

2021 Community Survey: Comments from Open-Ended Questions

Question 5: What else do you think will help residents and our community recover from the pandemic?

Question 20: Do you have any other suggestions for how the County could serve you better?

Note: Commissioner Katie “Kay” S. Cashion is an at-large commissioner all tables below may be considered.

Vice Chair and Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster (District 1)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to affordable health care. • More funding for primary care physicians. • More health equipment and resources for those who are not ill with COVID. More doctors available and not only nurses and practitioners. Pain management availability for those dying and or in chronic pain has completely stopped and people have been left to suffer by the cone health system. • Health care. • Be political when it comes to healthcare • Stop allowing the most careless selfish people in the state dictate your health programs. Shameful to see “leaders” little more than apologetic “followers” of the mob
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better food in our schools, better educational resources and easier ways to obtain help. • Fix our school system. We need more/new schools in each community. • Yes, get rid of CRT in our schools and have parents directly involved with what is taught in the school system.
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with the supply disruption • Keep economy strong while providing financial assistance to those lower income citizens
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care (mental too) • Increased mental health access and services • More resources for mental and behavioral health. Safety in all neighborhoods, not just the poor
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent relief, housing • More community care for homeless and refugees. • The county need to physically help the people in need with getting houses, rental assistance and food resources
	Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
	Difference in Health Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on equity and health disparities • Pay attention to health of undeserved. Build trust through local respected people. I will be better served if my fellow humans gain equity
	Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask people to support their communities by going back to work. • Employment opportunities. • Get folks that can work back to work. • Getting people back to work by cutting off endless unemployment support. • Create strategies to build up workforce. • Increase pays for all employees- or a bonus check for the federal. • Increased wages • Work from home opportunities • Jobs • Raise the minimum wage and make sure that the business pays, there people right and stop the utility companies from raising the rates people can't pay with little money.

Miscellaneous (Did not fit into ETC Priority Area) (Unordered)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are help wanted signs in virtually every business. Cut unemployment benefits for non-disabled. • More jobs opportunities Highpoint. There nothing for family to do in High point
	High Speed Internet Access	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
	Neighborhoods & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to any help. • Access to funding / assistance equal for all to house, educate, employ, be able to feed self and families. • Being able to socialize such as family get together in parks, etc. • Fund the money to veterans, law enforcement and emergency services i.e., paramedics and firefighters. We need the personnel to keep our communities safe.
	Help for Tourism, Travel, Hospitality, Related Industries, and Business Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think outdoor concerts and community activities and virtual events would help.
	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees that work in the food industry should be required to test weekly or monthly. It should be mandatory for people working in doctors and dentist offices to be tested. • Continue to press for universal vaccination. Too much false “information” is circulating and causing people to avoid or delay accessing the protection that serves all people. • Continue to wear the mask in public. • Easy access for vaccinations, including transportation needs. • Education about the virus and spread, education regarding prevention and importance of vaccinations. • Fines imposed if you do not wear your mask in public. • Follow the states and cities that have done well during the pandemic. They kept businesses open and allowed people to go about their day. • Forced vaccination. • Getting back to normal. This is a politically motivated pandemic. • Honest communication regarding “hot pockets” in terms of location, safe areas, vaccination rates. • Learning how to cope with the problems and accepting the reality of the situation with an interest in understanding the relationship between your own health and the health of others • Lift mandates. • Make everyone get vaccinated. • Mask and vaccine mandates with no exceptions and fully enforced. • Mask mandate. • Medications or vaccines that eliminate the spread. • No government mandates, local, state or federal. No remote learning for any levels of school. We need more police • Open. Get rid of the mask. Encourage people to go to work and school • Remove mask mandate. Stop requiring vaccine. Let people free to decide for themselves. • Small community masked distanced meetings to encourage caring for each other and share accurate information. Include respected figures in organizing. • Stop shutting things down • The county should have read the definition of the word “mandate”. It has no relationship to the word “recommend.” The cowardness of all state, county, and city officials during the 2020 period was itself sickening. • The most critical factor enabling the virus to continue to spread is the relatively large portion of the community that either refuses to vaccinate or is slow to do so. Recovery will occur much more quickly if we can get most of the populace vaccinated which then

	<p>allows businesses and recreational facilities to fully open and increases the proportion of people willing to support local businesses and to participate in activities that may be crowded. A strong effort is already underway to do this but clearly more emphasis would help and that usually requires that more money be spent on the effort. My suggestion is to evaluate how best to craft these messages and then spend the money to get them distributed to the entire populace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They need to do what is expected to keep everybody safe. • Transportation to community church. Facilities for information, like COVID in depth class. • Vaccinations • Since masks are required in some areas, it is wise to give them out, free. They should not be so expensive in stores to assist those who cannot afford them • Each person should decide for themselves to get the vaccine or not. Everyone else should mind their business. • Enforce laws that make mask wearing mandatory. Limits on how many can be in one place. • Ensure appropriate mask mandates are in place, and testing sites available for testing. • Ensuring that there is a clear message indicating when additional vaccines may be needed and especially how to locate a facility that is delivering the vaccines. Having a single site for scheduling a vaccine would be of great benefit but I know this is difficult given the different health care providers and companies providing the vaccines. • Go back with the mask mandates.
<p>Relationship with Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open forums to voice opinions to all levels of government. • Before any money is spent on anything, full and comprehensive county govnt sharing/disclosure to taxpayers of our har-earned taxes (or fed debt)!!! We are very tired of bureaucratic decisions under guise of something that are not full disclosures. Just as important, waste and cronyism or payback favors to political supporters!!! • Better inform personal and accurate info. • Get rid of Skip • What if someone has NO access to internet, or can't afford a newspaper, or don't have school aged children to get info? Considering the extreme isolation FOSTERED by ALL LEVELS of Mother GOVERNMENT, how would the persons in the situations get the very voluminous and many changes to policies during these unprecedented times? Government forced and enabled new poor habits by YOUR DRACONIAN measures that GOD only knows what generational harm you've cause for citizens of all ages. The harm would span from education/career opportunities, and mental and medical health. • Insist on fair redistricting. • They're not many options that they give black people here and it is not a race thing or anything it's just harder for black people to get ahead here I mean we struggle every day we wasn't born into money we work hard jobs just barely getting by paycheck to paycheck and can't really rent is high utilities are high I mean there's no way for me to explain it without putting everything into words. • Pick up the leaves along the curbs. • Stop the focus on black and gay communities and focus on helping all people.
<p>Crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest criminals and keep them in jail. • Crime is outrageous! I have been affected by crime twice since the pandemic. I'm not sure what you can do. • Supporting our police department in cleaning up the drug abusers, prostitutes, and criminals that infest our neighborhoods. Especially in the areas around the south side of high point where I live. I see it daily, to the point where I had to install security cameras on my house, and I refuse to leave my house unarmed. While the law-abiding citizens are obeying the rules and following mandates when required, even to the point of being denied basic needs due to supply shortages, we are being robbed by criminals out to

	<p>make a quick dollar that we are struggling to save during this pandemic. Put some of that money into the police department to help protect us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking the guns away from people who shouldn't have them cause the triad has gone downhill and I am assumed of how my 16-year-old is having to grow up cause every time the morning news is on there is a shooting at a school, neighborhood or somewhere • Taking the guns away from people who shouldn't have them cause the triad has gone downhill and I am assumed of how my 16-year-old is having to grow up cause every time the morning news is on there is a shooting at a school, neighborhood or somewhere • Do not allow reckless behavior. • Put criminals in jail
<p>Basic Needs & Household Assistance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced food cost and necessary items that we must have would help greatly. • Give stimulus money to help with bills and food. • I think that major financial assistance will help residents and our community recover from the pandemic. I think that those who used to not be eligible for financial assistance, should now be eligible. They should raise the income guidelines. Sometime people who make more money are struggling just as bad as the ones who make less money because we don't qualify for certain programs. • Need more money on food stamps-help with car or something to help get one. • Make it easier for those in need to receive the help they need. The community is struggling, and the resources are not getting to the ones in need! • More individual stimulus. • More money. • More resources. • Any extra money that can be given to those in need. • People need direct aid: stimulus checks. Everyone can smell the rot in America now. Stop pandemic to businesses, help people directly before it's too late please. • People need help paying their bills! • People really need money coming in on the regular. The world revolves around money. Without money people can't live. Groceries must be purchased rent has to be paid personal items are needed the pandemic has taken a lot from people and they think by the little 200. \$300 a month they've been giving that's a nothing that's barely enough to buy groceries so if you're going to help it must come with financial help • Since the pandemic the cost of living has gone up. You can barely make it now on your income. Housing, food, gas, toiletries, etc. Has increased significantly. Lowering the prices would help, but I'm sure you have nothing to do with this. My light bill is extremely high, but if you work you can't get any assistance. I live from paycheck to paycheck and is barely making it. • Snap assistant with the rising price of food, not for those already receiving assistance but those who work and struggle with food insecurity every day. Eligible working families should a onetime offer for food assistance. • We need help with rent and utility caps in this area. The cost of living does not reflect the wages we are paid. The city of high point average light bill and rent requires multiple streams of income. We can't afford to feed our families and I don't qualify for assistance but need help. • Financially supporting residents. • Help me get bills paid food and fix my car so can go back to school • Help. People. Please. HPU owns enough of High Point already
<p>Supporting the International Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community international. • Don't forget about immigrant communities that were not eligible for economic relief.
<p>Civil Discourse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued efforts to get a civil discourse space. Misinformation and radical politicization have made navigating any type of difference exponentially more difficult. • Don't be judgmental.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just a general shift in mindset. I believe that most of us are truly trying to help, but some focus more on promoting good and some focus more on preventing people from cheating the system with the idea that it makes more room for the people who need help. I personally find that there will always be people abusing systems and I would rather the focus be on expanding help. We must address foundational needs like food, shelter, and love in order to address crime, tension between neighborhoods/races/economic standings, and to make sure each person has the tools for a self-sustaining life at their disposal (as well as a tool manual or training). I guess just really a change of philosophy. Humans first, money second. • Make the media stop the fear mongering
	Elderly Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the elderly with things to do and get paid for it, or help the elderly make up the difference in their monthly income, because most of the elderly don't have enough money to live on. Please help us, thank you. • Wellness checks on seniors. Reduce isolation by providing safe and healthy social environments. • Provide stipends for in-home employment for seniors. Many seniors need to feel productive. • Employ seniors, especially for customer care and personal contact with calls to Guilford County
	Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better walkability to shopping areas – more sidewalks and better lit streets.

Commissioner Alan Perdue (District 2)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Please build up the public health infrastructure. They do so much with very little. Give them the tools they need.
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Improve schools. leadership, budget, curriculum, increase salary of teachers. invest in children. Guilford County's public-school system needs support for facilities upkeep and for building new facilities, money for supplies like computers and iPads and other technology so that schools can adapt better for pandemics disrupting in-school learning; more money for current teachers and to hire more teachers. Childcare is huge for working families and after school programs are really needed to help these working families as well as preschool options. The lack of support for our public-school system for the last decade is pure negligence! Schools need more mental health access for students and school nurses. The pandemic magnified the many areas our schools have been neglected and the education and health of young people is vital to our community's future. Use common sense in getting schools back to normal schedules and require students to attend and do their work. Benefits all of us. Education Work with employees to make school transportation a higher priority. it would be nice if the schools would be more consistent- in person vs virtual invest in our children/students who had disruption in school, access to counseling if needed. The state paying teachers better. If the state can't do it the county should pick up the slack, it's laughable More education is needed on all levels.
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pull back government spending in unemployed areas. Unburden small businesses so they can increase production and naturally stimulate economy. SBA's for people of color. Startup funding for small businesses. I think the county should help small businesses more
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> better funded mental health services and funding SIS (Supervised Injection Sites)/OPC (Overdose Protection Center). Supporting people at the most basic mental level will improve life not just for themselves but all around them. Having someone to talk to Provide more access to mental health professionals and increase the cap for young individuals to earn and maintain Medicaid/EBT Support services that enhance citizen safety including adding social workers, behavioral health teams to police calls More outreach programs to address substance abuse in African American neighborhoods
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another great concern that has been heavily present throughout the pandemic is the health, safety, and wellbeing of children. Many children did/do not have access to school due to COVID, and it has put many at risk due to food insecurity, unsafe home environments, and mental effects from social isolation. Better childcare options Childcare, we still must pay when they close due to COVID, and we can't work because of a closed day care More help with childcare, as most of the paycheck goes for it. Leaves less money to live on Investing in recreational activities for children.
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aid to our homeless citizens would, in my opinion, give the greatest impact to our communities. This is often achieved through access to basic needs, but also would be

	<p>greatly impacted by better funded mental health services and funding SIS (Supervised Injection Sites)/OPC (Overdose Protection Center).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more funding for overtime for DSS to process ERUA applications • Gain knowledge about economic development, clean up the pan handlers on every street corner, get city govt out of the way and we will recover very well. • Residential rent. • Help the Community give the People who have fought in past wars a Roof over their heads and The Homeless • Support for the landlords!! No one mentioned them during the pandemic • There's no one specific area or issue that's more concerning then the other. Affordable and safe housing. Living in a neighborhood that is known for criminal activities but due to higher cost of living was forced to stay in a neighborhood that should be torn down. Drug, rodent, and criminal infestation has taken the neighborhood over • More houses for homeless and affordable housing • Cap on rental properties. • Better housing for handicapped residents. Wheelchair accessible apartments with full handicapped bathroom facilities.
Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Difference in Health Outcomes	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage people to work and not depend on government handouts • Everyone goes get a job-no more fed checks. • Find ways to incentivize people to go back to work and not count on government money excessively • Yes-stop giving money to people-people who can work-there are a lot of jobs out here that need an employee. Between federal government and our government giving money for people not working. • For people that can work take the abundant jobs that are available in just about every sector of employment. • Funding programs, how to invest money. Provide training for jobs. • Get us back to work. • Getting people back to work, supplying transportation and stopping incentive payments to all people w children regardless of income. • I think there should be more job openings available to people who have been let go or fired due to job performances that they tried to do at their best or simply not having enough experience to working ways-that a citizen can keep a job to earn a living no matter what their struggles are. There should be plan of action to keep people employed and working on jobs to earn a living as well as a higher pay perhaps. • Jobs • Stop the giving second and third generation welfare because we have a lot of businesses with hiring signs everywhere-but why work if you can get it for free? • Support for raising minimum wage. • Get a job. Job availability is high. Raising the minimum wage will help this shortage. • Work requirements • Get people off assistance and back into the work force
High Speed Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More free internet infrastructure.
Neighborhoods & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community gatherings • Infrastructure built for all. Need more things for families to do. • Recreational opportunities, parks. • Safe neighborhoods and decrease unemployment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far, I believe Guilford County has done good enough with bringing the community back together and resuming most normal pre-COVID activities, which I believe is one of the best ways to continue to recover from the circumstances that we are in • Stop fake news. Severely penalize scammers using pandemic issues to defraud people. • Stop mask mandates that hinder businesses and put fear in people. We need to get people back to work. • Stress the safety and importance of COVID vaccines. • Transparent and accurate reporting of data related to the pandemic. People need the truth to make informed decisions for themselves. No V mandates. • True education about the disease, how & why it spreads, and true and honest means of avoiding it. We need alternatives to being locked down. People need common sense education about social distancing. As a society, it seems that we are getting mixed signals about the safety. Why are we supposed to wear a mask to enter a restaurant only to take it off to eat? We are walking past other patrons, but we are also sitting close to them. What's the difference? Then there would be the bar/nightclub scene...people are wall to wall and don't consider masks important, they could be spreading the disease. On the other hand, we do nothing, we return to life as it was in 2019. If you get sick from COVID, you go home and hope you don't get too sick and die. I don't want to get sick. The problem in society is that people go to work/school/shopping/dining when they are sick (cold/flu/sore throat/chicken pox/you name it), unless they can't get out of bed. People should stay home. There should be repercussions for people who spread sickness. Ok, I may have gone too far out on a limb, oh well. It's all about common sense and understanding. There isn't too much of that these days. • Vaccine incentives. • Vaccine mandates: proof of vaccine required. • Vaccines • Reenact last mandate. • Thank you for mask mandates and other public health measures taken. • Stop mask mandates, move past COVID • Mask mandate to keep everyone safer, especially until after the holidays. • Make vaccines mandatory or showing a vaccine card mandatory. • Make each community safe start in HP. • Mandate vaccines so we can end this stupid thing. • Make vaccination appointments easier to find. • Wear masks obtain COVID vaccination and boosters. Maintain a safe distance from other people. If sick, stay home
<p>Relationship with Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing the resources, they have available to them and not make the process so hard to get those resources • Low taxes • Thanks for all your efforts to serve the County. Very much appreciated! • Stop blowing everything out of proportion!! • Taking responsibility for their own actions • Treat the source not the symptom. • Guilford county and the commissioner have been excellent in their appeals • Do away with as much tax as possible. Fixed income people have a hard time purchasing necessities with everything so expensive. • Invest in counter-misinformation campaigns. • Listen to the people. Stop making decisions on who lines your pockets. • Lower taxes • Listen to the will of the people and not so much the government. The government works for the people not the other way around. • Better communication on more channels. • Don't get gerrymandered and maintain voting access.

Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less crime!! Too much gun violence. It's every day I don't know what the problem is or how to solve it ... • Making sure Law Enforcement is given enough money to cover areas that people are reporting crimes such as items being stolen, gun shots at night also during the day. If you have money for more police hires you can cover more areas where people are stealing to buy food or pay for housing. • Quit being a sanctuary county and keep the criminals off the streets. More sheriff's patrols and more prosecution. Do not let rioters Damage private property. • Just safety regarding violent crimes. • Continuing to figure out how to reduce crime. A start would be to raise minimum wage and give a tax break to every company that does so, especially small business owners. Unencumbered basic healthcare for anyone who needs it. An employee making minimum wage shouldn't have to spend 4 to 6 hours to get medical help for a simple but contagious illness. And we need to study countries, cities, counties that are doing a better job with street drug use and addiction. • Make each community safe start in HP. • Law enforcement
Basic Needs & Household Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash subsidies • Do you have food, job, or health care support? • Food services. • Food • Helping some that are struggling with paying mortgage and utility bills. Help with food vouchers. • Less inflation, higher pay wages, less taxes, more stimulus money, and more help with purchasing food. • Stop giving out money • Officers taking calls seriously. Stimulus check from our county. I support my daughter school, I volunteer, I try to be an up standing member of the community even though I have a troubled past. The county should give back with stimulus checks for everyone not just people with kids. • Programs and assistance to help Americans get on their feet. • Reparations paid to descendants of slaves. Nc along with cities, counties, and municipalities were built on the backs of slaves. • Direct funding to low-income families. • Lower prices in grocery stores.
Supporting the International Community	<p><i>No open comments received in this area.</i></p>
Civil Discourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure how to make this happen but helping facilitate people talking to one another- understanding different opinions and experiences. • Positive news reporting. Encourage people to live normal routines especially schools & churches. • Prayer. • Stop making everything about race and nonexistent genders and focus on people and businesses. • Stop the misinformation.
Elderly Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help for the elderly. Seems like they have been forgotten in all this. Most live on fixed incomes and are unable to keep up with higher prices on all goods and services. • Help senior citizen's better. I am a 66-year-old woman lives by myself in Muirs Landing supposed to be affordable housing. I applied for help with paying my rent with EARP Greensboro City by Oct 1st. My application is just sitting there saying submitted. Nobody cares I don't have family members to help me. I was working at the age of 65 when I got lay off due to COVID. You all are paying young people an extra \$300 per month plus no

		<p>problem helping with their rent and lights. I live on social security only my rent is increasing in Jan and Medicare premiums are also going up. There's nothing left from my social security check at the end of the month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for the elderly and their housing taxes• Making sure all seniors are taken care of.
	Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I would suggest maybe having better transportation with drivers who have great attitudes when transporting the public-especially with cab drivers-there have been a lot of cab drivers who either have bad attitudes or are late picking up/roping off someone or not ever showing up at all, causing people to miss their trips-there should be a better more affordable way to get around.• Take care of our roads

Commissioner Justin Conrad (District 3)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue support on decreasing infant mortality, the beginning of the people pipeline. • Education/TV/Radio programming featuring local celebrities and leaders focused on smart eating and sleeping habits and behavior habits to keep strong. Immune systems and minimize COVID spread. • Healthcare access and mental health support will be crucial. I believe that elementary age children have had very little education in the past two years. • The county must improve and invest in the EMS system. This should be one of the priorities above. The system was overworked, it needs reviewed and upgraded. This COVID isn't over, and EMS needs to be the highest priority for the county.
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better funding for education. • Budgeting education • Our school district needs to offer teachers more part-time employment opportunities to meet the needs of their household responsibilities. Teachers need to be at home more to take of their own families social-emotional needs • Investments in our schools! Not to be flippant, but the kids are not alright. • Safety issues, support police and school officials. • School improvements, air quality and teacher pay increase. • Spend huge surplus in state budget for schools and quickly spend 104 million to directly help the poor. • We need to help the low-income families whose children might have been set back in their education due to no in school teaching. We need to make sure they are not left behind! • Use a larger percentage of Lottery Money for maintaining school buildings, better teacher pays • Our school system needs to move away from a traditional 5-day school week to a 4-day system. Families need more time to rest. Parents and children need time to recuperate from the stress of the pandemic and the day-to-day rigorous activities driven by our schools' hours of operation. We need more holidays that are tied to community events (festivals, university homecomings, city celebrations, state holidays, and more national holidays). • Increased community literacy programs
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stimulus checks to stimulate the economy
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling • Further investments to public health, especially mental health and substance abuse • Incentives to exercise in our parks & recreational areas to better assist in mental health issues & general healthy wellbeing! • Investment in our children's mental health is of utmost importance. They have been undeniably severely affected by this pandemic and need attention. • thank you for being part of the TCL1 program with Sandhills Ctr. Receiving supports and housing assistance has CHANGED my life
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More access to our lead drop-in play daycare that offer up to four hours of care for parents whose children must be out of school due to illness. • Hello, parents today need help parenting. Some students are not being encouraged in positive ways by the adults in their lives. Students need help with moral values, discipline, and respecting authority. I believe irresponsible parenting spread from community to community and becomes a bigger and bigger problem. We need to stop this train. Vaccines will take care of COVID19. • We need more services for early childcare for all
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing.

Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Difference in Health Outcomes	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A universal basic income for all residents funded by a tax on high income individuals and commercial and residential developers. • Continuing the monthly checks • Emergency unemployment benefits for those still suffering from lost wages from COVID. Adding more government stay at home jobs and helping small businesses through this tough time. Debt relief programs and low interest loans for those trying to buy a house • Everyone needs to be back at work. • Flexible work schedules to manage childcare needs, elderly parents need, and personal social and emotional needs • Go to work. • Incentivize education of workforce. Degree attainment etc. • Remove extra unemployment benefits to get people back to work • Skill training to more employment openings-even out hiring. • Stop encouraging people not to work. Businesses are struggling because people won't work-yet customer demand is strong. • Unemployed are getting extra benefits with COVID and are not returning to work. There are tons of jobs available, from McDonalds to professional openings. Our communities over the last several years have decided to live of government support rather than go to work. They need to work, and employers need workers. I am disabled and do not have a large income, but I work part time. I don't stand at an intersection with a sign. Get those that are unemployed or underemployed a reason to go to work. • Possibly expansion of employment benefits. I contracted covid 19 last year and then lost my job. As a previous cancer patient/immune suppressed person, even though I am vaccinated, I need to be able to pay bills, including increased medical expenses due to post covid syndrome and I know I'm not the only one.
High Speed Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put the money towards free internet service for the City • High speed internet service pricing by Spectrum is ridiculously high! There are no viable alternatives for service in Summerfield, NC. Please allow competitor to bring down price of service through supply and demand. Spectrum has been allowed to monopolize the market in many NC smaller communities, and they take advantage of it by charging high prices for service.
Neighborhoods & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address all these equally important issues by other community means • Increased police patrolling of neighborhoods. • Keeping streets safe and well lighted • Neighborhood investments, long-term neighborhood policing, recreation — other proven long-term interventions to cut down on gun-related crime. Other ways to provide community & peer support in place of gangs • Putting money back into community investing instead of giving out handout. People that can work should work. • Mobile resources checking on each neighborhood specific needs. In my neighborhood I know that aging and child caregiver support is necessary. But the neighborhood nearby needs financial assistance and employment
Help for Tourism, Travel, Hospitality, Related Industries, and Business Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community events that are outdoors regardless of temperature so that residents can have safe opportunities to socialize and have recreation. Promote good social practices, including distancing and masking. Encourage warm clothing for socializing outdoors during winter months. • Fix up the airport and make it competitive with Charlotte and Raleigh. Forget the stupid sidewalks no one uses anyway

COVID-19

- A vaccine mandates.
- Access to vaccines for all age groups and continued education and information on the importance of the vaccine now and boosters in the future.
- Continue public service announcements emphasizing that COVID-19 is real, masks, and vaccinations work, this is not a political ploy as some of our irresponsible leaders have said
- Vaccinations should not be mandated. Totally wrong in every aspect
- Please don't get lax on fighting this thing.
- More accessible rapid testing available.
- More people manning the phone lines for COVID and or vaccines availability.
- Again, keep the mask mandate.
- Continue the mask mandate to avoid another surge.
- Continue to support safe measures to prevent rise in COVID such as Mask wearing, dispensers of sanitizer in strategic City and County offices and to continue advertising about COVID.
- Continued education/awareness with respect to the proper steps for prevention and precautions on how not to pass the virus onto others
- Continued free vaccination sites.
- Continued push for vaccinations.
- COVID shots. Spacing.
- Drop the political slant against those who choose not to get the vaccination. Don't continue the mask mandate-tell the truth about the side effects.
- Eliminate all mask mandates. Open all businesses.
- Encourage vaccinations and safe behaviors.
- Enforcing policies to mitigate spread of COVID consistently (if there's a mask mandate, then enforce it). Find a way to de-politicize the COVID/vaccination debate. Work in a non-partisan way to provide services to everyone. Provide free internet connectivity to all areas through hot spots.
- Everyone gets the shots.
- Fact based education on the vaccines
- Firmer enforcement of requirement for COVID vaccines in the workplace.
- Get all people vaccinated, impossible I know but we must try.
- Get everyone eligible vaccinated.
- Get vaccinated and go back to normal life.
- Greater effort on educating the public on the efficacy of the available vaccines and the other methods of limiting the transmission of COVID-19. Public information campaign to debunk the misinformation being spread about the dangers of taking the COVID-19 vaccine. Also, that freedom carries with it an obligation to the welfare of your fellow citizens.
- If the government stopped the mask mandate so kids can return to school like normal, it would be the most important. The masks do more harm than good
- Implement the mask mandate again. It was foolish to lift it in the first place.
- Important to be vaccinated to prevent loss of life and spread of the virus.
- Increase insurance rates of those who do not vaccinate
- Investment in Fact Based information other than CDC, NIAA, WHO. i.e.: Data on ""Therapeutics"" for COVID cases, (ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine). Focus prevention on Elderly and ""At Risk"" individuals or communities. Provide Mental Health Out-Reach for those in need help, (severely ill and their families). Be straight forward with information to help community and individuals make good preventative and care decisions.
- Keep promoting vaccinations for everyone.
- Keep the mask mandate.
- Key on return to work. Stop unnecessary mask mandates. Open and let individuals make their own decisions.

- Less political partisanship, making vaccine clinics easily available to at risk/isolated communities
- Let people get back to work and go about their normal lives.
- Limiting restrictions on businesses.
- Make sure sanitation is Consistent in every business and school.
- Mandate vaccination.
- Mandate vaccination.
- Mask requirements! Clear, concise public service messages on local TV and social media sites. Additional funding to hire and keep police officers and EMTs as there are short-staffed at present.
- Masks in public.
- People need to get on with their lives. Get vaccinated or not but this is basically back.
- People need to go back to work and quit gaming the system
- Provide more masks. Enforce the mask mandate. Potentially enforce the vaccine and make the vaccine easy to get.
- Reinstate the mask mandate and penalize businesses that allow unmasked people to enter the premises.
- Stop these ridiculous lockdowns. They do more harm than good and are not reducing the spread at all.
- Stop vaccine and mask mandates. It hurts employees and the employees that just want freedom.
- Universal guidance on protecting the community. For example, some places require proof of vaccinations as well as masks. This should be across the board.
- Vaccination requirements to attend school and work.
- Vaccinations.
- Be willing to monitor daily the positive test rates and adjust mask mandates accordingly. Masking is important especially this winter season. It helps businesses keep their customers safe and calm.
- Vaccinations for all, hygiene, get back to work.
- Vaccine mandate, event spaces should be installed.
- Vaccine mandate.... let's have one.
- Drop the mask mandate
- I think they should have kept mask mandate in place longer.
- Figure out a way to make people get COVID shot. Do not have a Trillion-dollar bond referendum while COVID has impacted so many of the employed. These are tough times and inflation continues. A trillion-dollar bond is not a priority for people.... COVID is the priority now
- Provide information about how to deal with COVID when you are positive like what kind of medicines you can try... maybe hard because legal or liability issue might be involved, I assume
- Mask and vaccine mandates will save lives.
- Mandate vaccination. Add app to phone that can show you've been vaccinated. Require public dining and other social venues to show proof of vaccination.
- Ensuring all businesses and schools are fully sanitized
- Continue mask mandate through holidays to avoid another surge.
- Better enforcement of mask mandate when in effect.
- No mandates for vaccinated people.
- Stop the mask mandate to allow children to attend school normally and businesses to also return to normal. Most other states have don't this, while NC has not.
- Restore the mask mandate.
- No more lockdowns or mask mandates
- This mask mandate is shameful. Thanks
- Better enforcement of mask mandate. Better access to testing for COVID.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing mask in the public or business needs to be required until the pandemic ends because the confirmed cases went down when the requirement of mask was effective • When herd immunity is reached, allow people to be responsible for themselves. • You mean the pandemic. Open everything. No masks, no vaccine mandates. • Stop the ridiculous policies that deter people from going back to work. Help those that can't a new truly need help. • Support parents' rights to determine their children's healthcare practices and needs
<p>Relationship with Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple resources, less red tape. • Number which could direct a person to the correct agency. • Quit spending our tax dollars. • There are 2 genders - male and female PERIOD! The people of NC voted for ID's to be used to vote and the Democratic NC Supreme Court overruled it twice!! Yet you must have an ID to fly, buy alcohol, cigarettes, and see an R rated movie! • The county has demonstrated outstanding leadership prior and during covid. Continue listening and responding to your leadership. • Get politics out of decisions to help poor people. Many will suffer and die as republicans and democrats hike their legs on one another. • They could answer their phones more quickly. Yesterday I held on the 336 341-3000 number for 51 mins before it was answered. • Improve animal shelter services, e.g., low cost/free rabies clinics, spay and neuter programs, dog training, pet food bank, educate public, better screening of potential adopters. Many people bought or adopted pets early in the pandemic and are dumping them now. Shelters are swamped. No fault of the animals but they suffer the worst. • For both parties to quit gerrymandering and put the public welfare first in all decisions. The terms Democrat and Republican doesn't mean adversarial. Wouldn't it be great for Guilford County to be known as the county that joined Democrats and Republicans in harmonious working for the citizens? First in the nation! Think about it! • Don't tax us too high. Make free enterprise readily available. • Get rid of the clowns that have been there for years. • Great job. • Think county does well. • Quit spending my money. • Quit spending tax dollars on NGOs. Quit teaching hate in schools. • Quit wasting tax dollars. • Regal election. • Replace your Veterans Affairs staff with competent staff who can facilitate favorable outcomes for Vets. • No, Guilford County is amazing. • Keep up the good work. • Lower taxes. • Lower taxes. • Lower taxes. • I don't get anything from the county as I am self-sufficient and can pay by own bills. • Have been well served thus far. • I have not been impacted as much as a lot of other people. I already worked from home for a healthcare company, so that didn't change. We need to help the people who have suffered the most and work to get everyone vaccinated. • Help with tax liabilities for middle class families by having a marginal, progressive property tax system. • I have been fortunate but know that many need help! • Debt relief programs, less taxes during this crisis, better availability/hours for government buildings like the courthouse (stop closing early, being understaffed, and slowing everything down).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to glass and Styrofoam collection sites. County should make the community aware of the location and rules of the sites. • Bury electric lines underground-power outages are too common. • Communication directly sent to me regarding county resources. • Be consistent with the city and surrounding counties
Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do everything possible to apprehend criminals and get kids back in school safely • Hire more police to take care of the rampant crime that's taking over the City. • Increase police funding for community safety. • Less violence. Too many deaths by homicide. • Increase police force, prosecute criminals and get off the streets, stop the woke culture, remove extra unemployment benefits that reward people for not working, remove mask mandate, increase safety measures for citizens against crime. Support police efforts to maintain order and safety for all citizens. • We need crime reduced. It is out of control and our city is no longer safe. This will keep people from moving into our city. The most important obstacle is reducing crime in our neighborhood • Focus on crime prevention and other real issues • My only concern at present is the crime rate and gun violence. We lived on a street where two young adults were recently shot and killed. This is not a high crime area. • Improved enforcement of traffic speed and aggressive driving. Research ways to get the cost of natural gas down. (Not typically the county's purview, but the price increase of this fuel is hard for many residents to absorb).
Basic Needs & Household Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another stimulus checks. • Help with bills and a chance to get ahead. • Money would help pay rent or utilities. • Take care yourself first. • Another stimulus • We need to address the issues with food insecurity in our community.
Supporting the International Community	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Civil Discourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate and reliable information through reliable media outlets. • Community interaction and conversations between diverse groups to better understand the problems. Personal prejudices need to be removed in some way • Continuing to actively disseminate misinformation and political propaganda against science and social supports. • Please stop making our county divided. • Development of a single positive message that is communication in widespread media. • Increase credibility of information sources, so we know what is going on. • Unity, togetherness, time, money.
Elderly Population	<p>Be sure the elderly is provided services they should be receiving. Many don't know they are eligible for help they need and those outside the city get missed often.</p> <p>Need more options for employment of 55 and over; need food assistance and gas money. Better opportunities for elderly.</p>
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More transportation options throughout the county • Public transport • Reliable and decreased price in transportation for people without cars. • The county could go to the community center and neighborhoods where transportation is a problem. Also have seminars at the social security department for people who come in for other services.

Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy (District 4)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education. • Education. • Education is the key to everything we've got to get the information out to the people and that includes having access to Internet. • Education needs more priority and teachers are not supported as they need to during this time! • Figure way to address shortage of teachers • School caught up • Schools need updated air purification and filtration that does not need to be supplied by the teacher. • Support our schools, so they can help their families. • Help preschool teachers who are struggling and don't work in a federal funding environment. There are many private non-profit church schools that need help. • Promote programs to educate people to go back to work and not depend on government support. Help lift tax burden. • Free school lunches
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidies to small businesses. • Guilford County should not continue to be passed over from companies and investments opportunities. Guilford County could be thriving exponentially as other major and large metropolitan counties in NC
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health resources and education
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare assistance, and education concerning finances • Childcare assistance with no income restriction. • Making sure families have food for their children and a home with heat. • Providing vouchers for childcare, putting money back on the pandemic EBT card, putting cash back into parents' hands so they can provide for children. • Quality, reliable, safe childcare would be a start. Training, re-education, certification as necessary for return to the workforce, especially for mothers. • Assistance with paying for childcare fees. When school age children must attend childcare full days due to various school closings. It can get very costly. • Help those who need help and are willing to assist themselves. Keep our children as safe as you can. Provide best health service for that population • More community youth programs for girls & boys. More youth sports programs. Let's bring NYSP back (national youth sport program) & it was free when I was younger. Helped keep me out of trouble & taught me more about sports. It's plenty of famous athletes from NC. I'm sure they wouldn't mind & we have other resources like 102jams for instance!
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing in ALL areas of the city. • Help with housing and employment. • Helping those that have mortgage not just rent • Housing that is affordable. • Designate more affordable housing rather than allow these companies to buy all the homes and leave those that need housing with nothing. • Eviction relief • More affordable housing in ALL zip codes.
	Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>

Difference in Health Outcomes	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better paying jobs. • Creating job opportunities to stimulate financial flow and stability for individuals willing to help themselves • Go to work • Need job training for companies not willing to train on job sites • Help people get back to work and stop all the handouts. I was a single mom and I never had welfare or anyone to pay my bills. Train people to work and be a responsible citizen. • Help them get to work. Stop the begging on the streets-train them to handle to have job skills. • REQUIRE ANYONE RECEIVING MONETARY, HOUSING, FOOD, ETC ASSISTANCE TO PERFORM SOME TYPE OF MEANINGFUL WORK WHENEVER POSSIBLE. • Access to local government employment for veterans such as myself. • I suggest offering employment to people to help clean up Guilford trash old, abandoned properties. Pick up cut grass clear debris all around the county. • Job creation and sustainability • Less inflation, higher wages • More employment with good pay and benefits. • People go back to work. Get off government assistance!! They are not your mama and Daddy!!! • People need the desire to want to work, giving money won't fix that. • People need to go to work, jobs are out there. • Provide a place where people willing to work can find employment with employers that are willing to train. • Raise the minimum wage so people will want to go back to work. Drug test for welfare checks and adult government assistance. Are lower health care costs, better prescription plans in this country. • Staffing positions. • Stop incentivizing people to sit on their butts and not go to work. Small businesses and doctors' offices can't staff to meet the needs of consumers. Incentivize people to go back to work instead of collecting unemployment. Takeoff the masks at school and allow parent volunteers back in the school. Stop making everybody afraid of a virus and instead educate people on how to get healthy by changing their behaviors such as eating healthier, exercising more, being around others to improve their mental health • Stop paying people to remain unemployed. • The Unemployment System needs to be updated and corrected on so many levels. I was laid off due to COVID in April 2020. Due to a small one-time check, and my honesty regarding it, my benefits was I have yet to receive my funds. I couldn't begin to tell how badly that is still affecting me financially. I know have a job, but I don't think I will ever recover fully • There should be a focus on a higher minimum wage as well as deal with inflation which has become a huge issue for people to be able to afford things they need like housing and food.
High Speed Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal access to high-speed cable internet connections in county for education. • Free Wi-Fi access. Data is very expensive to purchase-need Wi-Fi ___33 for school and work. • I think the internet is also important too. • Wi-Fi for all. • Extend high speed Internet throughout the county. • Improve infrastructure to support better internet service. Fiber optics across the board • Get me cable internet/spectrum connection.

<p>Neighborhoods & Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in recreational activities opportunities. • Opportunities for communities to help each other through community activism and support, communities working together to help other communities, opportunities for social support.
<p>Help for Tourism, Travel, Hospitality, Related Industries, and Business Districts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is critical to support any businesses or services that provide recreation, entertainment and supply chain issues impacting businesses. I have noticed a significant increase in antisocial behavior, anger & aggression, lack of respect for neighbors due to the frustrations of COVID on our daily lives. The lack of satisfying activities and the ability to get what you need and want even if the financial resources are available is really a big problem for recovery
<p>COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A requirement that everyone get the vaccine • Additional education about the virus and the impact of not getting the vaccine. • Allow people to continue living their lives and promoting living alongside COVID like we do other viruses and illnesses. Meaning, people who are at-risk for death handle the precautions they need and others who aren't at-risk for death handle the precautions they need. County needs to stop mandates that revolve around COVID, promote people take responsibility for their life and promote health (exercise, healthy eating, work hard, play hard). • Tell people the truth about what is going on. Lock downs and mask do not stop the spread. • Tell the truth about COVID, early treatment, take care of yourself better with eating right and vitamins supplements • The County (and City) have done a very disappointing job in enforcing the mask mandates. You have permitted to allow businesses to continue to operate (Rody's, for example) which openly flaunted the guidelines. It's very disappointing and send the entirely wrong message to citizens, when the county can issue directives than summarily not enforce them! • The county could provide transportation to medical appointments to people who have tested positive for COVID and usually utilize access GSD or Medicaid transportation. • Need to counter strongly misinformation vaccine saves lives. Anti vax and crazy stuff kill and spreads the disease. • More outreach and education with signs and partnerships with churches, schools and community centers about using masks etc. and getting vaccinated. Having more free clinics without requiring registration using Wi-Fi. • If a new mask mandate goes into effect, enforce the rules more vigorously, at least for businesses that are chronic offenders. • Booster doses are readily available and should be included in your data gathering. Widespread testing utilizing Federal Funds should be a priority. Radis Labs partnered with Wake County and residents get PCR gold-standard testing as desired with text-based results in as little as 3 hrs. Let's do it! RS MD • Drive through vaccination sites. • End mandates and restrictions. Stop pushing the vaccine. Stop pretending that Federal money is free money. • Enforce mask wearing in all public spaces, and in places of work where employees are mandated to be in the office. • Enforce masking and mandatory vaccination. • Enforce the rules. • Actually, read the clinical trials available on clinical trials.gov and understand that there are patients who were excluded from the clinical trials before trying to make a mandate for said patient is a vaccine manufacturer already deemed were not candidate for him, they thought it was safe or for whom they believed that the risks outweighed the benefit. • Access to inexpensive home rapid tests. • If wearing masks is so politicized/ emotionally charged issue, we won't

- By still wearing our masks when we go out use masks in store and public areas for your safety and theirs.
- Add booster vaccine dose to get details about full protection. Someone who got their last shot in Feb 2021 is vulnerable to re-infection or carrier state. 2 shot info is inadequate.
- All in all, no complaints... work to get all vaxxed...
- Allow more freedom! Mandates are unconstitutional! Government most certainly does not know best! Rules for everyone except those making the rules!
- Clear, consistent, science-based guidelines.
- Continue to educate & pressure the unvaccinated to get their vaccinations...
- Continue to enforce mask wearing, encourage healthy behaviors such as mask wearing through childhood education and public service messages, and foster an environment where healthy choices are communicated through teachers, doctors, and parents or family members rather than through politicians. Distribute free masks in public spaces and require masks in places where it is impossible to be more than 6 feet away from other people. Encourage work from home for businesses where this lifestyle is possible. Bring back remote schooling options and make public access to computers available to school children, perhaps through tablet donation programs. Make emergency planning for the future top priority even after the pandemic is considered gone so we have back up plans if anything like this ever happens again.
- Continue to wash hands, wear mask and wait.
- Convince everyone to get vaccine.
- COVID lockdowns will go down as one of the biggest mistakes of the century. They have done more harm to our kids, businesses, and families than the virus ever could
- Do not require any sort of vaccine passport and end to restrictions.
- Educating people about the facts related to COVID and encouraging them to get vaccinated
- Education on the effectiveness and safety with vaccines and masks from influencers that those hesitant would trust.
- Education regarding vaccines and how they work. Many still have not been vaccinated because they have non-fact-based fears about the vaccine.
- Encourage people to receive vaccination without cost.
- Encourage vaccinations.
- Encouraging individuals to receive vaccinations. Helping the unvaccinated realize that it is their responsibility as a citizen of Guilford County to get vaccinated
- Everything needs to go back to normal, there is way too much tension caused by the lock downs and mask mandates. Let people make their own choices about those two issues.
- Get everyone vaccinated
- Get the vaccine.
- Getting shots out to neighborhood.
- Help where it is truly needed. Our family is privileged enough and does not need any additional supports. Address underlying factors that were exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Immunize more people. Require all to be imitated to go anywhere.
- t's time to open everything up to full capacity and let people live their lives. No more government mandates and abuse of power. Let people live and leave people alone. Also, we need to stop wasting money on things that are less important.
- Less government mandates
- Let residents make safety decisions based on their risk tolerance.
- Let the law enforcers do their job. Do not help riots. There is more to do beside the pandemic there will always be manmade pandemics you know it and I do too. There is money to be made on pandemics. One other thing don let the crooks steal the 104 million seems nobody knows where it goes.
- Letting every know truthfully how deadly the pandemic still is. Make everyone wear mask until it's gone.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sure that anyone who wants to be vaccinated can get the vaccine. • Mandate vaccination. • Mandate vaccination. • Mask requirements so long as there is an active variant and attracting other internet companies so that spectrum does not maintain a monopoly and provide poor service to areas such as mine that is not rural • More access to vaccines and boosters, especially for those without internet • more financial support for families affected by COVID. • More people getting vaccinated. Workplace provides incentives. • Normalize behavior and getting back to work. • Open everything up and don't require masks. • Outreach to drive additional vaccination uptake, especially among poor and underserved communities. • Partner with a COVID testing lab like Wake County. Text based rapid turnaround PCR testing is a priority for Wake, why not Guilford County? • Praying that people understand that COVID is real & to do their part to help control the spread. • Make decisions that ensure safety FIRST with regards to this pandemic. Masks required would be a great start for indoor spaces, especially with numbers going up and new variant. You also could do more for healthcare workers and teachers. They have been through so much! • Make sure schools are following guidelines from ODC. • Show some decency and respect and wear mask. • Since easy access to fully funded COVID19 testing has been ignored and it should be a priority with these Federal funds. It is in Wake County (Radeas Labs testing is fully funded for Wake residents with text-based results in 3-10 hrs. @ 919-263-1150). • Small business was closed due to stupid state and county governments. Help the businesses that support local not big box stores the government let stay open • STOP making people wear masks! Stop harassing small businesses and large businesses to comply with ridiculous COVID measures! None of which have done anything to stop COVID! Let the free market work! Less government more freedom! • Stop pretending we can stop the spread and let things get back to normal. • Stop the mask mandates. Let people get back to their lives. Stop the feat tactics • Stronger and more consistent mask and vaccine mandates!!! • Transparency in knowledge of virus and vaccination. • Vaccination • Vaccination/Booster • Show status from the hospital COVID floor • Get vaccinated. • Stop forcing kids to wear masks and pushing vaccines onto people. The mask on children is utterly ridiculous. The vaccines are somewhat effective at stopping severe illness. It should still be a personal choice, and nobody should be forced or coerced • Vaccine mandate. • Vaccine mandates • REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS AND MANDATES-THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE FREE AMERICA • Vaccines and wearing of masks • Wearing masks; easy access to testing and vaccinations, including transportation to and from; Clarification on falsehoods regarding the virus; higher wages; transparency regarding decisions. • Well, no one fought against those polio shots, and we survived. Mandatory shots for all.
Relationship with Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate what's available • Congress stops making things worse. • Lower property taxes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county seems to be run fairly. • Do things that will better the county instead of you and your friends' pocketbooks. • Quit hiring those in leadership positions based on race • Maybe a community newsletter. Or maybe send out emails. • Meetings should be attended by the and open to the public. No longer Virtual with allowance for public to speak as before. • Give a bonus to county employees that have been working during covid. • Give Gibsonville library more funding. • Get rid of special interest politicians and stop focusing on one ethnic group. That would be a good start. Stop hiring based on race but on ability and competence. • No more give aways. • Just make sure all forms of communication radio TV newspapers snapshot for the young people Instagram for the young people are available to all different age groups. Different age groups receive important information from different sources. • Give us back CBS WFMY • Truthful but hopeful words from civic leaders at all levels. If there ever was a time to care for your brother, this is it.
<p>Crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control violent crime. Prioritize gun control. Reduce gang activity. Encourage gainful employment. Support jobless to fill excess vacancies. Encourage vaccination. • Stop crime. • Our leaders need to let the law do their job. What I see rioters get by every time course y'all know that • Better traffic monitoring: too many drivers speeding, unlicensed drivers and uninsured drivers" • "Safer conditions; there are too many robberies and shootings • More proactive policing and tougher charges for criminals.
<p>Basic Needs & Household Assistance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stimulus check for residents affected. • Access to free food, homeless shelters, healthcare especially for children and the elderly. Make the people go back to work even if they need assistance to make it on their own. • Building local food systems connecting more residents with local farmers. • Firm support for those who need it. But also, are willing to help themselves. • Food security • stimulus checks for residents • Help for families that make too much to fall under any kind of assistance, but not enough to make ends meet. The ones that are doing all that they are supposed to be doing, but just can't quite make it all fall into place. • Help with everyday living, assistance with power bill, water bills, etc. The cost of everything is going up but we're still getting paid low income, then you wondered why the crime rate goes up. You must choose between food for your family or lights has for the week to make it back & forth to a job that's barely paying you enough to get there. • Locally sourced food and food justice. • Lowering grocery prices and gas prices for all, especially seniors • Making assistance and other services contingent upon being vaccinated against COVID. • Money. • Give money to the people • Yes, we get social security, why can we not receive food stamps • Monthly stimulus package. • More stimulus checks. • Quit giving out free money to the victim hood society and make them get a job. • We need more food assistance programs, especially for people who are considered essential works.

Supporting the International Community	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Civil Discourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity. Programs to reduce, hate, violence and prejudice. • Equity. Treating everyone fairly. • Replace the fear with Hope. Let everyone know that it's fine to come together and help one another despite perceived differences in race, religion, economic situation, etc. Now is not the time for division in our community. • Get rid of all hate groups. This is the hidden problem that is causing disparaging. No trust. Not safe and poor communication. Ask the wh.
Elderly Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help senior citizens more, to pay rent/mortgage, etc. • Support for elderly people and children would significantly improve the stress place on their parent and caretakers. • Planning for our aging population: Affordable housing with social and physical, independent activities. • Put more emphasis on the needs of the elderly. • Make more affordable housing for seniors • You have not addressed concerns of disabled or retirees struggling on fixed income or inflation. Where is the help for them? • Give seniors discount on property tax. Taxes should be paid by renters too. Need bus shelters, citizens waiting in rain for bus. Transportation for disabled and seniors.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation is a factor in reaching some underserved members of the community. • Having access to public transportation may make a difference in reaching those who don't have a personal vehicle to have access to needed services. • Fix the roads out in rural areas. • Should have assistants to help pay car payments so you don't lose your only means of transportation • Get the leaves off the streets on Cottage Place, Cotswold, and Charring Cross Road. Someone is going to get hit by a car while they're walking. • Look into improved traffic solutions on battleground ave and elm street with the completion of the new bypass. Drastic increases in traffic during rush hours and school times are becoming dangerous! Consider environmental sustainability of new construction and other activities so that we can enjoy a healthy and high quality of life. The continuing destruction of open, natural landscapes is unacceptable! Remodeling and reuse of existing structures instead of apparent abandonment of commercial structures should be encouraged. If we do not stop the destruction of trees and natural areas, we will come to regret the flooding, pollution and unlivability of the community.

Commissioner Carly Cooke (District 5)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easier access to healthcare Expanding Medicaid in NC. Resources that commute to you
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fix the public schools! Both buildings and staff support. My daughter is a student at Irving Park Elementary and they need facilities renovations Greensboro has great educational and recreation options, make sure all residents are aware of these opportunities. Increase potential for learning by providing more access to resources, perhaps by computer and more time with teachers in classroom setting. Provide for funds as our legislature has not!! Use some of money to decrease education debt. Fund public education and recruit and retain teachers. Stop cancelling days to remote for no reason. We need full-service education. Better schools. vocational schools. Work more openly and effectively with Guilford County Schools. Allocate more funding to support school personnel with salary supplements. Provide opportunity to fund UNIVERSAL PreK opportunities. Pay adjunct professors much more (well above poverty pay) and offer more full-time positions within the university system. Pay all teachers better! We are necessary! I lost my position at UNCG and have spent my entire savings to survived to this point. I do not have December rent. More support for public schools.
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the road infrastructure in order to increase and invite new companies to move to the Greensboro and Guilford County area. Search out new opportunities with new companies to locate in Greensboro. Outdoor dining spaces Helping small businesses Save small businesses Make loan available to small businesses Shopping and support of local businesses that were adversely affected during COVID
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health support People need access to mental health care that don't come from privatized entities. Mental health needs to be a stronger focus within health setting. This County as are all surrounding counties, a desert when it comes to mental health! Inexcusable.
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More childcare vouchers interventions to reduce obesity, financial assistance to parents of young children. Childcare has always been an issue-covid did not create--food, clothing and transport for those unable-Medicaid for all making under poverty level, not just those with kids. After school care.
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with rent Financial support for rent Take care of the homeless and people who need healthcare. Our county needs to provide safe, clean, affordable housing for all its citizens. Landlords and substandard housing are an embarrassment to our county. Our children deserve a quality education Many are suffering in our community. People need food, shelter, short term assistance with paying mortgage and utilities, etc. Many don't know how to get the services needed. We need the community out finding those that need assistance-create a task team to find those that are isolated and broken and put treatment plan in place then act Stop rent freezes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substandard housing is a huge problem and evictions for not paying rent should not be allowed by landlords.
Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Difference in Health Outcomes	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage those out of the workforce to return to work. Help wanted signs are everywhere it seems. • Promote going back to work • Stop handing out free money and make people go to work. Offer income subsidies only with proof of full-time employment. • End all stimulus payments, how is a new TV going to help a family? End unemployment payments, businesses cannot hire people who are being paid to sit at home. • Get people back to work. • Get people back to work. No more government funding to get out of work. • Good paying jobs available • Having opportunities to get a skill. • Focus on jobs and job training/education. Implement jobs that deal with climate change in Guilford County. • Help those who want to get back to work. • Improved economic stability, get more people working again • Incentivize getting back to work • More employees- everyone is short staffed - I do not understand • People getting back to work. • People need to go back to work. Plenty of jobs available • People need to go back to work. There are too many jobs out there for most people to be unemployed. • Proof for unemployed checks that the unemployed have been applying/searching for jobs - really like to see small businesses survive with required workforce. • Retention during redevelopment • Unemployment aid • Stop all handouts to the far-left liberals who show no interest in working. • Stop giving out money so people will return to work. Support the keystone pipeline reopening to lower gas cost. • Stop paying people not to work. There are thousands of jobs available • Stop unemployment payments. • There should be a nonstop 100+ million-dollar campaign to encouraging citizens to return to work. I know many people (firsthand) that are not returning because they feel they do not have too. This is causing massive issues in "quality" for companies both big and small. Highly trained and qualified people should be the first in line for qualified jobs however with the pandemic, most of these people would rather collect checks and defer their responsibilities being a productive citizen to another time down the road. There will always be a variant or a health crisis of some kind, getting back to work and getting vaccinated is the most important thing and should be promoted at all costs. • Universal basic income • Stop paying people not to work. • Use funds for helping those who truly need not to reward those who can work but choose not to. • We need people to work. I do not know where they have gone. Have we made it too easy for people not to work?
High Speed Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don't pay ISPs to increase connectivity, punish telecom's for not adequately serving your community • Improve internet access

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off topic, but it disturbs me that Spectrum internet took over the existing internet service for Greensboro and is planning on raising the price of internet service significantly. It is my understanding that some communities provide internet service at a much reduce rate with better service than spectrum. I believe that Chattanooga, TN is an example of a city that provides service as a community service, such as water. I realize this is off topic, but I suspect it will become a hot topic once the price increase takes effect.
	Neighborhoods & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community outreach programs that support social connectivity, highlighting areas of need, with widespread communication for large number of county residents to get involved in some capacity. More public tracks. Trails to walk on more restrooms in parks open more. Support group in their communities. Open parks up more. Bathrooms.
	Help for Tourism, Travel, Hospitality, Related Industries, and Business Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help Arts organizations. Tourism promotes sports entertainment and healthy get togethers. Let's promote fun. Need diversions from COVID.
Miscellaneous (Did not fit into ETC Priority Area) (Unordered)	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An aggressive public campaign to fight misinformation about COVID-19. Better discrimination of accurate information. Rigid adoption and enforcement of vaccinations, mask requirements and social distancing. Confidence in the control of COVID19–vaccinations. Continue mask mandates, or at least support for businesses/organizations that want to enforce that level of protection. Get more vaccinated Continue to wear masks until spring Make vaccines mandatory. Cut off insurance payments to all those that refuse vaccines and get sick from COVID. Perform actual research of virology and viruses rather than pander to fear. Don't make rash decisions without weighing the entire risks. The government is meant to serve the people do not control them. Provide masks availability to homeless more or at least make it more marketed Please get back to normal. Depression is severe. Kids need to be free from masks. Open fully, including school. Do away with masks. Mandate vaccinations for all emergency responders like fire law enforcement as they closely interact with people. Requires each local government and county government to report number and or percent of vaccinated Government employees. Must get people vaccinated do anything toward that goal. Make vaccinations mandatory Outrageous that the county made wearing of masks optional in public facilities. Mandate vaccinations for our county employees. More aggressive campaign for those not vaccinated. More free testing sites. More sites for testing and vacation. Continuing to wear masks until March 2022 to better control COVID19 & influenza!!! Encouraging more people to take vaccines. Encouraging & instructive relevant education about current strain(s), pandemics, etc. through healthcare resources not politically biased or media (example: Dr. Sendil Krishnan @ Cone Health, awesome medical expertise, fantastic communication skills, do forums with more MDs like him & Dr Christopher Ohl @ Baptist!!! MDs the general public can relate to, easily understand & trust! Don't ever shutdown businesses again due to a "pandemic" that has less than a 1% chance of death. Never again implement illegal mandates (masks, capacity, business

shutdowns, etc.). Destroy the money as it only adds to the ever-increasing prices of goods due to the influx of imaginary fiat currency. Stop enabling people to take government handouts. Allow small businesses to thrive rather than destroying them in favor of larger chains. If you ever implement any of these actions again, resign as it does not serve the residents of this county.

- Drop the mask mandate. Quit feeding the hysteria. Allow people to live as normally as they choose
- Education to help avoid spread of disease... Simple things that help build awareness and habits. Masks don't work if you are stuck, I side a classroom all-day. And if your kids' hands are not clean... They all touch door handles, water fountains, etc. We need to educate the importance of washing hands and/or provide ways to have sanitary (anti-microbial) solutions. Whether that is silver-laden handles (like micro-ban) and or always have access to sanitizer (which I'm not a fan of because ultimately it lessens our immunity to other microbes, etc.).
- Enforcement of all COVID-19 rules
- Everybody getting vaccinated even if it takes a mandate-enforce mask mandate.
- Everyone vaccinates and need proof of vaccination to participate and take advantage of social and cultural activities-schools-restaurants-recreation facilities, etc.
- First, stop wasting taxpayer money on fluffy and wasteful "programs." Second, accept there is a globally endemic respiratory virus that will be with us no matter how many children you permanently harm with what is becoming years of useless mitigation, none of which will disappear the virus, while destroying the small businesses that are the backbone of this community. Focus on what the city needs - safe streets, clean water, thriving small businesses, mitigation free recreational activities, lower taxes, less regulation, and importantly, functioning law enforcement to protect the community does not whinny activist that only care about abstract "causes" but don't actually foot the bill or care about humans in this community. I've been so disappointed in the county with heavy handed mandates and wasteful spending that my family and I, along with the mid five figures the county gets from us in property and sales tax surcharges, are seriously considering leaving. You all dehumanize our children with harmful and ineffective masks, tie the hands of law enforcement allowing crime to spiral out of control, promote an atmosphere of phobic level fear, and encourage policies meant to divide our community rather than enhance it. All as you waste my hard-earned taxpayer dollars for your silly and destructive political ideologies.
- Following rules, distancing, making distance learning, working, hangouts more day to day.
- Following the CDC guidelines and not allow those who are infected to continue spreading the disease.
- Get people vaccinated and boosted!
- Get people vaccinated. Better access to COVID testing.
- Get rid of mask and any other mandates.
- Get the vaccine.
- Get vaccinated and wear a mask.
- Get your COVID shots.
- Give a tax credit to those that are vaccinated.
- Go back to a mask mandate. I would go more places if I felt safe
- Going back to normal.
- Guilford County needs more information regarding the truth of the pandemic to combat the political disinformation of the anti-vaxxers, anti-science, anti-Fauci, pro-Trump, white supremacy regime. Have doctors write prescriptions for hydroxy ivermectin so people get well faster and reduce the spread.
- Help subsidize lost pay for healthcare workers due to a positive COVID test.
- Help those who can't cope with the pandemic.

- In my opinion it is necessary to provide free COVID-19 tests so that everyone does not have problems getting the test, and economic subsidies to help people in economic need, anti-racism, price adjustment, etc. Are necessary.
- Increase vaccination rates to mid-90's if possible and establish ongoing preparedness for future times to ramp up vaccination processes for the next pandemic etc.
- Institute educational program for people to understand the importance of COVID vaccination in our community recovery from the pandemic.
- Keep interest rates low and get more vaccinated.
- Like protection vaccines mandated by schools to assure protection from transmissible diseases like measles or chickenpox, COVID vaccines should be in the same category for the short term or until fully manageable
- Mandate vaccination.
- Mask mandate staying in effect.
- More education, fact-based information, less media coverage.
- More vaccine information, but without the pressure to those who haven't taken it. Just more information around town to help promote healthy facts about the vaccine.
- Much support is needed in education to bridge the gap COVID created with learning. especially in lower income households
- No mask requirement. Let natural immunity happen. Less government mandates.
- Open businesses. Stop with the masks and mandatory vaccination.
- Open the community. Stop with the mandates. Allow people to work without mandates and the economy will be just fine.
- People wearing masks and getting covid immunization.
- Promoting vaccinations
- provide transport to obtain vaccination or deliver to doors of disadvantaged populations.
- Public service announcements on keeping your immune systems up- if overweight, lose weight; dress appropriately, get adequate sleep and exercise, stop smoking, take daily vitamins and supplements i.e., b12, c, d3, magnesium, fish oil, zinc and get treatment early at the first sign of feeling ill- use OTC homeopathic elements i.e., sambucol, Zicam, HCQ ZPAK or ivermectin
- Quit watching Fox News. Vaccines wear masks and ask your doctors. It's a VIRUS not a political movement. We should prosecute those spreading false information.
- Reducing the politicization of the virus, convincing everyone to get vaccinated and follow public health advice. Incentivize things that keep money in our community, promote local business. Set up volunteer tutoring programs for kids who are struggling. Increase access to unemployment (I couldn't get it when my job shut down because even though I have worked for over 20 years & never claimed unemployment, I didn't work enough in the ONE year prior to qualify for it). Promote a sense of community, caring for each other, and making Guilford County a place we're proud to live.
- Reinstatement of the mask mandate.
- Remove mask mandates in schools.
- Require all citizens to get the vaccine.
- Better enforcement of the mask mandate. The county is not doing enough to support our local businesses in this
- Stop allowing politicizing pandemic in the media. STAY focused on science and solutions!
- Stop fearmongering. Under no circumstances stop non-emergency procedures in local hospitals
- Stop the panic
- Help get our way of life back to normal. Mandating everyone to wear a mask or mandating a vaccine is not proven effective. It only creates fear and distrust of our government.
- Reinstatement of mask mandate.
- Time, attention and mitigation of false news/information about the vaccines.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth from our government about the severity of COVID. Get the supply chain fixed. • Vaccinations and masks. It was STUPID to drop mask requirements just before the holidays and with unknown impact of variants • Remove mask mandates from public schools. • Require masks and inoculations. • Require masks inside and especially in schools. • Require masks, enforce laws, arrest and prosecute criminals. • Require vaccines and masks, penalty for those who don't follow. Clear, consistent communications. • See my first written response. We are doing abysmally. Mask up! Vaccinate! Find your spine. Health, education, homelessness, must be addressed. Without these you cannot have a vital economy. Vaccine mandate • Disseminate consistent messaging about COVID-19 and our county. Prioritize allocation of money to those most in need first. Finally restore safety and kindness to our county. • Don't force those that don't want to get vaccinated. I believe in personal choice and medical freedom for all. • Before the mask mandate when in effect. It is idiotic to make us as small business act as the police. We have had employees assaulted due to lack of enforcement on the governments part. • Stay out of the Families choices. Less advertising and media! Yes, you have influence here! Less is more • Update current mask regulation. Consistent enforcement of mandates. • I don't regularly follow the news nor social media, so these may have been available or already provided by the County during the pandemic. An ongoing, updated, the NOT lengthy, concise list of reliable sources for information re: science behind the vaccines, care, transmission.... So instead of faulting folks for choosing unreliable or inaccurate sources of info, provide a brief list of those which do/will provide accurate info. Again, I apologize if this has been available since spring 2020. I chose specific sites to follow, read, believe. • Make COVID testing easier to find including more low cost at home tests. • Vaccine mandates, mask mandates, • Put back the mask mandate for inside. • We need funds to get vaccines to those who haven't received them yet. I'm afraid the pandemic isn't over and before we can move on, we need to best equip our neighbors to be protected from COVID. • improve information regarding vaccines and booster shots. Make getting vaccine as easy as possible to everyone. Maybe utilize schools and other public sites more. • Wear your mask and exercise daily. • What government cannot provide: more cooperation from residents (vaccinations, masks, etc.).
<p>Relationship with Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on truthfully reliable information for everyone in our communities • Access to reliable information. • Better communication. • I don't want to be served. I want to be left alone. • I would just say to listen to every and all citizens who reach out and to listen to what they have to say, even if you don't agree. • Yes, start running the county services effectively and stop trying to destroy county residents and businesses. No one elected you people to run our lives, we elected you to be good stewards of OUR hard earned taxpayer dollars and run the county - that means water, garbage collection, actual oversight of the public schools (which is not happening), well maintained roads, a functional sheriff's department (one of the few places that seems to actually be trying), parks, etc. • You are doing a great job. Thank you!

- To piggyback off what I was saying before, allow me to invoke the concept of redemption. When we tell someone that they need to apologize for something they cannot control (color of their skin), what we are doing is telling them that they are irredeemable. Redemption is nothing but the correction of an error. In order to correct something, you must be able to control it. Is that what we intend to do? Define certain groups as irredeemable—I.e., not worthy of living in this world?
- Improve communication with respect to community resources, especially for persons who do not have internet access.
- The emergency push notices to phones were great. Website so-so
- I thought GSO/Guilford County did a great job reacting/adapting/informing/protecting.
- Ensure that future projects are representative of the city
- Better communication. I didn't even know that you discontinued the mask mandate until I happened to mention to my doctor that I am seeing a lot of people in stores without masks.
- Please lower the water bills—we used to get billed every 3 months—now we pay more for 1 month than we did for 3 and it is always going up.
- Additional county staffing to enable prompt responses to the questions and concerns of residents.
- County did a good job
- Given the circumstances, I think Guilford County did a great job—thank you!
- Government employees with a brain.
- Enhanced community outreach regarding county services and assistance—public service announcements; partner with local media to present programming or news items that address current or hot-button topics. Additional law enforcement staffing and training to better meet the needs of the community
- Addressing official (police, fire department, EMT) responses to the needs of all citizens of Greensboro, especially people of color, to insure the highest ethical standards are expected and followed routinely
- Communication about opportunities.
- Consistent enforcement of rules and regulations is an absolute must. The rules and regulations may as well not be there if they aren't enforced consistently. Reallocation of funds to services better fit for dealing with the specific problems. Police are important, I understand. But they aren't fit to address all the issues thrown at them. It would be of significant help to...for instance, invest in mental care facilities and fast response services to assist those that may be suffering from a variety of issues, such as a resident with autism going through a manic episode. Finally, a mandatory retraining of the police departments in de-escalation of force to ensure that the even the considerations of drawing a firearm are an absolute last resort and not the default initial action.
- Growing the green revolution—we should invest in making GSO carbon neutral one neighborhood at a time.
- Increased financial support for law enforcement members
- Less talk more action from politicians.
- Life gets back to normal, and people get back to work.
- Make it less complicated and expedite building permits, along building regulations in order to entice more growth with our current businesses and entice new companies to locate a Guilford County and Greensboro. This is the number one reason Mecklenburg County and wake county have faster and better growth than Guilford County. Guilford County and Greensboro city government make it too difficult for companies to grow and locate in Guilford County.
- Listen to what people need and want them to do something about it.
- Low taxes
- Not more taxes. Do your job.
- People in government who have a brain

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quit raising our property taxes and wasting money on more buildings and people who are given nonproductive roles. • Tax breaks. • The answer is simple: get out of our way and focus on investing in the types of things that the government SHOULD invest in—e.g., roads, ways to expedite someone’s ability to go into business for themselves (reduce regulatory burdens), etc. You can throw all the money in the world at people and businesses that you want to, but if a person needs income, then the solution comes in the form of a way to earn income; if a business needs income, then the solution comes in the form of attracting customers. If either is incapable of solving their problems, then they might need to reconsider their choices, not be supported as if they had made the right choice in the first place. Further, this obsessive focus on things that only serve as distractions is the epitome of ignorant. For example, there are at least 378 DIFFERENT GENES that dictate your skin color—there is no such thing as race. Why do we remain insistent on DIVIDING people in this way, when the premise is false to begin with? Because it’s profitable, that’s why. Yet another example: this entire COVID environment. It was established early on who was most vulnerable—the elderly and those in poor health. We didn’t protect them, though. We locked everyone down, thus forcing them to go out like everyone else for provisions. And before someone says they can order online, let me ask you this: picture the group of people who are LEAST likely to be able to benefit from that type of technology and tell me if it doesn’t look like the group, I described who are most vulnerable. • Transparency • Learn how to spend tax dollars for “necessary “items and purge inessential people and buildings. Government is much like cancer. It keeps spreading with no regard. • Listen closer to your constituency and ignore financial pressures from Corporate America. • Provide assistance to human beings, leave race and gender out of it • Lower property taxes. • Lower property taxes. • Lower taxes. • Cut taxes and irresponsible spending • Upgrade our Police, Sheriff, EMS, and Fire Employment opportunities so our emergency responders will have the respect from our citizens that they deserve, thus being able to better preform their jobs. • Instead of DEFUND these employees, DEFEND these employees
Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better funding for police. Worst crime I have ever experienced in my 70 years in Greensboro. • Provide more officers to address crime - Traffic issues. • Crime prevention and positive youth program. • Patrol roads. Stop careless and reckless drivers 3 decrease speed limits 4 create more bike lanes 5 keep cars out of the bike lanes we have. • More police please. Gun violence is up speeding is horrific. Not enough police to address the uptick in crime. Pay teachers more across the board increase in salary. • Reduce the crime in neighborhoods. • Better support for policing • Seems like the police don't have the manpower to enforce current laws • Reduce gun violence. Deal with those that are speeding dangerously • Make it a safer place to live. • Support the police to prevent crime and increase safety in community.
Basic Needs & Household Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with utilities and food. • Stimulus • Help the underserved with safety, education, food/shelter • Eliminating "food deserts". Healthy economical food.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am retired and in a comfortable situation. So, I am probably not a good person to ask. But I really fear for people who are food and housing insecure. I think the bulk of the COVID relief money should target those communities. • I am more concerned for those who are still struggling from the pandemic. • Financial Support for utilities and food for those who need help • Life training. • Removing food deserts
Supporting the International Community	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Civil Discourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue • I think that having an open conversation on what they personally are experiencing would be helpful • Try to reduce political divisions, promote unity and kindness, gun ownership education, climate change, promote humanity.
Elderly Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better apartments for seniors • It would be good to have a facility for information for senior resources that is easily accessible. • No, but my 73-year-old father who is disabled and has a small income from Social Security moved to Guilford County last May and I'm interested in services available to him • Keep tight on the restrictions to stop the disease spreading. It's more important to have public officials be seen promoting the use of masks and continued social distancing.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better public transportation. • Traffic is a problem especially near my apartment. There is no safe way to turn into my community • Have a real time website for road closures and construction. I drive for work, and it can really throw a wrench into things when I hit unexpected delays.

Commissioner James Upchurch (District 6)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All city leaders need to work together to take care of education and health and safety of our communities. We all need stop talking about it and do something about it. Thank You. Increase access to Medicaid Provide bonuses to all healthcare, police and EMS workers. Also, additional funding for hospitals and healthcare workers. I went to the emergency room several months ago and had a 12 hour wait.
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue finding lunches in public schools. Education Rapid growth in past 5 years. Not building enough schools and building and repairing roads, bridges, ETC fast enough to meet the upcoming need. Maintenance of school facilities: there should be allowance for yearly roofing, HVAC systems on a rotating basis. Invest in our schools Community schools stop wasting taxpayer dollars busing kids all over town. A private school voucher-we strongly felt that the dangers and drawbacks of putting 7 and 9 yr. old in front of a computer for 5 plus hours daily far outweighs the danger covid presented to the same age group, so immediately pulled them from public school when it was announced in July 2020 that virtual school would continue. They have no issues with anxiety, depression or obesity and I feel it is in large part to our insistence on a normal school environment and interactions. Kids need to move, discuss and be involved to learn and thrive. A reliance on virtual education does not improve a cohesive society, it serves to further divide all of us. The discrepancy between students will continue to grow and impact all of us the longer virtual education is offered to young children Need to invest in the school's safety Pay for education, bonuses, etc. Re-envisioning the future of k-12 education via remote means.
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economy. More opportunities for minority and small businesses. Invest in businesses on the poorest areas of the city. Keep our economy open, like Florida. Support small businesses Support local businesses so they can create better paying jobs. Need to invest in small business owners which make a big part of Greensboro Resolve supply chain issues, I know it is at the federal level, but needs to be addressed. Support for our small businesses
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better access to mental health for low-income residents. Especially those with panic/stress disorder and/or agoraphobia Grief and depression counseling. A lot of t of people ate still suffering from the fear, isolation, the uncertainty, and the deaths of so many COVID-19 caused. The fact that masking and vaccinations has turned into political turmoil and fighting has put a mental health strain on many. COVID-19 does not choose between a democrat or republican. More outdoor recreation spaces, teacher/student resources for mental health, access to mental health services for those who are underinsured not just those without insurance. Social support services
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Childhood Environments
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a renter, rent control is needed to keep the prices of rent from exploding. I moved to NC in 2018, and my apartment cost \$900+ then, the most recent lease agreement attempted to balloon the amount to \$1400+! That exceeds a single paycheck that I receive, and that is predatory.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. My daughter has been paying my rent for a few years now. I owe her a small fortune, at least is for me. I wish there was a way that I could pay her at least some of my rent every month. I don't much money, Social Security, Medicaid and Food Stamps, that's it. I thank God though for everything I gets. I also thank my daughter, otherwise led be homeless. • If there is any way that more help could be provided for the homeless. Everyday seeing individuals on street corners begging for money is inhumane. It is getting cold, and no one should have to sleep outside • Codes and enforcement regarding indoor air exchange, filtration, cubic feet of space for maximum persons, not just square feet. • Lower the cost of rent. Many people are severely struggling to make ends meet and simply having enough to pay rent only leaves little to no money for other daily needs. I've seen people have a roof over their heads but unable to provide toiletries, food etc. for their homes. It's horrible how much a single \$1 could cost you everything. Miss a \$1 in rent you're homeless because no one cares why and it's disheartening that the community sufferers at the hands of those who charge astronomical figures for monthly rent without other options if the \$1 is late. The people responsible don't want to see more people in the street yet they are the direct cause as to why. May God help them • More housing that is affordable • I've also noticed an increase in homeless men and women in the parks downtown and more people panhandling • Safe and comfortable permanent housing for parents and children who are homeless coupled with job search and support services.
Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Difference in Health Outcomes	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued education and training. • Everyone that can work needs to work. I see places shutting down due to lack of employees. I know that it is impossible for it to happen, but everyone needs to get vaccinated. • Workforce recruiting and training efforts. Stop paying more so people get their butts off the couch and get to work. • Get people back to work and stop paying for people to stay home • Get people back to work. Quit paying people NOT to work. • Giving those that work a supplemental check • I think that more people should be getting back to work. Because, honestly, it's not that we don't have jobs for people. No more unemployment for those who won't work, it's ridiculous. Maybe enable them to get some benefits if they aren't making enough but there are more jobs than there are people here and lots of people are lazy and don't want to work. Maybe you can help with a reduced or free cost for public transportation for those who would qualify but I also think there should be mandatory drug testing for people receiving benefits Because I have seen far too many people get benefits from the government that sit around their house and get high all day. They spend their money on dope while everyone else must spend their money on essentials. This may not stop the abuse of funds, but I do think it would severely restrict the abuse of funds meant to help "anyone who needs help". • Improvement in the unemployment website for future use if needed. It was horrible trying to get unemployment when we needed it most during pandemic. The delays in receiving check, unable to access website. This was the first time I ever had to use unemployment and it was horrible. Improvements needed to bring the system up to date with today's technology world. Shame on this state for neglecting such an important asset.

Miscellaneous (Did not fit into ETC Priority Area)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs • Jobs not having COVID vaccines mandatory. • More jobs • People taking jobs that are available. • Reliable, truthful, positive information and abundant reasonable paying jobs • Return to work, get jobs. • Stop government assistance. People make more staying at home than working. • Stop paying people to not work. Promote a desirable work environment • Stop providing a crutch to people that were not working to begin with • Stop unemployment and get people back to work • Decrease unemployment benefits so people will return to work. • The consistent paying of people's utilities and rent while they have received several thousands of dollars in unemployment benefits is encouraging a high number of people NOT to work since those that have continued to work have to pay for the same expense and food increases without living off government subsidies. Those that work is viewed as supporting those that aren't working or choose NOT to work thanks to government handouts. This is creating a wider divide in social classes instead of helping everyone grow. • Unemployment extension for those unable to work, due to physical or mental health recovery
	High Speed Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet for family in need • Increase public Wi-Fi access throughout Greensboro, in all parks & throughout downtown.
	Neighborhoods & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church projects to teach spiritual management in the communities • Community projects where people can work together to accomplish positive changes in neighborhoods, etc • Prayer
	Help for Tourism, Travel, Hospitality, Related Industries, and Business Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More entertainment, casinos.
	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being smart about masks & social distancing so we can be done with this. • Bringing vaccines to those who won't get it • Constant places to get tested for COVID. • Educating public about vaccines, need for boosters, mask-wearing, health consequences of the coronavirus • Enforce vaccine mandates • Everyone vaccinated. • Make it easier to receive a booster shot. • Let people make their own decision on mask wearing. • No mask mandates. • No more mask mandates. • No more masks-no more masks and stop spending money. • No one. No one has an answer as to how to handle what do I do now that I have only one vaccine and no other way beyond due dates. • Figure out a way to get everyone vaccinated. • Get more people vaccinated to prevent future spread. Do more COVID testing to identify waves. Support all small businesses so few of them go out of business. Encourage apartment complexes NOT to exorbitantly increase their rents and hurt residents who have continued to pay their rent during COVID.

- Quit freaking out over every viral variation: natural immunity will not be achieved by quarantines, masks, mandates. Inform the public of ALL possible treatments, not just vaccines.
- Get rid of the mask
- Get rid of the mask mandate and Give people the freedom to choose to wear a mask. Report stories about local businesses events, improvement in the community, and school events to get the community to move forward without reporting of fear COVID-19
- I still think immunizations and mask mandates will decrease the spread of COVID no matter what the strain or severity of symptoms of the strains. Protect children and seniors!!!
- I think we need to relax a little. The higher the restrictions, the more people resist. Find a happy medium, educate people and then let decide how to live their own lives
- Immediately end all "mandates". Immediately end "vaccine mandates," "mask mandates,". Etc. City and county employees should NOT be forced to comply with a "mandate" to keep their jobs. Guilford County already is unable to fulfill County responsibilities in a timely manner. Building inspections/planning department is a prime example of why the mandates should be scrapped and getting employees back to work.
- Investigate long term effects of vaccine. My husband was pressured to get vaccine due to being someone that could be immune compromised. Just a month or so after his 1st shot, he was diagnosed with partial CHF. We cannot get his water weight off and is now on IV Lasix in hospital.
- It would have been wise not to lift the mask mandate until after the holidays. This is a more contagious time of year with families gathering indoors.
- Keep pushing for vaccinations of all, make access easy
- Lift the mask mandate-encourage people to find jobs. Help support individuals with mental health issues.
- Mandate vaccination
- I feel like at times some of the elected officials acted as if we should not be taking this seriously or were not involved with those in our community who were severely impacted by COVID. There was 0 enforcement of the masking mandate, and I heard several business owners completely ignore it. There should have been better information on our local numbers and affects as well as any communication at all about our local numbers and affects.
- I still say it could relax its mandates, educate adults to make their own decisions; in addition, it could stop stores and gas station from raising prices to an unreasonable height.
- More testing and tracking
- Keep us informed especially on the new Variant-Omicron
- No more masks, no more covid restrictions.
- Offering available services for help because of covid 19 through radio, tv, social media
- Open the economy with choice. If their concerned, then they can protect themselves.
- Please keep mandate on the face mask.
- Please keep wearing masks.
- Proof of vaccination
- Provide education and vaccine sites.
- Push for vaccines
- Encourage more people to get vaccinated.
- Our experience with the COVID mailings and phone calls regarding quarantine times in October of 2020 was poor. Because we understood the situation and were under direction of medical professionals from several different sources (work and urgent care related), we knew how long we were supposed to quarantine and what we should and should not do. However, the call from the County to advise on that as well as the letter to notify us of our quarantine period not only arrived late (on the last day or day after

our quarantine period ended), but it also arrived postage due! Neither of those facts point to a well-organized response to the situation. We didn't need the call or the letter but if we were unaware or didn't have other resources and were relying on the county, we would have been ill informed. I have been blessed as my family, while contracting the virus due to a work situation, has come through relatively unscathed and have our jobs as we did before and are not in need of county services at this time. The sole exception to this statement is that I have a child in the public school system in Guilford County. Had the students not returned to the classroom when they did, we were considering a switch to private school or home schooling as (while not special needs) my child does NOT learn best in a remote environment. I appreciate the effort and care that the teachers and school administrators have put into learning over the past 18+ months. I feel that many of the restrictions imposed on the schools have been put in place to protect teachers and not necessarily in the best interest of students (however I don't believe that we will truly know the positive/negative impact for 20-40 years from now).

- End all COVID "mandates." Let each citizen, private employee, and government employee choose what is best for himself and go to work.
- Great job with vaccinations needs people to get them though.
- Quarantine sick people. No vaccine mandate get back to normal life. Also get a better governor
- The county should lift the mandate to allow the PUBLIC to choose how everyone wants to live through this Pandemic.
- Stop the COVID restrictions.
- Reduce restrictions and mandates
- Reinstitute mask mandates!!!
- Please treat and handle all ethnic backgrounds the same especially during pandemic of COVID-19. Regardless of status of middle class, wealthy, poverty, or homeless or poor. Everyone should be treated the same and given same offers for COVID-19.
- Promote more vaccine drives
- Services to vaccinate those who cannot drive to vaccination sites
- Still realize the virus is still with us and we should be careful when in gatherings.
- Stop focusing on COVID.
- Be clearer and more consistent about COVID data, quarantining, enforcing masking and quarantine laws.
- Stop living in fear. Stop masking which does NOT work. Return to hand washing reminders and common sense. Realize that viruses are going to be around forever.
- Keep business open
- Trustworthy, reliable information on how to adequately protect family
- Universal masking, opening schools, and increasing vaccination rates.
- Use funds to address the underlying problems that were exacerbated by the pandemic. My family was impacted minimally because of our financial and occupational position.
- Vaccine and media to stop spreading panic
- Vaccine's requirement
- We should have a mask mandate in place through the first of year. Cannot believe we dropped that right before a big holiday
- Whatever it takes to get rid of mask mandates and return to pre pandemic normal.

Relationship with Government

- Be honest with the public, less politics with everything and get folks back to work.
- Don't think it is a recovery. This is an adjustment. How we live from here on out. 104 million won't touch that.
- How about sending out a state of the county report to tell us what you are doing and plans for future projects by department.
- Keep up the important work!
- Lower property taxes would be appreciated.
- Lower taxes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have done a fine job in your media information. You have been clear on requirements & I haven't had any problems with any of them. Offer more services for special needs kids/ adults. • Lower taxes. • For the local government to stop demonizing law enforcement and refraining from giving biased comments to the media. And maybe stop the hand-outs and transition to hand-ups. • Better management and information from the Guilford County Department of Social Services. • No, I think the County is doing a good job! • Doing a good job • The county should mail invitations to county meetings with virtual links to allow citizens to attend virtually. • The survey is a good start. • No fees when paying property taxes online service. • Waive property taxes for 2020/2021 • We need a new governor • Timely information, less of a piecemeal approach. If you do not know, say so. There are too many rumors out there. • Know what people expect from representatives & find solutions. • Government should get out of the way. • Have government to stop meddling in business and health care. We need to get on living. SARS-COV2 is going to be with us always in some mutated form. • New community leaders. • Positive impacts that are being made, reporting that information before the community. Keep continually publicizing available resources with well-organized access. • Spend this money wisely or send it back if we don't need it all. We are all going to be responsible for this outcome of future of our State's financial wellbeing. • Stop letting people hold political positions for more than 2 terms, which would help everywhere. • Support of law enforcement • Tax breaks locally • Tax relief, property taxes • Truth, keep everyone informed.
<p>Crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better leadership: addressing crime rates, gun control so citizens feel safe in Greensboro with or without a pandemic • Over the weekend I needed to contact 911 services in Guilford County from the coast. It was very difficult as regular phone numbers in Guilford were not manned and 911 there could not connect to Guilford in any way-this must be fixed • More police and more police equipment. • A stronger police presence. • Better police patrol in Adams Farm area during night. Increase in violence in the area in past few years. Violence being car break ins, shootings, drug related activity. Also, something needs to be done with beggars or homeless people on every street corner. They should only be allowed in certain designated areas- not every corner or intersection in this city. Also, they should not be allowed to pitch a tent anywhere. There should be designated areas out of the main thoroughfare roads. Example there is a tent on Bradford Parkway, and this is an eyesore to the city. It is on right side of inbound Bradford parkway before small bridge over highway. It had blue tarp wrapped around tent. Please check it out • More police presence in my apartment complex. I live in Deep River Pointe Homes. • I've also noticed an increase in crime. These issues must be addressed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce crime infested areas, eliminate pan handling, stress the importance of self-sufficient. • Support Police Department. • Support law enforcement. Charge law breakers to the full extent of the law.
Basic Needs & Household Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to food on a consistent basis. • Another stimulus to help poverty. • Reduce rent and continue stimulus payments to help get people back on track. • Access for help getting past due benefits that should have been able to get had the unemployment system been better prepared and better serving if those who were self-employed before and during the massive COVID debacle • County stimulus checks whatever the amount. Anything would help people get caught up on bills. • Food access • Food for family in need • Help for the working middle class such as myself would be nice and is needed. A lot of working middle class families are living paycheck to paycheck and the pandemic has made it worse and harder to maintain financially. Help is needed but not available. • Help with food • I would appreciate the county focusing on feeding the hungry and helping the truly disadvantaged and implementing policies to encourage employment in those who are able and can be gainfully employed. • Lower gas and food prices • Make food accessible • Money would help a lot-don't make enough to go around. • Stimulus checks to families to assist with the rising cost of food, gas, household utilities as well as student loan assistance. • Providing financial help • Stimulus money to county residents • Some type of rebate check to county residents • Stimulus checks • Stimulus money for ones that are at a disadvantage with current job income- Less than \$75,000 income per person. • Give nutritional support programs a chance in younger populations
Supporting the International Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More staff to support refugees
Civil Discourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working for the same goal
Elderly Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the needs of our elderly community who are on fixed incomes. All the increased costs of food, gasoline, Healthcare and medicines have a hard impact on these folks. • I would like to see more help for the senior citizens in our communities. • Help senior-more seniors do not get anything to help us-please help. • It wasn't easy for elderly people to get information about vaccinations. My husband isn't very tech savvy and we had to navigate getting him and his 87-year-old mother to a site where they could get vaccine twice. I also had to deal with getting my autistic adult daughter vaccinated. I don't think enough was done to reach out to people in specific categories like that. • Senior services support and resources
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transportation • Clean the roadways, people are having flat tires because of the trash. • More bike lanes needed to increase bike use. • More sidewalks, please. • Linking public transportation routes within Greensboro and High Point. • Put pressure plates under every traffic light.

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need better roads• More pedestrian walkways and natural areas (parks) plus more bike lane- county wide. |
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Vacant (Previously the late Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman) (District 7)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare for everyone Healthy living and health education. More available community healthcare. Better doctors for women especially women of color without medical insurance
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Private booths for kids in school with plex glass so they can see and hear the teacher Education Schools Student loan deferment Help the school system The school system needs a lot of attention. The kids and teachers are suffering. I can tell that my son's teachers have tapped out mentally. It is sad. They need more resources and pay at these school systems Work mindset. I am an employer and finding willing workers has been a struggle. I would like to see some work/learning situations for high school students that help develop a mentality of a good day's work.
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attracting larger business to our community. This will expand job opportunity Guilford county needs to offer more support for locally owned or new businesses so we can afford to pay people to work.
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health care more accessible and more coverage by health plan.
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to respond to emergency housing needs such as sudden homelessness (especially on weekends and holidays) and no interest loans or grants to assist with front end cost of accessing housing. There must be ways to help persons who get stuck in long term hotel living because they cannot save enough for the move. Another idea may be to create a housing "bond" program to help people who get turned down for housing based on past catastrophic credit issues Housing improvements in black neighborhoods I live in Browns Summit and apply for mortgage assistance when I first lost my job due to the pandemic and I was denied because funding was only available to the city of Greensboro at the time, so I wish that More resources become available to those who live right outside the city limits but still in Guilford County. Put people in a home. Make a better plan for the homeless. More affordable housing. The county needs to help with the eviction crisis. We need more financial support for programs to help with rent Have more rental assistance or open section 8 Develop opportunities for the barely middle-class families and the working poor families. Also begin permitting Tiny Homes in Guilford County. Housing Pay more rent and utilities for those who can't afford it now. Ppl are struggling to pay rent still along with ppl have a hard time finding stable housing due to evictions, rental property and so forth. rental assistance or lowering rent to help residents afford to live in a safe area. The shortage of housing and the gauging of rent for prospective renters.
	Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and reliable drinking water

Difference in Health Outcomes	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut off support for those who refuse to work and force them back into the work force. Continuing to support this lazy behavior is damaging our economy by forcing businesses to raise prices to compensate • Increase pay. • Assist the working people with more assistance and not the people who don't want to work but got free services • Personally, it's hard to suggest things such as stimulus checks or financial assistance-jobs are available, and people are choosing not to work. Better financial assistance for working class may help-incentives to get off unemployment. • We also need more funding for resource centers that provide higher education courses to the community so people can get more certifications to get better jobs so that we are ending welfare & poverty. Our community has too many uneducated people living off welfare and they can't support themselves financially. • Increase in pay. All things we need to serve are going up. PAY INCREASE!!! • Jobs and raising the minimum wage to a living wage. • Jobs • work with state officials to raise minimum wage, increase education wages for all employed of BCG • Just putting people back to work and offering better paying jobs. • Limit government payments to increase the need for people to go back to work • Make people ineligible to receive unemployment income when they refuse to get vaccinated, return to work after being furloughed, not actively seeking and applying for available employment, etc. This pandemic has affected me, a taxpaying working senior citizen who was furloughed for over 8 months. If I can work full-time on my job every day, so can younger, healthier adults out here trying to con or milk the system with every breath they take. Force able bodied people to go to work and not collect unemployment benefits at the cost of the average taxpayer. • Many people like me, 1099 contractors, received NO help when others received an absurd amount of money. I applied several times and was denied every single time. That is criminal. • More job fairs • Pay rate to match the cost of living to avoid public assistance. • Raising minimum wage • Job openings
High Speed Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet for all students. • Giving access to the internet more widespread. Use the recreation centers to provide basic computer skills for free. • Low-cost internet service.
Neighborhoods & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More help from different organizations • Prayer and put God back in schools • Stop destroying Guilford battleground park-leave something for wildlife. • Better cleanup of trash. Even in the nicer neighborhoods. Not a good look • More dog parks for outdoor recreation with pets. Check out Dane county and Madison in Wisconsin. We miss it badly.
Help for Tourism, Travel, Hospitality, Related Industries, and Business Districts	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All residents receiving the vaccine shot.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent enforcement of mask policies until a higher number of residents are fully vaccinated (and the world). Too many chances of new variants coming up, and they keep seeming to remove the mandates right when that happens. • Continue wearing our mask. Vaccinations • Continuing to wear a mask, accurate education on the pandemic, and holding people accountable for their actions in jeopardizing other people’s safety, for example people not wearing a mask in public places such as Walmart, target, etc. • Designated days -weekends-for transportation from specified neighborhoods to healthcare facilities for screening and updated vaccines. Free for low income. • Masking • Follow the county mandates for COVID-19. • When incentivizing those that are getting vaccinated now (late) think about means to incentivize those that did not hesitate to get the vaccination when asked to do so. It seems like if you do what you are supposed to do, you are less appreciated • Generation 25-35 is still refusing vaccine I ask a question why to the individuals, waste time, it really is no scientific proof that it is helping, why allow something in your that ingoing health issues later. I ask what you’ll need to change give me proof, not what think showmen. I sent facts and myths information have not won them over. How many out there uneducated. • Get rid of Mask Mandates. • Keep the mask mandate and enforce it. • Get the vaccine. • Honest information about COVID, too much controversial information and people don't know what to believe and not able to trust our government. • Keep education going and continue with media coverages, updates about COVID. • Lesser restrictions • Make more things mandatory like mask wearing-vaccines even. Get a job. All mandatory to attend functions. • Make testing more widely accessible, expeditious, and free! • Making sure everyone is vaccinated • Mandated vaccination. • Shut down for a week this winter. Excluding health cores and passes for store for 2 weeks fully compensate if out of work. • Mandated vaccination. • Mandatory mask mandates • More friendly attitudes and more readable info and a button or pin to wear saying you have had your shots • More vaccination clinics and more encouragement to make the behavioral modifications needed to mitigate the spread. • Open. Ease restrictions. Stop acting scared as a society. • Require regular COVID testing to those who do not want to vaccinate. • To be more educated on the pandemic. Having more workshops how to move forward. • Truthful and full disclosure about case statistics • Vaccination at 70 percent or greater for residents in the community. • Wear the mask-get the vaccine
<p>Relationship with Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to information and facilities. • Easy access to anything that is needed • Hearing the truth from elected officials. • Doing a good job. • Start taking glass recycling again. • Social Security needs to be raised. • Stop gerrymandering. Raise the minimum wage. Single payer health care. Better labor laws. Ranked choice voting. Better information about political candidates. Better

	<p>distribution of information about services provided by the county. Make internet a utility. Break up monopolies. Stop Duke Power from polluting. Bring back glass recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate others. • Motivate people. • Save the wildlife-they don't have a say • Remove tree limbs over power lines to reduce risk of loss of power during quarantine or an illness. • Have more operators answering phone numbers given to public with ACCURATE information!! • Keep putting correct information on news and social media. • Keep taxes down • Lower property taxes. Being tight with our money. • Real discussion, change in understanding, meeting the needs of everyday folks as well as increasing cost of living vs income. • I applaud all the employees of Guilford County. You guys put Raleigh to shame. I appreciate all the help support and assistance the agency provides during this crisis. Keep up the good work and stay transparent • The middle class should be included in receiving help. Middle class citizens are often overlooked when help is granted to communities • Working together for the good of all
Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime continues to increase. More community involvement by commissioners, local government that creates positive results for citizens as opposed to big businesses. • Focus on gun violence. Gang violence. • Have more random neighborhood/development security checks from Greensboro Police Dept during midnight to 6am • More safety in the Dudley heights area since covid we have had more shootings in this area • Neighborhood patrolling. • Neighborhood crime and safety issues. Control the gangs. Gun control.
Basic Needs & Household Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring monthly rates down on Duke Energy and piedmont natural gas bills. Gas prices are really getting out of hand and food at grocery stores • Cell phone. • Contract with local farmers to have produce boxes delivered (or have a designated pickup location) to schools, the elderly, and undeserved communities for a period. Create and designate space for community gardens around the county, especially in or near undeserved communities. Collaborate with local colleges, like NC A&T SU's College of Ag & Environmental Sciences to assist in running the community gardens (and testing its efficacy) for a period. Create a one-time (maybe twice) SNAP benefits payment (specifically food stamps), to all families in the county who are not already eligible to receive SNAP benefits, based on family size. This will help them deal with shrinkflation & the rising costs in food due to supply chain issues • Extra money • Give money to people who need it. • Stimulus • Utilities assistance until virus is contained for at least another year • Monthly payments or nice one-time payment, especially around holidays. • Something to lower the price of food which has gotten outrageous. • Stimulus checks • Stimulus to all residents like other states have done • Stop price gouging. People are not getting increases in pay, yet the cost of living is constantly increasing. It is sad and ridiculous. • Within the community, the people need money and assistance to keep them afloat. A stimulus package would be beneficial.

Supporting the International Community	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Civil Discourse	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Elderly Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the senior citizens • Senior citizens with health care, co-pays, and food. Some must decide whether to eat or get the medicines • Help keep seniors educated to continue working. Free training for jobs that are in high demand. • Inflation is not only affecting families with children it is affecting seniors on fixed incomes. Find ways to help seniors financially.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not drive, and I do not live on a bus route, there are not enough taxi or uber drivers.

Chairman and Commissioner Melvin “Skip” Alston (District 8)

ETC Institute Community Survey Priority Investment Areas (Ordered)	Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better healthcare access • Having urgent care facilities close to underserved areas where you know more ppl do not have transportation to get to the hospitals. Have a free Mobile care unit regularly circulating in those areas, giving the vaccines & boosters. Make sure residents are aware of what us available to them (marketing/advertising). • Removing some of the financial barriers to health such as access to medical assistance and medication and the ability to remain housed. • Keep public health and safety as #1 priority.
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public support of how one can be safe. Support schools and their safety such as supplies and special needs while in schools. • Also giving transportation for students who are 5 minutes away from the old address that they use to live at. • Yes, I live 5 minutes from where I use to stay, and I cannot get bus transportation for my daughter that attends Ragsdale High School. They receive transportation before this pandemic came about which I still live 5 mins from my old address. That was in 2019 I have stress myself with this situation for a long period of time and nothing was done about it. Bus transportation stated to me if she didn't ride the bus in a year then she was kick off the list for someone else to ride the bus. I get money taking out of my taxes every week and my daughter cannot ride the bus. • Helping the school children recover their social skills and time lost • I'm a retired educator from the school district and I serious concerns about current and future of our schools and the people working in them. Take some of the burden off our schools for food and even serving students. The mission of our schools is to provide an education not babysitting services. Our Educators are tired, stressed, and frustrated because they have been asked to do more so parents can work. Are there other governmental agencies that can provide support and services? For example, how Parks and Recreation provide more time, support, and different programs? School facilities can provide the facilities for other service providers, but principals and teachers don't have to provide them. • More education • Continue to work closely with the school district
	Small Business & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business stimulus. • Help small businesses.
	Behavioral Healthcare & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address behavioral health and substance abuse in other ways as all the concerns identified are equally important. • Free or reduced cost access to behavioral health services for all residents of Guilford Co whether in person, by phone, or online. We all deserve to feel like someone is listening. Mental Healthcare is healthcare
	Healthy Childhood Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for daycare
	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better housing. • Having affordable housing • Sometimes I need some help completing my rent. • Better affordable decent housing with decent landlords some don't care • More funding for lights and rental assistance but make it easier for people to apply for these funds. make the process move more faster, then a snail. • More funding for bills, food, and places to stay. • Pausing rent/mortgage payments, stimulus financial aid • Better government homes, I am handicap and the place I live in is falling apart.
	Safe & Reliable Drinking Water	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>

	Difference in Health Outcomes	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
	Workforce & Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put people back to work instead of giving them money to stay home. Just look at the traffic in Greensboro and I wonder (who is working). I started work at 17 and so did all my children and they are still working. funding for training and education programs, which can help people get back out and want to work Need job Not providing stimulus \$\$ if individuals are capable of working. Decreasing gas prices The gov is handicapping people. Stop giving out money. People are lazy and need to work.
	High Speed Internet Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need in my neighborhood and most is internet connection. Not all people have it I do because I have been working from home the last 7 yrs. but my neighbors with kids and both parents working need the help. Internet needs to available like phone system and job training to help people learn the basics.
	Neighborhoods & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All communities should have a safe environment regardless of race religion or sex! Volunteerism Fix up neighborhood
	Help for Tourism, Travel, Hospitality, Related Industries, and Business Districts	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Miscellaneous (Did not fit into ETC Priority Area) (Unordered)	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All adults fully vaccinated. Mandatory mask wearing in all public places. Lifting of restrictions will cause COVID cases to rise. Allowing employers to hire and keep employees without vaccine mandates. People need to work. Continue public support of getting the vaccines. Be safe and wear masks and etc Continuing mask mandates for indoor venues and easy access to vaccines will be the single best resources to help slow the stress of COVID. Please reconsider reinstating the mask mandate through the holidays! Stop the discrimination between people. My health issues are my choice, not the publics. Education, stop the tide of false information Encourage people to be kinder & more considerate to each other (through advertising like billboards, tv commercials, etc.) so those who don't want vaccines won't spread COVID to those wearing masks & trying to social distance. Make being cautious (mask wearing, vaccinations, social distancing) patriotic! Come up with good health slogans! Have a SLOGAN CONTEST & with a nice financial award for the top 3 winners!!! A great slogan can encourage thousands (even millions) of people. Thanks for asking! Encouraging all who qualify to get fully vaccinated. Find a way to help the antivax folks and put out ads or messaging to counter the lies and conspiracies Get the vaccine No mask or vaccine mandates. People who do not have the shots should go shopping after the people who did get the shots. Different times during the day. Everyone should have to show their shot card. Get vaccinated Hand wipes at all stores, food, clothing, restaurants and schools Help with improving and getting correct information about the important ways to keep and stay healthy, so we can be able to avoid any other pandemic that we may come across.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make FIGHTING COVID A LITTLE MORE FUN-Fight with more slogans, cartoon characters — it's going to become a way of life in the 2020's so let's find something to laugh about — there is do much misery connected with COVID. GET "Kids" more involved - they think OUT IF THE BOX!" • In NC eliminate religious exemptions to avoid COVID vaccinations. I know people who get these exemptions-they don't even belong to a church, and they are laughing at the system. They don't want to be told what to do and don't care to whom they spread covid. It's a joke. • Ivermectin distribution, Uttar Pradesh, India, just do the research with an open mind • Keep wearing the mask and a vaccinate mandate. • Let individuals decide what risks are acceptable to them and give businesses the freedom to decide their own COVID policies, without the heavy hand of government coercion. • Enforce strict mask mandates • Put up more signage asking people to be considerate of others and wear face coverings. I am upset about religious exemptions-the kind of people who don't care about safety of others are the ones who lie and claim religious exemption. • Reduce spending and legislation related to COVID-19. In almost all cases, less is better. • Lifting mask mandates!!!! Letting citizens return to living their own lives. Letting citizens make their own day to day decisions without government overreach and interference. Get out and stay out of our lives. • MASKS!!!!!! • More people taking vaccines. • Open restaurant dining rooms and get rid of the long drive thru lines burning up all that expensive gas. If they can't get help and have a full menu, they just need to close their doors. • Require vaccines so the unvaccinated don't use up hospital beds and patients who need them are being denied. No sympathy for the unvaccinated! • When able promote and incentivize the return of unmasked and full capacity shopping and eating out.
<p>Relationship with Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to affordable resources. • We need better trained law enforcement officers to understand how people feel. It seems that our city council should focus on conserving monies too use for surrounding areas not focused on downtown updates. I am a strong believer that the BLM painted on a public street should be removed immediately. Greensboro is a great place however it seems that division outweighs diversity. I am an American Patriot however this should not be painted on a public street. The voting integrity is an issue that needs to be addressed with individuals from all parties to be involved. Transparency is a must in all decisions made by our government down to our city council and mayor! We need immediate help with evidence for rape victims also child abuse and trafficking. This means having all DNA collection to be done right away instead of sitting on a shelf waiting for months even years before testing. I have lived here in Greensboro for 62 years and seen monies spent on projects that hasn't produced a dime in profits. First is our coliseum and the new aqua center also the old Woolworth building which has been way over funded. Why not move the stools and counter to our museum? Greensboro leaders are funding pet projects while other things are neglected. Why has the Cone mills area not been added as a historical community? • Clean sanitary stations at all public places. • Get back to work. Stop hiding behind COVID 19. Stop having virtual meetings. Support our police dept. Stop caving into the few. • Better communication. • Elect a republican.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ a system to report scam activities in various environments and categories with plan of actions in place that includes law enforcement on the federal level. Thanks. Now please write the grant. • Find ways to lower water and tax bills • Funding for building old government housing communities and making them safer for residents. • Honesty and transparency. Humility- serve others, not selfish political statements. Ivermectin is inexpensive but big Pharma can't profit from it. • Care about people's pain-what individuals need-food healthcare, shelter home, job-- leaders need to stop fighting each other and help the country and stop being selfish and greedy • Hearing truth, and information in a timely manner from our city leaders. we need to be able to trust our leaders • Lower taxes • I don't know how but leaders need to stop fighting and blaming each other and care about the country home and do your job-a lot of stuff is happening to people • Nonpolitical information. • Training of staff and included some volunteers such as ambassador and/or advocacy teams. • You have done a fabulous job. • WE the People of America need MUCH LESS overbearing & tyrannical government interference in our lives! STOP ALL mandates & restrictions, look at Gov. DeSantis in Florida & Gov. NOEM & start governing NC like they are. • Grateful for having lied here all my life. • Was handled very well and run very efficiently • Return personal freedoms immediately. • Stop scaring people and tell the truth. • You SKIP need to stop interfering with the Constitutional rights & freedoms guaranteed all LEGAL US Citizens & legal residents of Greensboro (&NC)! We dint need your tyrannical unlawful mandates or public restrictions of commerce & living free in general! Stop the extended welfare benefits & encourage EVERYONE to GET BACK to WORK! Stop shutting dune businesses & all restrictions!!! You're a fraud & a thief of our Constitutional freedoms & you need to stop killing our city
Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime control. • Get these gangs out of our county. • Getting criminals off our streets • More and better law enforcement. • Get rid of these gangs in our county. • Police stop speeding along East Side Dr • Programs for teens to steer them away from guns and violence. • Supporting the police to help reduce crime • Let law enforcement do their jobs.
Basic Needs & Household Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another stimulus check for one, help those who need help • Families are still struggling from the past year with financially situations and just trying to make ends meet which is very hard. • For one with the cost of food going up it makes it hard for even families that do get food stamps hard because we are now spending more on food. The rent has gone up so much that people are having to move out or get kicked out and face homelessness has gone up along with everything. • I could really use a stimulus check, so I don't have to keep playing catch up with my bills and maybe have enough to relax and enjoy without worrying about what I must do next • Ease receiving financial assistance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be resources that will help people that are having a hard time paying their rent, food and help with bills as well as employment. • Give out vouchers which could be used at local farmers markets for locally sourced food • : More food pantry, not only for food but for other household needs like paper products and hygiene supplies. • More funding for food rent a bill • Help people with their bills that have COVID and can't work. • Income increased. • Understanding the impact of the pandemic on those with economic hardship.
Supporting the International Community	<i>No open comments received in this area.</i>
Civil Discourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change law enforcement policies and practices and attitudes. Zero tolerance for bigoted behavior and language.
Elderly Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks to the retired and senior citizens. • Money goes directly to the needs of the elderly and animals in need. • I don't understand when a person works all their life and retires and covid hits-why I was not able to get food stamps-it's always 'your income is too high' so I must go and get a job or jobs to make ends meet. It would be nice to just get 200 dollars for being a senior
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of public transportation. • Better public transportation