy living, near open space. Also, affordable and beautiful historic downtown area
- Open space, close to nature, affordable, good access to healthcare
- Climate and farm land.
- I'm not in the city
- Spacious, peaceful, natural nature
- Where I live in Pueblo West I love the views and my neighbors. Also the youth baseball program plays a huge part.
- Access to outdoor recreation and affordability.

- Close to mountains. Raised here. Family moved here in 1958. I live on PW 2.33 acres. Bought my land for \$2,700 from Pueblo West Metro District in early 1996.
- Slower pace than Denver. Proximity to the lake, mountains and Denver.

Personal opportunities

- Small town feel, the culture and the opportunities for locals to own their businesses.
- The people the River Walk the opportunity to keep growing as a person and in wealth.
- Cannabis studies at CSU Pueblo.
- There could be endless opportunities here to keep young people here. We just need the old men to step aside and let us grow
- I feel the need to serve my community that I grew up in.
- The resources (human and economic) and potential of the area.
- I love Pueblo. I am so happy I moved here 10 years ago from Denver. I have found opportunities here I would not have found otherwise. I love the people who live here.
- My family is from here, and there are opportunities for this town to grow more than ever before. The potential in town for the city and citizens is limitless.
- work

Town amenities

- Affordable; friendly; arts, restaurants, small businesses, river walk...
- Love all of the parks, galleries, and museums! Also love the weather and seeing the mountains everyday. It's great to live so close to many areas for daytrips and weekend trips.
- It is unique in its community and culture. Lots for folks to see and do in many price ranges including free.
- I enjoy the friendliness of the community. I love the Riverwalk and the Arts Center - the connection to our community and our shared history.
- I love the diverse culture of the community, the care of individuality and the ready access to the Art Center, the Riverwalk and beautiful parks. Traffic is almost never a concern. It's warm and mostly sunny, we can see stars at night and beautiful sunrises and sunsets.
- The food, diversity, history, the story Pueblo tells about itself, the chili farms and union avenues small businesses, the library, the arts and culture.
- It is affordable, diverse, and has lots of opportunities for outdoor recreation. The small businesses, restaurants, breweries, etc. are pretty great and there are some fun entertainment options
- Shopping and restaurants
- It is quaint , not overcrowded and has nice areas like the reservoir, Union AVE, and I like and some of the festivals that we have.
- Climate, affordability (so far), convenience to necessary business/medical facilities.
- it is an open and accepting community with people who care. great arts. great locally owned businesses. the grip the carleo family has on real estate makes it impossible for new places to start downtown.
- I love that there are a lot of activities for families. I love that we have historic neighborhoods and mature trees. I love the emphasis on the arts.
- The people, food, culture, art,
- I appreciate the culture, the close-knit feel, the arts.
- Small city (fewer people) but all basic amenities of a city
- As a retired teacher whose income is an adequate pension plus Social Security, I like Pueblo for its cheerfulness, its community services, recreational and retail amenities.
- It's quiet , close to shopping and services
- I like the accessibility to businesses, medical facilities, recreation and shopping. I love that I run into neighbors and others I know when I go out into town. I love our downtown. I like that people here support sports teams in high school and the at the University. I love that we have a University here. And the PCC! Both are needed to help keep our kids and grandkids educated!
- Pueblo West is open and easy to get around. Plenty of restaurants and stores.
- I like the small town feel even though I have access to major businesses and stores.

- For a small city Pueblo has great resources. There are a lot of cultural and recreation opportunities. It's not too big or too small. There is little congestion. Easy to get around. Nice people.

Town size and atmosphere

- Dark skies policy in Pueblo West. Relaxed lifestyle. Close to necessary amenities.
- Lack of traffic. Very quiet in rural areas.
- I chose to live away from the city.
- Space. Ease of getting from one part of town to another. Slower pace. Cost of living.
- I like the small town feel, the cost of living is affordable, and I like that it is easy to do the things that I want to do.
- small feel
- Cheaper, less traffic, less crowded, good focus on sustainability
- I've lived here all my life. It's big, but not overly big.
- Small. Personal. Artsy
- Enjoy living in a smaller town.
- Small community feel with all the amenities of the larger cities.
- It has the best climate, is easy to get around, friendly people.
- Climate, size
- It's always been home to me, the perfect blend of a small-town atmosphere in a mid-to-large city!
- It's not overpopulated. Abundance of water supply.
- I love the sense of community, our amazing library, the rural agriculture and Cory life. I love that we have the lake and the rivers and a good university.
- Historic South Side
- Smaller feel. Close to many outdoor activities such as camping and hiking.
- Less traffic, affordability
- Small town feel. Peace quiet and dark skies covenant.
- Its rural and private
- I'm rethinking if I do. I do like the parks and mostly the people I've met. I like the small-town atmosphere.
- Nice climate, small town feel, reasonable cost of living.
- No street lights, dark city, small footprint, quiet, animals
- I like the small community
- Rise in the housing market 👍. Decent shopping and recreation
- Diversity and inclusion, ideal weather. D70. Best public library in the US.
- Small city living, culture, access to shopping/stores/grocery, infrastructure and recreational
- The small business and restaurants. The river and reservoir.
- Ease of traffic
- Quiet, less traffic, easy to maneuver
- Small town, not super bad weather.
- Small town feel
- Less people !!!
- I come from a big city with a lot of traffic so coming to a small town has been nice, no traffic issues
- My family is here. I also like that it usually doesn't take more than 10 minutes to go to most needed places
- the size of the city, some of the nicer things--zoo, Mineral Palace Park,
- I like that it's a city that has a small town feel. It's a beautiful area and has a slower way of life, which I enjoy. The local businesses are great! Pueblo really has its own culture, personality, and sense of community. Before moving here, I lived on the West side of Colorado Springs for 9 years and the congestion, traffic, and expansion took much of the charm away in that period.

- Pueblo has so much to offer, yet the small town feeling
- Because there aren't a lot of people here.
- Not over-crowded and hope it stays that way. Also the beauty and landscape.
- Little traffic. No part of Pueblo is far away. Cost of living is good. Weather.
- Ease of getting around if you have a car. Friendly. Affordable
- I like the ease of moving around in Pueblo when we go in there and in Beulah I love living here.
- It is big enough to have most necessary goods and services, but small enough to get around with easy
- Bigger city with a small town feel, farming community, close to my home town and bigger cities.
- Sunshine. Size of city is good. Easy to get around. Lots of outdoor activities.
- The community is large enough for comfort but small enough to avoid congestion. There's also easy access to outdoor recreation.
- Smaller community, lots of history, tradition
- The size of the town and friendly people.
- Large but not as big as Denver or Springs.
- Small but closer to bigger cities if needed
- Low population density. Close access to more major metro areas without having to live there. Outdoor recreation opportunities. Lake Pueblo.
- Big city amenities with small town feel
- Big city with smaller town feel
- Not many people
- I like being on the Mesa- it's the perfect combination of country living and city amenities.
- Slower pace, friendly people, quality education opportunities
- Small town atmosphere.
- Less populated. Live where I can work and be in smaller community.
- Small town feel.
- Friendly Small town atmosphere
- "It's a small town with big heart" that sadly has been systematically been locked down with bureaucratic overreach/betrayal of most elected who looked after their own interests rather than well-being of the citizenry.
- Living in a semi-rural area with close access to the city.
- Slower pace, lighter traffic, good neighbors.
- I live in Rye Colorado which is close enough to Pueblo to Work and Shop and far enough away of the mass chaos and crime. The residence of this valley like it just the way it is, so leave us alone.
- Because we don't have 30,000 new people here
- Used to like the small town feeling. Way too many transplants now.
- It's large enough for basic amenities, but small enough to not have to do deal with congestion.
- rural lifestyle
- Rye is the perfect size community in rural America. Homes are all nicely spaced and no one is on top of their neighbor.
- I like Pueblo West because of the rural feel on my dirt street. I like seeing the wildlife just outside my house.
- I enjoy the size and the ability to get from one side of town to the other within 20 minutes. I also enjoy the close proximity of the farmers that grow food.
- No traffic, less people, public safety
- Still has a smaller town feel. Quite a few restaurants and businesses. Fair access to medical care.
- Small population, dark skies, wildlife and low cost of living
- Nice and sunny slow life style. No rush attitude. Affordable with nice neighborhoods
- I love Pueblo West, large lots, not a lot of people and good access to anything we need
- Because its SMALL and safe.
- The affordability of housing and access to neighboring communities like Colorado Springs and Beulah. Pueblo offers a communal atmosphere without the crowding and de-personalization of a larger city.

- Pueblo City has a sense of neighborhood community. The unincorporated county is able to maintain its rural feel for quietness and safety.
- Small town feel with a few larger amenities.
- I like that it doesn't feel too big.
- Smaller city feel with the big city and the mountains not too far away.
- It's a great little city with lots of compassion.
- small town feel and there are many community members that are doing positive things for the community
- I love the slower pace of a small community
- Blue skies and no traffic.
- Small community. Near to a variety of environments. The "potential" of our community is exciting.
- Friendly small town feel with bigger city amenities, resources and stores.
- The sense of community, cost of living and easy access to most things. Pueblo has a great history that should be emphasized more.
- Small town/community feeling.
- Affordable, friendly, right-sized, near beautiful places
- Love the neighborhoods, the Blocks, Mesa Junction, Aberdeen, etc. The art scene, river walk, creative new businesses, the parks, the reservoir, local restaurants and yet a small town feel to an up and coming city!
- It's still a small town
- Less traffic than Colorado Springs
- The piece & piece & quiet, low crime rates
- It's supposed to be relaxing and quiet
- It's big enough to provide some variety of recreation and entertainment, but not so big that it's crowded or traffic is too busy.
- Population size and family connections
- Diverse community, small town feel
- Pueblo offers a charming small town feel, has a rich and interesting history, and great amenities like the museums and outdoor recreation.
- It's not too big or not too small...
- Small town Community feeling
- It is the perfect city with the small town feel. Things are affordable, the people are AMAZING, and it is home.
- I hate big cities. I like Pueblo because it is smaller than Springs or Denver. I wish it was better maintained. Pueblo looks like people do not care about their town so upkeep everywhere is bad.
- I love the old buildings, the history of the area, the moderate temperatures, the recreational opportunities, the Riverwalk. Lake Pueblo for sunsets and hiking opportunities, the mixed heritages of our population, Mexican food. I find the people to be very friendly! We retired here 2 years ago from the Midwest and love the affordability of living here.
- small
- Not too big, rural feeling, still open spaces
- Quiet and population is acceptable
- Less traffic
- I grew up here. I like that there isn't a lot of traffic and travel time within city limits is no more than 15 minutes no matter the destination.
- I like the smaller community feel of Pueblo
- It's a small city
- Not uncontrolled growth like Denver and CS. My neighborhood (El Camino). Diversity. Friendly people. Mexican food. My family here.
- I like the town
- Small town atmosphere

- Safe community.

Other/Not applicable

- We need a Costco in the Pueblo West area. And Sprouts. And Trader Joe's
- No opinion
- By 2040 I will be dead so please keep them out till I go
- Use to be lack of crime
- Tell them to STAY IN CALIFORNIA & TEXAS!!! We don't want them!! We don't have the resources to fulfill the needs.
- Dispo options
- Public Safety
- I believe it has a future if we can improve some living conditions and deal with the drug and gang problems.
- Its where I live
- Quality of life

Q 17: What aspects of Pueblo County would you like to see change in the future?

Culture and entertainment

- Develop multiple cultural experience, provide more multiple cultural entertainment and education.
- More art and entertainment. Also, for downtown to be revitalized back to its hay day. Downtown used to have banks and retail stores, now everything seems to be closed up except for stores along Union and the River Walk, other than that, there needs to be a few more businesses over by Solar Roast. Give locals the opportunities to fill these businesses with what they want to see not what outsiders would want.
- Art festivals
- Increased attention to cultural activities and greater access to cultural activities for all.
- More cultural activity
- More clean-up and beautification projects. Seeing an expansion of the Pueblo Creative Corridor, Arts Center, and Arts Alliance so that there is more of a connection throughout the county.
- I would like pueblo to be more open to outsiders and new development. I like to see some sort of public pride in the area, people think this town is the black sheep of Colorado and it shows. I'd like to see an effort to bring outside culture in the ways of restaurants and performing arts.
- Better transportation infrastructure. More celebration of Latino, Italian, native American and rancher cultures
- more focus on arts/music/culture/food/recreation and less industrial. more focus on renewable resources (solar power/abundance of sunshine).
- More activities for kids, affordable entertainment
- I would like to see pueblo offer more things to do.
- I would like to see more to do in town that's not a bar/restaurant. The semi pro baseball team would have been a huge benefit for our community. Activities like that. Pueblo also needs to represent itself more as a university town. When you go to other towns with universities, you see signs and representation all through town. Pueblo doesn't promote CSUP well enough.
- More cultural activities
- The growth, the cleanup of the city, and more entertainment options.
- More affordable housing, better infrastructure including internet, more diversity in things for all residents to do-young people tell me there's not enough for them.
- more community activities

- More accessibility of services, promotion of cultural heritage & existing communities in our neighborhoods (i.e., opposite of gentrification and large commercial development)
- Cultural respect through education and studies.
- Be more culturally responsive, especially in regard to the Columbus statue, support early childhood and education better
- Safer places to hang out like bars and things for adults to do.
- More activities/ amenities for children and teens
- The roads, more businesses come and actually stay open , actual things for kids to go and do, more organic or food markets
- Better police force and a more vigorous artistic community.
- Investing in the youth and encouraging them to stay, moving forward with renewable energy, and improving the state fair grounds to bring greater attraction to the event.
- I would like to see a tourism industry come to Pueblo. I would like to see more activities for young children and teenagers.
- I would like to see more inclusion and acceptance of minority groups such as the LGBTQ.
- More pocket parks, sidewalks, more cultural arts and music venues
- Expansion, entertainment. If those two things happen it will be beneficial for Pueblo County and its residents.

Development and growth

- I would like to see Pueblo County push to expand the tourism attractions of Pueblo and push for the tourist destination appearance that draws many people to the state.
- more future oriented outlooks
- I would like to see growth for businesses, and development of a nice downtown area with things to do. I would like to see more areas improved like the area around the river walk.
- Get slightly more commercial in Pueblo West
- More Small businesses. More Restaurants & different Grocery Store choices/chains. Sprouts, Trader Joe's.
- Need more Urban Living styles of living and eating areas.
- Ongoing development of retail and residential downtown space and more attention to incredible levy projects and pedestrian areas. Strong subsidized homeless shelter and care.
- More restaurants
- More focus on arts, culture, clean up. More small business success. Pride and compassion. We could be the next Sun City retirement community if we put our mind to it.
- Let's be creative problem solvers and apply the same vision we have for renewable energy to many other aspects of community. We can be a national leader and role model for other communities. We have natural resources. We have a willing work force.
- Get rid of homeless, get rid of pot shops, get rid of drugs, get rid of unions. Invest in growing CSUP. Cycling through a younger generation every 4 years boosts the economy.
- Economics, politicians, increased industry diversification, recreational opportunities, recruiting new businesses and organizations. Improving infrastructure, improved schools and school board administrators.
- More attention paid to providing adequate shopping on the East side.
- Clean up Better traffic monitoring by police Better roads. More businesses. Go to Colorado Springs for almost everything except everyday groceries and get gas while I'm there because substantially cheaper
- New business expansion
- More activities and facilities for kids and families. Develop the Mesa area with better restaurants and businesses.
- Recreational and Tourism

- More restaurants and more things for kids to do besides sports. Need to get more businesses out here.
- Comprehensive development
- Live, local music. Good jobs. Support for small business. Investment in education. Support for those struggling with addiction.
- More marketing and emphasis on tourism
- Pueblo should be the "Santa Fe" of Colorado. Ordinances should guide a southwestern theme for buildings and more neighborhoods
- Rehabilitation of the east, west, and Bessemer neighborhoods that are food deserts and lack transportation, healthcare, employment, and safety resources.
- I would like to see less of our land giving way to new development. We can build up not out.
- I'd like to see a cohesiveness and focus on our shared common well-being grow and become a driving force for improving the economy and solving our shared problems.
- sustainable economic opportunities
- Open the economy, stop hurting small businesses.
- Many of the commercial buildings are in poor repair. I'd like to see them renovated and populated with small business.
- More businesses brought in.
- More for families to do and bring in more business
- South side development.
- Younger generation staying and helping pueblo move forward.
- Better roads and more restaurants and business
- It's shabby. Not a lot of shopping or dining options. Neighborhoods are run down. A lot of vacant buildings. We need urban renewal and jobs. Same old, same old. But this town has been run by Democrats forever. More concerned about social justice, nepotism, and control than economic prosperity for Pueblo.
- Economic growth and development.
- Economic revitalization of downtown Pueblo
- Bring new people into the city
- More restaurant chains
- We have to quit losing out of our small businesses. They need better support from the government
- I would like to see pueblo west grow in all areas as our population grows.
- Better housing and commercial development
- I would like to see more industry come in other than the marijuana industry. The marijuana industry has done nothing for cause Homelessness and crime.
- some growth...but if you build...build...build....pretty soon you will have to eat the sticks
- We need young minds and progressive thinking.
- Control urban sprawl. Mixed use neighborhoods.
- We are in a food desert. We need new places to shop for fresh foods.
- Better restaurants, less chains
- More businesses in Pueblo West.
- More economic growth
- Roads, shopping, recreation activity, more restaurants, control of the homeless population
- Development needs to allow more commercial closer or IN residential area - small commercial.
- Too much development
- More restaurants, stores, entertainment options, better paying jobs,
- More diversified businesses.
- Bring growth of both population and economic development in growing industries.
- Addressing the economic growth of the county and resolving the issues on the Eastside of Pueblo.
- Availability of more family businesses, and ease of start-ups

- I'd like to see Pueblo County invest in our community rather than try to entice companies with major tax incentives. That model isn't working enough, and we need to invest in diversifying our economic community and building on what makes us unique! I'd like to see more investment in the things that we ALREADY have, including people, buildings, neighborhoods, and amenities (reservoir, river, history as ""makers"").
- Pueblo's unhealthy obsession with cars; our empty and abandoned buildings/lots; our lack of economic opportunity.
- More allocated open space, more infill development.
- more connectivity between silos of people making a difference - synergy among different aspects of planning, collaboration and powerful public-private partnerships, increase in urban farming and greenhouse food production and industrial hemp for food, fiber and fuel (innovation beyond CBD flowers and medicinal uses)
- Support small businesses
- Growth of the downtown business district. More shops and restaurants downtown. Increased code enforcement in certain areas of town to "clean up" neighborhoods.
- Focus on building and growing businesses organically. PEDCO is nice, but look at what Fremont City is doing with Techstart
- In the coming years more and more people will move to Colorado and the low cost of living and culture will draw people to Pueblo/county. We have to be proactive about funding and creating sustainable infrastructure now, or we'll see the displacement that other cities in Colorado are dealing with.
- More retail and restaurant options. Chains and small business types. Gentrification of certain areas
- Better shopping
- More businesses coming in, improving roadways and streets
- More variety of stores, size of store
- The growth of Pueblo West is undeniable. Letting those who want things back the way they were in 1986 decide what is best for the community is ridiculous. We have got to start being smart about the community we are becoming and stop trying to please people. Do what is best for the "community" itself not what "looks good"
- Investment. Increased wages. Increased public health, education. Reduced crime. More amenities. Greater walkability.
- Minimize population growth.
- I would like more shopping. Aldis, Trader Joe's and a Michael's would be wonderful. I hear so many people disparage Pueblo. I do my best to dispel bad rumors, but I'm just one person. I've also wondered if cleaning up the northern perimeter on either side of Interstate 25. It looks so industrial and uninviting.
- more commercial retail and restaurants, theaters etc., clean up of older areas, Colorado City becoming incorporated, better evening lighting
- Future development and transportation to Denver
- The quality of shopping and restaurants. We should have a better shopping district with higher end and nationwide franchises. We are too political protecting the home grown wealth. Also it would be nice to have more science and learning museums to raise up our poor neighborhoods.
- Start building more businesses especially on the Southside
- Growth, more good paying jobs, less homeless and druggies walking on 4th street. New faces in politics. New school board.
- I would like to see more amenities in neighborhoods. Grocery stores downtown, more restaurants etc...
- more commercial retail outlets on the north side of PW. Have to drive 10 miles to get a can of soda. No gas stations. have to drive 11 miles to reach a gas station. Living on the north side of PW. would be nice to cut that miles traveled to only 5 miles.

Education

- I would like to see an effort made to rehabilitate our school system so that employers will want to relocate here with good paying jobs. My children had to leave Pueblo to make a livable wage.
- Expansion and focus on the Arts. The roads repaved well and in PW paved. The school systems focused on so people will want to move here.
- Entitlement attitudes of citizens. People need to go to work. Better education system.
- More opportunities for youth
- Give kids a place to go and have fun in pueblo west and build a high school and middle on the north side of pueblo west also another food store besides safe way and Walmart
- More opportunities for education growth and house
- So many areas of town need to 'clean up' and improve. We have the population that should support many of the store and restaurants that are in Colo Springs, and it should be so hard from them to locate here. The poor, poor, performance and quality of education of School District 60 is of great concern, and another reason people don't want to locate to Pueblo. We must hold ourselves and each other to a higher standard if we want a successful, vibrant community.
- K-12 systems
- Better High School education and college prep.
- Improvements in K-12 ed.
- Pueblo needs to focus on better education--no excuses for bad discipline and sloppy work. Cut the crime rate.
- Take better care of those struggling. Take better care of our environment and structures. Higher education opportunities at CSUP. More thoughtful about how we grow. Stomp out racism.
- I would like Pueblo to realistically look at how our recreations options, poor schools, and lack of high paying jobs are impacting our wish to be a desirable place to live .
- Improvement in education and in Rye specifically managing areas in town that are full of crime and not being maintained.
- Resources for youth
- Improve public education for preschool-12th grade. Have a public utility. Change laws in order to force owners to sell vacant buildings. Enforcement of restoration of condemned buildings.
- Better childcare options, especially for under age 2, and better reputations for schools. Less shut off from Denver/Springs
- education
- Better education, mass transit
- Our image. Push to promote education k-12 + college/university/trade schools.
- Better educational opportunities, leaders in green technology and manufacturing
- Public schools and public transportation need drastic improvement. Young people living in Pueblo should be able to take a bus from an intersection near their home to any high school (+ PCC and CSUP) in the city in less than 1 hour. The only industry supported in Pueblo is construction which brings in zero \$\$ from outside the County. Every tax referendum or public works project is essentially a subsidy for HW Houston and other local construction firms. These funds could be far better spent subsidizing industries that will create jobs paying higher wages and lasting more than 6-12 months. Finally, where is the investment in Solar Energy? Pueblo is ideally situated to benefit from the business of capturing solar energy and selling it to Springs and Denver. Why have we made no progress on this effort?
- Better funding of schools and community resources for those most in need
- Public education and the lack of leader ship. County, district 70 shows your ship. City shows nepotism
- The schools are so underfunded, no air conditioning systems. Schools need more resources. We need better paying jobs! More opportunities. More houses.
- I would like to see District 60 attract students instead of losing them to District 70. I am not sure why this is happening. I would like to see affordable homes be available to the middle income people and the lower income people. Homes and subdivisions should require solar panels. Any projects undertaken

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- Program for youth (15-22 years) to be mentored by County employees in work opportunities and skills development. Something like “take a youth to work”
- Better businesses, cleaner streets, and BETTER EDUCATION.
- I would like to see the city LOOK better. Our shopping centers, roads, and business areas are not attractive (with the exception of the river walk/union ave area). Landscaping, well-maintained roads, and clean streets would go a long way.
- More involvement with youth.
- Better schools and safer place to be
- Investment in education and out of school time services / further develop creative economy and tourism
- Better educational opportunities for kids.
- Schools, of course. Good well-paying jobs, of course.
- Education provided by District 60

Employment opportunities

- We need to support the local economy by creating jobs that are environmentally sustainable and innovative while also celebrating, preserving, and cultivating our history and culture.
- Renewed covenants that are enforced! Equal employment opportunities (I was told I would have a hard time getting a job because I was not originally from here and that I had the wrong last name by the BOED!)
- Additional living wage economic opportunities for all Puebloans, small business development, expanded active and public transportation options, enhanced sustainability practices, greatly improved quality of schools, greater government transparency and representation in key government positions and boards, and greater development of key recreational facilities.
- I understand that this goes against my last answer, but I'd like to see more locally owned and sustainable jobs that pay a living wage and improved public transportation. I also looked at a website and found that Pueblo used to offer a few grants for small home repairs. I understand that the country is in financial strife at this time, but, in the future, implementing that again would really help low income homeowners.
- Enhanced services and transportation. Employment opportunities.
- Better infrastructure and more employment opportunities for young people.
- I would like to see growth with jobs
- Employment opportunities. Proper school funding. Crime and drug use and homeless issues addressed. Road maintenance. Community center including swimming pools. Covenant enforcement. Reputation improvement. Support for small business.
- Small limited growth for more job opportunities.
- see above. and we need good paying jobs. I made \$42,000 a year in Phoenix 10 years ago doing what I do now for barley \$35,000
- Better economic opportunities for people.
- Infrastructure needs a reboot, in all of the country. Access to better jobs than actually giving people a chance to live a better life, housing is not affordable at this time, health care is so underfunded along with our school. Equally in the distribution of funds!
- Increase tourism to the River Walk. More job creation. Empty buildings being redeveloped.

- More high paying job opportunities so that our best and brightest aren't leaving town. In addition, we need to improve the image of Pueblo.
- I would like to see Pueblo West become its own city, more affordable housing and better jobs.
- More corporate development to provide better job opportunities for everyone.
- Transportation options (in town and throughout region, e.g., rail). Business environment - yes, we're solid blue collar (or used to be) but so much more. The drone company that relocated from Boulder with \$\$\$ jobs?? Go after those. Help us create a different future for ourselves and our kids who DO want to stay.
- The growth of 30,000 new residents but there hasn't been any growth of businesses or employment opportunities to go along with that growth...
- Better jobs with livable wages. More employment in the arts. Less nepotism especially at higher levels. Accountability. Politicians with vision and spines.
- Better opportunities for jobs. Fast food isn't worth the "pay check" Can we offer better companies the tax breaks that aren't fast food?
- Road improvements, less emphasis on marijuana, more emphasis on attracting job creating businesses.
- Employment opportunities need to improve along with retail variety. The east side needs a quality grocery store and we could do with about 90% fewer "dollar stores" and the like.
- I love Pueblo, but Pueblo can be short sighted and old fashioned about bringing in new things like industry.
- Clean up the trails in town. I would like to see more business move in that offers good living wages. Affordable housing for low income families.
- More inclusive, more jobs with living wages, even more support for small business and regulation of large big box stores.
- More jobs, public safety and better youth activities.
- More skilled jobs.
- We need jobs that will keep the college students here in the community. It doesn't make sense to offer the degrees and the students have to go to bigger cities to find careers
- larger employers
- I would like to see more job opportunities to come to Pueblo that would attract high paying jobs.
- Bring in technology based businesses
- Pueblo needs more employment opportunity and tourism draws. We need to become more attractive to college graduates staying in the community instead of leaving. A big part of that is working on safety and law enforcement to turn around Pueblo's bad reputation of crime.
- Theft, more high quality high paying jobs.

Energy and environment

- I would hope that the County can continue to foster economic development through renewable energy, while mitigating some of its effects.
- More respect for preservation of agricultural land.
- We need energy justice! We allow our electric service provider to treat us like a personal piggy bank and it has a debilitating effect on our community.
- Save open spaces and land for farming.
- Limit the amount of new residences due to water shortages.
- Even more renewable energy opportunities, even more upkeep of infrastructure, and fire mitigation.
- More concern over the environment and water issues. In Beulah, we almost ran out of water last summer and spent most of the summer on some sort of restriction.
- Increase in natural energy like solar and wind. Development of jobs in those areas as well.
- Mostly concerned about water situation in Colorado City

- PW needs to get their water rights together
- More access to environmentally friendly resources. Better roads
- More agricultural and less other industries used for the land.
- More value placed on farm and food economy; restrictions that prevent political leaders and private corporations from compromising agricultural character of County
- More renewable energy
- More solar and wind energy, manufacturing jobs (tough, I know), protect local water
- more technical light industry, less pollution by pickup trucks
- Green energy improvements
- Improve infrastructure, healthcare, and renewable energy
- Increase in home ownership, solar energy programs, small businesses, and outdoor activities
- Innovate in sustainability, which is inevitable. Get in on it now. Create some beautiful areas, where profit is not the driving factor.
- Stop the proliferation of renewable energy. It is not cost effective and is a great eyesore.

Governance

- I would like to see Metro listen better and the PCHD react more reasonably.
- Better court system. Better judges. According to attorneys Pueblo county judges are the worse in the state
- Less greed on the part of the so called leaders, and less financial burdens placed on the citizens.
- Decent politicians.
- Attitudes of some long term residents resistant to change. I have hope with the new composition of the county board that they will work together.
- Get rid of the Democratic Party, it is holding the town back.
- Code, covenant, and zoning enforcement.
- Improved collaboration and partnership with County/City/Metro on service delivery. LESS BICKERING and MORE DOING
- Government
- Stop the nepotism! So what's right for Puebla
- Try to find additional funding that could be spread throughout the county.
- Less of the "good ole boy" system in city and county government; more women in council seats; and quit snarking at and about the "transplants"!!
- Politicians often seem like juveniles. Bickering, retaliation, and lack of shared vision keeps Pueblo down.
- County Commissioners!!
- no mayor
- Pueblo west should get more funds from the county
- governing board
- A whole new management system governed by conservative policies based on the US Constitution and Founding Documents which exemplifies a Representative Republic rather than the thug rule of faux governing as a "Democracy".
- Being able to vote on necessary changes in the by-laws to make PW folks to be happier w/what we can and can't do out here. We pay A LOT into the tax funds but see very little improvements (if any) from it all. That NEEDS to change!
- More attention to citizen needs. More input from LEGAL citizens. LESS govt regulation and/or oppressive govt policies.
- I'd like racists to stop being listened to as often. I'd like control of things that happen behind the scenes to get wrestled away from the few big name families.

- Let's get rid of the "good old boys" system making decisions for Pueblo. We need to address the blight in our community, and provide equal access for all.
- A more progressive generation needs to take over city government. City leaders aren't creative and open to new ideas.
- More science, facts, and good research influencing policy decision making by community leaders.
- Change in leadership. We need more STRATEGIC planning in our businesses, organizations and local gov'ts. The old-style thinking and resistance to working together really stops progress.
- Majority of demographics tend to depend on gov't too much, it keeps mindsets and outcomes in a limited and unappealing condition for the kinds of investment into the community people are looking for.
- The government
- Leadership. They act like school children and hold grudges for businesses who want to expand. They keep other businesses from coming in. They play favorites. We need better control for rent, higher quality and better paying jobs, more grocery stores in neighborhoods that don't have any. And for the love of everything holy, take down that fucking Columbus statue!!
- Better follow through on keeping neighborhoods clean and safe. City Council feels "tired" to me. Mark Aliff is a breath of fresh air and Ray always is focused on helping others but can't say much for the others. I know they mean well but... One thing they just snuck by recently was a quick decision to allow Parkview to tear down more buildings in the neighborhood. Parkview made a big deal about the PUD a few years back and since then they have probably acquired five or six properties outside those limits. The parking is also a big problem.
- Equity in services and government. That means accepting new, younger, more diverse leadership.
- To see cronyism disappear in our government.
- burn the masks; open up businesses. Get rid of immune harming fluoride in Pueblo water.
- Better roads, better public school education, and less moral/ ethnic/diversity issues being pushed upon us all... we are all one people living in the same city... we all are the same.
- More tourism zero homeless cheaper rentals more access to in person voting with clear and visible signage to polling places and opening up the front gate on prairie avenue during election
- The leadership.
- Political management with some sort of intelligence and common sense.

Health, safety, and housing

- Address homeless issue! Address garbage issue. Reduce marijuana licenses in County.
- The crime!!
- more police, less crime, homeless, drugs, gangs
- Clean up homeless and stop crime more police and better schools and child care more things for kids to enjoy and better places to eat
- Crime & liberal policies overturned
- Crime
- Fix the roads, stop the constantly barking dogs, clean the trash and drug paraphernalia out of the parks, do something about homelessness, have the police actually respond when a call comes in, fix the rampant crime...
- CRIME HAS INCREASED...POLICE AND SHERIFF OFFICERS NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED AND APPRECIATED MORE. WE NEED TO SPEND LESS TIME WORRYING ABOUT THE BLACK LIVES MATTER TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND RESPECT OUR OFFICERS.
- Cleaner air. Less theft.
- Address homeless issues somehow
- Safety issues, including homelessness and crime.
- Crime, cleaner environment

- More affordable housing, better paying jobs,
- Addressing the socio-economic disparity
- availability of healthy food choices, decrease in crime in the southside
- The development of organic Community Supported Agriculture would be MUCH appreciated
- Economy, crime rates, housing prices that are realistic for what is being offered.
- Lower crime rate
- Roads, roads are awful, especially in Pueblo West. Instilled sense of honesty in the community. Better police activity, more funding. There are a lot of thieves and crooks in Pueblo. More diverse government representation.
- Clean up of certain areas within the city. Better resources for homeless people. Job opportunities
- How we handle homeless people and abandoned buildings
- I would like there to be assigned officers to each neighborhood and that the said officer gets to know the community they are protecting. If the officers and community formed a personal relationship I believe it would gain trust and friendships.
- Housing already sucks here. I can't afford to rent with a monthly income of \$900. We need affordable Senior housing! Please, build affordable Senior housing that isn't the size of a postage stamp! You squeeze them in like sardines in tiny spaces! That is so wrong!
- Better housing options, more activities to do.
- More affordable home prices and fair tax rates !!!
- Homeless rate go down. Maybe use one of the many abandoned buildings? Also offer recycling options?
- Housing options that are modern, well maintained, and affordable. Improved transit to Colorado Springs and other areas for recreation or work. More interesting restaurants and fun things to do
- Less crime and drug use . Better Med. care , including a return to 2 real , competing hospitals. Less MJ retail density and a moratorium on more MJ cultivation .
- More effort to mitigate social disparities in health care, housing, neighborhood improvement. Policing reform, with emphasis on determining needed services as opposed to knee jerk arrests.
- More emphasis on social services. There is a large part of the population that is lower income and needs services.
- Increased law enforcement
- Would be nice to have a county wide focus on affordable housing for low income. County wide focus on long range planning.
- Crime rate, bad roads,
- No more Recreational pot and stricter homeless drug use campaigns and executions of these issues.
- Crime
- community involvement and security
- Safety
- Household hazardous waste drop-off site.
- Help those that need it but don't support them.
- Better schools, OPEN THE SCHOOLS BACK UP! (MASK FREE), get rid of the clean needle exchange. Get these people help don't give them the means to continue their habit! Clean up the gangs, clean up the east side, etc.
- Better crime management
- The crime rate (vehicle thefts) is embarrassing and costly, not to mention dangerous and drug addicts, homeless people all over, does not make people feel safe
- Increased police force
- Stop with the one party cantol. Encourage businesses and growth. Crack down on gangs. Get the thugs off the streets.
- More manufacturing jobs, less poverty and drugs, increase funding in law and order and schools. If we can clean up the poverty/drugs we could attract way more than 30,000 residents in ~20 years.
- Get rid of our Mayor. Less homeless on the streets.

- Crime
- A new bigger and safer jail. An actual homeless shelter. Long term rehab and mental health facilities.
- Less homelessness
- Less crime, better equipped police force
- More sheriffs and police presence. It will be necessary during the coming downturn financially, as unemployment rises. Bring more attractions to the fair, or we WILL lose it to another area.
- Crime needs to go down.
- Again, put more effort into connecting trails and safe pedestrian walks and bikeways. Clean up downtown and the homeless camps. The crime rate for a city the size of Pueblo is through the roof!! That needs to change as well as the amount of trash here that we see compared many other places when we travel.
- Expansion of airport usage. Homeless to homeowner developments with earn it requirements & support resources.
- More recreational opportunities for kids. Get a handle on crime in the city. Put more effort into fixing the large potholes in the roads. More affordable housing to get the homeless off the streets and reduce crime in the process. Lower gas prices. More shopping in Pueblo West. Another grocery store (WinCo.)
- Improved support for local food producers (food system), decrease poverty and reduce food insecurity.
- Crime factors go down, expand sheriff's office, have more of a police presence.
- Crime level, gangs, drugs; businesses be willing to travel to county areas south of town.
- LOOK AFTER THE SMALL TOWNS SURROUNDING PUEBLO... and NOT PUEBLO WEST!! Rye...Colorado City are ignored!!! We don't have the law enforcement to cover this area AND Beulah ... yet PW gets their own station etc. and many more officers policing that area.
- Housing availability and price in relationship to wages needs to be addressed. Transportation issues are huge for anyone that can't afford a car. It's ridiculous for someone to have to ride the bus for two hours just to get to work. The homeless issue needs to be addressed. Pueblo has a large population of people using drugs and that needs addressed. Pueblo County has a pretty high crime rate for the population, so changes need to happen. Electricity and water need to be addressed. The traffic is increasing monthly so roads etc. need to be evaluated. Schools need updating and need adequate supplies.
- Would like more fast food restaurants to obtain food, amid Covid era
- More affordable housing so that people can afford to live here. Infrastructures need to be redone to keep up with times and not deliver bad products because of bad Infrastructures.
- Less property crime, better policing.
- A new jail and police reform. we need to keep kids from seeing that a life of crime does indeed pay. We need decent jobs and should encourage corporations like Costco that pay a good wage.
- crime poverty drugs
- More housing options for low income, more shelters and resources for homeless individuals, families, teens, more resources for substance abuse, domestic violence, child care, legal resources and support, better trained officers in dealing with mental health, racial profiling, impoverishment, domestic violence,
- Less homeless people and drug problems
- More events more community outreach more help with the homeless more youth activities
- The homeless population is a growing concern.
- Less - crime, homelessness, division. More - healthy living, wide variety of better paying jobs
- More senior housing, more condos
- Clean up derelict buildings, help the homeless, modernize the local government (ie don't be so insular)
- More help for homeless and poor people. More renewable energy options.
- More help for homeless
- Accessibility to other cities by public transportation such regional rail transportation longer transit hours more black owned businesses on Union avenue. Redirect the excessive police funding for education healthcare affordable housing for single adults as well as for women and children. More

homeless shelters for young adults , abused women and children without enforcement of religious practices at the same time moral guidelines for people to live by.

- I would like to see progressive efforts to expand social and economic programs to all residents, as well as increase sustainable and eco friendly infrastructure and business
- Affordable housing. Homeless issues addressed.
- Public safety
- Less crime and drugs, less homelessness, more care put into taking care of the city and the citizens who live, work here, and pay taxes here.
- Family Rex services
- Quality of life, safety, living wage, quality jobs.
- Reduce crime; increase safety
- New and sustainable businesses, clean up of rundown neighborhoods and dilapidated buildings, and better control of the homeless and criminal mischief that occurs at the northside motels .
- Less violent crime, drug use, homelessness
- Less gangs n guns
- Less crime, better opportunities for young people so they don't all leave, some better commercial growth.
- Kids k-12 in school full time, more options for the homeless population, reduction in illegal drugs
- More resources for fighting poverty, especially in child/elderly population. Industry that brings in higher paying jobs.
- Crime prevention and drug addiction clean up. Higher paying jobs and an aggressive small businesses attitude. Open out economy now.
- Less Homeless Camps
- Safety, increase wages, decrease drugs and crime
- Better police, less drug addiction, better schools, and maybe some type of grants for people to improve their homes. Everything in the town is so old and dilapidated.
- Less drugs and crime!
- Better safer neighborhoods in Pueblo
- Crime rate, school quality
- More infrastructure in rural areas, more arts such as concerts and plays, and a better response to the growing homeless population. I have known several homeless people who have gone missing in the last year.
- The rampant homelessness and drug use.
- Affordable senior housing. More recreational and social opportunity for seniors.
- Make housing affordable.
- I would like pueblo west to contribute its fair share and for the resources to be used to benefit all but especially the poorer communities
- Less crime, less poverty
- Homeless population
- Drug addiction and violent crime and gangs
- More help with the homeless. Maybe an old warehouse facility changed with job/housing programs, treatment programs, and the ability to keep their pets with them at the facility. There are many local programs I feel that could help if they collaborate together and had funding to take this on. Also more money put into our failing schools could help to change the future of our city. I feel much more money needs to go into the community and not into the river walk or convention center.
- Less crime, less homelessness, less good ole boy politics, and a cleaner feel and image
- No more homeless and Ghettos, higher quality living. You have to go to springs to find nice things and good stores
- Another hospital built on north east side. UC Health please.
- We really need two fully functioning hospitals. I go to Colorado Springs or Denver for my medical needs.

Local pride and beautification

- For locals to stop describing it as crime ridden and terrible, when it's a great place to live. We have image issues and the locals complain in ways that perpetuate them
- Less boarded up houses. Better trash service. You need to enforce landlords that don't require trash service.
- Image. Clean up the look of the county.
- Less marijuana and more educational opportunities for our children. That older areas like Bessemer revitalized. Catch basin cleaned like the used to be cleaned by City Workers, who we see very few working. Except wastewater workers. Which we get charged on water bill twice. Trash cleaned on interstate. Code enforcement do their job.
- We need to beautify Pueblo. Perhaps, organize a huge volunteer efforts. We need to have a no panhandling law. Highway 50 on north side has become an unsafe area due to homeless issues, theft (shopping carts are scattered for days around motels). Individuals often a gas stations, on streets, and businesses requesting funds. No safe in general
- positive advertising for pueblo
- Revitalization of existing neighborhoods
- I would like to see the community overall take a heightened interest in public beautification. Our natural resources are unparalleled but many of our buildings and public spaces are in need of cleaning up, repair, paint, etc. I think many public spaces could be improved on to present a better image. This has definitely improved over the past 30 years since we first moved to Pueblo, but it was always something I wished our community was more committed to improving. Simple things like picking up trash along roadsides, cutting weeds down, planting a few pots of flowers, painting or tearing down old derelict buildings. Pride in our surroundings.
- More modern store front signs that are at least updated and maintained
- Clean up the city...trash and weeds, dilapidated, empty homes, graffiti, homeless camps, criminals. Plan for growth and modernization, jobs and housing. Education needs to be addressed too. It's hard to attract employers with families when schools aren't top notch.
- Better code enforcement. Cleaner streets especially along the corridor. Make Pueblo LOOK desirable. Focus on our schools/educational opportunities. Focus on brand (desert, sun, retirement, recreation).
- Cared for more home of hero's but we don't represent that this city is far more than this. We need to start representing it.
- Fix all the abandoned homes. So it doesn't look like Detroit here. The city should take over these buildings and auction them off to developers. This would look much better and help with the housing issues.
- focus on cleaning up the highway ...
- More pride in what we have in Pueblo County
- More community projects
- People appreciating, protecting and preserving Pueblo's many opportunities and treasures
- A nicer, cleaner entrance to the county and city. Better cleanup of neighborhoods. No trash filled yards and homes. More neighborhood shopping and/or easier access to better public transport.
- More historic districts; better yard maintenance; tear down dilapidated buildings (if they are not historic and cannot be restored)
- Beautify the community especially the view from I25
- Zoning, neighborhood cleanup
- Stricter laws need to be in place concerning derelict homes and businesses to create a more positive image!
- I would like to see more pride in all that this area has to offer. People keeping their residences kept up without being forced by the police. I'd like to see more diversity in food, I know these are private sector desires.

- Collaborative opportunities for folks to work with governments, private and business to strengthen and improve neighborhood infrastructure and appearance. I am NOT supportive of growing the population of the city; I am neutral about growth elsewhere in the county.
- Tear out some of the old, abandoned concrete and asphalt that is no longer used or useful.
- I'd like to see a change of attitude - more open to possibility, potential, and change
- Clean up and beautify the city, accountability for maintenance of homes, yards and less trash around highways and rivers.
- More pride in how it looks. Plant more trees!
- Clean up the neighborhoods
- Higher wages, more pride in ownership. People do not take care of their yards and makes you feel like you live in a dump.
- The overall appearance is low because the town looks run down.
- Lose the "Poor Pueblo" title.
- work incentive programs to address neighborhood clean ups and assist elderly and handicap
- Reputation. Pueblo gets a bad rap for being dangerous but it isn't that bad
- Some people cleaning up their property.
- Safety. Cleanliness of highway corridor and neighborhoods
- Crime and trash clean up!
- I would like to see the elimination of the us vs. them mentality that exists at the governmental level. Its Pueblo v. Pueblo West; the county vs. the city and is always treated as zero sum.
- Beautification
- Openness to change and evolve. We can create our own identity if we allow ourselves to. The mindset of this worked in the distant past should still work now needs to change.
- The dramatic change in culture from one neighborhood to the next (i.e. south side vs. east side)
- Sidewalk and street cleaning. A better sense of self-esteem
- Cleanliness. We don't take enough pride in our county. We need to clean up the trash first. Then work on growing businesses.
- Revitalization of the poorer areas, without gentrification.
- More support for small business, art and music. Cleaning up neighborhoods and support for the "tougher" ones.
- Clean up neighborhoods and the interstate
- The nepotism and discount of new population contribution to positive possibility
- Greater empowerment of all people no matter their background, age, or economic status. It isn't only about equal opportunity but equity.
- It would be nice if some of the older neighborhoods could be spruced up a bit.
- Reputation
- Clean up. Too much trash everywhere
- Neighborhood clean ups, better employment opportunities, better education
- Subsidies or grants for homeowners to clean up and revitalize their properties. The same for homeowners to be able to add solar to their houses.
- keep up all the neighborhoods, update the technology and networking in all of Pueblo County, and keep the communities working together to keep the towns clean.
- Interstate area
- More green spaces which are well maintained, a botanical garden, improvement of deteriorating neighborhoods and support for housing improvements rather than just tearing things down and building expensive housing developments, more community type housing such as townhomes affordable to single retired people. I would love to see a rail transit system going through Pueblo!
- This is more of a City if Pueblo issue but I would like to see some beautification of the south side not just the north side. Just driving down the highway there is highway median beautification then you hit the south end and there is an old rust, falling down fence.

- Less blight
- Revamping dilapidated houses and businesses-Clean up the community and make it look like we take pride in our town.
- Code enforcement and standards that beautify the area while maintaining the natural beauty.
- A way to keep trash dumping from happening in our green belt areas. We have a huge problem with deer herds destroying our trees and shrubs. Multiple deer are hit on our roads every day.
- We can be our worst enemy. We need more people like me who are from here who love it and promote positivity. Ask folks who have moved here from other places, what they like...you may get some different answers and be surprised. Let's capitalize on what others think as well. Also, it is important to have employment opportunities here to possibly bring new ideas, people and money to enhance our city/county. Jobs to keep our kids here. Focus on keeping our city/county clean and safe.
- A cleaner city.
- Losing negative reputation Pueblo has
- better image and ratings

Marijuana

- Drive out the homeless. Use weed money for streets.
- People being more open about getting a cannabis studies degree from the university.
- Less Pot farms
- Reduction in illegal Marijuana grows. It accumulates in home swamp coolers if it's in your neighborhood. My family should not have to live with the smell in our own house. Illegal grows are ruining good neighborhoods.
- Get rid of all the weed grows and dispensaries in Pueblo West, or at least reduce them and stop adding more. The air quality and smell are horrible and there has been increased crime since they opened and brought in an unwanted demographic to Pueblo West. Also, understand that Pueblo West IS NOT Pueblo. Keep us separate. PW needs to incorporate.
- No more pot shops!
- Get rid of marijuana sales - we did NOT want it - city of Pueblo wanted it so not fair for us to be forced to have it too.
- No more marijuana farms, retail, or making of edibles
- No pot shops, it stinks!!
- Marijuana regulation. Living with the industry has degraded quality of life. Smells horrible, more crime and homelessness
- We have such a negative reputation. Large homeless population, our industry is marijuana - I hate that! Pueblo was the perfect location for a perfect horrible storm when mj was legalized. It has brought our safety down, ABSOLUTELY INCREASED DRUG ABUSE AND ADDICTION ESPECIALLY IN OUR YOUTH!!!!
- Pot farms gone. Marijuana has had a huge negative impact on a wonderful city
- Lower the inflated house prices, fewer Marijuana shops, more parks, paved roads
- I would really like to see marijuana grows closed in the marijuana shops closed. That is when we saw a real change in Pueblo County for the worse.
- More opportunities for recreation. Less marijuana. Makes the community stinky. More resources for schools. If we have to have MJ we should be seeing more benefits to our community. Instead it all goes to Denver. :(

Open space and recreation

- More trails, parks, and outside activities.
- More community activities and activity for adolescents. What about an arcade run by the city? Make money for recreational sustainability of operation

- More green spaces, pocket parks. More healthy trees.
- More concern for youth finding things to do and keep them out of trouble.
- More recreational activities available. More shopping options. Less homeless population.
- Recreation
- More recreational activities
- More bike trails, connectivity trails
- Access to bike paths and trail ways
- I think there should be a community center and more activities for kids to be able to do. There should definitely be more parks also.
- Less crime. More nice recreational facilities and options for all ages. Better school facilities.
- Better roads and swimming pools and rec facilities
- More support of funding small unincorporated communities for public restrooms, picnic shelters and activity areas.
- I'd like to see the continued emphasis on outdoor recreation. That is a major benefit here. I'd also like to see more community festivals.
- I would love to see effort being made to provide resources to the people of Pueblo and make said resources known and easy to access. To see recreation available for teens without a huge price tag/membership. I would love to see pride and protections in our neighborhoods particularly those of the low-income areas. Incomes meeting the needs of the people.
- The city can't help it, but there's not much recreation to do in Pueblo once you've lived here for a couple months. Whether you're a teen or adult. But that's a problem with the community, not the city's concern. I would like to see change with the roads being actually cleared and salted when it snows.
- More outdoor activities. More opportunities to open small businesses. Use of open land.
- Enhanced safety, connectivity, and recreational opportunity. Ideally accessible to the average buyer.
- More restaurants. Indoor competition pool. Outdoor recreation.
- Recreation and things like daycare. There's nowhere to swim and apparently they lied to us and will not be building an aquatic center. Daycare was very difficult to find. Parks are nonexistent out here. Some variety of places to eat.
- Maybe a splash pad/park/trail out on the Mesa. The library was a nice addition. Please consider more family-friendly options in safer neighborhoods
- More recreational activities for all ages
- So many run-down neighborhoods. More options for kids, families, and teen recreation. So many homeless people
- Economy and development. More business, jobs, and recreation. Vision to include more healthy lifestyle. Green chili is our legacy but isn't getting us anywhere. Outdoor lifestyle and recreation should be a focus.
- More recreation for kids. A community swimming pool indoor/outdoor to be used all year round. Large enough to support swim teams and adult lap swimming
- More recreation for families. Clean up the highway and streets more parks
- More family friendly- more paths, playgrounds, parks, recreation opportunities. PW- more stores and restaurants
- I would like to see better care for recreational amenities. I would also like to see vacant buildings or homes, taken down sooner.
- More athletic facilities for youth and adults.
- Business growth and expansion in Pueblo County continues to move at a snail's pace compared to neighboring communities like Colorado Springs and Canon City. Despite their more rural and conservative nature, Canon City has capitalized on outdoor recreation combined with tourism amenities in a way Pueblo has failed to.
- Improved community walkability, economic and job growth, more shared governance, expanded recreational programming and facilities.
- More mountain biking investments and local food system improvements

- I'd like to see more tourism promoting the lakes & wildlife & beaches
- More hiking trailheads
- Acceptable and promoting of outdoor recreation.
- Availability of indoor recreation spaces in the Rye/CO city valley
- Recreation such as county gym and lap pool. Better water in Colorado City.
- More focus on recreation and sustainable practices. We are in prime position to become a forward thinking community with artists, music, recreation and innovative sustainable practices if we make it happen. Get businesses into the vacant downtown properties. Improve the City schools to keep people IN town.
- Place energy, money into improving and caring for a real gem in Pueblo Mtn Park and the Pueblo Nature Center...these places attract tourism as well and leave lasting impressions. Care about the city's parks, greenery and protection of trees in public places...need city arborist...City Parks and City golf course are not caring for trees any longer, lots of room for improvement and litter is all around the fence lines of these locations. Clean up litter in public parks and golf courses!!

Public infrastructure

- Improved roads and maintenance. Better Fire department support for the southwest side of Pueblos West. Better business and economic development.
- Discontinue the Columbus Statue.
- more tax money for roads
- Paved roads in Pueblo West.
- Access from the South Side of town to the north side of town.
- Better streets
- Improved public transportation; revitalization of older neighborhoods; Infrastructure improvement; grocery stores in older neighborhood's
- Better road maintenance and snow removal
- FIX THE STREETS -- Get rid of the mayor position.
- Please require below ground high voltage power lines. I would pay more taxes for it!!
- Traffic is a problem. Hey 50 is getting better, but we are growing. Eagleridge blvd with all the new apartments over here traffic will get worse. We need to be more pedestrian and biker friendly.
- Public use of structures that are sitting abandoned
- Transportation
- Better care for roads in PW.
- Efforts made to keeps things the way that they are now. The only thing that needs improving is maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- underground utilities,
- Available affordable housing. Accessible public transportation. Front range commuter train.
- The sidewalks are a disaster. I guess the property owner is responsible, but maybe the city, after first notifying the property owner, should fix them and send the bill to said property owner. It is done in other places.
- Increase education opportunities and a rail system for travel outside of Pueblo
- Fix roads and more for children to do
- More traffic circles.
- Co city metro and safer DRINKABLE water
- Metro District learn how to produce a storm drain ditch along each road. The roads dept does not know how to produce a rural type road.
- Repair of roads in PW. I do NOT think we need Joe Martinez boulevard to cut through to Pueblo Blvd.
- Better maintenance of roads.

- Lack of streetlights is sometimes spooky but the pros outweigh the cons because we have no city taxes in pueblo west.
- Fiber internet throughout Pueblo West. CenturyLink is one of the only other options and they are horrible. Better roads. Paved roads throughout Pueblo West. Paved trails that connect throughout Pueblo West.
- Road maintenance. Water run off
- internet
- Internet improvement, better roads, more restaurants
- Better water management.
- Road upgrade, internet/cell phone service upgrades.
- Better road maintenance. More money allotted for improvements in Pueblo West
- High speed internet
- Better street maintenance. Reduction of dust from roads.
- upgrade infrastructure, support small businesses and neighborhoods.
- Multi-modal connections between Pueblo West, the City, and the County.
- Better water would be great, few more street lights and better care of all roads
- High speed internet access, better connectivity. Access to natural gas
- Hyperloop, high speed mass transportation is the key to the growth of our Nation.
- Roads are terrible
- We really need to make sure the entire county has better internet coverage. Online school outside of Xfinity coverage has been a nightmare.
- Better drainage and roads
- If you want to change, it will be hard due to the old-time political structure in place. Work on getting high speed Internet in place. Will attract new businesses, increase education, etc. PEDCO needs to work on this too. You can stop crime. It starts with giving people speeding tickets (LOL, I doubt if any has been given lately, thank you state patrol on state highways). Adults and kids have no respect for the law and it starts with speeding tickets and impounding vehicles that don't have insurance. In PW, adults and kids drive their motorcycles, ATVs and side-by-sides at high speeds on the horse/hiking trails on the roads...no cops, no enforcement. Yes, there have been some bad accidents...were the parents even ticketed? Bring crime DOWN, bring the Internet UP.
- Better sidewalks and more restrooms along the river trail.
- Infrastructure improvement, making equity a part of every decision.
- worried about more people moving in and ruining the things I like about pueblo. traffic is getting worse by the year.
- Better multi-modal transportation planning, more walkability, and more inclusive community that is welcoming to people moving from outside of the area.
- More focus on ability to get around without a car
- I would like to see better looking streetscapes and housing, along every street (but especially as seen from I-25).
- Street repair
- Paved roads.
- get with the times for internet services; dsl is not the most up-to-date internet and it sucks with its slow speeds
- Streets, sidewalks. Incorporate more art into everything
- Better maintained roads
- Better roads, we have un kept dirt roads
- Better roads, quality walking paths in other areas of pueblo
- Better road maintenance. Health care availability in rural areas.
- infrastructure
- Road repair, fixing infrastructure, cleaning up run down older areas

- more interconnected to include people on foot or bike in retail traffic areas and connecting neighborhoods and recreational amenities and business areas
- Better broadband choice. Community fiber.
- Better clearing of the roads during/after a snow storm! As an essential employee, I'm required to go into work regardless of the weather, sometimes it's almost impossible to get to my work because of the roads.
- More upkeep of roads on the St. Charles Mesa.
- Paved roads in Pueblo West.
- bike lanes, sidewalks, Indoor/Outdoor dedicated Pickleball courts,

Other/Not applicable

- No suggestions
- Stop ripping off tax payers with more taxes
- Grow a pair, Pueblo. Our town assigns certain people veto power, where anywhere else, they'd be seen as antagonists. Take the County's baseball project as a good example. It was poised to transform downtown in a major way. For some reason, when one buffoon (Garrison Ortiz) squeaked about something, the town gave up on the whole thing. If Pueblo had any balls, this project would be here, and not in Weld County.
- Try to get people to obey the speed limit and drive better.
- Nothing
- Everything
- Fewer transplants
- I am not sure, would have to put some more thought into a good answer.
- Everything
- Community run enterprises, like a hemp product industry- clothing, tools, biodegradable products...
- Less NIMBY nonsense.
- Child care has always been an issue
- Everything
- Get current with the times. It's not 1985 anymore.