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Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open-ended question included on The NCS 2019 survey for Sioux Falls. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about improvements to Sioux Falls in the following question:

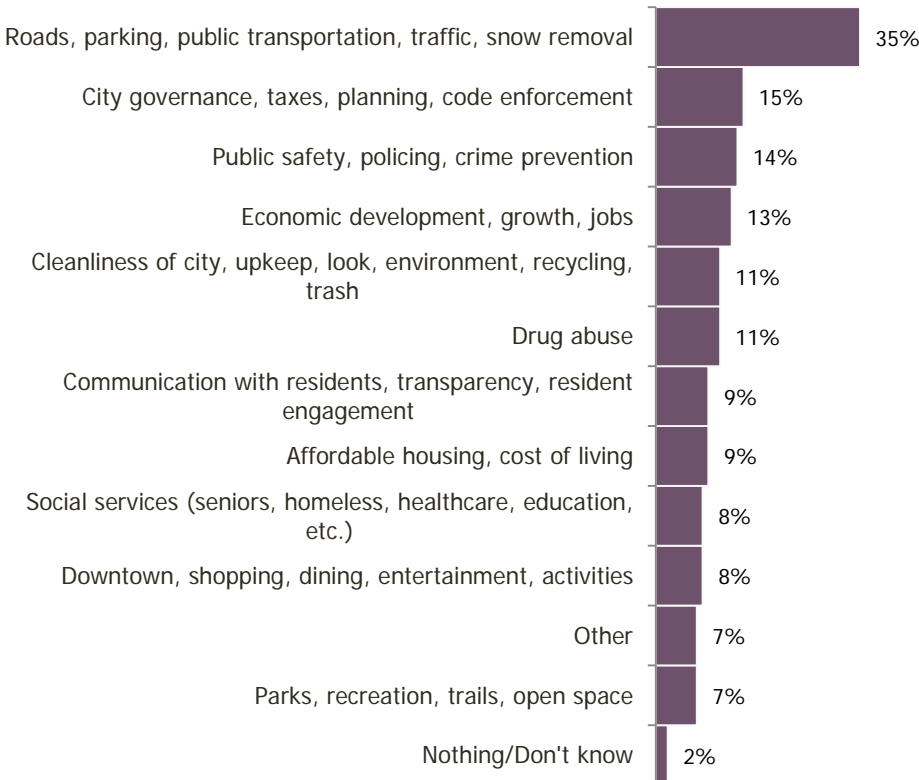
- What can City government do to improve Sioux Falls? Please describe using the space below:

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, each topic mentioned by a resident was categorized and counted in the following chart. Verbatim comments that contain more than one topic appear only once (in the category of the first topic listed), however the analysis counts each of the topic areas given by all respondents regardless where those topics appeared in the comment.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 674 surveys were completed by Sioux Falls residents; of these, 291 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question. The improvements suggested by the most residents (over one-third of comments) were related to roads, parking, public transportation, traffic, and snow removal. Roughly one in ten residents made a comment related to one of the other categories or commented about a topic other than those listed.

Figure 1: Improvements to Sioux Falls

What can City government do to improve Sioux Falls? Please describe using the space below:



Total may exceed 100% as respondents could write in more than one option.

Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Question

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as written on the survey or entered in the web survey, and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

What can City government do to improve Sioux Falls? Please describe using the space below:

Roads, parking, public transportation, traffic, snow removal

- (1) ENFORCE SPEED LAWS. (2) 26TH/ SYCAMORE TIMING OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNS. (3) FOOD STAMP/ ASSISTANCE PERSONS "MUST" DO SOME TYPE OF WORK- EMPLOYMENT. CLEAN NEIGHBOR PARKS, ENVIRONMENT, ETC. (4) UNMARRIED WITH CHILDREN DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY GET ASSISTANCE. GOODLY NUMBER LIVE WITH ANOTHER, "DO NOT" GET MARRIED JUST TO GET HELP. (5) HELP FOR RECOVERING ALCOHOLICS "NOT" JUST DRUG USERS. FOODS STAMP USERS GET TOO MUCH- NEED TO HAVE LIMIT ON \$ PER#, ETC. (I CANNOT AFFORD STEAK, LOBSTER, ETC.) IF A PERSON HAS A SECOND CHILD, ETC. USED TO NOT GET ANY X-TRA COMPENSATION.
- (1) Enforce the dog barking ordinance. Too many irresponsible dog owners with too many dogs. (2) Five years after the ice storm, there are too many damaged trees that are not going to regrow.
- (1) Link neighborhood to bike trail (feeder trails) Look at MSP Anchorage as examples! (2) Also look at down town Santa Fe vibrant downtown area. (3) Gives incentives to build with historic style/rose quartz.
- 1. Snow clearing of street promptly 2. Provide updates to residents on improvements planned in the neighbourhoods 3. Invite and conduct meeting with local residents (via email or mail) from different neighbourhoods to get their input regarding proposed new projects that the city is planning. It appears that residents are informed rather than involved in the planning. 4. Timing of traffic signals need to be reduced-it's a long wait time on most intersections
- Address the traffic issues on 41st St. Moraine 41st; Terry- 41st especially AM or PM work hours. 6:30 - 8:30 Am 4:00- 6:30 PM- Terrible.
- Address the unacceptable residential streets? Many Main Streets.
- Attention to the traffic flows on the east side
- Be proactive on street repair.
- Better busing. Going to more places. Take a tour here you need to go.
- Better public transportation of existing areas, affordable housing.
- Better roads.
- Better snow removal in a timely manner. Better filling of pot holes in summer.
- Better traffic flow, safer streets & neighborhoods, expanded bike trails.
- Better traffic flow.
- bus routes south of 57th street. doing better keeping up with properties that are not maintained.
- Buses need to run 24-7-365 for people who work diff. shifts @ work.
- By removing 252+ traffic signals and restructuring East/West major streets for improved traffic flow- especially west of Kiwanis Ave from numbered streets.
- Change more controlled intersections to flashing red at night. Time the lights better.
- City Planning- improve roads & bridges.
- Clearing the sidewalks after it snows.
- Continue to improve streets with potholes (please).
- Continue to improve traffic flow on major roadways.
- Continue to improve traffic flow.
- Control disregard for speeding on city streets & frequency.
- CORRECT TIMING OF STREET PAINTING, ESPECIALLY 2 LANES TURNING!
- Do better on upgrading the streets.
- DOING A GOOD JOB. ONE CONCERN IS REPAIR/MAINT. OF CITY STREETS.
- Downtown parking is a problem: look at options.
- Ease congested streets.
- Enforce traffic regulations.

- Expand bus transportation or low income housing.
- Expedite 26th & Southeastern project, expand bike trail access. Better public transportation increase access & celebrate diverse people/ communities & neighborhoods.
- Figure but in way to set across town easier- now only have 12/10th or 41st- also have all left turn arrows working on all streets.
- Fill pot holes they are out of control... Adjust lights 41st and west (only 2 cars get through sometimes and mow your parks that no mow looks stupid- don't be lazy!
- Fix existing roads, create easier access to city bike trail system in the residential neighborhoods. Create it so residents do not need to drive to a parking lot to get access. Have access points in neighborhoods so families can easily get on and off bike trails system by walking from their home.
- Fix potholes, plow streets on Sat/Sun- some people work on weekends & holidays.
- Fix streets. Improve traffic flow on major arterials. Promote business development to other parts of the City. Example why are all 3 major Home stores within a few blocks of each other on Louse/26th.
- Fix the streets potholes etc.
- Fix the streets!!
- Fix the streets. Big dance hall for ages 40-? Waltz, Polka Music etc.
- Fix traffic lights- crack down on texting while driving- fix city streets- snow removal is really bad. Clean up the garbage in the streets. Why do we need a survey from NJ to tell us how to live in Sioux Falls?
- Fix Western Ave- repave.
- Focus on fixing streets.
- Get Rid of Boulevards and U turns.
- Get the traffic moving.
- Getting street fixes done in a prompt manner.
- Improve access to WEST SIDE VIH26th ST.
- Improve city street maintenance Clean up run down areas in the city Better snow removal program
- Improve city streets and fix potholes, remote low head dam on Big Sioux River, more help with the drug problems.
- Improve condition of city streets and ease of parking downtown. Maintain and trim boulevard trees.
- Improve east-west traffic flow. Improve general traffic flow. Focus on public safety over business focus.
- Improve existing infrastructure. New and better streets, additional east-west city limit corridors (in addition to 57th and 10th/12th Streets). Force Morrells to do more to limit air and water pollutants. Increase recycling. Offer property tax breaks to incentivise home improvements and energy efficiency.
- Improve infrastructure, it's horrible.
- Improve streets & East/West access from the west side of town.
- Improve streets.
- Improve traffic flow & education.
- Improve traffic flow thru inner city, widen 26th St.
- Increase speed limit on main roads.
- IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET FROM SOUTHEAST VIA CAR- MORE DIFFICULT BY BUS.
- Keep roads & water systems in top condition. Also continue to keep taking on drug related crime/ prevention.
- Keep up with street maintenance.
- Keep up with street repairs. Encourage use of closed businesses instead of building new.
- Keeping ahead of the curse, pertaining to infrastructure & emergency services.
- Longer yellow lights and bus route length of time expansion.
- Make downtown parking for elderly who can't walk far.
- Make entering the off ramps safer.
- More downtown parking.
- More enforcement of speed law or take signs down.
- More major roads- difficult to get through middle of SF N<->S in central areas (night along interstate).
- More parking. Develop downtown. More police.
- More public parking.
- More street or replace in residential areas. Slow down city growth.

- Need on and off ramps added to 49th & 57 St. to I-29. Also need I-229 to go west & connect to Hartford with proper on-off ramps put in before housing.
- Overall, things are good in SF. I grew up here and have lived in three other states in my adult life and I can say that this is a good place to live. But I would like a little more focus on quality of life issues and better transportation options (as in major through streets). I understand that these issues should take a back seat to providing essential services (police, fire, etc.) but things like expanding the bike trail (top priority!) should be a higher priority. I understand something like this is not important to a lot of our citizens, but without great quality of life amenities, SF will just end up like Gary, Indiana (the armpit of America!). I also would like to see more retail/restaurant development in certain areas of town. I live in the southeast part of SF. I love my side of town, but if you count the number of restaurants (defining southeast as east of Cliff Ave. and South of 26th St.), I count (including fast food [yuk!] and restaurants contiguous to those streets) about 20 restaurants, a few quasi eating places (Juice Stop and Breadsmith) and several gas stations. In an emergency, a gas station hot dog will do, but it is not preferred. Now, how many people live in this area? I'd guess at least 25,000. So does a city the size of Aberdeen only have 20 restaurants? No. According to TripAdvisor there are 57, Watertown has 46 and Brookings has 51. My point is, along with residential development, please STRONGLY encourage businesses covering a wide spectrum to locate in these growing parts of town (can you tell I am passionate about this? I stopped writing to look things up on TripAdvisor!). As far as transportation goes, pretty good overall. The development of Highway 100, esp. connecting to I-90, will be great. But there is not an easy route for me to get across town, from say 41st and Highway 11/100 to say Lowe's (26th and I-29). But overall, the city is doing a good job. Much better than some cities (like Gary, the 'I haven't used deodorant since 1956' armpit of America!). We DO NOT want to end up like Gary...
- Public tran. Affordable. Take me 10 min. to drive 1 hour by bus.
- Public transportation expanded.
- Repair City Streets!!
- Repair streets, improve traffic flow, affordable non-apartment housing, more STEM job options.
- Repair streets.
- Repair the streets (potholes). Provide affordable housing.
- Road condition & flow
- Show removal on 46 St. going to day break, potholes. Afternoon program at Washington Pallion for older.
- Since Wolin near Sanford & USF/ Street parking- should clean during weekends!
- Street- fixing them and doing better Snow Removal.
- Street maintenance could be improved.
- Street Maintenance.
- Street repair could improve. I also think we need more law enforcement.
- STREET REPAIR! THE FALL'S PARK NEEDS WORK! TREES, LANDSCAPING, CLEAN UP THE FOAM IN THE WATER.
- Street repair. Street repair.
- Street repairs- main streets, day care centers licensing, transportation for medical appts. at reasonable costs.
- Street repairs.
- Streets and overall feeling safer. But you're doing a good job!
- Streets, stop lights, handicap access.
- Streets. Potholes. Uniform Traffic Lights.
- Surface streets/ traffic flow.
- Teach the winter crew to be more careful by not hitting curbs with plows a lot of damage is done in it winter. I've seen plows go down streets with no snow.
- That street repairs are done with the correct formula of materials.
- This can make traffic flow much smoother on major streets and less backed up traffic.
- Time traffic lights better.
- Traffic flow- better planning for facilities i.e., field-house is pretty new yet already too small.
- Traffic flow issues, better foresight into road development & city growth.
- Traffic light timing/ turn lanes. More recreation areas. Improve recycling, add composting. Making the city "greener"- solar, wind, etc.
- Transit that gets people to jobs on time & in timely manner.

City governance, taxes, planning, code enforcement

- Amer. Indians homeless & race relation especially how the city treats.
- **BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. BE OPEN, HONEST AND ACCESSIBLE. ENCOURAGE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.**
- **BETTER PLANNING FOR WATER DIVERSION GOING FROM ZONE X TO ZONE AR WAS NOT GOOD.**
- Better zoning/ not allow uncontrolled development & expansion.
- Enforcement of building codes in older sections of city.
- Get rid of TenHaken.
- Get rid of the same whiners and complainers at City Council Mtgs.
- Get rid of Theresa Stehly & Bruce Danielson!!
- Implement max. rent legislation // increase affordable housing.
- Keep politics out, especially keep out the political parties. Elected officials and city/county employees should just be people working to improve Sioux Falls and South Dakota.
- Legalize Recreational & medical Marijuana including CBD oils- great tax off.
- Lower property taxes to help lower income homeowners.
- Lower property taxes.
- **LOWER TAXES!**
- Make sure apt. owners keep properties up to code. Spread affordable housing throughout city.
- No more than two families in one housing unit or apt. Too much noise.
- Overall improvements are always a positive. We are proud of our city and want friends and family to come and enjoy what we have to offer. I am discouraged that taxes and fees continue to increase year after year, seems as if nothing changes to account for the increases. The increase of fees and taxes is usually a topic of conversation, even though we still need to pay whether you are employed or retired. I have lived in SF all of my life except for 4 years. All in all it is a great city.
- **PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAN SETTING BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS. THE URBAN PLANNING IS USING OUTDATED 70's MODEL OF SPRAWL INSTEAD OF QUALITY OF LIFE.**
- Reduce the accuracy in the planning department.
- Slow down. Plan ahead. Don't overbuild for resources- water, etc.
- Small claims court punishes law-abiding citizens who are responsible and pick up their certified mail. Small claims court between city businesses and community members takes advantage of community members there is a flow in the system.
- Snow gates on driveways.
- Stop raising taxes & fees on citizens while giving massive tax breaks to developers.
- Think more about people that live here.
- Watch spending. Transparency!! Be honest with the citizens, even if a mistake is made by city government.
- Watch your spending- keep taxes low- keep in mind that some of us do not have an overflowing pocket book. It is not really cheap living in S.F.
- Well managed/ planned growth.
- When land is available near a school such as Washington- it should be added to city property. We need to preserve sometimes rather than tear down.

Public safety, policing, crime prevention

- Combine fire & ambulance services.
- Crime! Drug enforcement is needed. They are working on it but more needs to be done!
- Curb corruption, improve traffic flow, more arts better downtown more diversity, better parking.
- Get a police force that respects the citizens instead of bullying them and for pebbly crimes arresting people that fill our full system. Our criminal justice system is a joke and way behind the rest of America. People shouldn't become felony of dvng. possession. Our jails are full of meth addicts who need treatment not a felony where they can no longer live a successful life and have a successful job. Also, is the deteriorating in this town need to look for the trash, not look for someone to place shame on just to do their job.
- Have an abundance of police so the wait isn't so long.
- Higher focus on anti-distracted driver campaign. This is truly a public safety matter in which lives are in danger everyday.

- I feel there is a need for more law enforcement due to drug & crime issues.
- Improve pedestrian safety (don't let cars cross when pedestrian light is on).
- Increase availability of safety- feeling and parking downtown.
- Making the core of Sioux falls Safe i.e. 8th from Minnesota to Cliff.
- More patrols for safety, especially before/ after school.
- More police officers & fix our streets the right way (not band aids).
- Safety especially in the areas north of downtown, drugs, violence, homeless in North part of town.
- Step up human trafficking enforcement. Promote pro-citizenship- stop illegal aliens.
- The east side of Sioux Falls is turning into a very crime invested and drug invested area, it used to be so nice. not anymore around the 26th and bahnsen area. also the people behind me have chickens that have attracted a possum. Chickens do not belong in city limits!!
- TOUGHER DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT/ NONE ANTI-DRUG EMPHASIS/ SMOOTHER STREETS.

Economic development, growth, jobs

- Actively pursue job growth with clean well paying jobs. Work with the Smithfield meat packing plant to move it away from falls. Put more importance on gang related issues before they become a problem. Investigate the legalization of casino gambling in Sioux Falls instead of letting that income go to Iowa.
- At this time it would be useful to make sure that residents have enough disposable income so that the local economy can grow.
- Attract employers and higher paying jobs as well as the quality resources (education system, entertainment, clean environment, parks, etc.) to attract people to fill the jobs.
- Bring good/higher paying jobs to S. Falls.
- Bring more business and jobs.
- Continue growth, assure safety, maintain small town feeling, fair economy.
- Continue to attract new businesses. Continue to keep up street repair. Provide property tax reductions for those sending their kids to private schools.
- Continue to make decisions that allows Sioux Falls to continue to grow and have a strong economy, private business and job growth.
- Economic development targeting jobs that pay & work supporting cost of living here.
- Expansion of amenities and accessibility on the southwest side of town would be a positive change. I live near the 57th and Sertoma intersection and it often feels like living in the suburbs and having to drive into town to get to restaurants, grocery stores, etc.
- Get higher paying jobs.
- Help create an environment of economic growth for businesses so they can raise wages for workers. Rent keeps going up, but too expensive to purchase & maintain a home.
- Higher Wages! Better traffic flow.
- INCORPORATE ART & DESIGN IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. IMPROVE WALKABILITY THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
- Increase wages, criminalize discrimination.
- Increased pay in the city, companies are given tax breaks to come here so they should offer a better rate of pay to compete.
- Job training for employment of improved employment.
- Keep taxes low & give businesses every incentive to move here & do business.
- Please raise the minimum wage.
- Promote better paying jobs for blue collar workers. Promote companies with OTJ training.
- Sioux Falls needs to provide incentives to employers to pay a living wage.
- spend more time preserving what we already have vs tearing out farms / fields & slapping up warehouses /cookie cutter homes
- STOP GROWING.
- Thank you for the opportunity. I love Sioux Falls. But for a professional with 20 years experience who wants to work and live at a certain level it's almost impossible. There are not many jobs for mid-level to upper management positions in this town that will pay enough. Sioux Falls needs to focus on economic development and bring jobs, not just call center and service jobs, but professional management jobs in high tech and other industries besides medical or even financial...good luck unless you know someone. Also, follow through on

what we voted on. We voted for snowgates and all I heard from the city is that they were broke down or didn't have enough to go around the city. That's not what we voted for. Generations who are taking care of their parents and neighbors who are older have to dig them out. We voted. Now make it happen. We have a surplus, so use it for what we said was a priority. That includes the streets. I've lived in my neighborhood for 15 years and the first year they put gravel down or whatever that rock is instead of paving. 15 years and my street has never been fixed. Seems odd how the nicer neighborhoods all had their done. Hmmm? The roads are awful. The parks and bikes trails are great, the updates recently done are great too. Now fix the streets. Jobs Downtown economic development (should have put the Denny downtown, just look what it's done for Denver, KC, Omaha, etc. etc....missed opportunity. Poor future planning on council's part) Streets (how about a chunnel underneath 26th street to get to the other side of town. Elon Musk has a company that bores tunnels, you could charge for a card to use it and pay it off then you don't have to ruin the golf course. Go under. Sioux Falls Chunnel!) Snow Thanks.

- THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR RICH PEOPLE, BUT NOT MUCH FOR US LOW-INCOME PEOPLE. MY ANSWER WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT IF I MADE MORE \$.

Cleanliness of city, upkeep, look, environment, recycling, trash

- Be more environmentally friendly-clean river-recycle program.
- Before Sioux Falls, it was a forest along the river. Now deforestation. For every tree taken down. Replant a new tree. Keep beautiful nature within Sioux Falls.
- Better recycling! Need 2 reuse-transparency/ accountability. Seems as if where white collar ppl. make shady choices nothing happens. Help the roads in less financially stable areas of town. Higher paying jobs cheaper daycare, free preschool.
- Clean up the trash and make downtown safe.
- Cleaning housing areas.
- Fewer garbage trucks per week tearing up the some streets.
- Get rid of the "not mow" sections in the parks- looking tacky.
- Incentivize and encourage home owners in new developments to plant trees in their yards and boulevards as soon as possible. Maybe even some education in recommended trees and what they will look like in 20 years. You could even offer a couple of free trees and hire someone to plant them. Also plant trees in City owned boulevards. I've lived Southern Vistas development in SW SF for 11 years and only 1/4 of the houses here have trees. It saves water for yards, heating and cooling and makes neighborhoods much more attractive increasing property values. For a couple hundred dollar investment in every home it seems it would pay back several times in 5-10 years.
- Keep Sioux Falls clean, safe and family friendly.
- Listen & implement input from citizen instead of "claiming transparency" & doing the opposite. Stop tearing down trees/ greenery to build things!
- Make multifamily dwellings not the same color frontier neighborhoods.
- Make the City clean as it was when we moved here in 1982. Too much trash thrown out on streets now.
- Need better access to yard waste pick-up- also more clear info maybe a text or letter?
- Take care of older neighborhoods just like you take care of new ones.
- The Big Sioux River appears to be a valuable community asset that suffers from abuse and need for care!
- The city should construct for garbage/ recycling. Divide up city, if needed, to use all providers.

Drug abuse

- Coming up with better ways for drug addiction.
- Continue to be vigilant for drugs (esp. opioids) and crime to increase confidence in lively here.
- Drug addiction & mental health. Address this as a safety concern. Keeping cost of living down.
- Drug control, gang control, sex trafficking control, overall any type of violence, bullying.
- Drugs treatment/ stop throwing people in jail for weed.
- Make SF drug free. Make SF safer. Clean up neighborhoods.
- Need to address Meth/ Mental Health Issues.
- Target drug issues & get more stuff downtown to do.
- The city's government should do better on resolving the opioid crisis that is currently going on around the city and nationwide. This and other forms of drug-related issues, such as the distribution of gateway drugs, need

to be addressed and resolved immediately. I also think that the City should work on ensuring that our drivers will be more secure on the roadways by helping to reduce the amount of distracted driving-related accidents that result from the use of cell phones and other electronic devices while being behind the wheel.

- The people caught selling drugs in this town should be no questions ask, put away.
- We have a huge mental health and meth problem. We need to put our resources together to come up with a solution to that.
- Work on drugs & crime.

Communication with residents, transparency, resident engagement

- Always have AW open government, giving people a chance to decide (help) important issues. (Concerning our welfare).
- Be honest and open with residents no closed mtgs., especially when taxes are involved.
- Be HONEST with the public.
- Be more open & transparent let citizens speak.
- Be more transparent.
- Be more transparent. Inform citizens on what is going on.
- Be open and honest in conducting business & allow citizen input.
- Be transparent- No NDA's.
- Continue to improve openness and focus more on low-income workers.
- Continues to make transparency a priority in city govt.
- GET MORE CITIZENS INVOLVED.
- Keep the public up to date and transparent politics.
- LISTEN MORE CLOSELY TO CITIZEN INPUT!!! NO PEE- POOPING!!! ACT INTERESTED.
- Listen to both sides of the debate and decide what is best for the people not the party.
- Listen to citizen's complaints. Enforce city policies.
- Listen to tax payers then get it done.
- Make sure that all members of this community feel that they are important. With the newly elected leadership...there is a sense of religious evangelical favoritism and lack of support for diversity.
- Mayor promises transparency, Where is it?
- More open government.
- Open & honest, forward thinking, assistance for individuals in need- homeless or low income.
- Remind the Mayor about transparency?
- Transparency in growth.
- Transparency.
- Treat citizens all the same. Change codes that are redundant. Govt. assumes codes are correct. How do citizens go about changing codes that are outdated? Retrain government officials that are in their ofcs. Better when they go into the field. They don't listen.
- Welcome diversity and work to include all members of the community in governance and decision making. I have lived near similarly sized and equally remote cities without diversity. They are unable to sustain growth or attract visitors. Diversity of citizenship improves cultural events, enhances the culinary scene, improves accessibility of venues and improves the business scene.
- Why knock down parking ramp then say we are short on parking & then req. 20 mil new ramp. Moving park on 26th street w/ no transparency.

Affordable housing, cost of living

- 1) More affordable housing for elderly/new residents 2) Traffic flow on side streets onto arterial streets 3) Less emphasis on buildings; more on community education
- Affordable apts. for students & young people who are here alone.
- Affordable housing & much better paying jobs, especially in education. Also resources for adolescence behavior & drug abuse.
- Affordable housing. Increase wages.
- Affordable housing/ healthcare. Reduce crime rate.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING; why can't single Dads get housing?

- Be more strict on loud music coming from bars, homes & cars.
- Better (quality) built housing in "190,000-250,000" price range. Look all the time and see a lot of shady work.
- Continue downtown development support... housing, activities, creator, businesses.
- I agree with #17 but not at the expense of affordable housing development among other things.
- more affordable housing
- More affordable housing would help and support for minority communities needs to be stronger.
- More affordable housing. Lower the cost of living.
- More senior affordable housing.
- Need more affordable housing.
- Promote more AFFORDABLE housing; convince employers to pay a livable wage.

Social services (seniors, homeless, healthcare, education, etc.)

- Concentrate on loitering vagrancy downtown & on East Bank looks tacky!
- Expansion of CFM- affordable healthcare for those who don't meet income or delays.
- Focus on community issues!
- Give schools back an after school program for middle class families who can't afford private tutors.
- Glad new schools are being built- work on street maintenance.
- Help stop elderly homes from closing.
- Improve Schools.
- More opportunities for senior citizens. They are being overlooked unless you have a lot of money.
- Pray for the city. There's a lot of broken lives, difficult situations, poverty, homelessness, addiction, substance abuse, broken families, children without stable living situations and all of these contribute to the social problems that have been mentioned in this survey. Further, the lack of affordable housing, poor maintenance by landlords (have you seen the low-end rental market in Sioux Falls lately? it's a tough place), and low wages in entry level jobs means that for people trying to escape the kind of situations above, the path isn't easy. The issues themselves are deeper than simple 'tax this 'x' percent' or 'create 'y' incentive' but go to the moral, spiritual, and behavioral choices that people make and that we make as a city. This I think is the greatest challenge to Sioux Falls, especially as it relates to our children and our future. A healthy culture for our city is, I think, the combination of good choices, good jobs, good housing and good families so that children can grow and be successful in any part of town, from any neighborhood. We adults have issues, too, but hopefully we have the wherewithal to figure that stuff out. Kids, on the other hand, are totally dependent on the adults in their lives for the opportunities they need to grow and become good people.
- Promote higher ed. at an affordable cost.
- The city needs a true liberal arts junior college.

Downtown, shopping, dining, entertainment, activities

- Enhance downtown new development. This is very special opportunity. Be careful!
- Get more shopping & family eating places to move to Sioux Falls.
- More arts. Be more aware of design of buildings- zoning. Keep Falls Park vibrant & clean and expand the greenery project.
- We need more things to do in the city that don't involve spending ridiculous amounts of money because not everyone has money to blow. We need to be focusing on making everything more affordable for everyone. That includes healthcare, mental health services, and basic resources.

Other

- 1) Stop mass spraying for Mosquitoes. It doesn't kill anything but beneficial insects 2) Stop putting down so much NaCl, NaOH, CaOH on the streets. You are rotting out cars from the bottom up.
- Allow people to carry concealed anywhere. I'm too old to run on fight.
- Build on the past & continue progressing forward into the future.
- By increasing awareness about diversity, education, climate change.
- Completely overhaul Kiwanis between Russell @ 41st and up to 35 mph.
- Continuation of current objectives.
- eliminate the killing of unborn babies.

- Flag on top of all problems.
- Increase 'interest'.
- Lower air travel costs, more restaurants/entertainment/shopping options.
- Make America Trap Again.
- Promote the racial and cultural diversity including Native American as well as Latinos & other countries. Be more welcoming to promote opportunities.
- Provide more opportunities for women in leadership.
- USE LOCAL SERVICE FOR SURVEY. Better traffic flow- traffic lights timed for better flow. Affordable housing according to wages in this city.
- We need creative and effective training for embracing culture and racial diversity.

Parks, recreation, trails, open space

- City parks with bathrooms need signage.
- Continue maintaining parks and trail system, modernizing downtown.
- Create more opportunities for public recreational activities/ sports i.e. Soccer fields.
- I believe the City does act with the general populations interest in mind at all times. I think the city could improve by reducing light and smell pollutions and working to decrease the pollution in the river. I think it would boost our recreation possibilities by allowing better access to the river for swimming and water sports. Decreasing smell pollution in the city, especially near downtown, would go a long way towards making a more enjoyable experience for the activities that take place there. Finally decreasing light pollution in the city with ordinances barring up lighting and unshielded lights would help to create a more vibrant and natural feel to the city as well as potential to reduce crime and electric consumption rates
- I would like to see more parks in new neighborhoods and more job opportunities for people with advanced degrees.
- Library & pool. More parks. South of 69th & Louise
- More green space for water run off to all beauty to city- too many building & cement without a break.
- More green space. A park within walking distance of neighborhoods. Print city activities in behaving & distribute to schools & libraries. Make individual wakening, clean & affordable! I regret voting for it!
- Neighborhood parks are very necessary. More emphasis on neighborhood parks being more family oriented with trees, picnic tables& other things for families. Also, continue to keep the streets in good conditional- especially taking care of icy streets & potholes.
- Price breaks on Rec. for poor

Nothing/Don't know

- City government is already good.
- DNK.
- Doing fine.
- Don't know.
- I am encouraged by our new Mayor.
- I can't think of anything..
- I think City Government is doing a very good job. Thanks.
- Keep up the good work!
- Satisfied.