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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 2016 survey for Denver. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about the single most pressing issue facing the City and County of Denver in the following question:

- What do you think is the single most pressing issue facing the City and County of Denver today and why?

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, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic.

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 1,254 surveys were completed by Denver residents; of these 1,067 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question. About 3 in 10 residents indicated that affordable housing and the cost of living was the single most pressing issue currently facing the City and County of Denver. Issues related to transportation and traffic, parking and road maintenance and issues related to growth and development/open space were seen as the top problems facing the City and County by about 1 in 5 respondents.

Figure 1: City/County of Denver’s Most Pressing Issue

What do you think is the single most pressing issue facing the City and County of Denver today and why?

- Affordable housing and cost of living: 30%
- Transportation and traffic, parking, and road maintenance: 18%
- Growth and development/open space & natural environment: 17%
- Public safety/Police relations: 15%
- Homelessness: 8%
- Governance, budget and public services: 6%
- Other: 4%
- Don’t know: 2%
Verbatim Responses to Open Ended Question

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

What do you think is the single most pressing issue facing the City and County of Denver today and why?

Affordable housing and cost of living
- (1) Lack of affordable housing. (2) Traffic.
- (1) Wages are not keeping up with housing costs. (2) Length of time it takes for city permit/zoning/etc.
- Access to affordable housing & better/higher quality of public education (k-12).
- Accommodating the rapid population growth, namely in affordable housing options, traffic management (new/expanded roads) and significant public transit improvements.
- Affordability & safety for all.
- Affordability I was born in Boulder and grew up in CO and over the past few years Denver has become very expensive I am a graduate of CO Boulder making $50 a year and I struggle to make ends meet between cost of living and student loans.
- Affordability of home purchase.
- Affordability: The gap between median household income and median home sale prices.
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing - building codes apartments with enough storage & not a type of FEMA housing & design - too many giant box apartments.
- Affordable housing - homes rent to expensive. Available housing - none a very limited. Safety downtown - after hours - present very aggressive at night.
- Affordable housing - people with money & no ties to Denver are driving natives out prices up.
- Affordable housing - tax base carries by - existing homeowners (too few homeowners, higher property taxes).
- Affordable housing & I-270 traffic
- Affordable housing & commercial space as well as the diversity of those housing/commercial stock(s). This is important as a way to minimize displacement of those who have called Denver their home for more than the influx of transplants (myself included) moving to Denver.
- Affordable housing & help to get people off the streets & working.
- Affordable housing & public transit- the city is growing & these need to be prevalent & easy to access.
- Affordable housing & quality K-12 education.
- Affordable housing & traffic flow.
- Affordable housing & transportation - income is not increasing at the same rate at cost of living in this city!
- Affordable housing (high rent/Purchase Price).
- Affordable housing (homeless, middle, and low income).
- Affordable housing and better rights for tenants. This is imperative with the migration to Denver rising each year. As a renter I pay too much but can "easily be replaced" and have little say.
- Affordable housing and compensation comparable w/cost of living - it is very difficult to maintain a good quality of life, manage work/life balance and afford rent/mortgage.
- Affordable housing and continued job growth.
- Affordable housing and livable wages. We are becoming a city of haves & have nots.
- Affordable housing and traffic - way too many people moving here! The roads and existing housing can't support our population growth!
- Affordable housing and/on wages to keep up with increases in costs of living. Becoming more & more economically unavailable to live.
- Affordable housing because it impacts everyone from the homeless to millenials to retirees to parents/families.
- Affordable housing because people are being priced out increased homelessness of families.
- Affordable housing because without it there will be a rise of homeless families and we know that right now Denver is performing sweeps from time to time. So where would those who cannot afford housing go?
• Affordable housing due to the influx of new residents
• Affordable housing due to the influx of people
• Affordable housing for a growing population
• Affordable housing for all citizens - rich and poor a like we need to provide something to deal with the homeless and vagrants who threaten city image and safety.
• Affordable housing for all income levels. It will promote & protect our diversity.
• Affordable housing for everyone on the economic spectrum is essential. Denver is changing with the city development, and that is not necessarily a good thing. The Denver government is treating Denver just like a mountain resort town, in that, the citizens who have resided in the city and who have been established are getting ousted out on the city fringes, and job opportunities with reasonable wages are not a common thing. Educational and certification opportunities are overpriced, and taking out loans is not worth the debt. Since more people are moving into Denver from outside the city and state, traffic has become more congested, city parks and recreational areas are becoming dirty and disrespected, there is a lack of community, and the city is becoming too expensive for locals.
• Affordable housing for everyone, but in particular seniors. We are a fast growing population and it is difficult to find housing on a fixed income. It does not seem like Denver was prepared for the influx of people moving here.
• Affordable housing for its senior citizens. More police enforcement for the inner city.
• Affordable housing for low-income families.
• Affordable housing for natives.
• Affordable housing for people to buy. Not rent.
• Affordable housing for those with children & retirees.
• Affordable housing for young adults (21-35). Rents are too high for young adults to live in a safe neighborhood on their own.
• Affordable housing great young talent moving here, but they can't afford a house here.
• Affordable housing - I have a master degree and cannot attend rent shot up $225.00/ Month.
• Affordable housing is the most important issue, because too many families cannot afford to live in the city.
• Affordable housing is the most pressing issues, we shall have a large homeless population and housing is becoming less and less affordable in the city.
• Affordable housing New apartment buildings are ugly and expensive. How are young people to gain economic traction with such high rents?
• Affordable housing not necessarily more public housing. Fix the liability laws that prevent construction of condominiums.
• Affordable housing options for individuals with a median - income. People should be able to afford first time homes which is not a reality for, most in Denver.
• Affordable housing the rent everywhere is high!
• Affordable housing two kinds in college and worry they can't come back here.
• Affordable housing while maintaining neighborhood quality of life. Pressures brought by influx over populations.
• Affordable housing why - because their is to much homelessness in Denver! although some are just transits that are here for MMJ.
• Affordable housing!
• Affordable housing! As a single mom with no help whatsoever from my ex I have to work two jobs just to pay rent. For a studio in the "poor" part of town you are still paying over $1200 not counting utilities.
• Affordable housing, affordable quality healthcare.
• Affordable housing, Denver is overcrowded and the streets are filled with the homeless. Yet we continue to build high rise apartments and fancy homes for the affluent and upper middle class.
• Affordable housing, duh. Stop arresting and harassing the homeless!!!!
• Affordable housing, including rent control. This does not affect me directly as a homeowner but I have seen many of my friends and coworkers affected badly, including some who became homeless or had to move out of state.
• Affordable housing, The mariana Dabacle.
- Affordable housing, without which we face a labor/wage/compatibility problem for all service industry jobs. Construction defects needs to be solved as it benefits plaintiff attorneys and does little to improve the opportunity for home ownership, pushing rents higher.
- Affordable housing.
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Affordable housing. Housing prices have sky-rocketed, and wages are not keeping up with the cost of living.

A second issue, though not asked for, is the lack of viable biking options. The multi-use paths are a great asset to the city. However, painting more pictures of bikers in single lanes without a safe space for bikers does not make the route "bike safe." It is difficult, if not impossible, to get distances of more than a couple of miles that are not conveniently located on a multi-use path without encountering dangerous road traffic or resorting to a sidewalk, which is unsafe for bikers and pedestrians alike.

Affordable housing. "Affordable" in the eyes of city government seems to be much higher than would serve me, a senior. I could never afford to move into affordable housing because my income is very limited. Not many rental spaces for $600 a month or less. I speak for many seniors.

Affordable housing. A regular person can barely afford to live somewhere decent.

Affordable housing. Building more apartment buildings is not the answer!

Affordable housing. Denver is becoming increasingly difficult for a one income household to find clean/safe housing.

Affordable housing. I'm a Colorado native and don't want to leave, but if I can't afford to rent then I have little choice.

Affordable housing. In my neighborhood especially (Wash Park) the cost of housing has gone up a lot but my income has not.

Affordable housing. It is difficult or impossible for low income families to find housing in their price range.

Affordable housing. It is making it more difficult for the poor and even middle class to live in Denver.

Affordable housing. Needed for employees.

Affordable housing. Our economy will not continue to grow if young adults cannot afford to buy homes/condos.

Affordable housing. People who are natives can no longer afford to live here. There needs to be a rent and housing cap on price. Too many people are homeless sad, bad.

Affordable housing. Rent or owning is becoming more and more expensive, and the amount of options for someone wanting to purchase (especially in the 80202 zip code) is extremely low. Construction defect is killing the % of citizens who own in Denver and hurting the housing environment.

Affordable housing. Rents are out of the control and far too high. All new development is "luxury" and affordable. No more luxury housing regular. Regular housing.

Affordable housing. Rents are outrageous.

Affordable housing. Senior housing / community centers.

Affordable housing. The cost of living is reduces. Wages are not compatible to the increasing rent, utilities etc..

Affordable housing. Too expensive, people will no longer have money to spend on small business. Rent/utilities/health care/transportation/food.

Affordable housing. Too many concessions have been made to developers in the name of profit while ignoring a powder keg of issues around housing costs. Allocating funds and requiring developers to build in more affordable housing plans is a start, but the city must also encourage zoning and land use that builds economic diversity in every neighborhood.

Affordable housing. Wages have not kept up with rising rents. Home values are so high, first time buyers have little change to buy.

Affordable housing. We want to keep our city diverse and that is not happening with the cost of housing.

Affordable housing. Without this the city will not retain its diverse population. And just become like the city outside of Denver. Denver will not be the caring place to live & turn into snobs!
• Affordable housing. Younger adults having own home out of reach - so they move away - fixed Income / retirees cost of homes out of reach even if their home value has gone up - Taxes & insurance increased has increased a lot.
• Affordable housing/cost of living. Wages are not keeping up with exponentially increasing costs of basis needs.
• Affordable housing: People are being displaced and experiencing homelessness far too often, especially in low-income communities and communities of color. It is important that we ensure our city remains diverse -- that means being proactive about creating and maintaining affordable housing opportunities for people below 50% AMI.
• Affordable housing; redevelopment of “luxury” housing, with not enough options for low - income and moderate - income people.
• Affordable housing; you cannot expect talks to pay $$$ for rent, but their pay doesn't increase. What do you think happens when rents increase every year but your pay stays the same: homelessness!
• Affordable living for senior citizens because I’m a senior citizen.
• Affordable living. Cost of living in every area especially housing is getting out of control
• Affordable racing - Many long time residents forced out apartments & people forced into homelessness due to high cost of rent & low paying jobs.
• Affordable rental housing
• Affordable, quality housing. Homelessness is a shame if our rich city & country. Sad when I see instantly ill homeless senior women in streets.
• Affording Housing- We Rent freeze. The greedy have out priced living. I am a retired teacher I’m gonna move to Florida to live. I can't afford $1600 month and be able to eat, pay other bills.
• Allow thoughtful increases in density in order to provide sufficient stock of affordable housing. Must maintain/increase economic and cultural diversity.
• Attempting to keep living costs low, with so many new residents, natives are/may be leaving. They/we are the reason Denver became what it is today. It's difficult to see people who taking care, leave b/c they cannot afford to be here any longer.
• Availability of affordable housing, continue to attract young professionals & provide low cost housing to economically disadvantaged.
• Available and affordable housing - and traffic.
• Balancing economic growth Jobs & housing - cost of living is getting to high.
• Community planning in the form of housing options and transit options as Denver continues to grow and accept more people moving to this beautiful state!
• Continued access to affordable housing as the city grows in order to maintain a diverse urban environment that can be accessed by all.
• Cost of housing - it’s becoming too expensive to live in Denver which will cause a further decline in education and services.
• Cost of housing and availability of parking. We are leaving Denver because it is too expensive and crowded. Wages have not increased with the cost of housing.
• Cost of housing increases. Understandable since more and more people are moving here though.
• Cost of housing is beyond what many can afford.
• Cost of housing.
• Cost of housing. Being close to retirement and the fees of a fixed income, housing costs pre frightening. I would think that such extreme population increase and revenues would lower costs... not increase them!
• Cost of housing. Health care affordability.
• Cost of living - can't afford to live here even with working your life away!
• Cost of living - it's making it very difficult to stay living in Denver.
• Cost of living - unaffordable to rent same place more than 1 year.
• Cost of living in this city has become outrageous. Rent control??
• Cost of living is out of control. Paying $2500.00 a month for rent is ridiculous.
• Cost of living is too high, too much theft in the downtown area.
• Cost of living is way too high specially the cost of rent.
• Cost of living- It's impossible to afford housing in the city and country of Denver.
• Cost of living- very expansive based on pay from career.
• Cost of living, available affordable housing options. Population is increasing and it's getting harder to settle in Denver.
• Cost of living.
• Cost of living. As someone that will retire in the next few years I don't know if I can afford to stay in Denver even though I really want to.
• Cost of living. If people can't afford to stay here it hurts the economy and adds to the homeless crisis.
• Cost of living/gentrification/pollution.
• Dealing with the influx of new residents while preserving affordable housing and the historic character of neighborhoods.
• Density overpopulation too much building & congestion and high cost of living all different items but all tied together in one way or another directly or indirectly.
• Diversity & economic stability for lower income - safety for lower income neighborhoods.
• El costo de lo viendo y el cseirui efoo de la cindad, los servicious publicos cada lia seran mas caros.
• Equality. Lower income families need easier access to transportation, education, culture, recreation and food.
• Expensive housing.
• Gentrification/affordable housing.
• Growing population - housing & services.
• Having, cost to rent.
• Hi rents and overall cost of living.
• High cost for housing.
• High housing cost and apartment cost. High cost does not match the budget of the average citizen.
• High rents forcing diversity out.
• Higher cost of rent and home ownership.
• House rental is high and living cost is getting expensive if rental price can be controlled, even I can still live in Denver county. Next year, don't have to move out city.
• Housing - rent increases are out of control.
• Housing - too expensive - need affordable housing schools - good schools for our children.
• Housing & development.
• Housing & homelessness gentrified areas allow no diversity & more importantly no sense of community. The divide is growing and this issue is largely driven by developers appealing to millennials. What will happen to these units/buildings w/ an aging population?
• Housing & traffic sucks build a real pub. transport system...
• Housing: I'm concerned about being able to afford housing when I retire in the next 5-7 years.
• Housing affordability and "traveller" population downtown traveller downtown cause the city to lose business to damage our city's reputation & image.
• Housing and mental health of street people - they need medicine, etc.
• Housing cost is out of reach for mis/low income persons due to lack of affordable housing even with the amount of vacancies in areas where you feel safe.
• Housing Costs and if not that transportation to link affordability with opportunities in dense areas.
• Housing costs are high.
• Housing costs.
• Housing for low income families, homeless, parking and high fees for parking tickets lack of parking for new development. To much greed.
• Housing for mid-low income that is not an apartment building.
• Housing for working people who make less than $50,000 per year, not in a subsidized (very restricted) basis - just affordable.
• Housing is too expensive. People have a hard time making enough to pay rent.
• Housing issues- natives of Colorado cannot afford housing any longer - traffic is awful cannot retire here, will have to relocate!!
• Housing that's affordable for all. With the influx of so many people there's almost no place for low income people to find shelter.
• Housing we need to stay on top of affordable housing.
• Housing with parking when building new apartments and condos.
Housing, cost of housing - everyone moving here because of marijuana.
Housing, especially displacement of low-income households.
Housing.
Housing. There is a lack of housing for most income groups.
Housing. We need a cap on rental units cost of rent per month.
How the city is handling growth while still providing services to people of lower income who live here. I think city development is important as is building a sense of community. Both of which Denver could be doing better.
How to deal = rising housing prices & population density in the city. It affects all the employees who works the great Denver metro area who cannot afford to buy houses yet.
Hoy por mucha gente que vive haqui y porque va en aumento. Las muchas personas que vienen a vivir.
I am a sixth generation Native to Colorado. I love this State but it's turning into something unrecognizable. The cost of living in Denver is extremely high. Salaries have not kept up with the cost of living and it doesn't seem like they ever will. I have strongly considered moving to a smaller more rural place to escape the high cost of living, the huge influx of non-native transplants, and the horrible traffic that impedes transportation all over the metro area. Wyoming here I come.
I realize this says single, but it is absolutely a tie between the cost of living and homelessness.
I think the poor are underserved. I live in Barnum West, I think the city should do more to encourage programs like habitat for humanity and brothers redevelopment.
Increasing population & specifically the impacts to housing - lack of affordable housing for anyone (not just low income) in the city limits.
Inflated cost of living.
Influx of new residents making rent unaffordable traffic awful & changing the overall feel of the city.
Influx of people, which is increasing housing and other costs. And, education.
Keeping life affordable enough to continue to have diversity.
Lack of affordability in housing because of the mayor's relationship to/with developers.
Lack of affordable housing as well as parking Cherry Creek & downtown.
Lack of affordable housing is pushing residents out of their homes increasing homelessness and destroying neighborhoods.
Lack of affordable housing, too many people moving to Denver.
Lack of affordable housing. I worked for city/state for over 45 years and cannot find an decent apartment that I can afford. I lived an apt for 8 year. The rent went from $900 to $1750.00 in one month. Mayor Hancock is selling this town to developers. Why should cherry creek customers pay to park.
Lack of Affordable housing -- rents are getting astronomical and people are having to spend a huge portion of their income just to have a home. Big issue for senior citizens.
Large growth and how - to have homes for all existing citizens and newcomers, affordable.
Lots of pricing issues - smaller issues like maintenance of central park @ MLK & CPB should be taken care off.
Low-cost, affordable housing! Families and retired seniors are especially vulnerable in this city. (Not Good).
Minimum/lack of affordable housing for families (resulting in more than one family to live in a home).
Money.
More affordable housing, due to the high rate of new residents.
More affordable housing. People who can't afford to live in Denver are fail with community, creating congestion, air pollution bad, quality of life.
More affordable housing. Zoning that promotes more shared/commercial living arrangements & interrogative houses. More smaller home.
No regulation on what renters have to pay on rent. Rent is too damn high. Rent needs to be based on square footage not what everyone else is charging. Rents based on income.
Not sure about Denver as a whole; my neighborhood is looking quality food and low cost housing access. Transportation (public) is being limited causing problems for those w/o cars.
Overpopulation & water conservation & air pollution.
Pienso que la poblacion esta creciendo y con ello la contaminacion y el aumento del alquiler y los crimenes.
Population - I like new people moving to Denver but managing the growth has been near impossible. Traffic housing, both terrible. Crime has increased. Tension has increased.
Population growth, grid lock, higher housing costs.
- Population increasing with price growing rent rates! people who have made this their home for years can't afford to stay!!
- Poverty combined with lack of education and drug abuse.
- Provide affordable housing and balance the massive growth of population to the city.
- Providing affordable housing - getting control of the overall rising cost of living.
- Providing affordable housing for all residents and not just trying to sweep homeless population off streets but actually providing them with viable housing options.
- Rapid growth & cost of housing.
- Rapid growth in city - affordable housing, sustainable & lasting urban design, management of nature resources & 'better' public transport.
- Rapidly increasing cost of living.
- Reasonable housing. I need opportunity to find affordable housing to stay in Denver city & county.
- Rent increase - so drastic, population increase.
- Rent is way too high if it wasn't for Marijuana live a lot of people would move, although its pretty its a bit too expensive..
- Rent prices. Us little people can't afford to move. I am stuck here!
- Rental costs for housing. I have young adult children who cannot afford to live on their own.
- Rental costs.
- Rents. I am retired on a fixed income. Almost half my monthly income goes to rent, more affordable housing.
- Rising cost of everything - food, housing, utilities without rise in income important because we soon close 2nd - homeless. Population won't be able to afford to live here.
- Rising cost of living as well as housing/rent. After taxes I only earn about $1500 a month which would be great if the cost of a single bedroom was not hitting about 900-1000 a month to rent. Cost of housing should be no more than 1/3rd of a persons income. Maybe no higher than 35% at the most. Combined with the problem of health insurance going up from $84 a month to $135, public transit pass going up from $79 to $99 a month, and my rent (which is subsidized housing or I'd be homeless) went up from $50 to $612 (which is still affordable compared to other places) but my wages aren't capable of keeping up with these increases. I would also like to see the option for those of us who would prefer a the option to opt into State Medicaid system (a Federally funded nationalized healthcare plan would be ideal IMHO), and the ability to pay a fee (based on income) if we’re determined to be above the income limit to qualify for those services.
- Rising housing and rents will make Denver unaffordable causing an exodus of middle skilled individuals. Causing prices to increase so businesses can pay people enough to work and live and Denver.
- Rising rent & Homeless from states moving here for marijuana.
- Skyrocketing housing costs.
- The affordable housing & educational equity - Cost of living is rising too quickly for many long term residents to stay, and disparities across neighborhood schools are unconscionable.
- The cost of living and most of all rental rates.
- The cost of living in Denver will force most of us to move out of the city when we retire. Lower the taxes on us. After paying home owner taxes for 39 years, give us a break. I've paid more in taxes than our house cost us when we bought it.
- The cost of living increase in the last 2 years.
- The cost of living is getting out of control. It would be nice to have safe place that include only what is essential to keep rent down.
- "The cost of living is getting way to high because our wages don't reflect the prices we're paying."
- The cost of living, especially housing prices, are way too high!! People are moving out of Denver because it is too expensive to live!
- The Denver economy and the cost of living. I am a Denver native and a registered nurse and it is becoming too expensive to live in this city w/o living paycheck to paycheck.
- The housing is way expensive unless you are millionaire ! and the design of the new apts condos going up looks cheap-look like crap !! And value is there not more going to the poor public schools.
- The increased cost of living without a wage increase. It is too hard to remain living in the city and people and getting pushed out to other areas to save money to buy a home.
The influx of new residents and the lack of affordable housing options. Too many "housing structures" that are being built to accommodate 100's of residents in a relatively small geographic area is overwhelming!! This is one reason we were moving.

The influx of people relating to affordable housing.

The lack of affordable housing and affordable heath care is the most important issue because a city cannot thrive if a large number of its citizens are unable to house themselves or get appropriate medical treatment.

The lack of affordable housing in and around Denver. No one can afford to rent or buy a house, it's not within reach of any of the middle income natives.

The lack of affordable housing.

The large number of people moving here (for jobs and also the homeless that are moving here) and growing necessary services, (Police, parks, maintenance, etc) to keep pace with this growth. Affordable housing to keep pace with this growth is also a concern.

The large population increase during rent to unreasonable amounts.

The need for affordable housing.

The overall growth of the city & people moving here, making housing going higher & hard to afford.

The rental cost is increasing exponentially and I think there might be no law that stops the apartments from increasing their rental prices so high in such a short period of time while wages have stayed the same.

The rising cost of housing markets, and the disparity of incomes not reflecting or correlating[?] to the housing inflation.

The rising cost of living and housing. Supply and demand are driving prices up and making Denver less affordable.

The skyrocketing housing prices. It’s difficult to find affordable rent and homes. I notice much more traffic on I-25 at almost all times of the day; seems like there is a large influx of people moving into our state, which is fine, if we can continue to row our city infrastructure as well, i.e., building wider streets. Lastly the opportunity gap seen in DPS students.

There is lack of affordable housing here. We don’t want to turn into the next San Francisco or New York city.

Those who have lived here their whole lives can’t afford the cost of living. We are being pushed aside by wealthy transplants but it’s progress in the eyes of the government because the overall economy is healthy.

Unavailability of affordable housing for all.

Unbalanced economic development that looked to high it salaries, making housing unaffordable for everyone else.

underdevelopment, especially over crowded apartment building. It makes Denver lose its beauty and relaxing feeling.

Wages are not keeping up with the cost of living.

Transportation and traffic, parking, and road maintenance

"Homeliest" & also parking - traffic flow. Building - zoning crime in cherry CRK north.

Automobile traffic. Getting from point A to point B is essential to everyone’s life, making it simpler/easier will improve every citizen’s life.

Bad traffic, commute times excessive.

Better public transit - buses run too infrequently and don't run on time - start focusing more on customers and less on capital improvement. The busses are terrible.

Better public transportation to ease traffic - more light rail in Central Denver.

Build more roads/streets in suburbs and keeping the soda repaired!

Building new building is our neighborhood without considering the increase in traffic and without allowing for future enlargement of existing road ways: narrow through streets and new tall multi family building? What were you thinking?

City roads to continue to work on security on the 16th street mall.

Combined issue of traffic & neighborhoods; council/planning dept need to meet with and listen (yes listen/consider/include) neighborhood input on traffic issues related to development. Currently all city efforts seem to only support developers. I-70 crestmoer/lower, Colfax Mcdonalds, Parkhill & ...

Congested traffic at peak hours. Also affordable housing.

Congestion & traffic on major freeways during peak commuting hours.

Congestion management. Traffic is out of control. Hit and runs and road rage are rife.
• Congestion (Traffic) & Affordable housing Because growth is causing outrageous rising cost at a record place. Also this survey reference using local business. Why is this survey being done by a group in N.J.???
• Constricting mass transit systems fast tracks is not enough we need infra - city mass transit.
• Dealing with growth & traffic.
• Dealing with the increase of new residents via traffic / road work timing aka doing work during heavy traffic times. It’s hard to move around the city at anytime be of the amount of road work.
• Dealing with the influx of traffic - traffic patterns & choke points (Ex. Blvd between 1st & 6th North and 14th Ave East between University and Col. Blvd).
• Dealing with traffic congestion, including sufficient good public transportation, streets in good repair, where possible streamlined streets / traffic flow, adequate parking off street.
• Density, parking & traffic.
• Easing traffic congestion in east Denver!! Colo Blvd, Monaco especially.
• Flow of traffic on major streets and inter states because traffic has become a significant concern when getting about Denver.
• For me is the parking on the streets in my neighborhood and the unkept yards, loud music all hours of the day and night.
• Getting our transportation & streets better ready in growth. Getting homeless on the street!
• Grid lock on recent poorly engineered I-25 expansion (6th Ave Santa Fe) etc. Cheap cooking new aparts being built along major transportation corridor, giving a bad impression of Denver’s architectural central once carried & historic & interesting buildings - How is hurtful to see & uglier !
• Growth is out of control with no thought to: traffic congestion, speeding on neighborhood streets, and inadequate parking provisions. So much for quality of life!
• Growth of public transportation. Zoning - some of the pop-ups should never have gotten a permit!
• Handling the future population increase and growth with a better transportation system, land use and development policies that are inclusive of multiple social and economic groups.
• I think road safety is a major concern. With the amount of construction and transplants, commutes are becoming reckless and dangerous.
• I-25 traffic and how it relates to side street congestion. Needs to be expanded if we don’t want problems in the future.
• I-70 (Should it be done) City park rework development design controls and enforcement. Denver gets uglier every day!!
• Improve quality of roads!!! they are in horrible condition!!! coming from a New Orleans person!
• Improve traffic flow.
• Improved inner city public transportation. If the city continues aggressively discouraging auto use - as it is then it must acknowledge the inadequacy its neighborhood to neighborhood transportation system to avoid deadlock & frustration.
• Improving roads and streets and highways.
• Increase traffic congestion & parking as city grows.
• Increased population leading to traffic & parking issues - response time to situations and over-building of expensive high rise properties with inadequate parking.
• Increased traffic, housing since the implement of facts, crime increased, housing rates skyrocketed, etc. do not encourage mobility, Please no.
• Increasing access to public transportation & lowering costs.
• Increasing traffic & lack of public transportation & increasing cost of living.
• Increasing traffic; time to get across the city throughout the day.
• Influx of people - traffic & low housing options (improving up new builds in the highlands area although those buildings are controversial).
• Infrastructure Renewal- It is difficult to set aside enough funding to keep roads/ bldgs/ parks up to date.
• Infrastructure does not support the rapid growth, cost of living not conducive for encouraging professionals to remain in Denver.
• Infrastructure.
• Keeping all roads free of pot holes and neighborhoods. Clean free of weeds, old cars etc.
• Keeping transportation moving with an ever increasing population.
• Keeping up city services - police, roads, schools with the growing population.
Lack of traffic control during construction. I live off university blvd. It is very slow because there are signs closing lanes but no person to keep traffic moving.
Main street traffic so busy at all times. Population growth.
Maintaining adequate metered parking downtown. The elimination of street parking for bike path is a disaster at discouraging going downtown.
Maintaining streets and neighborhoods.
More public transit & bike options to divert increasing traffic and keep us healthy.
New to Denver, concerned about the lack of street lights in neighborhoods (on neighbor streets) and monitoring resident yards for overgrown weeds and parkways - safety issue.
Not tapping into tourism in our state and not routing traffic popularly - ever! City planner should be find.
Our building & not keeping up with traffic patterns associated. Overcrowding and losing the feel of Denver because of all the people moving here.
Our roads are in increasingly bad shape and need serious attention (surface streets).
Our streets and fairness of whose streets get repaved. It is overly evident that the rich neighborhoods or those where are political leaders live get new streets, even though these streets are in some disrepair, but not early as bad as streets in other less wealthy neighborhoods, where it’s like dodging landmines when driving on these streets. There appears to be major corruption in the group that decides who get the next streets re-done. This needs to stop -- it is very obvious that it is happening.
Overcrowding. Too many people moving to Denver, impacting housing costs traffic, schools, safety, public services, homelessness.
Overwhelming growth vs. ability of transportation infrastructure and water resources to sustain this growth. If city leaders along with developers can't find solutions to relatively simple problems such as how to alleviate parking congestion in neighborhoods or keep pet waste out of natural drainages, how will they possibly deal with problems that require a far greater vision.
Parking / the city is allowing residential & commercial without requiring adequate parking. We are a long ways from having a complete public transportation system!
Parking in Cherry creek.
Parking. I am not able to go where I want, because I know parking is very limited or will cost too much.
Pass a law against trying & during. This will make it safe to drive and safe for all people.
Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Ped and bike infrastructure is essential to a well-functioning city. Traffic is insane, too many one-way streets, lack of ability to slow drivers down or hold them accountable. As a pedestrian or cyclist, I usually feel unsafe, even when in a bike lane or when crossing the street.
Police transportation b/c the roads are becoming overcrowded w/ population growth.
Poor streets & roads, homeless people on corners.
Poorly planned infrastructure of roads, bridges, train to accommodate the influx of traffic.
Providing public transport options across the city.
Public transportation - as more people move to Denver, traffic is going to become more and more of a problem. As it is now, taking the bus is not efficient & takes too much time.
Public transportation and housing commercial development mitigated planning.
Public transportation improvement.
Public transportation via RTD, need to get around easier to experience Denver, in all aspects.
Public transportation! Population growth estimates for Denver all point to significant growth over the next decade, yet our current public transit system can’t even serve the population well today. If Denver truly strives to be a major US metropolitan cit, the city desperately needs to beef up investments and efforts to build out a matching public transit system. The goal should be that Denver citizens can live here without a car and still have a great quality of life that a public transit system supports and provides.
Public transportation.
Public transportation. Need a subway system if the city continues to grow as fast as it is.
Repair of streets - driving in and around Denver is a “high tenure for autos and passengers!” clean up 160st street mall - been an issue & remains an issue...
Residential traffic policing - would like more officers patrol - neighborhoods - help control marijuana offenses in open space.
Road congestion. Too much waiting for traffic to clear intersections.
Road maintenance and traffic it is very times consuming to travel in Denver now- even short distances.
- Roads & traffic - Terrible Traffic dictates our lives now.
- Sidewalk & Roads maintenance, safety.
- Single most pressing issue is major traffic I-25 & 225. In the morning.
- Sorry state issue roads a mess (pot holes), breaks cars.
- Street repair - most street need some kind of repair. Made some street wide to accommodate more traffic coming & going.
- Street repair. Poor driving texting speeding. Begging (city blight).
- Street, many are full of cracks/potholes.
- Streets - maintaining and traffic.
- The amount of traffic on all highways are crazy especially in I70 E and W.
- The city's complete inability to manage population growth from an infrastructure perspective will drive people away if not figured out - especially w/r/t density + traffic.
- The degrading of sidewalks in older communities as the population ages the lack of paved sidewalks severely limit the access of areas by the Elderly handicapped & those that needs adaptive equipment.
- The density of growth-causing traffic issues.
- The lights rails and the homeless people not enough housing the rent is way to high to live here.
- The population explosion has lead to increasing traffic. Interstate 25 is a nightmare !!
- The sidewalk right in front of where I live has been usurped by the construction company building a big apartment complex. I’ve seen such encroachment of sidewalks in a bunch of places and it is a bit annoying when there is no sidewalk to walk on. I don’t know if the City of Denver itself has granted permission for such usage of sidewalks but for me at least, this is an issue.
- The single most pressing issue would be traffic due to construction on the highways.
- The traffic. There are to many cars on the road, within the city & county & Denver especially around east high school and Colorado blvd. Who was the genius who took out the turn lane @ Colo. Blvd and 17th!!!
- There are two-traffic & housing gridlock & poor planning needs to be addressed.
- This is not a pressing issue, but the one affects me the most Colorado blvd. Traffic. The light timing at Alameda and Cherry Creek s/n. Drives. And no light rail to connect the Lowry - Stapleton - Hilltop - Cherry Creek to the rest of the city.
- Too many people coming here for the wrong reasons causing traffic congestion, not knowledgeable about driving in road conditions (snow, don’t yield etc). Also housing is a huge problem for lower income people.
- Too many people moving here. Terrible traffic inflated housing coats.
- Too many people, not enough roads or parking.
- Too many people. -Parking dogs everyday, all day.
- Too much density - Hard to drive & park.
- Too much home/office building and not enough focus on infrastructure. We need better/wider roads and a better light rail asap!
- Too much traffic on I-25 during off hours travel, i.e. not during rush hours, travelling from DTC to 26th & federal takes 50 mins.
- Traffic
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- Traffic - by far and away is the most pressing issue. Our infrastructure is not capable of handling the number of vehicles on the roads.
- Traffic - especially during construction.
- Traffic - infrastructure. Too many people moving in roads can’t handle it.
- Traffic - it has become abysmal in the past few years. At this rate, Denver will soon be counted among the most congested major cities in the nation.
- Traffic - outrageous as population grows. Very long time to process traffic accidents makes it all much worse/hazardous.
- Traffic - overall enjoyment of the city decreases as we become more like other major metropolitan centers; cohesive sense of community decreases; city seems less livable.
- Traffic - people are not respectful of other drivers and traffic causes many accidents & casualties.
- Traffic - too many people moving to Denver.
- Traffic - until resolved, Denver is not a livable city.
Traffic & all the graffiti blowing up now plus living rent (too high) not fair housing & enough for middle class & low class.
Traffic & cost of living - b/c increase rate of people moving here.
Traffic & marijuana! Traffic has gotten atrocious. Weed is huge problem with youth.
Traffic & number of accidents every day.
Traffic & Parking - both streets and parking areas are increasingly so crowded that we avoid popular areas.
Traffic : Increase of population & an existing infrastructure that cannot support it.
Traffic all over.
Traffic and affordable housing.
Traffic and congestion from the rapid growth of the city. It seems like too many new apartment complexes are being built. Also my two sons can no longer afford to live here. They are about to be evicted from apartment.
Traffic and parking.
Traffic city's growing faster than infrastructure care keep up.
Traffic congestion on I-25 terrible at all times.
Traffic congestion on I-70 throughout the city, plus lack of near - term finalized/official plans & funding to expand or address traffic on I-70.
Traffic congestion worse every year traffic lights on major streets need to be timed to permit better flow (Especially Colorado BLVD).
Traffic congestion, road rage pot holes.
Traffic congestion. Street maintenance. Bridge maintenance- takes about 20-30 min longer to get across town w/traffic. Streets are full of ruts, holes, car takes a beating driving on them.
Traffic control. Signals that are not responsive to traffic load, bottlenecks at busy intersections, lanes that merge & congest.
Traffic due to construction. We need better & more public transportation to accommodate the growing population.
Traffic enforcement. The scofflaws driving vehicles center huge safety increases. The city is not enforcing speeding on running red lights.
Traffic flow. The city population has continued to grow, but the infrastructure has not kept up.
Traffic growth Development/Zoning.
Traffic housing rent is too high feels like accommodating new Denver Resident not Denver natives.
Traffic improvement to reduce 5 - 6 accidents every morning.
Traffic in Denver.
Traffic infrastructure and flow is disproportionate to ever-increasing population.
Traffic infrastructure is about 10 years behind the needs of drivers. There are no quick and easy ways of getting places from far north to far south. Also, housing costs increase dramatically faster than cost of living increases in wages.
Traffic is horrible!! Road work is every where development & construction projects blocking often many roads. Not enough police patrols. Police are jerks as well.
Traffic is terrible and we need better options.
Traffic issues.
Traffic management & condition of street.
Traffic management.
Traffic necesitamos mas agilidad en el 70 demaciado trafico.
Traffic on highways - And why do you purposely construct on/off ramps that you know won’t work, can’t work, will never work for decent traffic flow such as Santa Fe, 8th Ave, 6th Ave and what about the millions spent on the mouse trap over all these years and it is skill a 5 lane ramp. Whats wrong with you?
Traffic on main roads. Parking not adequate for the amount of building, public transportation connections need to be easy and not time consuming. Safety.
Traffic Parking.
Traffic some of our roads are terrible.
Traffic too many cars no where to put them.
Traffic!
Traffic!
Traffic! transit! We need a subway or elevated rail system.
Traffic!! It’s horrible around the city!
Traffic, air quality - it is so hard to get around & w/the day weather, it can be hard to breathe because of weather patterns & too much exhaust.
Traffic, congestion, over building without parking spaces provided!
Traffic, it is ridiculous any time around morning or evening rush hours.
Traffic, over congested streets, poorly times signal lights.
Traffic, poor design of new residential & commercial buildings. Mostly the mixed use. looks like poor 3rd world countries.
Traffic, primarily on I-25.
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Traffic. This seems to be getting worse and worse. Though i think this can also be the drivers, we need to maintain the growth of the city. I do think that the public transportation is key as well, but there are many areas that you still need to drive.
Traffic. 16th st mall safety.
Traffic. City is growing fast and we do not have the vehicle infrastructure for all the cars.
Traffic. Due to population growth.
Traffic. I don’t want to do anything outside of my work or home because Denver Traffic is so terrible and the traffic light timing is so bad.
Traffic. Its horrible I hate to see what the winter brings. I’m buying a bus pass. If it weren’t for the traffic mess that we have, Denver would be the best city in America.
Traffic. It’s very difficult to get around the city at peak travel times. An effort to improve this would be so much more enjoyable living in the city.
Traffic. The economic cost of delays is huge. Plus, it’s very frustrating.
Traffic/congestion and reconstructing the roads to manage the increased population.
traffic/roads and safety. With the increasing population and likely other factors, these are the areas that I feel are lacking and degrading but need to be up to snuff with the new people. (i’m one of them, having moved here from the mountains in 2013)
Traffic/snow removal.
Traffic-more people, more cars.
Traffic y construcciones.
Transit - including traffic control public transit and bicycle transit.
Transit & education (children need better athletic programs, music & trade education).
Transit I think the city needs to do more to make public transportation and bicycling to work a priority.
Transportation - growing very fast, must provide non - car based options - more & better ones.
Transportation - while improving with light raid, traffic in Denver is still a nightmare.
Transportation & Traffic with the influx of newcomers to our city-we all are challenged with getting to where we need to go i.e/school, jobs, entertainment etc. This is a daily problem.
transportation (infrastructure and transit). burgeoning population, not enough capacity nor public transport transportation and I-70
Transportation esp. safety for bikes & pedestrians pls pave sidewalks in particular.
Transportation infrastructure rehaul - traffic is getting terrible & unbearable.
Transportation issues: increased number of vehicles, syncing of lights to accommodate increased traffic, safety at intersections, problems a line to DIA.
Transportation of disabled & elderly - not many existing options.
Transportation problems and Educational (Schools) problems
Transportation system needs significant upgrades! signal system is horrible, too dependent on inter states to get around, not enough bike lanes, newly paved roads are bumpy, manholes in tire path, etc.
Transportation to improve traffic flow patterns and increase timeliness of public transportation options.
Transportation with traffic issues- people moving into the city created traffic slowness, need move highway.
Transport! lack of mass transit = congested freeways/streets. No more lane? I'm review (less than 1.5y) to Denver but really don't want to venture to any new areas of the city b/c I hate sitting in traffic or experiencing road rage I tried to walk in at but really got hit (twice!).
Transportation! This city is growing by hundreds every week. The traffic is horrible and mountain traffic is ridiculous!! Even with the HOV line...its always closed and not in use. We need faster and better transportation to get places. It shouldn't take e almost an hour to get to work in DTC from my house in Park Hill. Plus getting stuck in traffic on I70 going to the mountains is such a pain. I had to warn a friend visiting the mountains to leave extremely early to make it down the mountain, to DIA and still have time to get through TSA and make their plane. That's almost a good 5 hours right there!
Transportation, car congestion; need better mass trained.
Transportation, Due to growth.
Transportation: Traffic Jams are already terrible, and at our current rate of growth they are just going to get way, way worse. The light rail system is good, but it doesn't have very complete access Denver.
Vehicle traffic is backed up everywhere in Denver.
what growth has done to traffic. most routes I take have very poorly timed lights - coming north on Colorado Blvd from 25 on average I stop at all but 2 of maybe 20 lights. Getting anywhere is always full of traffic. Most people I know don't see the public transportation as an option, because it more than doubles the time as compared to driving.
With so many people moving to the Denver area, we need better ways of managing the flow of traffic. Traffic has gotten incrementally worse in the past five years and I don't see that improving soon.

Growth and development/open space & natural environment
(1) Hideous two apartments are being overbuilt. (2) Not sufficient services for disabled homeless (mental health, housing employment).
1) City planning as neighborhoods are regentrified. 2) Got the town to DIA working consistently.3) I would compost it I did not have to pay $120 a year - so sad we cant suggest with costs segment with costs added to landless trash.
A focus on large building developers & their projects instead of existing infrastructure problems.
Accommodating growth infrastructure to support growth such as roads & public transportation.
Air pollution - Due to the increase in driving - Must be fixed traffic congestion - due to the increase in people in Denver.
Air pollution - The smog cloud is getting pretty nasty
Air pollution. Lots of people moving to Denver causing poor air quality.
Air quality - healthy.
Air quality - too much traffic & the Purina factory stinks!
Air quality.
Allowing additional building to residences without a permit and allowing several vehicles to I residence - did not use to be this way - but now the city does not care because their are several family in one residence.
Apparent lack of a coherent development plan - impacts on traffic, livability gentrification & crime rates.
Attention to city planning & development so that Denver continues to be an excellent place to live with affordable housing & education for all.
Balancing population growth with the needs of existing residents.
Building & traffic.
Built environment. I am concern about rapid housing development that does not ensure quality construction, consider commensurate increase in traffic and needs for increasing public transit nor protection of green spaces and environmental stresses.
Burgeoning population - and seemingly a higher "drifter" population of folks in need of mental health care but probably with no options available
• Changing the culture - too much building without thought to roads/traffic/parking, homeless problem & days - the "Sanctuary City" problem.
• Cheap, crappy development that only serves the upper-middle class with luxury microapartments. The destruction of historic neighborhoods by chintzy scrape and duplex builds. Sold out to the developers.
• City council continues to change zoning was in hand of developers. This must stop!
• City planning & development. Population increasing and lots of irresponsible building is demolition of neighborhood sites with character.
• City planning that addresses concerns of over gentrification, loss of neighborhood identity. Pricing out local families.
• City planning with no regard to logical design & history of areas or weather (3+ story bldg on south side of main arterials).
• City planning, land use & traffic. It is ridiculous to separate building permits & traffic.
• Climate Change - The City of Denver needs to act aggressively to better public transportation (LOWER BUS FARES), increase bike lanes, increase renewable energy use, reduce water waste, reduce pollution, enable compost / recycling AT APARTMENT BUILDINGS - lease do not rely on Landlords to pay additional fees to allow for recycling or composting. We live in an apartment building that offers zero recycling or compost services.
• Climate change and the air quality - these environmental issues cost the city millions in health productivity and will get worse over time if not addressed quickly & comprehensively.
• Codes and permits issues, there is way too many buildings, and junk in back yards.
• Community stability - city does not value communities.
• Continuing positive growth and development. It drives everything else.
• Controlling Residential developers from destroying our unique neighborhoods with the same style of homes.
• Cover building i.e. Cherry Creek, not enough parking for new construction, traffic congestion - Colo Blvd, poor light syncing.
• Dealing with growth in a forward looking scope rather than reacting with a crazy interstate that ultimately is not a long term fix.
• dealing with increased number of residents moving to the state in general.ie keeping up with services, traffic and the like.
• Dealing with the influx of new residents and the issues that come along with that, i.e. traffic, pollution, cost of living.
• Dealing with the large amount of people moving here. Housing is getting very expensive and roads are more congested, for waste business need to be required to recycle more.
• Density of housing - traffic has become a problem, and parking is terrible.
• Denver is in great need of more public places, parks, green areas, art, areas that improve people. 'Currently we live in' a cement jungle.
• Development & land use in general- lots of construction in my neighborhood & little or no consideration of infrastructure needs & population growth.
• Development seems to not be considering the voice of the community. I am concerned that when development continues that isn’t in the best interest of the community that it will create challenges for maintaining a sense of community.
• Economic growth - without that you have no money for services.
• Ensuring current systems and services adjust to the rapid population growth.
• Ensuring that Denver remains inclusive for all citizens and is a model of environmental responsibility for the nation.
• Environment protection & Affordable housing.
• Environmental impact.
• Equity and access for all Denver residents (jobs, education, housing, business, ownership comm. Dev.).
• Gentrification - pushing out individual of lower economic states from their neighborhoods w/no opportunity for fair/low housing. As neighborhoods get gentrified they are losing their history & culture which needs to be preserved.
• Gentrification, displacement of low-income families, lack of homeless shelters for our rising population. Build sense of community to families that have been in Colorado for generations. Need to build trust again!
• Gentrification: middle and working class people need to be able to live in this city.
Growth - lots of people moving here & getting busy on roads & highways. Don’t want it to take away from ease of moving around or participating in school & other rec events.

Growth - too many people and not enough housing. Homeless - people.

Growth - too much, also watching people smoking pot while driving. Makes me afraid for my safety.

Growth and controlling growth. Many neighborhoods and communities are changing drastically because of large and perhaps poorly planned development. Poor balance between developers making as much money as possible and quality of downtown and neighborhoods.

Growth and development. Like a lot of residents, Denver feels overpopulated and unfinished, i.e. lots of construction everywhere. It's overwhelming and challenging.

Growth and improvement. As our population increases, there is not enough affordable housing and our public transportation infrastructure to support a growing and rapidly changing population. We need to lay groundwork for better public transport access to neighborhoods and downtown areas so that populations are not relying on private vehicles. This will support the affordable "micro units" that are being built, reduce emissions and need for parking, and increase access to neighborhoods. Our "food desert" neighborhoods need more food grocers (especially in the near North East areas like Skyland, Cole, Clayton, and Swansea). We live in Skyland and although it is only 2 miles from downtown, it feels like a suburb, because we have no city conveniences in walkable distance, have to drive to a grocery, and have a bus that only runs on an extremely limited schedule. If we could walk to a lightrail, a grocery, and a neighborhood recreation center, our lives would be vastly enriched and feel like a part of the urban experience. We had to buy in Skyland two years ago because we were outbid on every offer we put on housing in Capitol Hill, Uptown, and areas with better access to the transportation, grocery, and recreation we desired. This was after losing our lease because our landlord sold the property and declined our offer. If Denver wants to be a city people want to live in, we have to be more progressive about creating urban accessibility with better public transportation infrastructure, more affordable housing, and better city planning for food accessibility.

Growth and managing traffic. Homeless and violence on 16th street mall.

Growth and violence.

Growth expanding too fast?

Growth in the GBD.

Growth management & urban planning. With the number of new residents moving to Denver, this kind of foresight is essential.

Growth management.

Growth without enough accommodations. In surrounding cities such as Aurora & Highlands ranch they prepared 6 lane roads before the growth instead of waiting till now when its more difficult to compare roads with thousands more cars on it.

Growth without jeopardizing green spaces & affordability for the majority of our populous.

Growth, too much to fast.

Growth, too much too fast.

Growth. Denver is growing at a fast pace and I have a concern if Denver's infrastructure, as well as police, fire, and ems services, can sustain. We expect alot of our police force yet their districts population is getting larger and larger with the same amount of police force. Our City Council seems blind to the fact that more officers are needed to patrol the areas and deny approval for more officers.

Growth-buildings more & more large living arches. (Apartments condominiums) No parking areas.

Having or building a community of people who see & understand each other no matter the difference we will have a community of people see what we have in common.

High growth making it difficult to find affordable housing.

High growth rate, congestion, traffic need for affordable housing or maintaining and improving quality of life in lower income neighborhoods, older residents.

Housing and zoning - no more super high rise apartment buildings or multi-unit buildings with no parking.

How to deal with major influx of people.

How to deal with the rapid population growth and the garbage humans that under in our packs and 16th st. mall area.

How to manage population influx and housing/rental prices.
I think the key issue for Denver is how to grow in a sustainable way and maintain a high quality of life for citizens. I have seen Denver change a lot over the past 5 years in particular. Traffic and parking are becoming even more congested and problematic and the cost of housing is continuing to increase. Keeping housing prices reasonable in walkable neighborhoods, and encouraging alternative forms of transportation will be key. Denver is not bike friendly at all, and needs a lot more dedicated bike lanes and paths.

- Increase in construction around city.
- Increase in population - It’s straining city resources.
- Increased density of zoning in residential neighborhoods. Over development of high rise residential. eg. cherry creek with resulting loss of view of mountains for others. Denver has few claims to natural beauty except for that view (no river, flat, etc) Insufficient parks, open space for size of city and encroachment on latter for density development. Traffic congestion/pollution from emphasis on density development.
- Increased growth, less (#1 open space and more building commercial buildings), homelessness. Sorry, three issues #1.
- Increased size (in population) & managing the impact.
- Influx of new residents which affects rental/housing prices (increasing) & traffic (increasing).
- Influx of people moving to Denver causing overcrowding because of the legalization of marijuana, quality of life & good economy.
- Infrastructure for growing population.
- Infrastructure investment - stimulates economy and impacts safety.
- Inner - urban development at the expense of neighborhoods, infrastructure, public interests (mayor & council rubber stamp for growth).
- It may not seem pressing, but a response to climate change and water management, considering how quickly the area is growing (is there a plan for managing and accommodating this growth? Are we working with other cities on this?). A future water shortage is the most concerning to me and is a main reason I consider leaving the West.
- Keeping open space - business's build high & take away the views of mountains. A crowded neighborhood & crushed people space - creates stress, tempers, and take away the beauty of our state. No parking space are provided. They just build, Cherry Creek has great attractions, due to high rise & no intelligent, thought of residents or visitor. It’s now a mess!
- Keeping the overall environment & quality of life w/ so many people moving into Denver making sure we keep housing affordable for working Colorado.
- Keeping up with the population and managing the focus left available.
- Lack of city infrastructure for the fastly growing population.
- Letting to many people move here. Building to many houses. Need to take care of homeless.
- Listen to communities make sure they are involved before decisions are made. Protect natural environment open space parks waterways air. Provide adequate parking for new development support neighborhoods.
- Maintaining the fabric of our communities by preventing gentrification and preserving & creating affordable housing options that meet the needs of everyone.
- Maintaining the quality of community and lifestyle while experiencing rapid growth, especially in the context of the built environment. In other words, preserving the quality of buildings and infrastructure even with market incentive to cut corners on quality.
- Maintaining the quality of life of its citizens while trying to maintain a balance of economic development; influx of residents - maintain a balance of $ >QOF.
- Management of city growth.
- Management of growth - construction and planning with no regard to the impact on neighborhoods and lack of parking.
- Management of growth through better development planning public services, schooling, traffic control, and affordable housing.
- Managing & dealing with growth.
- Managing growth and infrastructure.
- Managing growth in built environment & infrastructure.
- Managing growth related issues (jobs, infrastructure, crime, etc).
- Managing growth.
- Managing Growth.
Managing population and demographic changes over the next 10 years - infrastructure, education, services, etc.
Managing population growth => sprawl.
Managing the growth that has led to increased cost of living and lacked an increase in salaries. Plus the traffic congestion that comes with it.
Multi-use, high quality urban planning and implementation of housing & transportation infrastructure - b/c current housing is cheaply constructed & will be talking apart in 50 years & because traffic is terrible and will become worse w/ booming population.
Neighborhood control of development.
New development is happening very quickly without much regard for how it will affect the neighborhoods. It also seems many developers on building with cheap materials that won't look good in a few years. Inflated housing costs!
Our building in congested area - no parking!!
Our environment - such as air quality.
Our increasing population - creating traffic problems and the need for more affordable housing.
Out of control growth, development of so many houses & apartments. Water shortage in the future.
Over building & out of control development. Where is a master plan for all the development?
Over building & traffic congestion.
Over building / issues with zoning. The charm of Denvers old buildings bring character to city. When they are scrapped & giant apartments are put in. That are quickly thrown together I can't help but worry how awful they will look in a decade from now. They are built without regard to the neighborhood's homes.
Over building and changing the characters of neighborhoods. Council & planning dept seem "owned" by developers - Can't seem to say no to oversized buildings - offices / commercial as well as residential; need more parking per new development lack of parking is one reason of avoid downtown.
Over building new departments. Lost a lot of Denver's charm.
Over building of apartment buildings.
Over building of apts unit no parking available traffic - slowing of and elimination of parking & traffic with bike lanes.
Over building using every open lot for apartment/condo construction. Need to save the skyline and open spaces.
Over building with no parking spaces - Dealing with pot shops.
overcrowding / many people moving here
Over developed areas, i.e. Cherry Creek Speer and Downing, need more apartment hedge- rather than condos.
Over development and a mayor in the hands of greedy developers of ugly buildings.
Over development and ugly development. Denver has become ugly and blond. Colo Blvd, for example, used to have interesting & diverse architecture now it looks like a chain store filled street from anywhere USA. ugh!
Over development with insufficient parking and no concern for congestion it creates (currently selling out to developers!).
Over development, traffic, law fair enforcement.
Over development/growth.
Over population, no affordable housing. Households has 2 professionals working full time and we cannot afford to buy a home and barely able to afford rent.
Over population.
Overall "built" environment, zoning & building permits in neighborhoods (residential) and overall economic health.
Overall growth - as the population & development increase, the quality of life decreases.
Overbuilding of multiplex housing - we will have another downtown soon and the product being built is not sustainable long term.
Overbuilding without associated parking (examples - Cherry Creek North), Hirschchild project (no parking) and traffic.
Overcrowding and traffic.
Overcrowding in downtown Denver. Too many multi-level apts & condo's. We are going to be using too much water. No parking for all the avenues ie. entertainment, sports, museums. Light rail is not always an answer.
Overcrowding.
Overcrowding. Too many people moving to Denver.
Overdevelopment - such as uber expensive properly tax to property live McMansions in Washington park area or high rise buildings deliberately without sufficient parking. I don't want this to spread to my neighborhood.
Over-development and insufficient parking.
Overdevelopment, especially squeezing too many residents into neighborhoods with not enough parking
Overgrowth and high cost of living.
Overpopulation, Senior citizens.
Perception of the downtown area of Denver which will be the key of making Denver a viable place to have a business. Many ordinances passed by the City Council are not making Denver a world class city, and the direction from the mayor who has had my support in the past is only serving his interests and not what he ran on.
Planning for growth.
Planning for the increasing number of new people moving into the Denver metro area without places available at a reasonable cost the homeless create a serious situation for all.
Pollution due to the influx of people moving to Denver & thus creating more cars on the roads and more waste overall.
Population - to moving to fast.
Population boom - shortage in housing doctors etc.
Population growth - difficult to manage for housing, traffic & infrastructure.
Population growth - rezoning neighborhoods, traffic.
Population growth - traffic/crime primarily due to number of people coming due to marijuana laws.
Population growth has been too rapid—the influx of people has overly stressed physical infrastructure and city services. I think it's unreasonable to expect the City to keep up. Instead the growth needs to be controlled.
Population growth to fast.
Population growth. Most streets (major streets) are over capacity. Traffic jams occurs and it does not seem to be being addressed on how the city is going to update infrastructure.
Population growth-how to accommodate increasing population-traffic etc.
Population increases & its effect on housing, traffic & services (Especially schools).
Preservation of community in the face of rampant and sometimes destructive economic growth.
Preserve environment because it is our gem. Emissions pollution from trucks and vehicles who cheat and noise pollution form numerous vehicles with improper mufflers lower quality of life in our neighborhood.
Preserving natural spaces and keeping nature at the forefront because that is why people come here to live and visit.
Pressure to the city's infrastructure to handle a rapid increase in population
Promotions a "greener" city by encouraging higher density neighborhoods and developing more public transportation options.
Properties that are empty and neglected too close to other homes.
Rampant growth, bad agricultural choices & zoning create chaos and divide neighborhoods.
Rapid population and density growth without accompanying expansion of infrastructure. This is leading to increasing congestion on roads, parks and neighborhoods. For example zoning approval of new hi-rise apartments that waive parking requirements because "none of our tenants will have cars" -- Really!
Rapid population expansion and the infrastructure to support the latter.
Rapid population growth - can the city infrastructure keep up?
Reducing waste, improving clean energy and clean public transportation - for economic development & environmental health.
Responsible, continued growth across the economic (income) spectrum. Only way to improve & grow the city.
Safety-affects everything, the economy recreation, use of public transportation- everything.
Smart, sustainable development. More pedestrian friendly. Ditch the ditch!
Stopping new development that does not abide by pre-existing zoning laws & is robbing the city of its open spaces & sound structures that have given Denver its excellent quality of life.
Successfully managing growth & development throughout the city, while maintaining an affordable quality of life infrastructure for all citizens.
Sustainable planning for future development (higher population, not having affordable housing options).
The amount of people moving a high cost of living & housing increase while wages, parking (lack of) transportation, and facilities keeping up at the same rate.

The amount of people, moving in and the problems it creates.

The balance between development/growth and respecting local/native culture and communities (gentrification done in mindful and intentional ways that don’t push out people of color).

The city is being ruined by zoning changes, over development, reduction in available parking and numerous scandals, the major is a tool of the developers and the city council is a joke the parks full of weeds & broken monuments and fountains - No pride.

The city not adhering to the neighborhood plans. Allowing high density housing in single family home neighborhoods- with inadequate vetting with neighborhood organizations city totally ignoring zoning!! Inadequate parking for these high density developments.

The city’s growth, with so many new people moving to the city each year I hope the city can continue to grow in a way that can keep the quality of life we have now consistent with the growth. Keeping traffic and home prices manageable will be difficult but important.

The destruction of older neighborhoods and buildings by developers.

The downtown development, homeless and extreme nativism of Coloradans will impede this city's development if the government does nothing to address these issues.

The dramatic influx of people moving to Denver and the strain that puts on our infrastructure and education system now and in the near future.

The growth of the Denver population and handling the traffic & crime that has followed.

The housing developments ratio C.I.V.R. We have to liquor stores within a limited radius and one grocery store. It ridiculous and the one grocery store is always hectic!

The inappropriate influence of developers on elected officials & grow houses being allowed in residential areas.

The melding of economic development with the need of citizenry - environments, mobility, amenities, affordability.

The new bldgs- some are so ugly. And the over building with no parking is terrible.

The population explosion & managing growing need for public transit & effective services.

The rapid growth of people moving here - proper pkg, proper buildings in different communities. Ongoing proper laws, use of tax money from marijuana.

The unmitigated growth of the population concerns me. Our infrastructure was not built to handle so many people. I’m a native and this is breaking my heart. Also there are too many buildings going up. It’s rather willy-nilly too.

These are too many people coming too quickly. Accommodations are being made, but hopefully they are sustainable for when this bubble pops.

Thoughtful development for future growth for better solutions towards (transportation & housing).

Too many people moving to Denver co. just getting crowded.

Too many apt buildings, pot shops - high building construction (downtown).

Too many implants moving in - running the quality of life Denver - The streets are in terrible repair.

Too many people - trying to be a city we’re not.

Too many people moving here, creating too much traffic. Denver is turning into L.A. & is getting over crowded. Crime is going to rise & the environment is going to suffer, thanks to recreational marijuana.

Too many people.

Too much building of apartments in former open spaces; lack of compliance with building codes after they are occupied - ie. H2O leaks, flat roofs, etc.

Too much construction in neighborhood & in a close area - no respect for neighbors at all = parking/street closures.

Too much development with no regard for water pollution etc. Too many people coming to Colorado.

Too much development. Increased traffic, downtown parking, shoddy new housing stock.

Too much growth and crowding.

Too much influx of peoples and the city allowing developers to build low-quality / high-rent apartments everywhere. Stop approving large apartment complexes around single family homes and make commercial business provide parking, not just valet and street parking.

Too much over building creates much congestion.
• Too rapid growth straining infrastructure, especially as it pertain to roads and traffic.
• Unrestricted commercial growth regardless of impact on local community affected !!
• Unrestricted development with little attention to traffic & parking and appropriateness to neighborhood.
• Urban planning & presenting the city’s history/culture mile promoting growth. Please do that mindfully!
  There are too many national chain stores /restaurants opening up here & traffic is a disaster.
• Urban planning for growth. What is being built today is a disgrace. No regard for beauty. Highway infrastructure. You think everyone is going to be riding a bicycle?
• Very little regulation of new development. Many new buildings do not include remotely enough parking. Lack of parking has a very negative effect on the quality of life in Denver.
• Water: Increased population straining water resources without adequate measures in place to preserve water(i.e. incentives to remove grass which is not part of the natural landscape of a mountain desert & requires a lot of water to maintain).
• Water consumption - the overwhelming influx of people & corresponding increase in water use (waste) is a very important matter; the more awareness initiatives for people to understand their usage the better.
• Water, global warming, population increase.
• Water.
• With how fast the city is growing - managing traffic, crime, increasing cost living prices, overall crowdedness.
• Your zoning department is terrible - you are allowing too many buildings & not enough parking.
• Zoning & parking. City, council in the development mayor's pocket. Does not work for people of Denver.

Public safety/Police relations
• (1) Safety concerns downtown (homeless/Transients are a bit unnerving ). (2) Affordable housing- the real estate market is out of control ! I may need to relocate suburbs.
• (1)Police killing colors kids for no reason. (2)There is not a lot of low income housing and affordable housing for families.
• (Drugs & safety) homeless population - loitering, panhandling everywhere! tourists are frightened - its makes visiting areas like the 16th mall unenjoyable. We keep putting a band aid on this issue. Fix it!
• * Crime downtown at night. * Homeless people- find a place for them other than canal.
• 1- Growth control, 2- Safety, 3- Cleanliness, 4- Homeless, 5- Public trans.
• 1- Lot of property crime (house breaking, car breaking, vandalism) with no apparent investigation or arrest. 2- Homeless people downtown.
• 1) Managing growth & the impact of the Marijuana industry on the city. 2) Education!! Colo. has some of the lowest funding for public education!
• Al aprobar la marihuana atrajeron mas olenevantes marihuanos, vagabundos y rateros.
• Al delito y a la delincuencia. Porque tienen & asecso paal a la troja. Alas pistolas y bio laciones no hay seguimietos despues del cazo.
• Allowing drugs or cannabis to all - should never have been passed. Medical purposes only - With control by doctor.
• As a growing city I feel Denver may have a hard time keeping up in terms of the number of police officers and fire fighters needed.
• Being able to provide community safety and economic opportunity to citizens, particularly with the influx of people.
• Better police protection, and fireman.
• Breaking in homes & vehicles. So safety.
• Cannabis laws & implementation - shaping the future !
• Cannabis tourism.
• Cooperation in all areas - safety govt etc.
• Creating a sense of safety and cleanliness in the downtown district during daytime and nighttime hours, as well as integrating the variety of community members moving from other locations to Denver and those that have been here for years.
• Crime - only getting worse.
• Crime - too many people, guns, knives, etc. I'm concerned that Denver is becoming another Chicago.
• Crime & homeless problems.
• Crime & homeless.
Crime & safety.
Crime & security, poor roads & streets, filthy city - if these things are not addressed our tourism will decline & current residents will give up or move. All the tax dollars are funneled to schools. With the $ off lottery and pot. We should set well.
Crime & violence in the streets.
Crime and needs law enforcement so we can live in very safe city.
Crime and safety in neighborhood - I've lived here since 1979 and in the last year I do not feel safe in my home.
Crime area all safety.
Crime by illegals.
Crime downtown. Too many fights, muggings, initiation activities by gangs & individuals. Need more police presence!
Crime feeling safe in one's own neighborhood is essential to living happily.
Crime in neighborhoods.
Crime in the D.U. area as well as downtown.
Crime is the most important issue.
Crime needs to be reduced. It hurts the people and the economy of the city. It also reflects a lack of education and employment and the rising costs of living in Denver.
Crime rate and homeless/drug use in downtown and neighboring areas. Essentials to curb these for economic growth, safety of citizens, and tourism.
Crime!!
Crime, neighborhood crime (burglary robbery, attempted carjacking) with variable police response times, why, value safety in our neighborhood.
Crime, parking, handling growth.
Crime, prices on everything have sky rocketed and many people do not want to work for low wages or being lazy.
Crime, traffic, affordable housing, homelessness.
Crime. Because everyday you hear of someone getting shot or killed on the news. We need more police patrolling the streets.
Crime/Homeless people need more police on streets.
Dealing with crosswalks, people are not patient with walking and bike riders, need more separate sidewalks or grasses separation between sidewalks and streets. If possible.
Delincuencia, la seguridad no es como hace anos y me asusta que la inseguridad incrementa mas.
Downtown safety and ease of parking. Also, I was shocked by all the food courts and other restaurants that disappeared since I retired from working there. It is the first place that people look at in forming an opinion of a city. It looked run down andtired.
Downtown safety/ crime uncomfortable to roam streets after dark.
Drug related crime (med) increasing growth or people as a result - housing etc.
Drug use & prevalence/acceptance of it.
Drugs.
El aumento del crimen, robo y vandalismo por la aprobación de la marihuana recreativa.
End sanctuary city status- Crime is way up. Mayor is racist, chief of police is racist. Liberals turning Denver into West Detroit. I moved to Cherry creek to escape the violent racist blacks & Hispanics.
Enforcement of smoking ban. Smoking should also be banned at all parks transit stations. It's a public health issue.
Enforcing Marijuana laws in use for schools.
Equality in access to safe pedestrian, bike, mass transit access - it is a basic right for every citizen to get where they need to go safely & easily.
Equity, safety for women & minorities - because of election results.
Feeling safe walking around. If I move the number of aggressive street people will be a reason.
Feeling safe, especially in the heart of downtown, i.e. 16th st mall.
Gangs & shooting. It scares me how many shootings are happening.
Gangs and roadway crime associated with gangs.
- Gluso de marihoana ya que es muy fácil de adquirir cualquiera persona.
- Having & crime- cost of living is way up- traffic is out of control & crime has risen.
- Hit & run accidents.
- I think Denver's police dept. needs to be much more accountable to the communities it is most involved in. There must be much more comm. oversight of DPD because many comm.'s in Denver don't trust DPD.
- I think the safety of downtown during the night. As a women, I should not be in fear of something happening to me at night downtown.
- I would say police enforcement brutality, I think a lot of negative things come out personally, I think they're doing an awesome job.
- Illegal- aliens. Gang issues, welfare health care. Don't need two languages!
- Improved policing of downtown Denver & 16th st. mall & improved police training & involved in the neighborhoods.
- In our area, the police don't seem to have much presence - don't see them very often for traffic violation around schools in our area - in one respect that means we don't have much crime (hopefully!).
- Inattentive drivers - It is a huge problem for pedestrians and cyclists as a pedestrian I have been hit on the sidewalk and nearly hit several times including yesterday. Drivers running red lights are a serious problem and pedestrians in crosswalks are not safe. Because of my age I cannot quickly get out of the way of a driver not yielding to me and it is scary. I am not disabled and walk briskly.
- Increasing crimes.
- Insufficient number of police. Crime in my neighborhood is escalating. Public property is being destroyed, people are afraid to walk especially after dark and noise levels from automobiles & stereos have become painful.
- It's hard to choose one. I think the issues surrounding marijuana use, tourism, and safety downtown are crucial I feel less safe that I used to as a result of the influx of people. A close second is the public school system and the overall strength and availability of ECE.
- Keeping neighborhood communities safe and walk/ like friendly w/o a lot of high rise development.
- La marihuana y la delincuencia con gente que llegó de otras estados y por culpa del gobierno por aprobarlo. La Marihuana.
- Law enforcement - not being applied to stop/address the problems - speeding/drag racing, ATV on the streets, animals control very laxed.
- Lawlessness, crime, issues have increased in security as their importance has been ignored.
- Legalization of Marijuana and has attracted too many undesirable people to flood Denver deteriorating and strong the quality of the city.
- Legalization of Marijuana and the effects on the brain and driving reaction time.
- Legalizing Marijuana has attracted transient people all over Denver. Something has to be done.
- Less lethal police response, because it seems Denver P.O. is less concerned with the welfare of the citizens and more concerned with self-defense.
- Look of Denver police staff - & desk, "beat cops", on foot or bikers or horse = there just are not enough police personnel to our growing city and demands. They need more support, especially from mayors Hancock.
- Los fumadores de marihuana en la calle, la mayoría son vagabundos.
- Marijuana in our community. Children's safety and their further in Denver with so many weeds around.
- Marijuana management ! Way too much crime garbage and lack of sales regulation ! Repeat it I would pay more in taxes to get rid of pot and pot related crimes & costs.
- Monitoring pot use & abuse. Making downtown area safe.
- Muchos crimenes con relacion al consumo de marihuana y muchos dispensarios.
- Overall feeling of safety for the residents. The homeless and drug addicts living in the parks are a huge problem. Governor's Park is one of the worst. It is full of cigarette butts and individuals that made me feel unsafe. Also along the cherry creek bike path I fear for my safety and the safety of my son. I avoid areas of the city because of these individuals. As a young mother I would never walk alone after dark in the capitol hill or downtown areas.
- People obeying laws & city ordinances.
- People response/ interaction with people. Some Police are very aggressive too quick to state people are not cooperating. Need more transparency.
Police and all public officiate have a stronger relationship.
Police are rude and are not protecting serving as they should police harass you when pulling you over. Too many wasted tax dollars.
Police brutality. Why? I didn't want to be beat like others have, but on the other hand, I would get a very large cash settlement.
Police conduct - More training equals more respectful officers equals more sense of safety equals better overall community.
Police Conduct/housing population growing at alarming .
Police don’t do their job correctly, garbage! more parking.
Police misconduct.
Police officer interaction with communities of color.
Police ordinance.
Police oversight.
Police relations with community.
Police response times! Fire response times are great, but we need more police and more substations to improve response times.
Police/ Public relations. When I tell my G-child police are our friend she shouldn't think I Lay.
Policing & public safety: rapid growth has also brought unwelcome elements to the city.
Population, because of cannabis.
Prevention of crime - breaking into cars & robbing packages.
Profiling by Denver police, I have no warrants so why would I look like I Do? I dress in work attire not gang attire!
Public safety - downtown at night or after a sporting event can be scary.
Public safety - getting a handle on police officers and the skyrocketing, cost of housing (Rent).
Reconsider gun carrying & recreational marijuana.
Rising crime downtown because it is getting out of control.
Safe and convenient transportation by bus, bike, train. It takes too long to get to different parts of the city, and biking is often unsafe (as is foot traffic across major roads).
Safety
Safety - neighborhoods are safe during the day but because ally ways are unlit (as are most neighborhoods it can feel really scary at night).
Safety - with the growing population, crime has & will continue to increase. More police on patrol to clean up parks/areas where ‘the drifters’ hang out.
Safety & crime because I don’t always feel safe & both know others and myself have been burglarized.
Safety / keeping crime down & affordable housing.
Safety and police conduct and traffic.
Safety crime is growing in neighborhood.
Safety- crime is rising.
Safety especially on mall, daily shootings, increased homeless due to stupid marijuana, cars being stolen, bait car program rent and housing market outrageous.
Safety for people at night on 16th the increase (or my perception of the increase of homeless people in the area is a significant challenge for own city.
Safety in attending any programs.
Safety in downtown area- effects the safety of visitors to our city! as well as locals!
Safety in Lodo. Potholes!
Safety in the downtown dued.
Safety in the streets.
Safety is always the most pressing issue. Reducing crime will increase quality of life in Denver.
Safety making all people having to go by rules not pick & choose. I've had problems w/some neighbors and nothing has been done about it. But they [?] [?] me follow the rules.
Safety of 16th street mall, affordable housing.
Safety of bicycle/pedestrian traffic from urban to downtown. It's unsafe to be in a vehicle trying not to hit someone on a bike - they don't bellow any set of rules & you never know what they will do. It's also unsafe to be on a bike.

Safety of citizens in Colorado. In our neighborhoods. Need more police involvement faster response times!

Safety of residents - too many shootings and serious crime - more I feel is due to legalization Marijuana.

Safety on 16th st. mall.

Safety on 16th street mall.

Safety police need support but also police who break the rules should be fired that statement should apply to all public employees - due process but fire if guilty.

Safety, esp. Amongst growing young, antagonist medicated homeless population

Safety, I have kids and need to feel confident we are safe in our home, neighborhood and city.

Safety.

Safety.

Safety.

Safety.

Safety. Citizens need to enjoy all that Denver has to offer without fear of being a crime victim.

Safety. It is important to feel you are safe where you live. If you don't feel safe none of the other stuff matters.

Seguridad.

She said, Sheriff’s office - that whole area needs improvement in treatment of prisoners especially.

Sheriff and police training & selection to eliminate unnecessary violence.

Small crimes.

Street crime - I want to feel safe anywhere and anytime in the city.

Street gangs.

The crime & over population & rush hour traffic.

The Image of Colorado because of pot!!

The increased use of Marijuana creating the increased crime in the Denver area. The deterioration of the roads & highway very poor effort to patch holes.

The lack of accountability for the Denver police Dept. Signed 11/15/16 Reginald N. Calwal[?].

The legalization of marijuana is a very big problem - in Denver. Hospitals more busy people moving here because its legal the (?) an selling back news.

The massive increase in population increasing crime and needing more security.

The police and the use of force with black males.

The police department and sheriff department have to do a better job with accountability and non-discrimination.

The rampant unchecked & lack to code enforcement to the extensive development now occurring in Denver.

The safety of downtown Denver. Being a transplant from NY, I feel Denver is very safe, however, I know many locals who feel unsafe downtown.

The safety of it citizens. I think feeling safe makes folks feel secure and relaxed, reviewing for more chances to go and see the sites Denver has to offer.

There has been a noted decline in public safety in the downtown area. Violent crime on the 16th St mall, LODO and the drug problem on the cherry crack path is unacceptable & needs to be a addressed more aggressively.

They don’t care for the elder’s crossing the streets or help them cross corn’s when traffic is heavy[?].

Violence.

We need more police on the streets.

Weed - smells like weed/Marijuana in every park more enforcement of no pubic consumption.

What should we do about regulating Marijuana? Where is the affordable housing for lower income rentals?
Homelessness

- #1 The homeless - Everyone should have access to mental health services and a safe place to live. #2 Traffic issues - Can't drive anywhere.
- (1) Homelessness, tragic! (2) Downtown security, Serious concern especially at night time.
- Accidents o Incidents ocasionados por la marihuana.
- Addressing homelessness and associated crime. It greatly distracts from all aspects of life in Denver.
- Bums on 16th street mall.
- Dealing with beggars in the street. It is not only a safety issue, it does also gives a bad impression of the city to tourists.
- Downtown homeless problem (I work @ SDDH and we constantly have issues and it affect business).
- Fix the homeless problem. I have found syringes, Peas and wine in the alley behind my dwelling as an offshoot of this problem. The scares of homeless loitering downtown and in the urban surrounding areas are a major turn off to the city and a nuisance to visitors and residents alike.
- Getting the homeless out of the city. They're a drain on everyone, do not care to help themselves, and fill the city with litter and trash and have no respect for law or others.
- Getting the transient people and mentally challenged people off the street and into facilities programs for assistance versus what is happening now creating unsightly, and unhealthy conditions that are prevalent now in our city.
- Help the homeless. make more shelters for the homeless.
- Homeless - distract from Denver's reputation.
- Homeless and transients
- Homeless in and around 16th st mall area. I have personally been followed and felt very unsafe.
- Homeless issue, what are we doing to keep them out of Denver or keep them from terrorizing the citizens.
- Homeless issue.
- Homeless moving into 7th historic area, more crime and can't take my kids to the park. Need light rail or subway in the city!
- Homeless people - too many people living on these streets. Too many areas full of them.
- Homeless people pan handling and hanging out on the 16th st mall. Because they are aggressive, often just want money for booze or weed, Piss on the sidewalks and make downtown a place I try to avoid.
- Homeless people.
- Homeless persons people that leave their hypo needles maybe they can turn them into a hospital without questions?
- Homeless population & transportation (need better public transport) train to Boulder fort collins (too many people moving here).
- Homeless population because it is increasing rapidly and they are all over our tourist areas.
- Homeless population management.
- Homeless population the number of homeless/ pan-handlers decreases the feeling of safety and also can affect people visiting / tourism.
- Homeless problems and enacting a viable solution.
- Homeless, affordable housing and public education.
- Homeless, lack of mental health facilities, responsiveness of drug epidemy. - Direction for policing Marijuana.
- City law and federal laws should match - people are in lambo when it comes to Marijuana being legal.
- Homeless, living on streets & attracting from Denver being a quality city. Crime downtown on 16th street Mall has increased infinitely.
- Homeless.
- Homeless. Sad to see so many. I can see them along the Platt and Cherry Creek and downtown. Isn't there some way to help them. We need low income housing that do sent take months to acquire. We need small places to live.
- Homeless/vagrant squatting. This is unsafe, unsightly, unsanitary and gives a very poor environment for visitors and residents alike. The answer is not more shelters (means more taxes), but stricter enforcement.
- Homelessness - an unusually large number of people are chronically homeless.
- Homelessness - Homeless camping out let them think any behavior ok. It is essential to get camps off street & not allow a handout behaviors.
Homelessness - It only takes one catastrophic uninsured illness to render someone, ill, homeless (evicted), bankrupt and ultimately homeless. There is no comprehensive data base for all services available to those in need. Standing in lines for hours, hoping to win the lottery for basic needs, is absurd. Information given out regarding resources available is absurdly outdated. Unfortunate people are thrown in with addicts, server mental ill. Appropriate, coordinated help, would make a difference. The computer programmer and the severely mentally ill veteran have different needs - way to be successful.

Homelessness!!! Makes me feel less safe, I feel angry - tired of people begging me for money at stop lights & street corners. This is a huge problem in Denver.

Homelessness & pandering give sense city is unsafe.

Homelessness and drug use, need to find a way to help or discourage large gangs congregating in places. It creates tension and unsafe conditions.

Homelessness and keeping up / managing population growth.

Homelessness at this time the city is implementing a short term solution that will only grow the issue need long term evidence based solutions and efforts to ensure salaries keep up with cost of living.

Homelessness- because It seems there are a lot of homeless people around.

Homelessness price of living.

Homelessness!

Homelessness, drugs (because of drugs).

Homelessness, especially chronic homelessness.

Homelessness.

Homelessness.

Homelessness.

Homelessness. It feels like the homeless population has increased bringing health and safety issues.

Homelessness. It is a threatening feeling to come to a stop light and be approached by a homeless person - most of the time he/she is high! Denver has a quite a rap for homelessness!

Homelessness. It negatively impacts everyone residents, tourists and most importantly the homeless individuals themselves.

Homelessness. Its out of hand. They are disrespectful, yelling at people randomly. The city smells, and they leave trash everywhere. I couldn't sit at the bus stop because there was so much smell and trash. They need more resources to help them and the mental ill need more assistance.

Homelessness. I've never seen it as bad as it is in this city. Entire blocks are occupied by the homeless.

Homelessness. We need to make sure they live in safe shelters most of the time, especially during holidays.

I think that hunger and homelessness are huge here and need to be addressed.

Increased population - more homelessness, more crime, more traffic.

Providing for the homeless and getting the panhandlers off the streets. Keep downtown safe.

Providing housing for homeless. Like idea of using homeless to help in doing city jobs, continue to provide low cost housing, street repairs.

Safety of people in downtown Denver, 16th St, Mall & LODO, etc. Pollution (smog) due to increased traffic.

Safety on streets.

Still need a better solution for the homeless. More options for shelters and mental health. Everyday I walk to work I pass by the homeless sleeping on the sidewalk. The community is pretty great here and I think we can, and should organize as a community to help them, even if we start small.

The homeless - they are not being treated as people. They are moved around and not helped.

The homeless and drug addict population. They invoke a perception of an unsafe neighborhood and add to the trash and litter around the city.

The Homeless people in the downtown area. I drive for a ride share and I am embarrassed and feel sad for our homeless population. They take away the beauty and comfort of our downtown area. So many nice places in Denver and then you see blocks of people seeping, urinating, and taking drugs on our streets....I thought the legalizing a marijuana would earn tax money to help them. CLEAN UP THE HOMELESS AREA

The homeless population is increasing due to the legalization of rec marijuana. What are we going to do to get all these people off the street. Panhandlers are in every corner.

The homeless problem.

The homeless situation! legalization of marijuana seemed to have increase the numbers.
The homeless.

The homeless. Get in out of here! They are a blight on what is otherwise a fantastic city.

The increase of homelessness in the past year. I think it is direct correlation to the crime in my neighborhood and loitering on private property.

The most pressing issue facing Denver is the growing homeless population because it is impacting the perceived safety and cleanliness of our city. There are beggars now on every corner, streets of downtown, etc.

The number of Homeless people on The streets. -Not enough Homeless shelters? avoids danger for everyone...

The overwhelming homeless population making it hard/scary to use our parks, downtown areas, and sidewalks.

The rate of homelessness.

The number of Homeless people on The streets.

- Not enough Homeless shelters? avoids danger for everyone...

The overwhelming homeless population making it hard/scary to use our parks, downtown areas, and sidewalks.

Two things: 1) Homelessness 2) Ability to drive and park in the city. Denver has taken an approach that rewards bikers, but not drivers. I understand the goal, but I'm moving out of the city for this reason. There is absolutely no good reason to cause traffic pile-ups by installing bike lanes. This is a solution that makes travelling easier for a small number of commuters, while making it more difficult for the vast majority of commuters.

Governance, budget and economy

1) Traffic!! 2) Extent & quality of support for DPS.

Able to respond to all members of our community especially those with less resource.

Amendments & like issues being voted on i.e. minimum wage ordinance 300 etc. I think the turnout of voters and really showing Colorado's views is something we need to improve on.

Balancing tax revenue with planning.

Better budget control. Need homeless solution more polices accountability.

Better city schools.

City councils response to the citizens is very poor they are involved with the developers.

City government & Mayor does not value citizen quality of life preference is given to developers at the expenses of city residents & neighborhoods. Lock of Marijuana & over saturation of pot.

Communication of administration with workers after a problem is talked about.

Composting & recycling - needs to be promoted to lower trash!

Constant creeping upward of our taxes for educating and cultural art arenas. They are voted on but so many Denverites are ignorant about how money is wasted.

Cost reduction of city services to allow existing programs to be maintained.

Cut taxes- (Storm drainage fee) etc. Infrastructure- (More of it).

Denver city council & governments & mayor's reluctance to go with the popular wishes of its citizens - The drainage conundrum - Homeless tactics - Money spent or overspent.

DPS - improving the schools will encourage families who currently live in Denver to take advantage of & support & the public school. Many families currently in Denver feel they need to send their children to private schools.

Education - child.

Education - low pay - high rent/housing ratio. Awful traffic.

Education - preschool & daycare @ affordable costs. Our future.

Education. Education brings us all to the same playing field.

Educational system in southwest Denver - Poor support economically for low performing schools.

Federal encouragement on locals issues exodus our ability to govern ourselves.

Finding resources for the chronically homeless pop. & getting homeless permanently placed with mental health & substance abuse treatment. Not displacing them in camp clean outs. This will lower crime & unrest downtown in addition to being their right thing to do.

For such an "environmental" city, we have 1 of the worst city recycling rates. I want to see recycling increasing, composting for all, and a reduction in landfill waste.

Founding leadership at all levels to replace the incompetent ones in office.
Government growth! The tax base is great now it will not stay that way forced . Don`t grow government just
because you have a wind fall there will be a rain date.
Honest government practices letting the public really know the truth in the person for the project.
I have lived in DEN. Since mayor Bill Mcnichols; without a doubt, this is the most incompetent, inept and out
of touch administration I have had to suffer through, Pave the damn streets!!
I think education of students from disadvantaged circumstances is the most important. My daughter got a bad
education in Denver in spite of dedicated and hardworking teachers, Denver doesn't spend much unless your
child is in an elite [?].
Improving education and job skills training for young people.
Improving health, mental health, and social services. Healthy bodies and minds, and a strong safety not help
build and maintain productive communities.
Increase compost & recycling pick up recycling every week and stop changing for compost.
Increasing DPS teacher pay and road maintenance .Both of these need more money more attention.
K-12 education.
K-12 education. Attracting & maintaining families requires high quality public education.
K-12 Educational!! The quality of the education we offer should be held as high a standard as the city itself.
Keeping public services (libraries, rec. centers, etc.) running and improving is essential because they keep
Denver - ITES educated, healthy and involved allowing them to give back to the city.
Left mayor interested in self with too much influence over chief - of - police.
Less corruption.
Maintaining good public schools - use amendment 64 cannabis sales taxes to improve public schools.
Maintaining quality schools and education for K-12 monitoring crime and safety issues downtown and other
public areas.
Making public schools better.
Mayor Hancock's & the city council's cozy relationship with developers.
More access to sustainable programs for residents, more access to recycling, composting and energy efficient
programs. More affordable public transportation. Continued sense of community. Continued support for the
arts and parks.
Over spending- increasing taxes- too many government employees other than police too much spending for
public schools.
Pollution and waste management - this also encapsulates transportation. Denver is growing rapidly and must
do everything it can to minimize waste.
Pollution/ traffic/ congestion because of explosive growth and immigration.
Proper use of tax money.
Public education- Vital to for town of Denver USA & world.
Public school education - will determine greatly if families came to and stay in Denver.
Quality education for all children, including a safe environment to learning. Up to date facilities, qualified and
vetted teachers. Young people are our future.
Quality of education in the public schools. Our state's education is underfunded. I have many friends who are
teachers so I hear about overcrowded classrooms, kids who aren’t getting the support they need etc.
Quality of education.
Recycle bins should be picked up every week, or given larger bins.
Replacing the current incompetent and then undoing the previous years & incompetent Denver leadership. An
honest Denver leader would immediately resign if they had any honor or honesty at all.
Responding to the drastic upcoming changes in federal government particularly related to historically
opposed group.
Road conditions the populations has increased and will continue to increase the roads are turn up! Our cars
are being damaged.
School district.
School law performance.
Slow response to 311 city clams. Trash yards too many cars, easement clean up. To push from city when
complaints brought in.
- Smaller classroom sizes & schools in Northeast Denver (Stapleton) NE Denver traffic on Quebec St., Central Park Blvd & 270 (E+W) unused express lanes on I-25 because everywhere you look there's more construction and nothing addressing the traffic and school issues.
- Snow removal on side streets, I use a cane and do not like walking on icy side streets.
- Somewhat pressing: Yard waste is picked up with regular trash to landfill. It would be better to have a FREE way to have yard waste picked up to compost it. This should be for a reasonable set amount of yard waste per household, or set dates (a schedule) for pickup of yard waste per household/area.
- Street maintenance: the quality of the paving has decreased dramatically over the last 20 years.
- Tax moneys need to be used more efficiently and accounted for publicly.
- Taxes and fees add up and becomes expensive to seniors.
- Taxes are too high- housing is too high. Race relation- pricing Coloradans art of Colorado nothing is affordable anymore - Colorado is the new CA & TX!! I do not like that!!
- Taxes for real estate are too high, hard to survive.
- Taxes, to many and to high.
- The quality of Denver Public Schools must be improved. 1) They need to issue a minimum amount of standardized tests. 2) They need to offer vocational classes to motivate students' attendance and offer them skills with which to compete in the working world. 3) They need to incorporate cultural classes with an emphasis on art, music, and history. These classes would certainly peak their interest in learning. Too many students are dropping out and becoming a faction of the increasing [?]. in this city!
- The rudeness of Denver employees. Denver employees treat everyone like they're criminals.
- To keep the major from continuing to rubber stamp runaway development!
- To me, the city government seems 'bought and paid for' by real estate developers and other 'big money' interests. That needs to end.
- Too many pressing issues to name child care & education only one air quality, affordable housing, recreation facilities for lower income areas. Addressing crime. Solutions for homeless.
- Using tax money honestly- especially in applying it to the education system. Prioritize all schools.
- Waste collection.

Other
- A rapidly increasing population with which comes a chain reaction of good and bad.
- Address racial issues in the city & county. Have conversations w/the community.
- Affordable healthcare- my insurance premiums have doubled each year in the last 2 years.
- Aging population and health care costs.
- Customer services & customer contact.
- Economic, Traffic, Education.
- Economy - without funds both personal and community, nothing is going to happen and unrest, anger will increase.
- Encouraging union activism and belonging
- Fire Works being lit year long very upsetting to my family disturbs my nice neighborhood.
- Get rid of illegals. Bring Back English not Spanish in schools. Quit catering to non speaking English people. The schools suck because of it Denver last in schools
- Healthcare.
- I am disabled I don't understand how to answer a question when no one is here to help me. Sorry about that.
- Illegal immigration.
- Increase in population.
- It really doesn't matter because nothing is going to come of this "Survey".
- Keep the Sabbath Day holy from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. Keep the Ten Commandments & believe in Jesus.
- Keep working harder to make a better city.
- Keeping our vulnerable populations safe amid federal Government change.
- Maintaining a cultural heritage and diverse open community in the fare of rapid redevelopment.
- More help.
- Need to have a renewal drivers license in Southeast Denver. Especially since renewals are every 5 years.
• No jobs - places for people like me had to move because of death of owner.
• Noise pollution on loud truck & motorcycles in neighborhoods
• Not sure if it's necessarily an "issue", but I feel like the image & appeal of Denver that initially attracted so many people to move here in the last 5 years has changed quite a bit. It feels crowded no matter where you are and & what time of day. Finding parking in my quiet neighborhood is super difficult at night. Rent prices are through the roof. The economy is clearly booming, which is great, I just miss the beautiful "quaintness" that Denver used to pull off as a city. That's hard to do.
• Over population illegal aliens.
• Please next time explain 311; I know 911 for emergencies.
• Race - all people who want to live in the USA. Should have to take a citizen test and learn English. English should be the only language ESL - English as a second language should be the first language.
• Relationships amongst various groups & healing rifts.
• Showing and demonstrating value from resources received!
• Social and economic inequality.
• Socialism
• Stop being a scenery city cost us more.
• Stop using the stop light cameras - inaccurate & waste of tax money.
• The city of Denver is taking good care.
• The influx of immigration. Stop being a sanctuary city.
• The major "kisses" developers "Behinds".
• The older part of Montbello needs a soft covenants to clean it up. Having so many rentals, they just don't care about the yards or outside of the house.
• To get along with each other and do the job they to the best of their ability.
• Too many liberals. Healthcare is too expensive taxes to high.
• Too many out of state people coming to Colorado staying on the street: I don't know why they are coming to Colorado!
• Too many people. Not enough natives.
• Too much attention to low income housing/people can leave average income people was left out for everything need to treated equally. Many people abuse system of section 8.
• Total apathy.
• Trying to convert the city to a 'give - away' city - they're trying to 'give', not 'earned rewards'. Anything not 'earned' is not 'respected'. The city does not 'owe' anyone - anything, - hence - no city pride.
• Tu inseguridad.
• Tu inseguridad.

Don't know
• Catering to illegal immigrants they seem to have more rights than the citizens do-no consistency or accountability - no follow through on anything.
• Don't good.
• Don't know.
• Don't know.
• Don't know.
• I don't know.
• I don't know.
• I have only lived here for 3 months so I don't know.
• n/a
• N/A.
• Ninguna.
• No idea.
• No se.
• No se.