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CITY OF GRANTS PASS SURVEY
NARRATIVE RESPONSES TO OPEN-ENDED
QUESTIONS



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City Departments - (Why was/Why is) it poor?

Parks Maintenance

Because a lot of the time I still see trash laying all over the place (p) just the uncleanness part of it
Because they are always crying that they are going to cut off the money for the parks
Their priorities are in the wrong place in spending, spending money unwisely
Uh, the physical condition for the parks are not what I would expect for the amount of money being expended for the work. Perhaps when they fired the current director it could have improved.

Police Services

Because every time up for the voter to vote on for more police they stick on library. When they turn down the library they turn down the police. Police definitely need more money
Because I feel like there are sometimes racial tensions, because I am Latino I can feel that cops turn to me just because I am different
Because it is too many of them. They regulate too much.
Because of our car theft in front of the house. I gave information to the police and they didn't want to go off it. It was over \$4000 worth of damage. Other people also know the kids and the police don't do anything. I am a homeowner and they don't do much about juvenile crime.
Because they are always so busy when you call them, and I hate to get an answering machine, and you have to call back at 9:00 in the morning, you can't call early in the morning, or you have to leave a message and you feel like you are not talking to anyone. I want to talk to a person, you know that half the time you leave a message on anyone's machine you never get a response. (p) I don't know, I don't get out enough
Because they don't come when you call them. That is what you hear. They don't have enough money to run it. It's run on property tax and that isn't fair.
Because they pull people over and give them tickets whether they do anything wrong or not, because they don't have anything to do
Because they were low funded and they didn't have enough money to provide service, but now we passed a bond, so it is supposed to be cooking again
Because they've never come out when we call. My house was robbed and they didn't come out for two days. When they did come out, it's cursory investigation.
From what I've read in the paper and different people I talk to, I hear they have a lot of bullies on their force who intimidate people. (p) We personally had a robbery and we read that they caught a guy who was robbing in our area. We called a couple times to see if we could identify our stuff, and they never called back, we just get an answering machine, and they never call us back. (p) That's it
I have known of a couple different people, a friend of mine had what they thought was a break-in and they called and the police said they had no one available. This is a contradiction, because my mother was pulled over at four in the morning and there was like three or four officers there.
I just don't see that they do their job. I see a lot of people driving carelessly, without insurance. I see just a lot of illicit behavior that is not taken care of or dealt with. I see apathy in the department.
I just read the news, these things we read about police and criminals being let out again. I don't they are doing enough
I just think it is, I've had dealings with being robbed and my children being juvenile delinquents and I think it's poor. (p) My children being involved with the law. (p) No

I live in an apartment complex -- sometimes there is problems. Their response time is slow. Sometimes when they get here they do nothing, such as people who are physically abusive. They brought someone here who was drunk and she had a restraining order against her and she shouldn't be here and they left her there anyway even though she is not supposed be at. They looked at me as if I was crazy.

I read the paper and it's full of people getting drunk and driving and doing dope, and I thought they had a jail to take care of those, but they are still kicking them out for lack of room

I think the ridiculous pestering and cutting down on staff has been disgusting. The sheriff has tried to hold the people for ransom. Obviously there is some problems with some people who feel they have not been treated fairly. I would hate to know that any people, especially poor people, were not treated well. I don't know about that. There has been some moments of police brutality and it has been disturbing.

I've had people who have called the cops and they didn't come out because she wasn't actually being harmed yet. They told her that she had to be physically threatened first.

Just they are too busy trying to impress public with marijuana, but don't care if something gets robbed, and I don't smoke it. I see them jump on people for nothing.

Laxed, they want taxpayers money, they don't want to do nothing for us. They never don't show up when you call them, maybe a couple days later

Not enough out there

Not enough police

Poor, because there's not enough of them and they're not visible. (p) You don't see enough of them out on the streets during the daytime, when they need to be, or at nighttime either.

The red light, people run on red light. They don't turn their signals. Kids, they run off the street. I'll give Police Department zero, zero, zero. I've been so angry. What are they going to do about it? The speeder and they rejected it, this is the worst. Police can park everywhere, you just see them park all over the place, they just stop the teenager to stop.

They are spread too thin. They told us that if it is not a life threatening situation, I had to go in and fill out a form.

They deal with a lot of petty issues. For example, I just got done with this big custody issue. I got my first visitation. My ex is a known child beater. I don't dig the pigs around here, then when someone really needs help they aren't there. They need to put these child beaters away and leave the law-abiding citizens alone

They have no courtesy. Not sure if all of them are that way; the one who stopped me was extremely rude. They just seem to not, they don't ever seem to be where they need to be. Why does it take five cops to pull over one driver? And they want more money, but they aren't using the money they have more wisely

They suck. They abuse their power. I don't care for them too much.

Well, I don't think they keep in contact with everybody else, the District Attorney's office and the courts.

Well, I just notice they haven't been around very much. When I live within the city a lot of time, when you call, you a lot of time, you really won't get any, they are under staffed.

Well, somebody broke into my house, and I called the police, and they made out a report and it took them an hour and a half to get here

Well, they are arrogant and snotty and they do not respond

Well, we live on the edge of city limits and response has not been good, response time and attitude about legitimate things has not been appropriate

Street Maintenance

All the streets around here are torn up, they try to fix them and leave them torn up with potholes

Because they've been doing all this work on the streets for months and months, they've been working and it's crap. They're supposed to be fixing it and we have curbs for driveways.

Because you see so many people standing around holding shovels and not doing anything, and when they do do it they do a halfway job.

It took forever. They did it during rush hour; the 6th and 7th streets were under repair. You had to jump over a big hump and it tore up people's cars. It took them forever. There's too much traffic in this town. There's too many buildings and not enough stuff

My main disappointment is they are doing roads that don't need it. What other area could that money have gone into? There is always trash out in the streets.

They are rough

They had a steel barrier up for weeks, and there are potholes all over, and the roads are uneven

They leave holes in the road

Well, I have a water meter and you could trip over it and fall into the street. It is very dangerous. I have called many times; they never come to fix it until someone gets hurt. The sidewalks really need fixing; not the roads, but the sidewalks. They don't trim bushes and trees. The trees inhibit vision. The weeds get tall too and you can't see. If I were the city I would mow the long weeds and then bill the people and then they would take care of it. I used to have three acres in Riverside. And the city came in and then they charged me. Fine.

Well, I lived here 30 years. Washington Boulevard really needs paving. They patched holes and made it worse. All the streets around 3rd and 2nd still don't have any crosswalks.

We've been here for six or seven years; they've never resurfaced the street here. They need to do that.

Planning Services

Because I think that, especially right now during the elections, they are complaining. The house for the kids - they lost the money by the first guy, they should be ashamed of it

Because I think they care more for big business agenda and not neighborhoods and individuals

Because I think they in the past I don't think thought went into it. I've seen them do and undo a lot of things.

Because there is a very poor planning done within the city - whoever comes with the biggest bucks

Because they don't have stop sign when there should be. They make it more confusing. The planning of the st. is not good

Because they need to get more feedback from everyone before they decide to do something like where the kids take your skateboards or roller-skates, it's not finished and kids are skating, and that's not safe. That new bridge for pedestrians across the river: they didn't have it all riveted and nails were sticking out, and that's unsafe. They opened the bridge that was set for a certain date to open, and they should have waited to open it when it was finished

Because they pay. You can call them or go down there but you don't get an answer, they do not seem to know what they are doing. They help those they know, regular people cannot get anything out of them. I walked in there to do, to find out what I could do with my two hectares and the guy there didn't know what I could do. But when someone else went in there who was a friend of them, a builder, he got an answer for how much he could build there. Illegal things going on there, it is crazy

Because this is the United States, it's free and our mayor, I assume it was the mayor passed an ordinance that there is no smoking in the city park during a public event I think it's a double standard smokers have rights they have rights we fought and died for those rights before that type of ordinance can be passed we should vote for it

Can't agree with their work

I don't think they're very conscientious. They're self-serving and they don't look at the community as a whole. And we are not Portland. We don't need to mass build like Portland. They're destroying our quality of life

I have had some dealings with them. They do not inform the people of what they have to go through for different thing. Every time you come in you have to come in they change the rules.

I just don't think they put in enough effort in what is going on in this town and what's needed.

I think they're out of touch. We're not Irvine California, we don't need some of the services some college graduates want to build a resume

It takes too long, too much red tape and people who do not know what they are doing. There are new employees all the time. There are employees who know then they are gone and then you are starting off with a new person.

It's poor, because they don't have a clue what they are doing and don't get things out on time.

It's very chaotic. The approach to the Redwood Highway -- when you come off of the parkway you cannot make a left hand turn into businesses. You are forced to drive to Williams Highway

Just simply because of their lack of allowing citizen input. They have their plan and the way they do things

Letting too many people in -- overbuilding

Like getting permits, the cooperation and ease of getting services

Real bad, I mean you look around the streets and how every thing designed sucks.

There was a mobile home in the paper and the planning dept. said I couldn't buy it and someone else bought and the planning dept thinks I bought and have been harassing me and I told them I don't have it

They make you jump through hoops for little things and silly codes that are uncalled for

They needed to put sidewalks on the streets they enlarged. There is no place to ride a bike downtown. It is improving but it's not there yet.

They take too long for what they are charging for what they do.

Um, I just don't think that city commissioners are doing their jobs. The planning can't do anything, I think it's a joke.

They are building that they are old but good, why can't they utilize some of this?

We don't need any more jails or signs keeping the skateboarders out. These old a-holes are all worried about it.

When they planned the new bridge they messed up the whole thing. You couldn't get in where you had to go. I lived on G Street since they put on little turn, they split the street, I saw five accidents in six months.

City Water Services

All the bickering with the water. Although I have a well, so I don't know that much

Because it jerks

Because of the taste of the water, I don't drink it

I don't the chlorine levels.

It tastes bad.

Just because the water tastes like crap and it costs too much.

My toilets are not flushing properly and I'm not getting pressure. My water pressure is very low; the subdivision is old.

It's by Lincoln school -- the pipes are just old and corroded

No city water is good

The people there are very rude and don't work with people

The reason I mentioned before about the problem with my water meter being dangerous.

The sewer spilled the back up and it was two days before they noticed it, and so many hundreds of thousands of gallons of sewer went into the Rogue River. And out in Sunny Valley they had a week and a half or more of no water because a switch or some kind of pump to fill up the holding tank went out and they couldn't replace it.

The taste is bad.

The water is foul smelling

They just did a thing on the news they just dumped sewage in the Rogue. The sewage treatment plant released it that's right on the main drive.

Leaf Collection Program

Because I own commercial and the program won't touch me.
Because we live up on the hills and they don't do it too much, as a matter of fact we have to do it ourselves most of the time if we want to have it nice and clean. They could do it a little better here
I didn't even know we had one. It's poor if they're supposed to be picking leaves up.
I never seen them doing it
Just because they charge you (p) I mean they don't want us to burn, but yet they charge us to pick up leaves and take them away (p) no
There are leaves everywhere
There are leaves everywhere and it's a problem.
They don't do it enough, come pick them up
We don't any help

Recreation Programs

Because they don't have as much as they used to have when we first moved here. (P) Twenty-nine years ago.
It's more of a retirement community doesn't cater to young people
Poor for juveniles but good for kids
There is nothing around here for kids to do. At least not kids my age.
There is nothing to do they just got the skateboard park but there's no where to park.
There is nothing to do.
There isn't anything, well there are a lot of recreation areas, but there isn't any organized recreation activities after school for kids, either that or it's not communicated well enough
There's not enough rec programs
They don't have enough for kids to do. All they have is skating.

Fire and Emergency Services

Because my husband was almost dying two or three years ago and I asked for help and there was nobody, I had to call Mr. Marsden with the VA in order to send an ambulance here in order to take home to a hospital, because for five days it was like he was dying, he was sitting there for four days and it was like he was in a trance, and I didn't know what to do, I called for an ambulance and I waited ten or fifteen minutes and there was nothing, so I had to have Mr. M if I waited longer he would have died because he had prostate cancer
Because we don't have a fire plug on the street
My son's car was on fire on Washington Boulevard, burning, and it took the Fire Department over five minutes to get there.
You don't get the service unless you pay fire insurance yourself. Someone told me a story about a woman where two different companies came out to fight the fire and they argued about it and the house burned down as they argued.

Street Sweeping

Because I haven't seen them
Because I never see them around
Because I've never seen a street sweeper and I work on Main Street in town
Because they come down my street only once a month; and in the winter the street gets really bad with leaves and other debris
I have never seen a street sweeper on my street, not once. (P: And how long have you lived on your street?) A year in this house.
I have seen a lot of garbage but they do clean off the snow. The garbage may not be they fault.
It does not happen very often
Never see my street swept
Same reason -- lots of trash in the gutters. Every time it rains, our apartment floods because the drains are plugged.
They came and re-paved the parking lot at a slant to make the water go towards the street, not the apartments.
There is none in my area. I have never seen any.
They hardly ever come down here maybe twice a month
They hit the car one time
Well the thing I don't like about it is where I live, all the dust it creates, even when they spray it with water, we will dust our house and it will be dusty again (p) the next day. I'd just as soon they not sweep where I live near -- Gravel Company.
We've seen it here, in four years only twice

Building Inspection Services

Anything that has to do with building and planning, there is too much red tape. I deal with building inspection services all the time
Because I feel they've got themselves into a fee situation where fees pay for the department and they fine people to death. They're not accountable to anyone. And they are not cooperative. They won't work with people building.
Because there are so many weird things. We went into a motel and there was refrigerator, a TV and a light all running off of one receptacle. I just think the building inspection is appalling. I think the building inspectors are paid off. They say it is fine, when it isn't, and that is dangerous.

Because they don't inspect well because I had lived in some run down houses
I had someone come to fix my house and they stole \$5000, so they had asked me to give them an account for buying the materials, and they wanted more money because they brought me the slip how much it cost, they didn't do the work and they took some equipment here, and I reported it to the building inspection services and they told me to hire a lawyer, if I lived outside the city they said the sheriff could have done something and arrested them, but because I lived in the city I had to hire a lawyer. They did the same thing up in Portland
I work in construction; I hear contractors' complaints. The inspectors discriminate against contractors that they don't know
Some of inspectors don't inspect on time and do not treat builders or others good, they red tag things that should not be, need to get qualified people. If they could get money to that dept and take it out of the general budget it could be a self-supporting instead of from individuals
The only time they come out and inspect anything is if a neighbor complains. They don't inspect bad houses that no one complains about.
They are not responsive
Um, it seemed that the inspection process buildings or homes, too many fingers in the pot. Most of it totally ridiculous.
Um, the hassle they give you if you are in a business, the inspectors change their minds towards small businesses
Well, it's -- I just don't think it is in tune with the needs of the consumer or taxpayer. They're very inflexible. And sometime building codes do not address issues of dispute and they are constantly wanting to fit the dispute into a building code so they can confirm or deny; rather than making a judgment based on the judgement of the architect or engineer. They seem quick to think someone is trying to screw them. They're not trusting. People take offense when their trust is challenged. The SDCs are unacceptable in amount.

Sewer Services

Because we can't get it (p) I told you we are at the end of a dead-end street and it comes within a block of every direction to us but they don't come up to our place
Condition of system is poor
Same people doing it as water. They turned off my water off once accidentally, so I don't like them
The cost is excessive.
We don't have anything to do with it
When they were doing the school we got a really high incident of rats coming out of the sewers. The city people said it wasn't related but we saw it was. We have bad drainage. We don't have problems with odors.

Recycling Program

Because I don't get it. It would be more convenient to recycle
Because of shutting down the Jo-Grow Program where they were recycling sewage products into compost for the local landscaping, people's gardens. It was an excellent program. Local neighbors complained about the smell, it turns out it was the cows.
Because there are no recycling besides newspaper and cans.
I am in bad health and have to arrange to have it brought into town
I come from California. The recycling is ten times better in California than Oregon. I was really surprised. I have been here four years. Everything you hear about Oregon on how you hear that Oregon is environmentally safe, then find out they have a poor recycling program. Well in California they have recycling centers where you can up your care. You take all your glass, cans newspapers, milk cartons, and take it down and they buy it. They pay 12 cents a foot for your newspaper and for your glass.
I don't think they take enough. They take such limited materials. They don't take cans and other grades of plastic.
I guess they don't have one.
I think it could be a lot better. (p) They don't make the areas to collect convenient to the public. (p) Well for us we have to get out of our house and go to a collection agency to drop it off and if they wanted to make it really good they would have it along side our trash (p) right in our front sidewalk.
I was disappointed not to be able to recycle because I am far from the city
It is just a trash not really recycling program.
It's horrible; it's not readily available. You have to pay the garbage to be able to use the recycling service. I think everybody should be able to use the recycling service whether they pay garbage service or not.
There's none here where I'm at. I guess I'm not within the city limits. But they should extend their program. In California every single rural area has a blue box.
They ask me to bundle and load papers. As an elderly person it's too much
They don't take all of it, I have to take it somewhere, they even don't give me a container. I am on a service that collects every two weeks, so I don't get the same as the others
They only work for residential not commercial.
We don't seem to have a recycling program
We don't have it here where we live.
Well every now and then you see the truck going down the road dropping things. They leave the bins on the sides open so it's easier to dump when they pick up, and several times I've seen them drop stuff, and they don't bother to stop and pick it up.
Well, where I moved from back in New York they're recycling everything. Here it is very limited; only some plastic and cans. They don't really encourage recycling. I think Oregon should be green.

GROWTH3

What type of growth do you think is better?

→PROBE: What types of growth do you

believe are beneficial to Grants Pass? PROBE: What types of growth would you prefer to see in Grants Pass?

A little more industrial, more jobs,

Activities for kids

Actually entrepreneurship is important and city should support that

Affordable housing for people who live here and earn a wage that is the highest priority

Ah, well I'm not sure right now. (p) Well, more community services (p) no.

Annexing the areas around county

Any positive growth, housing developments, any kind of business

As far as, well I think that how we are growing in regards to hospitals and shopping opportunities

Balanced where it benefits everybody,

Better jobs and better pay

Better to have less property on amount of land (P) I think all the projects are building too fast, (P) certainly not as fast paced

Business

Business growth is better

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Business growth so more jobs for people

Business: retail type

Businesses

Businesses for young people like opening a nightclub

Businesses that employ local people; single family dwellings

Businesses that give family wages that benefit everyone, new parks for kids

Businesses, more residences, opportunities in businesses. Conveniences.

Certainly it would be nice to see better businesses to come in here, something to improve economy. We seem not to draw enough business

Clean businesses that employ

Commercial

Commercial growth because they provide jobs

Commercial growth, companies moving in so people have jobs

Commercial, I'd like to see more business growth and population growth

Community involvement

Community services like the new hospital and things like that

Controlled growth very careful planned growth.

Controlled within the city redo houses rather than building new ones expand and beautify no track housing.

Controlled, restricted growth. I don't want to see the city eating up the county.

Definitely a planned growth,

Don't know

Don't know

Economic

Economic - where there are more environmentally safe jobs

Economic and infrastructure

Economic growth

Education they need I feel the city needs to put more money and effort into the schools.

Educational and cultural. (p) Well, I would like to see more art, more theater, more music. On the educational end I'd like to see more programs for adults and children to learn about events in the world and our community.

Educational growth

Educational issues

Employment growth

Employment growth is better

Employment opportunities

Encouraging restoring the older neighborhoods

Expansion of city services; we live at edge of boundary, so have access to sewer and water

Family orientated growth.

For commercial stuff for people to be employed

From inward out

Gosh I don't know. There is a double standard. I want the same opportunities that you have in the city area but they hurt the small business owners.

Grants Pass sits in a small valley, a hole. It is surrounded by mountains. Anything that gets in here it stays there. Like smog; the only way anything leaves the city is on the freeway. They are building too many homes. People have to drive all the way to Medford to work, or be retired. My taxes have doubled. The city has already grown too much. We're close to the last straw. Anymore industry and the people are not going to have a good quality if life.

Growth in industrial jobs

Growth is faster than what we like it

Growth of school system and the assistance for the disadvantage kids, basically helping out the families and kids who don't get the same opportunities as the rest of us do

Growth of younger families, our society is becoming dominated by senior citizen

Growth of younger people in our area

Hard to put in words right now (p) I'd like to see something more aimed for a consumer, something that you don't have to travel so far to get (p) yeah, stores, and something to do for the younger guys, that would help with the crime rate, because I know when I was younger I was bored, so we need something for kids to do (p) the consumer thing would also create more jobs (p) if there are more places for consumers to shop then there would be more job opportunities

High-tech industry growth is better

Housing

Housing expanding out into the country

I can't pin point them

I don't have a good answer for you.

I don't know how to phrase it

I don't think the population is very good. Population is a bad type of growth. Growth in employment opportunities is good.

I feel that they should small business should be allowed to grow. All our city wants is big business. They want to charge the small businesses fees. Which they pay without fighting. They just support big business and I think that is wrong.

I guess industry (p) light industry. (p) Something like computer assemblage, something like that. More high-end jobs.

I like the medium growth

I like the small town businesses and small town atmosphere.

I like the way they are doing housing for the elderly.

I like to see probably more people that are already here to be able to get better access to more jobs. A lot of people it is not their fault they don't have jobs. Have more enterprise kick in and give them jobs. If it is people that are choosing that they should be worked with to help them get a job and make some money.

I like to see the big new building of the hospitals and the surgery going up.

I never gave it lot of thought (P) bringing in new industries, a lot of youth need more than a skate park for things to do. Boredom is a great start for crime

I prefer less urban development (P) more business more technical businesses

I prefer to see the newer subdivisions with a lot of restrictions. Upper-end developments rather than the HUD, the low income housing (The kind that is crammed together).

I think activities for family and children to keep them out of trouble. Keep parents and children together.

I think as far as new facilities hospitals clinics general things that would promote a helpful typo of service for people

I think commercial growth would be better (p) like more businesses being brought here for more money and jobs for people (p) yeah, residential, that's what I do so (p) I'm a contractor

I think education is better

I think growth that brings in better jobs

I think I would prefer to see growth in jobs that would stimulate our high school and college graduates to be more interested in returning to the area. More management jobs, higher-level income jobs. No so many Joe six pack jobs

I think it would be better to have a little more, you know, something that would generate jobs and more employment in the area.

I think it would be better to have more variety of the shopping, to have more of an opportunity. Wal-Mart has that nice land behind it and they put a jail on it.

I think more businesses that pay decent wage

I think more industry here for younger people, not senior citizens, even though this is a senior citizen place, I think more young people would move here if there were better wages and more job opportunities (p) no

I think more of the workplaces going up is better, (p) I'd prefer to see more agriculture here, raising livestock and crops instead of doing away with all the land and building houses, and I think we need more foster homes for the elderly (P) also they pay less here so I think the wages could go up for people

I think that the growth that we are doing now they need to keep up like with the schools and stuff and they haven't always been on top of the ball in doing that (p) growth as in maybe more stuff for teenagers to do

I think the assisted living homes and hospitals and stuff like that (p) can't think of any

I think there are too many people moving into Grants Pass and not enough jobs. So I'd say we need more jobs, more business

I think they need industrial, manufacturing.

I think we need more economy. I don't mean retail stores. We need to get back to manufacturing. We need to have a manufacturing base.

I think we need more industry.

I think we need more stores, like a shopping center, like a Mervyns and a bigger Penny's

I would like maintenance to be better, (p) mainly the maintenance of the streets outside of the business district, (P) how about another bridge besides the pedestrian bridge, probably off of Lower River Rd. but close to town

I would like to see industry but not too much. Something that would provide people with a decent income. I would like to see the agricultural sector protected. I don't want to see that vanish.

I would like to see more growth in the northern part of Grants Pass. Like industrial and residential growth

I would like to see more things for younger kids. Taking better care of the parks. More police involvement in the low-income side of town.

I would like to see the economic growth better jobs for people.

I would prefer to see growth stop here, with fewer people and fewer businesses (P) to enhance schools and libraries

I would prefer to see these parents take care of their damn kids. If there were less hoodlums in the streets there would be less violence in the streets. It starts with the parents.

I would say new businesses bringing in more money. Getting things repaired. There are new subdivisions and with more population I worry about the crime. The more we build the more people are going to come. Growth is good but I don't want to end up like Medford.

I would think the growth would be more like your stores and things like that, and they need more schools, I think (p) no, I will let it go at that, since I don't know too much about it

I wouldn't want to see more industrial, big factories and stuff like that. They could improve the shopping.

I'd like to see more industrial growth

I'd like to see some clean industry

I'd say clean industry and, you know, nicer places to shop. They built some nice places, I like that. Welcome clean industry, make the corporate tax structure better for business. Like in Nevada they don't have corporate income tax

I'm drawing a complete blank right now, but I've thought about that a lot. (p) Jobs definitely (p) that's probably the main thing right there

I'd like a mall like a Costco. Everyone wants a Target. Instead of a Target we get one that sounds like "upchocks."

If the town gets little bit bigger that's better

If there was transportation because not everybody, especially elderly can not drive and they don't have transportation, they have something that goes every hour or two hours, just to get to Fred Meyer's it takes two hours by bus, (p) make it easy for people to stay, for instance if there were more stores: K-Mart left and Montgomery Wards left so we have no place to shop, I heard it from other people too. (p) Transportation and stores

Industrial

Industrial

Industrial based over retirement and residential

Industrial growth

Industrial growth

Industrial growth, employment opportunities.

Industrial jobs, family wage industries

Industrial, like more of computer and more big, big plants like Litton

Industry

Industry must keep up

It better to have business come in than the prison we just got

It is our planning department and how they zone it. It is too quick to cut down huge lots for building they got to slow down. It is going to cost a lot and everybody is upset about it

It's hard because retirees spend money

It's hard to explain. It's like we're getting a new hospital and a new movie theatre and that is good but other than that we're real stagnant. It's hard finding work in this town.

Job growth jobs here are poor

Job opportunities, more business and industry

Job opportunity growth

Jobs they need more industry and they need more apartments that are affordable

Jobs, more industry since logging has gone down, Like to see more families move in instead of retired folks

Just like the new skate park kids need more recreational things to do in town

Keep it evened out so that there is more middle class, not too much welfare (P) we could use some industry, it seems they could to the city for main shopping, we don't have enough competition. They go to Medford instead of shopping at home.

Keep it like don't let it grow P now all I can see is houses

Light industrial

Like their housing (p) like housing projects they are putting in are looking nicer, yeah, like when they put the apartment buildings in they are making them look nice kind of like a home building, and I like how they are putting more arrows on the streets like for one-ways and things like that (p) yeah, like where they redid their streets and I noticed they've been cutting some of the trees back so you could see the road signs (p) and their lights like on the streets because when you travel in a new city it's kind of hard

Little more spread out instead of being in one area (P) housing, you overran with them. Annexing is not OK'd or confirmed

Low impact as far as the environment is concerned and high employment

Manufacturing or job producing growth, not fond of building houses on every corner with subdividing

Mm, business, economic [any particular kind?] not really, just anything that will offer more jobs

Moderate growth, but not too rapid (P) like population and city expansion and development -- especially that. (P) Not rapid expansion

More activities for youth. More money for county schools.

More activities more things to do, you know how we got excursions and stuff like that, rock climbing, skateboarding groups, bicycling, clubs, places to go dancing where you can hang out, have fun and listen to music and have a good time (p) just make it more exciting, that would be awesome

More business and industry

More business opportunities for small businesses

More businesses as far as high tech companies

More businesses, more employment

More child oriented issues, daycare and children's event, more focus on children's needs

More community wise, school-wise, community school, commercial growth not excited about

More convenience in regards to shopping as far as variety of stores, with the new skateboard park they are improving on things to do to keep kids out of trouble (p) community centers and recreational centers where they teach kids tennis, sort of like a boys and girls clubs, but more of them, or miniature golf course or other form of entertainment besides going to a movie

More employment opportunities for people. More retail stores.

More for young adults and teenagers.

More from the Midwest and less from California. Businesses, ladies dress shops. Gotshalks came in but they don't have a full variety

More industrial and business growth. Employment.

More industry, something that more employment and better wages

More job opportunities for business, which would undoubtedly bring more people (laugh). (p) Maybe some high-tech industrial businesses of some kind.

More job opportunities, especially for young people, people just starting out can't live on minimum wage, and so many of the businesses hire them at minimum wage and part time so they don't have to pay benefits (p) offhand I can't think of anything else, we have lots of everything but jobs

More job opportunities, light industry that kind of thing (p) I haven't thought about it that much

More jobs

More occupational for people to get hired

More people move in, I like that.

More recreation for the kids those under 21 they need something to keep the kids occupied. Something they can really participate in, this would help drug problems.

More shopping centers, but less people and traffic

More things for family. (p) First of all, better jobs, higher paying jobs, everything is minimum wage. It's supposed to be a family-oriented town, but it isn't. It's more for tourists than anything else. They should think more about the people who live in this town, than the people who come to see us.

More things, more buildings, more things to do, like more culture and stuff (p) just like, I guess, a mall would be good, things for kids to do, more activities for the kids in the area (P) no

More tourism and to do that you have to have attractions need skateboard parks and more things for people to become involved in

Need more commercial growth before residential growth

Need more houses

New businesses, give them a break (P) you know who you can pay off with the inspectors. Whether they can make it or not, can't stop progress. When one place goes into business another loses business.

Not building in flood plane. Refuse to permit developers to build in open areas. Say no to big money

Not so many kids actually in their 20s: young kids. Older stable people with younger kids.

Not so many seniors because it's getting to become a retirement town, bring in more factories to give younger generations work.

Oh I think we need more industry. (P: What kinds?) Oh, I couldn't tell you right off the top of my head. But we do need to put more people to work. I do think there needs to be more things for kids to do, to keep them off the streets. (p) You know they have all sorts of entertaining, they need more uh activities like golf, miniature golf and something that wouldn't be so expensive for the mothers and fathers.

Oh, um, recreational programs for kids

One that make jobs

Parks

Parks and recreation

People who come in who are conscious of the needs of the community and will help to improve them

Planned growth is better, don't allow too much building

Planned growth is much better than unplanned growth - when the citizens have a right to vote on it, democratic growth

Planned growth with neighborhoods not being too overcrowded. Where the planning commission listens to the neighbors.

Planned growth. Well, planning subdivision more to promote clean industry here so people have better jobs and better quality of life.

Preplanned, controlled long-term planning style growth plan. (p) Um, where there is a complete plan that is not changed whenever someone thinks it should be; stick with the plan and live with it. (p) Growth in terms of Grants Pass

means knee-jerk growth. (p) Very slow, methodical growth. (p) Reduce the crowding of the neighborhoods. Every time I see a new division in housing, they're growing closer and closer together. I'm seeing a stressing of the sewage disposal systems as well as the potable water systems, it goes back to making growth a political plumb, rather than a methodical, seriously planned system. As we put in more of these crowded housing, they start using chemical fertilizers and insecticides thereby stressing the groundwater with more pollution.

Probably I think they need some kind of activities for the teenagers to keep them busy, and bigger stores, a mall to create more jobs for people to get some good things.

Probably marketing, like stores. (p) Probably large department stores.

Probably more programs for kids like the skate park, to keep them out of trouble.

Probably the business growth, well, finally opening up and allowing new businesses creates better opportunities all the way around

Promote more of a family type of environment, where we don't have lots of homeless people and gangs, sure we do have them but not as much as in big cities

Recreational events (p) like see more concerts more events and parks

Recreational programs

Recreational, at school. (p) Keep kids here; make them want to come back with their families. Kids grow up here but they never want to come back. (p) A new ice skating rink, or a better skating rink.

Residential growth

Retail that pays better. Service work pays bad and production does not justify the number of people

Schools

Schools and that kind of thing better jails

Schools-and infrastructure needs to keep up with growth. Controlled growth

Serving the public. I don't have children but I believe that providing parks and other activities for children is a must have direction for Grants Pass.

Shopping, I'd like to see better stores, you have to go Medford

Slow business growth is far the better that the population growth should follow

Slow growth (p) I'm not sure

Slow growth is important to keep the naturalness of Grants Pass. Not a lot of industry is a good thing but if it is going to hurt the economy they need to do something to keep up with the rest of the world.

Slow growth is ok

Slower, I don't like to see large factories and businesses. This is a retirement community and that's the way I like it

Small business

Small businesses

Some are, there are more recreation places for kids, that is good. I am not happy about the new industrial growth, there is enough industrial. We are actually thinking about moving out.

Stuff for the youth, children (p) especially for teenagers, somewhere good where they can go and have good video games, good drinks, and decent music, somewhere they can go and stay out of trouble (p) no, I don't think so

Technology, more towards tech than industry and manufacturing

The big issue I have is the urban growth boundary. I'm not happy how they are annexing land into the city limits. They reach out and pick the parcels they want and you have islands of city property with county around it. The cherry stem approach. There is a part of the city that is a mile out of town and they won't patrol it. Police don't regularly go there because it is too far out.

The biggest growth they need is the industry

The business growth.

The business growth.

The businesses where we have more choices to shop

The city is growing and more opportunities for job, something more for kids instead of standing on street corners

The economic benefits better for the people who live here and not the one that's trying to move in.

The education growth

The growth we need is to bring in industry that youth will stay so that there are more home roots, so will return after a college education. Rogue Community College is getting right on top of that. The jobs here are not the ones you can support a family on; they are low scale jobs. I've been here since I was 10.

The industrial part is growing and that is a help, there are some mills in town that are expanding that are creating jobs, it's really hard to get a job in this town, and the wages are really low, the industrial part is growing which is creating jobs (p) can't think of anything offhand, I like what the town did as far as renovating the streets

The job market, if there were better jobs brought in

The kind of growth that goes along with the economy is good. It should keep up with the economic level

The kind that will provide decent jobs for people who don't have any work--something beyond minimum wage jobs.

The schooling and growth in police & fire services

The schools economic growth

There's no industry coming in. In this day and age industry is needed. There's nothing for jobs for young people

They could use more light industry

They just opened up a new place for Alzheimer's and elderly and they are going to need a lot more because seniors are coming here from all over the world

They need to improve their quality of what they are paying for their employees. I think the opportunities are not good here

They should let industry there's nothing here for employment
They should not be putting houses too close to one another
Things like the skate park are great. That is better than all the subdivisions.
To go along with the population, you need jobs. Everything is expensive here; I've never seen anything like it. And the jobs pay so little. The Californians who come up to retire here have enough money, but I make \$8 an hour and, "good luck". You can't live on \$8 an hour, you just can't. My husband can't work. If you go to Roseburg, you pay about 10 cents a gallon less for gas, and why is it? That's about an hour away, for the same gas from the same company. This is such a beautiful place to live, but very expensive. I talk to people on the phone from other parts of the country and they can't believe what we pay for gas. They pay 1.40 and we haven't paid that for a long time.

U, I would say clean manufacturing, technology sorts of things small to medium size
Uh I'd like to see more jobs. (p) Just manual labor, something for the common folks.
Uh, educational, employment: people are more accepting of who they hire. Not employment, but acceptance
Um higher paying jobs
Um some more industry without the problems to get in here, better paying
Um well I don't know how you would define it. I think the housing development is the biggest issue with us. New housing needs ample property to be built on, at least a half an acre. (p) OK I would say city improvements, specifically towards trees they've been planting and plants, landscaping, street planning as the city grows, the streets need to be strategically and well-planned out. I would say they are not, at the moment.

Um, ah, first instance the new hospital is gross that it is needed. As far as growth, jobs need to be provided
Um, businesses and stuff like that, because we needs more things to do for kids, like malls
Um, economical growth: (P) more jobs and business
Um, educated people, people interested in the welfare of their neighbors and friends.
Um, gosh I don't know that, maybe more competition, more better quality of stores. I think some of stores are over-rated. I don't think a lot of people here can afford them. That's why they're going out of business. We need medium price range stores.
Um, having business come in with higher pay job. They don't pay well here. That's why the graduates move out because they get more money elsewhere.
Um, how about more business? How about more work for people around here? (p) Um, well I work in a mill, I think millwork is good. It puts a lot of people to work. Assembly lines, stuff like that, stuff that is guaranteed.
Um, I don't really know (P) Well, I just can't give opinion. I am not too sure.
Um, I think we have too much business without thought of impact. Where they have new housing development and Grants Pass has outgrown its new school by expanding the boundaries. (P) I don't know. Housing or commerce, not sure which is better if done properly
Um, I would like to see our downtown grow and make the community better instead of the urban boundary growing. Do more for a small business downtown.
Um, I would like to see, I'm not sure (P) nothing
Um, I would say commercial. (p) I think when we have stores coming into the area, it does give us employment and variety to keep us from having to drive to Medford.
Um, I'd like to see more parks
Um, industry like manufacturing or computer manufacturing, big business like MMM. That would be really important
Um, just a steady pace, so things have a chance to stay caught up. [What kind of chance?] Like with work opportunities, I think we have a lot of catching up to do there. There doesn't seem to be enough work, for higher scale jobs. There are just the lower scale jobs like fast foods. There is nothing for the middle class, like for a young couple wanting to start a family. They have nothing to work for. It seems like every time a company comes in, they go through a lot to get their company here and they don't do it, they are chased away. [What kind of company?] Like the "tech" company that was over by Penny's. It would have given people a chance to work their way up, but they don't make it. Like the computer companies could come in here.
Um, just off the top of my head I can't think of any. (p) I'd like to see a little bit more industry, perhaps a better airport.
(p) Small industry.
Um, lets see, huh economic growth [any particular kind?] business growth, that kind of starts everything else
Um, light industry, I would say light industry or techtronics
Um, like more growth for schools and you know, put more schools, not more schools, but focus more attention on schools, like getting drugs out and like that.
Um, like to see more companies that offer a higher income, not so much entry levels, more working family wage jobs, career positions, not retail or warehouse jobs.
Um, more shopping available. (p) Well, Emporium or a bigger Penny's, something that Medford has that we don't have. I think we have too many home supply people here.
Um, planned the growth. Open space for residential area, properly planned growth. Enough parking space and the green area.
Um, probably more things as far as housing and also um things that have to do with kids like parks. We need more things to do with kids
Um, probably more things for kids to do and stuff to benefit everyone in community with activities and recreation, or a variety for different ages to do
Um, probably the businesses
Um, probably, a slower pace, (P) can't give answer

Um, shopping (p) just like department stores.
 Um, shopping and service facilities are better
 Um, small businesses that are helpful in our community. Stuff that we need that we don't have to go to Medford for. (p)
 Like people that live here in town, family-owned businesses. We don't need the large businesses like Gotschks
 or May Company.
 Um, something that would create jobs like bring in some big companies where there is some production work like Harry
 and David
 Um, variety and diversity.
 Um, very selective annexations. I feel the city takes in other areas that are not necessarily the best interest of the city
 Um, well, I don't know how to say (P) growth, which is better, is to slow down the population growth
 Very sustained, not a sudden explosion, but how do you control that? (p) Well I was born and raised in Los Angeles and
 for decades it was a sleepy town and all of a sudden there was an explosion that destroyed the place, I wouldn't
 want to wish that upon anyone.
 We could put more emphasis on industry rather than so much on commercial and residential.
 We need commercial growth for employment and keep the city out
 We need more commerce
 We need more employment
 We need more employment (p) I can't think of anything else,
 We need more jobs, so more businesses
 We need something that would create jobs, like industrial type jobs. Retail doesn't create enough jobs. We need more
 factory jobs.
 We need to get some companies here for our young people so they won't leave
 We should have a balance of commercial and houses. (P) Major department store like Bullocks
 Well essentially the planning of the growth is very important for the neighborhoods and the schools. The new
 subdivisions have really tiny yards. That is too crowded they need to make the lot size bigger. The street should
 be wide enough to have sidewalks and bike paths.
 Well I think economic growth is best. Population growth would not be
 Well I think they need more places for kids to play games to keep them away from dope and alcohol, give them
 something to look forward to. Instead of getting hurt
 Well I think we need more quality businesses and jobs to come to town. It's hard to make a living here when there's
 really no decent paying jobs here anymore. (p) I would like to see more businesses and jobs for kids. (p)
 Decent paying such as industrial (p) such as cabinetry.
 Well I would like to see actually. The growth I see I accept it but someone must need it. I feel we are keeping up with
 the times. People are moving here from all over. We understand why people want to move. We have kind of
 learned to accept the growth. Because we are keeping up with the changes it doesn't seem overwhelming. The
 new street project was good. Occupying the new businesses at the north end would be good. Various kinds,
 like why did they turn down that mall by the old state police building? That would have been a good project. I
 don't know why that was turned down. We feel we have to go through a lot of congestion to get to other
 shopping area, we would like more growth on the north side.
 Well I'd like to see some industry that enhances employment. (p) I would like to see some high-tech industry (p) in the
 electronics field.
 Well like uh building up shopping areas and uh the roads and stuff to be safe, community is safer here. They need to
 have to have more officers, giving individual attention to kids in school
 Well they've got nice shopping areas I want to have more of that
 Well, good clean business that pays a living wage, as opposed to one that doesn't, which is most of them. (p) As long as
 it was environmentally friendly and had decent working conditions and decent jobs, it wouldn't matter.
 Well, I have to say that, more industry more work. I'd like to see more people move in
 Well, I prefer to see more growth in housing, rentals such as HUD
 Well, I think that more selective stores or industry would be better for the people who live here. They need to pick
 better stores and better caliber of restaurants and better shopping. Because it is a tourist town. You always have
 to go to Medford to go shopping.
 Well, industrial growth (p) Commercial, manufacturing.
 Well, industry, get more jobs.
 Well, some business, I believe. [What sort?] Small business.
 Widening the recreation dept. to keep kids busy
 Yes I suppose so but in respect. I would like to see more factory industrial type work here.
 Younger families, Grants Pass is a Mecca for retirement people younger families could give more to the city

GROWTHS

What type of growth do you think is worse?

→PROBE: What types of growth do you believe would harm Grants Pass? PROBE: What types of growth would you rather not see in Grants Pass?

A lot of big, big corporations

A lot of minorities are moving in here and they bring gang activities and that's bad

A lot of traffic and traffic jams

All the houses they are building are bad because there's no one to buy them. It's a retirement town.

All these houses and businesses that they keep putting up every place (p) no, can't think of any

Any growth that enhances the environment with pollution, or destroys it. (p) Like I wouldn't like to see any industry that contributes to the pollution of the city.

Any growth, more houses, increase population

Anything dealing with environmental issues

Anything that is not bringing in money

Anything that is polluting that is causing a lot of atmospheric problems

Bad pollution problems and financial and economic prosperity

Big business, a lot of it of big business

Big industry, chemical plants. (p) Adult shops would be terrible growth.

Big, minimum wage retailers, for example, Staples, Wal-Mart. Factory TU Clothing.

Business and its impact on traffic. Any kind of business that bring in pollutants. We already have a problem with air and noise pollution with mills.

Californians - they bring in lots of bad stuff like gangs and all that

Certain types of industrial growth are worse

Clean cutting the sides of our hills for development and bringing in big box businesses like Wal-Mart that take away from locally owned businesses

Correction facilities are bad for the community

Crime I believe it has increased since we moved here 12 years ago

Crime issues

Crime, drug abuse, people that are in crime situations move here. It used to be a retirement town

Crime, I can't be specific on that. I understand Grants Pass is growing. I don't like five houses on a small lot. Too many houses in a small area.

Crime, I know we have lot of it, we do have lot of help in our city who want help.

Crimes, I think for the most part growth is a good thing, bring in business and new families.

Criminal element

Definitely the residence, like population.

Density: address density laws getting too congested without planning for crowd control and trafficking.

Don't like shaving the mountains and ruining the country with subdivisions

Drug traffic problems should be stopped

Drugs are the most devastating part of our society

Drugs, the lack of employment

Environmentally dangerous or destructive growth

Factories. I don't mind the houses.

First, the super mega retail stores. We need to control our low income housing a little better. I have nothing against the housing projects but we need to be more conscientious in terms of probably zoning. They're mass building them. And we don't have all that many people moving in.

Foods (p) restaurants. (p) I just think we have way too many.

For example growth of the crime rate or increase in taxes

Gambling, gaming concessions, amusement parks, tourism; is needed but could be bad.

Gangs are not good, and heavy industry that pollutes the air

Growth of drug dealer

Growth: I have a problem with the urban sprawl. I see a large retirement population which doesn't create a job base. And we need jobs for them.

Hard to say

Having to build juvenile centers and jails

Heavy industry

Heavy industry

High density growth

Houses being built too close to each other

Housing tracts

Housing. (P) Like subdivisions: they don't have room for them here and they keep giving out permits and the city makes a lot of money on permits. They don't stop to think about the sewer and water, streets and schools until it's all built, then they say we have to do something

How they provide for the school district (P) I don't think they provide enough if the community grow too much.

I believe the stagnant welfare community. There is no progress or effort; it kind of hinders that generation as far as kids

I came from California. I don't want to see track homes for miles and miles. I don't want to see all the agricultural land disappear; I don't want to lose the beauty. It is scenic and I want some industry but to be careful. I don't want a Silicon Valley or San Jose.

I can't answer that right now

I can't answer that one, I wouldn't know, the population, I guess

I couldn't give you an example right offhand (p) gang growth, really (p) no

I don't think the schools are keeping up with the growth

I don't think they chose the right stores. Better and smaller, not bigger K-marts and Wal-Marts

I don't want to see a lot of junky bars and certainly not any nudie things

I don't know (P) I don't want to say.

I don't know what right now, I watched K-mart go down and Ernst went down and there's these other huge buildings going to waste. They should make it into something for the youth; the youth don't like it here. One of these huge buildings should be turned into music and film studios and a club there where bands could play.

I don't know. All I can think of is people who come up from California and are unemployed and in a gang. Growth in crime rates

I don't like the large corporations coming in and taking everything over [do you have an example?] oh, well since they have in Medford where they have Costco, and Michaels, and all these big chain stores. I'm not against them completely, but I don't think you need them everywhere

I don't like to see mass cheap housing.

I don't really want to see any noisy manufacturing plants. Sand and gravel, mining or anything that would pollute. I would want any disco or adult centers or anything like that. Anything that would bring in a lower class people.

I guess, growth that would contaminate the environment and growth that gives, and I'm not extremely environmental, contamination that you could not get under control. You are dealing with the aftermath of a contamination that was not anticipated in the beginning. Like the disposal of chemicals that get into the water shed and we are left with the megafunds because people were not responsible.

I hate the thought of mini-strip malls. (p) It's like little LA. (p) No.

I know that the crime rates are growing and of course that's not good.

I see as a problem are the low scale jobs and areas not zoned for manufactured homes. (P) Your chemical source production jobs. We need cleaner jobs for our health and the inversion of clouds with pollutants

I suppose something industrial and that nature

I think a lot of uncontrolled low income, mandated housing

I think industrial growth would be bad.

I think porn shops should not be definitely allowed, X-rated movies should not be allowed either in public theaters

I think prisons, HUD housing, and unemployment, Wal-Marts doesn't serve other stores or help people get ahead

I think the fact that we attract people who do not want to pay taxes, because the taxes are low here and they vote against everything, many are well-to-do but they don't appreciate what I would consider a good community. Actually this problem isn't as bad now because many things have been taken over by the state. But like the police, the recreation for the kids and the schools aren't doing very well. (p) People who are selfish, basically. Maybe if the growth were spread around it would be different, but they seem to build in one area and overload the schools.

I think the sprawled out subdivisions that they are building are a bunch of garbage

I think the um, the filling in of every ground space is detrimental to cities, in other words I think we're making ghettos in town, in that there are small houses that are built that are crowding each other. I think we're setting up a ghetto situation for the city.

I think they are building too many apartments

I think we are growing too fast for sewer and irrigation, overall.

I would not want to see industry that is a pollutant, like waste products that is bad for the rivers

I wouldn't want mobile homes coming in next door I don't want to see substandard types of housing

I wouldn't know how to answer that. Infiltration of foreigner, I would guess.

I wouldn't know, (p) none (p) yes, that's right, I'd rather not have any growth

I'm not sure about that

I'm sure but I can't think of it

I'd rather not see a lot of low-income growth; I see a lot of that right now. It seems Grants Pass has more than its share than the surrounding areas. I don't know if it's low rent or why. I am just seeing a higher number of homeless people in Grants Pass than I've seen before.

I'd say, more taverns. (p) I would have to say, oh, bookstores with X-rated books (p) I can't think of anything.

If there is not enough housing in school, too crowded for kids, the schools won't accommodate kids if there are too many people.

I'm not sure. I do know that places where they have large scale housing almost roof to roof that is not a good way to promote a healthy lifestyle. They are jamming in people too close together.

Industrial growth.

Industrial polluting types of things.

Industry

Industry and manufacturing

Inviting other people from other areas to live here

It could fall in the same think that I just told you before. We need a balance in over-industrializing our area and providing jobs. Over-industrializing would be bad. I moved up here from California because I like the hillsides and the trees. Where I lived in California became like a great big suburb and I'd hate to see that happen here.

It seems like when some of the low-income people come into a place it gets run down, like they don't keep up their places. As long as it's visible from the road it should look nice (p) no

It would be more bars and nightclub, that kinds of things

It's a tossup between industry and population

Jails

Jobs that are environmentally unacceptable. Grants Pass doesn't have a lot to offer with respect to infrastructure.

Just bringing in more people, increasing the population

Just more people, the more people the more growth

Just the senior citizens

Just too much residential buildings.

Juvenile facility will bring troubled kids and their families, will bring more hardcore criminals and we will need more police. I'd like to stop Californians too. Houses that are condemned should be torn down so icky people don't move in who don't care.

Large businesses are worse. No, strike that, more houses are worse than large businesses, because the more houses you get, the more businesses you get. (p) The more people that move to this town the more large businesses come. We don't need a large mall.

Large manufacturing is worse

Less of the drug use and growth.

Like more bars and liquor stores and things of that nature. Strip clubs, things of that nature

More jails: just in general we don't need more jails here; it's a bad thing

More jobless people I think, and more homeless people. (p) Too much housing development for the city.

More police officers (P) no

More retirement community that provide low service jobs (p) more retirement industry and housing, I don't think that's so good, we shouldn't have any more of that (p) yes, these provide low service jobs.

More trailer parks

Multi-family dwellings or duplexes, or the development of homes that all look alike

Not bring in adult bookstores or things like that.

Oh the strip malls and retail entry wage jobs

Oh, I don't even know how to, uh I guess geographical growth [what do you mean by that?] I really like what Ashland has done in limiting where the city can grow and not grow. Where people can build and not build. They look forward so that they can anticipate how growth in certain areas will impact the city.

Oh, I really don't know (P) they need more places to help the homeless to get a warm meal (P) there are so many homeless people, who don't know if someone will harm them

Ones that are not as careful for where they are letting people build houses. Places where it isn't safe, like down by the river where it floods. I don't understand why they are letting that happen. It's just dangerous

Overpopulation

People coming here from California to retire

People make a lot of problems with their cars

Polluting the air, things that destroy forests, anything that takes away from beauty of area (P) companies that put things in the air, that slash or cut forest and destroy it.

Pollution

Population

Population and automobiles

Population and development

Population growth

Population growth is worse

Population growth.

Population growth.

Population.

Prison growth, that ruins community

Probably a lot of apartment housing

Probably more apartment complexes and things like that

Probably paper factories. (p) Pollution. And taverns.

Probably the prison should be kept out of the populated area. Too much trouble if they are close to us.

Probably, population has its good and bad points. It's good because people bring new opportunities. They build new, different kind of stores. But population is bad because you have too many people coming in and there are not that many jobs. The new people coming makes the property prices go up tons. And when you get more people you have to build more houses, and there is one less swimming hole and hunting spots.

Putting up a lot of housing developments

Quick urban development, we got too many houses to sell but they are not selling; it is too quick urban development. It is in the interest of big developers

Rapid Population growth.

Residential. There are too many people here for the number of jobs.

Retail stores

Run down trailer parks. When they put five houses where one should be. Developers develop for quantity instead of quality. Developers should have more restriction on how they develop their property. An urban sprawl is a good description. It's their property but it is an eyesore to the rest of us and they are cheaply developed. Quality is being lost.

Safeway tops, more insurance buildings, banks and tire stores extra jails and people wandering around with nothing to do.

Same as previously stated

Scattered out manufacturing home in the area that they don't belong.

Service and retail that don't pay a living wage

Should have access to utilities before you grow! (P) That type of housing they bombard you with. It should be more spread out.

So much housing development on the farm land.

Some residential growth is worse - some multi family stuff - high density

Sprawl

Spreading out all over the county, spreading out too far with not too much control. (p) Taking in more and more area, developing the outer sections too fast with not too much control. (p) Houses, homes.

Starting to change, when you start chopping down everything. Why I came here was the beauty, and we need to look why people come here

Strip malls, wall to wall Wall-Mart

Subdivisions and maybe not enough growth when it comes to schools

Suburban housing developments

Suburbia reaching out with crappy housing

That comes in and covers our open land with cement and has no consideration for our neighborhood at all. The ones that are just passing through - developers that buy large land, develop it and go on. They really do bad things for people who live here. I think that types of growth we have in downtown area - we should keep the merchants who have been there for a long time should be helped first, not the ones who are on the edge of the city - big shopping malls - and actually take away their business

The bringing in of huge stores and business that bringing more people

The city is supporting certain kinds of trash and they don't help those who want to help themselves who need a little help. They help the trash who are bad for our community.

The crime rate, it's big enough now

The criminal aspect is something that I'm concerned about. There seems to be a nice level of living and then there seems to be a methamphetamine and lower crowd and that disturbs me. Without sounding like an uneducated redneck, a lot of problems are attributed to that. I personally vote for more money for law enforcement for that reason. I walked out of Wal-Mart tonight with a can of pepper spray, for example.

The development has not been properly planned

The element from the gangs in California

The expanding into what used to be open space and it's not like that now, kind of overcrowding.

The factories and mills that create smog

The growth in one spot like everywhere, such as lots of businesses in one spot.

The health care, all the health care buildings. Well, there use to be one or two hospitals and a few, everybody use to have their own doctors, or one or two doctors, but now you have lots of different offices you can go to but there is no personalized help. That's the part of growing too fast. It seems that all this town is about is health care, car sales and banks

The high density of high-density subdivisions. (p) Well, the subdivisions where the houses are too small and too crowded together (p) and the lots are too small, the houses are too small, and there are too many of them on a given property, a given area, where they break it up into too small of lots.

The homeless shelters, give them shelter, there are a lot of people who really need a lot of shelter, I see them on 6th street with their backpacks and sleeping under bridges, I don't think there's enough homeless shelters

The housing growing too fast

The large lunch box brigade: the type of growth that attracts a lot of working people in; they bring a lot of other. Most of these businesses pay around minimum wage, they are not really adding much to our community

The mid-twenty age range. They are in the age where they are not mature enough.

The overbuilding in places where there are not enough roads and exists and entries. I'm scared to death of the American forest.

The people that move in and set up mess, dealing with drugs, illegal. I don't like them.

The prison is a worse type of growth, at least in terms of where it is located. I like the idea of being able to put people behind bars. I feel like the people didn't have an opportunity to say how they felt about where the prison was going to be located.

The really, really industrial type stuff. Like, I live right next door to a mill and my house is covered in dust all the time. There is a business right behind my house. It should be separated more; businesses should not be in residential neighborhoods. When they open up it's so early in the mornings, even on Saturdays and Sundays, and you can't sleep when you hear trucks beep-beep-beeping, and all the noise.

The sprawling of small lots; new construction of houses and residential

The streets are getting too crowded with cars

The type of growth is the big commercial and industrial parks that are coming into the area. There are too many people coming from big cities, and they bring their troubles with them. They are getting too. The urban sprawl is getting away. They are taking up farmland. They built too many homes too close together, too crowded. (P) Growth of homes which are too crowded. They could bring in too many factories that would be too fast of growth for the city to handle. They've glutted the market with too much housing; we've got the sprawl. The market is glutted. Think that neighborhoods springing up all over is too much. Too fast - like building up an area or homes or something. Too many apartment buildings and things like that. Too many chickens into a coup. If they bring in too much industry that's bad. The furniture industry puts glue residue into the air; that is bad. Too many exotic cocktail lounges would be bad; it would cause a drinking problem, and also as far as any gay bars would be a damaging thing to city. Too many housing developments keep the lands at about half an acre. Too much building, the big lumbers that are coming in and killing small businesses. Too much growth (p) more construction, more traffic, more people moving to the area (p) nope. Too much population. Turning it into a big city like LA, getting it all industrial and polluting the air, that's just wrong that's not right, we want to breathe, and not dry-clean our lungs (p) no, just don't make it all industrialized, just don't do that. Uh, resource-using that will affect the environment, like dumping in the river. That are aesthetically or environmentally harming. (p) Like what happened in White City. Um, along the lines of mining operations close to city populations. Um, certain a lot over-population. Um, growth that relies on government, against the law, kind of in bed with politicians. Um, I can't think of it now (P) in some economic area, too many high class shops. Um, I don't know, development like big city, development that would break, isolates family and neighborhood. Um, I think, try to put everything in a small space. Maybe they built too many houses. Not enough planning. Um, I would like to not see the bigger companies coming in and taking over. Um, I'd have to go with stuff that causes more pollution like mills or other industry that puts out toxins and toxins in water sources. Um, lack of community services such as education (P) crime and excess, I don't know. Um, overpopulation growth. We don't need over-commercialization, we need more need involvement growth. Um, probably growth brought about by the heavier industries that are often associated with pollution. Um, the types of industry that would pollute. Um, we have too many chiefs and not enough Indians. (P) We have too many government officials we need more citizen involvement. Um, well we have a lot of over building, need more planning, rather than taking over city blocks. Um, yes but I am afraid I will sound prejudiced. I don't believe there should be so many illegal aliens. They breed their own kind and they come in groups and live in cultural neighborhoods and then the factions become hostile to one another. Unemployment, too many people just taking all the time, not enough giving, I guess, (p) I like it to grow, you know, when the kids/adults go ripping through the parks and tearing things up, and the more people we get the more that happens, too much disrespect you get, it seems like the more people you get. Uneven development, not leaving enough natural barriers. Unplanned growth, growth that just takes into account selling massive lots of lawns for subdivision, We need sustained growth. There is more residential property for sale than I have ever seen anywhere but they keep building massive cheap subdivisions and destroying beautiful areas. Unrestrained urban sprawl. Un-zoned growth is a disaster to any area and that is what we have going on here: un-zoned growth. We need some kind of control. Urban. Urban development: a lot of people come here because it is easy to get on welfare- lots of welfare recipients. I see the city as transit city. Urban sprawl. Urban sprawl. Urban sprawl. Urban sprawl, but that is not happening in Grants Pass. Urban sprawl. We are just getting so big so fast, too much business; not the same quiet community-oriented as it used to be. We don't need any more pizza places. Shouldn't have any more stores. We don't need to build another north Hollywood. Not to let buildings grow for apartments that get different kinds of people taking advantage of welfare. We have awful big drug problem here. We have grown too fast and have too many regulations. I like urban living mostly. Right now we have a clean city, some types of businesses might pollute and would hurt the town pretty badly.

We have too much police and environmental activities, and we are getting to spread out into the hills with housing Well as I said unplanned. Too much in one area without the proper traffic lights and utilities. The growth seems to be going much faster than the traffic controls.

Well I don't want to see sleazy adult bookstores or strips of low life skid row types of things. They've cleaned up Grants Pass and no shady businesses

Well just too much commercialism, loss of so much of surroundings, there is too much housing for developers greed Well, how about adult bookstores and adult bars, I mean topless bars, that type of stuff, I don't know if I can think of anything else

Well, I don't know, it's a good place to live, lots of changes to be made.

Well, I think I don't like things unplanned (P) should be better zoning in regard to area where people have manufacture house. Better planning and bring down the property value in certain neighborhood area.

Well, I think if the growth is not done wisely and there is pollution and businesses that have a lot of burning. I see our valley is really holding things down. Car exhaust, spillage into the river. Anything like that. The new store will open in a large building. It doesn't stay open long. You have an empty building and it doesn't make sense to build another one. You see a lot of duplication, pizza. We have too much competition; they won't have a good survival rate.

Well, the clubs and bars

Well, they wanted to put a juvenile facility from California and no one wanted to do that

Well, what I think is happening now, is we have such population and the way the city is designed, laid out, it doesn't handle traffic well. For example where they are putting in the new hospital. (p) Basically, population growth.

Well, when so many people move in and build, build, build.

What I am looking, I work in the school district where we have low-income families and non-working families, the high use of drugs. And lots of people on welfare. I guess their daily stresses affect their children.

What I'm seeing right now, urban sprawl. Well it comes back down to, there's a lot of well-meaning people in the community who don't understand the consequences of their decisions, so if they allow a particular growth to take place, but when it becomes time to take account of what happens it is going to be sad. I saw this happen in southern California and watched a potable water reservoir become polluted and unpotable because of overcrowded housing. And the result, dumping of chemicals through surface drainage into that reservoir.

When ecologists get involved and shut down businesses that can't meet standards

When people who are needy, financially, who have access to free services, gang members

When stuff for senior citizens is a complete priority as opposed to the younger group of kids. Adults know right from wrong, but kids need to be guided and they don't always provide that (p) they don't always provide things for the kids to do whereas adults can do their own thing (p) no

When they are building more than population calls for or needs.

When they cannot keep the neighborhood, is allowed to deteriorate, and old cars that are not under cover off the street they are just allowed to pile up in all different types of conditions, mainly non-moveable (p) when the traffic flow cannot keep up, traffic is too heavy on some streets, it's awkward for pedestrians to get across and it's awkward to drive through

When they overcrowd an area with housing projects that overpopulate for the sewers and roads and traffic devices and all that, I guess it's in planning (p) my mind is drawing a blank

When they scatter everything out. Even if the property is 10 miles out but favorable for developers they go out there and develop

When you get into the bars and porno stuff and all that.

When you have gangs come in more break-ins, just the movement going through

Yeah one thing, the growth of all the people living in the mountains, do you know where Highland Schools is? They're taking away the beauty of the mountain, when they're putting all the houses there.

Yes and no. Studies are done before the building is done. What I am concerned about is that the traffic needs the road system keeps up with growth so we don't have traffic problems.

Yes, the way they are doing the urban growth boundary

You've got to have one with the other. It's all got to grow somewhat proportional with each other; otherwise it will be off balance

UTIL2

Is there any way, other than lowering fees, that the City could make it easier for you to pay your water and sewer bill on time?

Automatic withdrawal

Do they have direct pay or auto pay? An auto pay or a direct pay.

Doesn't apply

Doesn't apply to me

Don't get it

Don't get it

Don't get one

Don't get them

Don't get them

Don't have water and sewer from city, they were talking about trying to charge me for my well, I'm against that.

Don't get those bills

Don't have it.
Don't know, don't get one
Easier? No, it's fine
Have not seen one
Have well and septic, so no
I am assuming they are doing best they can
I am not affected
I am not on it
I can't think of anything
I can't think of any way
I can't think of anything, I know some people would like to pay them by the Internet, that is one way they could possibly do it, I can't think of any other way they could change it
I can't think of nothing, no.
I don't do either one; I'm on a well
I don't get a bill
I don't get one; I'm septic and got my well
I don't get the bills. I have my own water.
I don't have it; I have well and septic
I don't have problems
I don't know how they could make it easier
I don't pay it, my landlord does, I don't know
I don't see anything they can do
I don't think so
I don't use city water, have well water
I don't deal with it. I have my own water.
I don't deal with that. I don't know.
I don't do it, I don't get one
I don't get my bill from the city
I don't get one
I don't get them, I don't know.
I don't get them.
I don't get them.
I don't get them. I don't have nothing to do with them
I don't get those bills; I live in the country.
I don't get those; the landlord gets the bills
I don't have a problem paying my bills so I don't know. (p) I make the money but my wife pays the bills. (p) No everything seems to be fine.
I don't have a water and sewer bill
I don't have a water and sewer bill with the city
I don't have a water bill or a sewer bill. I live in a sixty unit senior complex.
I don't have any trouble paying on time.
I don't have sewer
I don't have that problem I've got my water well
I don't have those bills; I am out of the city
I don't know (p) yes, I don't get them
I don't know, because I don't get them
I don't pay them, so I don't have any idea
I don't pay water and sewer; I live in an apartment
I don't think so, no
I don't think so, no.
I don't think so.
I don't think so.
I don't think so.
I have my own well and septic
I have my own well.
I have my own well.
I have my own well. I don't have bills.
I have no clue (p) no, I don't have water and sewer, I rent
I have no complaint about how they do it right now so I would say it is all right
I have no experience with it
I have no idea
I have no idea
I have no idea
I have no idea (p) don't get one
I have no problem with either one (p) that's right, I don't get one
I have well and septic

I lived in the community, we put money into association, and they pay for us. I don't get those bills.
 I never get one; I live in the apartment
 I pay my bills on time. (p) That is a strange question, I can't answer that.
 I think they are very high compared to other areas
 I think they have been increasing, they should break it up into two payments
 I wish they'd allow for a semi-annual billing
 I'm not sure, I don't really pay the bills, I'm sure it's pretty easy to do
 I'm on a well and septic
 I'm on well, but when I was open city water they were too expensive
 If the person who has to pay the bill and you can say have my water bill due on the 20th of the month, that kind of thing
 (p) I don't pay a water or sewer bill now
 If there is a return envelope, but I don't want the price to go up just because of that.
 If they gave you more time and if they gave you notice that the bill is coming up due and if they gave you more time to
 pay it that would be good
 If they have more drop-off spots
 If they used ATMs
 If they, our electric and gas bill is averaged out over the year. If they would do that it would give you an idea of how to
 spend your money.
 It's fine
 I've been paying my bill for 25 years and they still bug me if I'm little late. Not to treat me like a number as they do
 now.
 I've never had a problem
 Just more pre-warnings
 Live in county and a water and sewer bill.
 Maybe have more drop boxes in grocery stores and the like.
 More drop boxes in different locations (p) uh, like Safeway, grocery stores.
 More places to make payments
 My landlady pays for the water.
 My water is paid so I don't see the bill.
 No (P) get self-address stamped envelope so I can just send it out. Lots of times I have to take time to find stamp.
 No (p) I can't think of anyway they can make it easier.
 No (P) no when it dues it dues.
 No (P) they could make it in certain time of the month after people get pay.
 No because I pay it on time anyway.
 No dealings
 No I don't have to pay it, I own a well
 No I don't think so.
 No I have my own well and sewer
 No just money in my account
 No so far we have irrigation
 No, because I'm on a well.
 No, because they need to lower the fee. Too much expensive (P) I think it's a person's responsibility to pay it on time.
 No, help me to remember.
 No, I can't think of anything better.
 No, I don't have a problem
 No, I don't know if there is or not
 No, I don't think so
 No, I don't think so, it's just I don't want to sit down 20 times a month and send a check, I'd rather sit down once, and
 that makes some a couple days late, and the city gets so excited when it's just a few days late.
 No, I have access to the drop box near the grocery store. They could arrange to pay on the Internet, it would make it
 easier.
 No, I have no problem paying it on time
 No, it seems to be pretty fair
 No, lower the price and quit subsidizing the urban growth
 No, not applicable, we don't get those services
 No, they couldn't do anything better. They 're doing a good job already.
 No, this is not applicable for me
 No. (P) like pay in certain day of every month so you know when it's coming.
 Non applicable
 Not applicable.
 Not applicable; has well.
 Not on it
 Not really.
 Not related to me. I don't get the bills.
 Not that I can think of
 Not that I can think of

Not that I can think of
Not that I know of
Not that I know of, no
Nothing hard about it the way it is
Off the top of my head I can't think of the right answer, like give people a longer period of time, instead of getting your bill on the first and due on the tenth, they could send your bill on the first and have it be due on the 20th, something like that
Offer different types of payment packages like a discount for paying annually
Oh yeah, they could not send them (laughter). No, not that I am aware of.
Over the Internet, billing online
Payment plans
Probably for them to get to work a little earlier, for people who are going to work. They don't open until late and they don't check their drop boxes often.
Probably not, I think we pay it on time
Relieve pressure on people who have a canal that just happens to run through their property. Stop charging people who don't use it.
See, um, they put at the weird time of the month, like the 10th of the month. I would like to see a drop-box and the place you can go to pay and get a receipt such as the telephone company or Mailboxes Etc. They're called Pay station.
Send out water bill five days earlier. Some people are on a fixed income and get checks at a certain time
Sending the bill on time
Sending them out earlier.
They are doing a good job on that.
They can do the flexible pay times, determine when you get paid, then pay your bill. Be able to call and say that.
They're doing a good job of it now.
Uh, I don't have a problem
Uh, I pay it on time so it's not an issue. (p) No.
Um yes, when a person comes in with a payday on first or 15th, you should be allowed to choose when to pay. That should be a choice.
Um, I don't have any problem.
Um, I don't have water bill. I have my own well.
Um, no I pay mine on time; I don't have any problem about it. The only problem is that why it's so high.
Um, no it's pretty well cut and dry
Um, no, it's fine, really, for me
Um, not really.
Um, they should do a direct deposit from my bank account
Um, well, they should stay open later not close just at 5pm.
We don't do that
We don't get those; we have septic sand well
We don't have water or sewer bills, we have well, no
We don't get them from the city
We have a well.
We have our own well
We have well water and septic, no
Well I just didn't understand. We bought a house that had been an apartment but we converted it back to a house, and now we get four electric bills and there is an extra fee for multiple use. It should be easier to get this declared one house
Well so far I've managed; those out of work find it hard, and need to stretch out payments
Well, I can't think of one. I have no idea
Well, I don't think so; we always pay on time
Well, mine is paid for. I don't have opinion on that one
Well, when it comes to a larger bill they should have some kind of billing system they could break up and not so many payments. Depend on the size of the bills. In winter the bills is high. It's good if they can break up the payment.
We've been paying the water bill for the last 40 or 50 years, and we missed a month because we were out of town and they turned our water off (p) no
When they send it I pay it and send it back (p) I do it OK, I no trouble about it, in May when before my husband died, I forgot about it, and I had no problem with them, the following month they sent me another bill, with no penalty, so I don't have no problem with them
Whenever a person's payday is they should be able to make a payment
Yes (p) Well, I'm involved in the Internet a lot and I pay a lot of bills on the Internet and to my knowledge the city doesn't have the capability of paying its bills via the Internet, e-banking. (p) Well, they could add that capability. (p) No.

CHANGE

What one thing would you like to change about Grants Pass (to make living there more enjoyable)?

A little more growth as far as opportunity wise. I don't want to say shopping but you have to go to other towns to get stuff
Accountability of the officials. (P: anything else?) No

Actually I enjoy living here. I wish they would get their act together about the dam. So many people depend on irrigation and water rights. It's now a federal issue. It's bogged down in legal action and not real action. We have always had irrigation rights, we don't want to lose them but we haven't had any water for almost two years. We don't use it. But we want to maintain the rights in case we ever lose our home. We want the rights to go with it.

Add some kind of more amusement or something a little more for the younger kids like I said, because I think more people than just young kids could benefit from that (p) I don't know, I can't really think of it right now, you get a kid a little more something to do, and keep them out of trouble for one, and people a little older could do it with them

Again, I think there is an attempt to hold the city at a certain level. I'd liked to encourage some industries to come in here. I'm paying 1,600 dollars for 1,300 square feet. A good bite tax-wise. We've lost the tax base the timber industry supplied. So it would be a good idea to have some other industry, for example, high-tech in electronics. They have to be open about letting them come in.

All the drug use -- there are lots of drugs in Grants Pass -- decrease it

Another bridge

Another bridge (p) about Schroeder park

Back to the forties, there weren't many people here then!

Being a senior I'd rather see more thing for young people in their 20s and 30's

Being able to park abandoned cars on property should be banned

Better parking near the courthouse during election season.

Better school systems

Better schools

Better shops. Better quality than the super stores

Better street numbering. You can't find your way around

Better traffic management on the two main streets

Better, more courteous police officers. They have a "good old boy" mentality. The woman I spoke to on the phone when my car got broken into was awful terrible

Bring the economy up

Build a mall

Clean up the businesses, make things to look more presentable.

Cosmopolitan environment is lacking

County Commissioner's office lock stock and barrel. They just don't have people's interest in heart; they get entrenched in power.

Crack down harder on the little hoodlums. Like you get your kids that think that they are in a big city and they own and they can do what ever they think, pretty much.

Create more jobs for people, I mean quality jobs. And it needs to be attractive to live. Who wants to go live some place where they can't survive or make a decent living?

Crime: burglaries and thefts are high, non violent crimes in every area of the city

Decrease size

Don't know; get rid of the Meth program

Drugs and gangs - if I could get rid of them

Employment opportunities

Encourage and get more diversified living wage employment. There are too many educated people at bad wages, no insurance. Stop trying to get this community into the prison business. Jails are popping up all over the place.

Fire all the law enforcement people and hire new people who know what they are doing and who enjoy their job.

Get drive-in theater

Get more jobs

Get rid of some of the traffic

Get rid of the board of commissioner.

Get rid of the kids that drive up and down the roads and get things to keep them busy and out of trouble

Get rid of the KKK and the gang members

Gosh I really haven't given it much thought (p) not off-hand.

Have more stores

Hmm, add more excitement, things for younger generation to do besides going to a bar. Add a dance club.

Hmm, decrease the people, but that's impossible.

Hmm, have a place for young kids to go and play aside from parks like, an amusement park

Hmm, less downtown traffic

Hmm, probably slower growth. (p) That we are seeing too much, um, too many subdivisions going in, too many mini-malls going in. (p) Of housing.

Hmmm. I'd like to see better wages in the workplace to keep up with cost of living.

How fast it's growing; I'd like to slow the growth in population

Huh, they need more stuff for children to do, more places for kids to congregate, more organized sports and stuff for kids to do. As it is now, half the kids are drugs addicts. They have nothing to do but vandalize, party and drop out of school.

I can't complain about Grants Pass, I'm not here all the time and don't do a lot of entertaining

I can't think of anything that I don't like.

I can't really think. (P) Maybe if the police service is better, you know, more secure.

I can't think of anything I'd like to change, after taking a long trip to New Orleans, it's so nice to be home (p) no, I don't have anything to change

I can't think of anything, I've lived here 50 years and I like it (p) nope, love the town

I don't know, create more jobs

I don't know, hard to say. I like it here nothing in particular

I don't know, it's a pretty nice little town

I don't know, no nothing

I don't know, they could make wider shoulders on roads for bike paths

I don't like the traffic

I don't even know (p) I don't even have any idea, I would probably change all the building going up over the place, I moved here because of the country atmosphere for my kids, so I would change that (p) I don't know, stop building so much stuff all the time

I don't have anything I want different. I like it the way it is

I don't know what I would change. I'm from Los Angeles. Grants Pass was the friendliest and easiest place to live. It was so nice to be here rather than down in the Los Angeles area

I don't know, I really can't think of that one (p) do away with horse racing and gambling, we need the money for our kids and senior citizens, I would love to see that gone (p) yes, there is, at the fairgrounds, my husband left me because I couldn't put up with his gambling, after 20 something years I couldn't handle it anymore, I absolutely hate gambling

I don't know, I'm satisfied, so I wouldn't change anything, I guess

I don't know. I like Grants Pass. That's why I am here

I don't like the way police works

I enjoy it; I don't want to change anything.

I enjoy living here I don't know, a safer place to live, I feel very safe in the country, but I would say a safer place to live, there is crime in Grants Pass

I guess have more activities for the children and teenagers to do, because nothing seems to be for the kids here, like an ice rink and a dance hall, something for the children

I guess to change the political bureaucracy they have against people who are in business in Grants Pass. I'd like to see people run for their positions in city office and councils and not be appointed, give citizens a fair shot at contributing ideas, they aren't given the proper opportunity. City meetings should be heard for the people and not be made fun of.

I hate all this graffiti and gang stuff. We need to do something to help these kids

I have no idea, I enjoy it already

I have nothing that I'd like to change

I just wish it wasn't too big, growing too fast

I kind of like it the way it is.

I like it just the way it is (p) I think the teenagers are starting to get too prolific downtown on their skateboards and hanging around in groups, which is getting scary for me, because some kids just keyed my car about three weeks ago and it cost me one thousand dollars to have the scratch repainted, and I was parked in a parking lot at the market.

I like it the way it is

I like them to take down the sign on Sixth Street that says, "it's the climate". My comments are it's ridiculous and makes no sense. Regarding the garbage pick-up in the morning, have the trashmen turn down their two-way radios. You can hear them for a half a mile.

I like to put you have a separate restaurant where you could smoke in if you were a smoker, whether it was out in the country, or just anyplace where it was away where you weren't bothering non-smokers, it would be fair to both sides, I heard a lot of completes about that. (p) There's a lot of smokers that complain about not having restaurants where they could go in and have a cup of coffee and a cigarette, that would be fair

I like to see a competitive newspaper

I like to see an arts theater showing foreign films in Grants Pass like the Bijou in Eugene

I moved here because I don't think I'd change a thing

I really don't think I'd change a whole lot, nothing blaring

I think county schools need a lot of work, the Josephine county fair grounds need new management. I'd like to see more activities for kids

I think Grants Pass is a great place, the skateboard park for the kids is a great idea. They need a place to burn up their energy

I think Grants Pass is a very nice place to life. I would just hate to see it become total sprawl

I think I would like to be some type of -- there are too many people who live outside the area who do not understand this place and I would like to see them leave. Go back to San Fernando or San Francisco or where you come from

I think I would like to see more jobs for people that are on aid so that they can be earning and building a different life for themselves. To be self-sufficient and have their own place to live. Some people need more help with that. I'm the kind of person that thinks that we need to help create jobs for these people so they are working for a living instead of just receiving checks.

I think it's ok the way it is, if I'd do anything I'd take care of the kids (p) I mean the kids that are running around at night (p) well, if they did any harm, I'd put them in jail and leave them there until they straightened out, I think a lot of that is the parents' fault

I think it's pretty good now (p) nope

I think it's too late for me. I'm just disgusted with it and want to get out. Although I realize some people are working hard to improve it. (p) I don't think I can think of anything that would be a possibility. (p) I don't think so, I just got burned out on the town ten or fifteen years ago, maybe even more. Lately people have been trying to improve things and my kids are now grown up and gone, and I had to live with things I felt were inadequate while they were growing up, and now I just want to move away.

I think more entertainment opportunities, for example, Broadway theatre

I think more support for the children, the schools, especially not only within Grants Pass but also within the county schools as well.

I think more things for teenagers besides like the skating park and sports park.

I think that it's fine except they have undesirable people living in that Rogue River area, between Y and 7th street to the "Our House Restaurant." Drug problem -- I want them to get rid of that.

I think that they should get rid of most of the commissioners and replace them with better ones. I'd like to see Paul Walters in there

I think that we need more police protection against the teenage population that has no respect or morals. They are gang-banger wannabes. There should be stricter punishment for children who break the law. That would make Grants Pass a better place to live.

I think the Police Department. I'd like to see more of the police officers and the sheriff out doing their jobs and out on the streets. The money from tickets, that money should stay in Grants Pass to benefit our Police Department

I think the problem I have is with the police. When they talked to you they treated you like a criminal. They should treat people as an individual not a criminal. I went to visit someone there and they talked like I am garbage.

I think they need more activities for kids out of school so they stay out of trouble.

I wish that there was public transportation. That's why I can't get work, because there is no bus. Especially for seniors, some of us we don't have the money to buy a car - we need a bus to get around. I wish that there was a cheaper way to go to doctor and dentist - I am from Canada where we had socialized medicine.

I would change the way the police operate. Well, I think there is a lot of preferential treatment of people and discrimination, as when someone seems not so right.

I would get rid of the drugs, the drug problem. If I had a magic wand, I would wave it and get rid of the drugs and the drug problem. That is paramount. And I would have to put alcohol in there, too. I'm not involved in it, but I see it all the time. We're not prudes, but we are aware that there is a problem.

I would like to clean up some of the buildings and some of the areas that don't look appealing to one's eyes.

I would like to see bait and worms not too used in Rogue River.

I would like to see more here for younger people, and the stores don't close up at 6:00 at night, more activities for younger people and teenagers to keep them occupied (p) more activities

I would like to see more responsiveness from the city bureaucrats to citizens

I would like to see some beautification. There are some spots that need foliage and landscaping. The Parkway could use some sprucing up

I would like to see the cost of living and wages change so people can afford to live here. I mean for average working person the average wage is \$6.50, I don't know who can live on that. I like to see the roads fixed. We have been living with this road tear-out off and on for five years now. I want them to leave them alone.

I would like to see the hourly wage for employees to be raised, on a national level it is little low

I would like to see um, more uh; I'd like to see more respect to workers, to pay them what they are worth. There are people here who can't get a good job, they've been to college and everything and all they can get is an \$8 dollar job. There are people who have moved here with skills that we need, and we want that. They should be paid what they are worth.

I would like to, there should be more facilities for teens and children

I would say not take out the dams that they're fighting over

I would think it would be better if they had more people, more taxpayers.

I'd have to say the roads (P) they never seem too flat or round or do what they are supposed to do, holes in them, except for 6th and 7th streets

I'd like there to be more supervised youth activities

I'd like to have more activities for the adolescent kids

I'd like to see an indoor tennis facility

I'd like to see more industry for the people that are here

I'd like to slow down the growth - main thing is traffic and the size of the town. It's turning to mini-LA and it's turning people not to be that friendly

I'm a little bit upset with the sheriff's department, I think when they know someone, they don't tend to take action against that person (p) if this person is well-known in the city, like a business person, they really drag their

feet, they don't seem to do anything until they know they are up against the wall and they know they finally have to do something

I'm just very happy the way it is

I'm sure I'll think of things tomorrow. I know I don't like too much traffic, we are growing a little fast, we need considerably less traffic

I'd like a slower place clean, more friendly less pig patrol. Why can't we just be free? I'm tired of all this Gestapo crap.

I'd like to see higher-end shopping, a Saks Fifth Avenue instead of just Wal-Mart. I'd been wanting to see a Nordstrom's rack, better quality clothing. Higher-end restaurants instead of just coffee shops everywhere.

I'd like to see them clean up the downtown more, right off the strip, southeast by 10th. Cleaned up as far as the area is. The housing. It's slummy. There is trash all over the yards. It is unsightly. It's embarrassing when people come in from out of town. Other local people from around here say that Grants Pass is nasty.

If I had the power, I would have groceries delivered to the house.

If we didn't have so damn much traffic

Improve the economic situation for low income; take care of the gap

It's a matter of changing people and I can't do that so the only thing I can do is change me. Change me or move me. The squirrels are out of control in our neighborhood. It's a problem. I was reported for shooting one and now I am a criminal.

It's fine

It's growing too fast, it used to be nice and small, we're gonna be like Portland soon and the kids will be getting into trouble.

Just the fact that there are not many businesses. We travel often to Medford for shopping. I know they are building more but that is what I would change.

Large retail stores - too many of them for small town

Law enforcement: it needs better one

Leave the dam in. It's pretty and free

Less bars, too many of them, build up Police Department

Less crime, I guess

Less one-way streets

Less rain. I'd like to see some of the main streets -- how do I put this -- like on A street and 7th there is a particular house that is growing. (p) They need landscaping throughout the city. The city owns a certain amount of curbs? There are some places where they actually fine the people to make the corners more presentable, but they haven't. And I'd like to see junk cars removed from property.

Let me think, I would like to see the school districts more equal between Grants Pass and Three Rivers, that they would be on an equal basis (p) maybe even consolidate, which would never happen either, but that is still my wish, that would make it wonderful

Like I stated, have more things for the kids to do.

Lord, oh, I would like to see less of the trees cut down. I like to see the old trees stand. Make better use of our natural resources.

Lower crime rate

Lower our taxes, city taxes. It's unreal. I pay almost a hundred bucks a month for taxes.

Mainly I would like to see the growth rate slow a little. (p) The amount of new housing, buildings, one bad thing they do is try to put two houses on one lot. That should never happen in the city. I think that's the worse thing I've seen in Grants Pass. That should be banned altogether.

Make it drug free

Make it more exciting, a big mall would be nice, and a nice club for kids, too, like Club 24 type thing (P) sure, put the club in the mall

Make it safer for children and everybody, especially the one way street. The traffic goes too fast on Steiter Street. No one does anything about this. I called the Police Department, they encouraged me to get a license plate, but it was too fast to get. Just we need more protection here. This is the residential area.

Maybe another bridge because of traffic

Maybe bring a little bit more industry to help the economy.

Maybe more sidewalks so the kids have more places to ride. More bike paths.

Maybe more, better shopping stores. Have stores open a little later.

More activities for kids and young people

More activities for kids to do around here, more family oriented

More activities for kids.

More activity for the kids and more movement to retain youth to make a living. A future here for our kids

More business opportunities or a higher prevailing wage

More community cooperation within the City government and City employees and the public. We've gotten so far into the computer use that there is a lack of human communication.

More cultural activities

More cultural entertainment

More cultural opportunities, more concerts and plays.

More department stores (p) Costco.

More educational resources, extended campus programs and things for kids, more diversity

More entertainment and stores, help people find rentals

More jobs
 More jobs
 More jobs
 More nightclubs
 More of a friendly cafe atmosphere. There's a lot of artists -- there should be activities involving artists and public participation
 More places for the kids to hang out
 More police services
 More positive attitude toward the government we have in the city
 More recreational city things. I don't know how to explain what I'm saying. Like in our main park they have bands come in in the summertime. If they did more things like that and adding to the other parks activities such as bands.
 More recreational opportunities
 More retail stores.
 More shopping areas
 More shopping availability, yeah, more stores
 More stable county funding for schools and other services
 More things for kids to do
 More traffic signals and street lights
 None -- leave the woods alone
 Not a thing.
 Not fond of this place (P) no
 Not let a bunch more people move in.
 Not let go the people who have been arrested on main charges before trial - not like now in from one door and out the other. I think keeping them there until the trial will teach them a lesson
 Not much you can change (P) no, not really
 Not much, I'm happy.
 Nothing really, (p) just mainly the road situation (p) the taxes (p) well, I don't feel they are using the tax money like they should, hell they re-paved I-5 twice, for what? They could have been using that money for the local streets. For the city itself
 Nothing the city could do, I think it's way too hot in the summer (p) I don't know, less homeless people
 Off hand, I can't think of anything, I'm quite pleased.
 Oh gee, um, maybe a bus system would be nice. Public transportation.
 Oh god, I can't think of anything, I'm pretty comfortable
 Oh I think another way to get across the river besides the Grants Pass parkway and 6 and 7 street bridge
 Oh my, um, I don't know, probably more resources, more thing to do for younger, younger people
 Oh, don't like the taste of city water. I used to have my own well, the water tasted better.
 Oh, I don't really know, I don't go into town at night; it's alright now
 Oh, I don't know. It's a great place to live. I just don't like to see it grow so fast. I would like to see it remain as a small town and rural area.
 Oh, less rain in the winter. I am very happy here.
 Police the traffic ordinances
 Price of gas
 Probably add more light industry
 Probably cut down on the amount of people that are coming in too fast
 Probably improve some of the high traffic roads such as Redwood Ave.
 Probably nothing. I don't know of anything right now
 Probably the streets (p) oh, fix some of them that's needing fixed
 Probably the traffic (P) make less of it
 Probably what I perceive to be the "good old boy system" in the city government
 Really I like it here, I don't know what I would want to be better, I really don't (p) well, really, I don't know
 Remain small community, with a nice small town look
 Right off hand I can't think of anything. Of course lower taxes, but I don't suppose that's a possibility.
 Road signs aren't too good, change the speed - people drive too slow. 20 mph backs up the traffic
 Senior center: they should have one
 Since I have a children. More activities for kids.
 Some of the ways the streets are set up, they are lined in a confusing way
 Some recreation activities, especially in the summer, for school children and young adults besides activities arranged by school. I want to see the city do more, like dances or like soft drink clubs
 Stop all building and growth.
 Stop the growth. I don't like big city. I like retirement area, that's why I live here.
 Teach people how to drive better, I have a hard time with that.
 That is a good question. I would like to see the Chamber of Commerce more active with more programs for visitors
 That the population wouldn't grow
 That they wouldn't put everything on the property tax bill. They are voting about the fees now. I guess we do have very low property taxes, but it has gone up in the last two years. Between the sheriff, the library, now the schools want some. It's getting ridiculous.

That's a difficult one, I really couldn't say (p) just probably the way traffic flows through the middle of town down 6th and 7th streets, there isn't much you can do about that, but have alternate routes during peak traffic times.
Make it easier to take side streets that would relieve traffic from the main streets.

The amount of recreational activities for families and children. I'd like to have more of them and advertise them

The business environment is a little cold. I think it should be better

The cave man. It's the symbol of the town. It's not conducive to the intelligence of the people living here.

The city council - I don't think they are fair to the people, they care about big business. They are in favor of these who pay money - they are for big business, they are not fair to people of middle and lower class

The city office and the county office clerks. They are very rude and hard to deal with.

The crazy drivers in the town (p) maybe lower speed limits maybe, I don't know

The crime by teenage kids

The engineering of the streets. Get some engineers who know how to design an overpass. If you saw the new hospital it's in the wrong place. There's a fairground across the street -- it's bad

The funding for schools (P) much more funding

The lack of larger department stores and shopping malls

The lack of shopping stores

The main thing is the roads and parking, more parking spaces

The no shopping area and the lack of senior things to do

The one thing I would like, I want to see it be easier for new businesses to be here

The only thing I would like to change is they get more things for the teenagers to do to interest the teens so they stay out of trouble.

The only thing is don't let it grow too big. I love it here. It has everything.

The parking - we got these people across the street who got a small business there, and he wouldn't let us park there, but I live in the apartment across the street, and we are not allowed to park in front of his business, but our side of the streets is a bike line. And he is in the city council or something so he got this parking signs for his business (Fourth Street)

The political: the politics is strictly a "good old boys" regime. I don't like to see all the commissioners bickering and playing games. I would like to see them get their jobs done and do what they were hired to do: serve the people.

The population should slow down and the traffic

The road map - this town is horrible to drive in, another bridge

The schools (P) they need to have more parent involvement and less students in the classroom or more teachers.

The statue, the caveman, to get it out of there

The streets are screwed up. It's really funky

The traffic in downtown; put it back to four lanes

The traffic is getting very hectic these days. I don't like bad traffic.

The winter weather (p) the one way streets (p) make them go both directions

Their building department. I'd like to see this department be more proactive with respect to its customers. They need to be more timely. They ought to work hours that correspond to people's ability to have questions answered; that is, Saturdays. They ought to staff the building department six days a week, so they can respond to citizens who can't get there during the week.

There are a lot of streets that aren't paved, no sidewalks or curbs. It would be nice if all the streets had sidewalks and curbs.

There are a lot of things for the seniors to do. Like YMCA, I have friends use it

There is a group of people that are very discriminating and prejudice that lack honesty and personal integrity. They don't keep track of their children. There are a lot of drugs. They do not like you if you are from a large area.

The degree of ignorance, the only way is to educate their children. They are very unkempt; their grammar is terrible. There are some really nice people. I'm considering moving and taking my kids away from this environment.

There's not a whole lot I'd want to change besides the growth. We need more jobs. It is important to keep up with all the people who are living here work here instead of having to go to Medford. And to have that money spent here instead of in Medford. All the stores are there. I don't have anything against Medford, but I live here and I hate driving all the way to Medford.

There's a lot of no growth people. Kind of "good old boys." We're not good attracting clean industries. Klamath Falls has attracted high-tech jobs and it seems like leaders of Josephine County are not doing as much as they can.

They are bringing in more: skate parks and sports for little kids, I don't know what else there is to keep kids out of trouble

They could synchronize the lights going out Redwood Highway.

They have bad street crossings and trees and shrubs in the way of viewing the oncoming traffic.

They need more for the kids to do, especially the teenagers

They need to consider their land use direction. They need to remember we're a rural community, not metropolitan

They need to do something with traffic; they need more ingress and egress. They need another bridge

They should care about the people who live in the City of Grants Pass. All the homes that are being built are for the rich people. People in this city work to build the houses that we know we are never going to live in, especially not single parents.

They should do something about the traffic. Teach the people how to drive too, nobody signals

They should pay for road repairs [the city or state government?] Without taxing us more. We pay enough taxes.
 To have more availability of shopping
 To have more for teenagers to do
 To lower people's property taxes. Over 50% goes to schools - this is too much. I don't have kids, and I think I pay too much
 Too much traffic
 Traffic -- it seems to be a lot. 6th and 7th get pretty busy
 Traffic (p) I think I would put more signs up, I don't think there is enough one-way signs on one-way streets. I noticed a lot of people on F and E Streets, especially, are confused. I don't think it's marked enough; and on M Street, at M at Seventh, there needs to be a No-Turn sign, there's always people waiting to turn there and I get stuck waiting for people to illegally turn there.
 Traffic (P) it's a little too crowded right now. There's not enough lot space for cars, there is too many traffic jams
 Traffic patterns: Sixth and Seventh could use another bridge
 Traffic: there's too much coming from all directions. That would be one thing I would change
 Uh, better policing
 Uh, have the people drive at the speed limit
 Uh, I would like to see more investment in infrastructure, our roads and our bridges
 Uh, increase the size of the police force
 Uh, very highly aggressive drug enforcement team. Meth is a cancer and they need to have a group within agency that targets a drug and go after it. And have cross communication too. They need more money. Pot doesn't bother me. Go after meth.
 Um, a less adversarial style of politician running the city. We need more conciliation and meeting in the middle rather than taking a stand. (p) Just generally.
 Um, bring more work. More work available for people.
 Um, bus service accessible, bus service
 Um, discrimination in the sort of power structure of the "haves" against the "have-nots"
 Um, fight the crime. Offer more things for teenagers like the skate park and better planning for the streets
 Um, gosh I'm not sure how you'd change this, but the traffic over on Grants Pass Parkway
 Um, gosh, actually I don't think I could tell you that. It is already nice. You enjoy what you like the most out of Grants Pass. I really like the peacefulness of it. (P) Growth, with growth comes problems.
 Um, gosh, what would I change? More people getting involved to make it a safer, cleaner place to live
 Um, heavy traffic, change it somehow, make it less congested
 Um, I believe that our city road and capacity for traffic is going to be hurting pretty soon.
 Um, I can't answer that, I'm happy with Grants Pass. They have talked about adding a walking street in downtown area, I would like that
 Um, I can't think of anything. (P) I like it.
 Um, I don't know, more recreation for the kids to keep their minds off things they shouldn't be doing and activities advertised more
 Um, I don't know (P) roller coaster.
 Um, I don't know. I think it's pretty good the way it is.
 Um, I guess, if there were more live entertainment.
 Um, I just would like to see the city itself expand
 Um, I like to have a sound barrier built on Highway five to keep truck noise out.
 Um, I think it's just fine
 Um, I think my street should be re-paved. I live on the borderline between the city and the county.
 Um, I think the city of Grants Pass should landscape the two entrances at the beginning of 6th street and the beginning of 7th street
 Um, I think the only complain is to be over crowded.
 Um, I think they should crack down on the crime more, now that we have a new jail let's do something about it. We used to have a nice neighborhood here, now it's getting out of control. (p) Well we've been having a lot of theft here; our cars have been gone through. The other night we had someone come up on our front porch and steal our bike while we were home.
 Um, I would say having teenagers stop the public harassment against teens by the police, and stop giving teens a hard time about parking. The police used to do it to us too.
 Um, I'd have to say put more sidewalks in. because most of the town doesn't have full sidewalks
 Um, I'd like to have more police presence and eliminate the high rate of burglaries and car break-ins. (p) No.
 Um, I'd say the traffic. (p) Oh goodness, it just seems like there is a lot of traffic. Strategic road building -- if they strategically planned their roads then traffic would improve.
 Um, it needs higher paying jobs
 Um, it would be nice if they had more activities for younger generation.
 Um, just acceptance of people, and stop hate groups
 Um, just one thing? Hmm, probably more to do recreationally. (p) I would like to widen the streets but first and foremost I would like more to do, nicer non-smoking bowling alleys, indoor hitting ranges, places for kids to go after dark.
 Um, lets see, more upscale culture, less attention given to welfare culture
 Um, make more places for the kids to do stuff without getting out in the streets, like a skate park

Um, more bicycle awareness. (p) Just better and more paths, better marked, some of the ones we have aren't being kept up as far as being painted, and some people aren't staying out of the bike lanes. (p) Motor vehicles such as on Fourth street, instead of staying in their lane as it's marked, they're drifting over into the bicycle lane and then they come up on a bicycle and they don't think we should be there, they kind of push us off to the side.

Um, more consideration about the way we plan the city, keep the neighborhoods instead of loosing them to development. Restructuring thoroughfares ruins the neighborhoods.

Um, more recreation for young people. (p) Um, I don't know what to suggest, but the new skate park is a good idea and more things like that would help keep kids out of trouble.

Um, nothing really

Um, probably increase law enforcement, more officers and more deputies so they are more visible in the rural areas. Increase them so that there is better than a 30 minute response

Um, probably the traffic. I would like to see another bridge so there are an option to get through town.

Um, salary (P) a higher one

Um, schools (P) see more involvement in community with schools to upgrade education, glad to see the skate park. City district 7 should get more involved with city with projects: cleanup, helping agencies, Housing for Humanity. To make schools more visible, to be involved with city.

Um, some better road system around Grants Pass.

Um, that's a tough one; there's so many things. I don't have an answer for that one.

Um, the shrubs of trees needed to be trimmed; we can't see the stop signs or traffic signs.

Um, to feel safe like I used to and not to get mugged when I go to the store

Um, well I think they should welcome the outsiders more. (p) When it comes to our jobs they will hire only people who they know, it's closed minded. It's not what you know it's who you know, is pretty much how it works in this town.

Um, well, I don't know, I haven't thought about it. I am 57, I went away to work then, I am back here. (P) They need to get more of the access to I-5, try to get in and out of I-5. We have two exits in and out now; we should add another one to the I-5 corridor.

Um, young people to have more respect for older people

We have too much congestion. Too many cars even though they did the streets

We need more jobs. (p) All kinds, every field.

We need to encourage growth

Well I'd like Grants Pass to help fund the city bus to run seven days a week.

Well I'd like to see our city councilmen be more open to the citizens about growth, and to have them be aware that the city is, back up, to have them be concerned. With the growth that we are allowing we sometimes get carried away and make ghettos of our areas. (p) We're using up all of our open spaces, in other words. We need open spaces.

Well we need more streets through town.

Well, I don't know if this would make it more enjoyable. (p) That's a hard question. (p) I think what needs to be done on the parkway is, a concrete divider, plus street lights put in from "M" street to "F" street at the S curve over the railroad tracks, it's real dark in the winter, when it's raining and you get a headlight glare, it's an accident waiting to happen.

Well, I haven't found anything I dislike.

Well, I wouldn't change anything, but if we're going to grow in, in an accelerated fashion I'd like, it would be nice if everything kept pace, city services and so on. My husband has added that, we'd like to see more jobs for young, more vocational training available. Especially in, say the computer industry. I think we have a start, but we could do more.

Well, it would be good if they had Saturday afternoon or Sunday (P) recreation stuff, because many people don't go out at night (p) that's right, if it was in the afternoon it would be nice to have recreation, because at night there is no way, (p) they don't have transportation, and it's not too safe to go out at night

Well, not really, I mean it is a pretty cool placed to live. They just need new restaurants; they need a Claim Jumper

Well, stricter traffic enforcement. (p) Well all of it, speeding, going through stop signs, kids racing around, that sort of thing.

Well, they could use more parking for all those trucks, (p) no, there's no parking for trucks, cars, they don't have a lot of parking

Well, with all the growth that's going on I'd like to see more industry because a lot of people here seem stuck in minimum wage jobs. More industry.

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What do you particularly enjoy about living in Grants Pass?

→PROBE: What one thing do you enjoy most about Grants Pass?

A great place to raise my family. Schools, parks, downtown businesses - all are very friendly people. A really safe place to live

A small town feeling. You can walk into the market and you know three or four people. A friendly atmosphere.

Actually doesn't have big city atmosphere but it's getting that way! I like the wide openness of the area.

All my kids are here (p) I can't think of anything

All the greenery

Beautiful area, trees

Besides my family I'd have to say location. The climate

Biking, fishing, hiking, pleasant weather, skiing at Mount Ashland. And that it isn't as crowded as other areas. I'm concerned that it's going to get that way and if it does I'm going to move way north

Clean air

Climate, easygoing lifestyle, comfortable

Close community (p) as in, it's a small enough town that you know a lot of people but it's not too big. It's just right.

Convenience and friendliness of people, although that is changing.

Country and nice people

Easy access to the parks

Even though it's a moderately large town, it still feels like a small town

Family

Fishing and hunting

Fishing, hunting (p) the area around Grants Pass

Friendliness, easy to get around

Friendly city and it's pretty, pleasing city

Friendly people the, weather.

Friendly people.

Gosh, I love the country of it.

How close everything is. It's close by.

I couldn't even tell you. Uh, the library (p: The city library?) Yeah.

I don't know. I can't say, just moved back here and I'm away a lot

I don't know. I hate driving here. Can't think of anything other than the weather

I don't know, it's just home, I've never lived anywhere else (p) no, I can't say any one thing, I just like it here, because I don't know anything else

I don't know, the river.

I don't think anything really. It's a nice place to look at

I enjoy everything about it. But one thing is that I can run five errands and be home in an hour. That is not the case in California. I like and enjoy the atmosphere of the people. You smile and they smile back at you, and they are caring. That may just be small town, but...

I enjoy living here, the location and my family is here

I enjoy the beauty around me. The mountains, the people are friendly

I enjoy the football games

I enjoy the peacefulness of it.

I enjoy the people, the climate, it's friendly. I meet people I know every time I go downtown. That is a nice feeling.

I enjoy the people, the parks, businesses and outdoor life, trees, and schools. All of the schools as they contribute to young people

I grew up here as a child (P) pretty beautiful scenery, more sun

I grew up here so this is home.

I guess I just feel safe here.

I just enjoy the small town atmosphere and the beauty around it

I just like the area (p) well, I just like it, I don't want to live in California, I don't want to live anywhere else but here

I just like the area of Grants Pass

I just like the area. I think it is beautiful

I like downtown. It's alive

I like everything. It's close to everything, recreation wise.

I like Grants Pass, I like the weather

I like it because it's smaller than most places I've lived

I like it here, I like fishing but I can't do it anymore.

I like living in southern Oregon, and overall it's peaceful compared to other places I've lived. I lived in LA and I came back here for the greenery and my family was here, and the serenity from living in a big city

I like living in the country; I don't feel penned in.

I like that there is not really any gang problems here, the kids are under control, pretty much for now

I like that there not too many businesses

I like the change of seasons and I like all the people I've met, just generally like it

I like the climate, people, I like the lack of crime, I like peace and quite.

I like the climate.

I like the community atmosphere, the friendly people
 I like the fact that it's nestled in the mountains and the river runs through it. It's a pretty little town
 I like the fact that we have the mountain and trees. I like the recreation that is close by.
 I like the idea of small town, I like where it is situated, a lot to do here, very pretty
 I like the library, the trees. The city maintains the trees nicely throughout residential areas.
 I like the mountain and the weather.
 I like the people and the weather
 I like the people around and the safety, because I used to live up in Vancouver, Washington, because my sister lives here
 I like the people.
 I like the river, it is peaceful and quiet, and the fishing, it's a nice place to go
 I like the small community and knowing people
 I like the small town climate; main reason we moved here was the access to ocean, mountains and the big cities
 I like the smaller city. The access to the river. Nice river through it. I like the downtown main strip area. I like the surrounding mountains.
 I like the town the size it is. (p) The size of the town (p) the physical area we call the downtown area.
 I like the trees; I like the fact that even we don't have all things right here. It doesn't take long to get where you can get what you need
 I like the weather
 I like to fish in the rivers and lakes
 I like walking on G street and historical areas, looking at old homes.
 I live between here and Medford all my life; people are friendly and a nice place to live.
 I live close to the library and I think it's just great and I feel safe here and it's beautiful to have the park by the river and it's maintained nice and I love the antique shops
 I lived here all my life
 I love the climate and the fresh air.
 I love the climate, the trees and four seasons
 I love the climate. All kinds of activities all year round. It's a paradise here. Don't you think?
 I love the countryside around here, it is very peaceful, I can really say, I love the climate here, we get the four seasons, although it can get pretty rugged at times, I just like Grants Pass
 I love the fact I don't have to lock my door
 I love the people and small town atmosphere, clean air
 I love the rural atmosphere, the changing colors of the changing seasons.
 I love the weather and the people are very nice. It is a small community. Everything is located centrally in the town.
 Grants Pass has kept its downtown
 I particularly like the weather, the change of the climate and quality of air that we breathe in this town. (p) The quality of the air.
 I really like the river and I like the park and I like the seasons and just everything about it
 I think it is being close to the 45th parallel where we have four seasons and none of them are very extreme or severe.
 I think the people are more friendly in this area, not in a hurry, say good morning. Small town, slower pace.
 I was born and raised here. I like everything
 I was born and raised here. I love it.
 I would just, probably say it's size, it being on the smaller side, is nice. (p) Generally, the city limits doesn't extend forever. Population, industrial.
 I would say it's the lifestyle. It's the low crime rate.
 I'm proud of this city. Their parks, their news communications to the inhabitants. The freedoms. There is a pretty liberal attitude. The parks are the one thing I enjoy most.
 It is a nice town. I never had any problems, but there is a lot of room for improvement
 It is a slower easy going pace
 It is a small community and there is not much a way of violence
 It is always a changing situation. I enjoy the relatively small city and the friendliness of the people
 It is close to Eugene and larger cities for resources, shopping and recreation, etc
 It is just a smaller rural town and the weather is quite nice, we are close to the mountains and the ocean, and the winters are not too severe and the summers are warm
 It still has a touch of a small town; it's not noisy
 It's a friendly place to live and everything is accessible, more options
 It's a neutral place. You can visit the ocean, the hills, hunting, fishing. You are able to take your horse out and go riding.
 It's a small town and you can get to anywhere you want to go easily. And you don't get lost that easily. I get lost every time I go to Medford, to go to the doctor or something.
 It's a small town with all the services and I want to keep it that way. I come from a big city – LA -- and I didn't like. The streetlights will turn on in the day because of the smog. This city could be worse than LA if they don't take care. At least there they have the winds.
 It's beautiful and the people are friendly and pleasant.
 It's candy coated but it's not.
 It's clean
 It's clean place to live

It's not a big city.
It's not too polluted
It's peaceful
It's quiet and it is a small town, safe and comfortable
It's small, I grew up here, I feel safe here. I've lived out of state and it's not the same
It's a beautiful place
It's a beautiful town; there are trees everywhere. I moved to California and then moved back. The crazy things that happen in the city don't happen here. Our kids don't carry guns to school.
It's a small town
It's a small town, is growing larger and is doing a good job maintaining everything
It's a smaller community, quieter. (p) It's not masses of people; I'm not into heavily populated areas.
It's beautiful
It's beautiful here.
Its beauty
It's clean
It's friendly
It's not as bad and fast pace crazy as down there. It's beautiful here.
It's not too big and it is not too little.
It's quiet, friendly people, beautiful area
It's quiet; it's different from LA, peaceful
It's smaller (laughter). Not a lot of people.
I've lived here all my life; I like being where I can go out in the country and see the timber
I've lived here, the mild climate
Just about everything: the weather, the people, the size, we live outside the city
Just the community and living in a medium-sized town
Just the landscape I guess. It is beautiful here.
Just the people and the climate
Just the scenery itself, the weather
Just the small town (p) nope, that's it
Just the view and the area (p) it's just, I like it, it's just a nice safe community
Lots of free stuff here to do, concert in the park, like that kind of stuff.
Most, the people
My friends
My paycheck
Nature, the trees and hiking, mountain biking, fishing
No snow. I hate snow
Not a thing. You know what sucks? They only have two liquor stores. They should have free taxi services to the bars in town.
Not much (p) we better skip that one (p) not really
Not too many people. The quiet and the climate.
Nothing sticks out
Oh the size of it, weather and my family's there
Oh, I guess maybe where we are living the people are nice. I'm very happy here
Oh, I think it's a safe community
Oh, I'd say I'm close to the businesses I need to get to, and being a smaller town, I prefer that. (p) Being in a smaller town, I believe.
Oh, it's so pretty. It is such a peaceful pretty countryside. It is smaller, and has a lot less stress than the big cities where you have people in your face all the time.
Oh, just the people and the shopping, it seems to be a nice place (p) just nice people
Oh, the climate
Oh, the nature and the river
Oh, the, well, the small community. It has shopping available like in big city, slower pace. I get upset with people who drive fast and didn't follow the rules. Overall I am pleased with the city and I am very happy to live here.
Oh, uh, that it is still small enough to enjoy. (p) Population-wise.
One thing that has intrigued me is the beauty of trees and flower
Outdoor recreation
People
People - friendly
People are friendly
People are nice and work is available
People are so friendly and nice, it's beautiful and not too big and it's comfortable
People I know are friendly, and I am hanging on to a memory how it used to be - a small town mentality, but that concept is fading. I do like the climate
Pretty calm and quiet. Nice wilderness
Pretty quiet town
Probably the fact that I feel safe.

Probably the house I live in. (p) No.
 Probably the recreation. You've got all four seasons. There's always something to do here.
 Probably the small city atmosphere. (p) I don't know what I mean by that. (p) Probably the river (p) just the boat rides, things like that.
 Proximity to nature, being able to go fish or hike
 Quaintness
 Quality of life
 Reason we moved here was because it was safe and small, it has changed too fast; still a good place, a lot better than CA
 Recreation
 Rivers
 Safe (p) It's just a great place to raise kids, I feel safe.
 Scenery
 Scenery
 Scenery and climate
 Sense of community
 Sense of family. It's more of a moralistic, family-oriented community.
 Small community, close community
 Small town atmosphere
 Small town atmosphere
 Small town community
 Small town, beauty, clean air especially
 That everything is close. Close to the ocean, rivers, mountains. People are friendly.
 That I live in the country
 That it is a safe place to live
 That it is a small town
 That it isn't so crazy like in big cities. It doesn't have all those big city problems
 That it's not as big as Medford and the rest of Oregon. I like a small town, of course, I moved here 40 years ago and it was even smaller
 That it's not as busy as Medford but it is getting that way
 That it's not noisy like some cities
 That there's a lot of things that are accessible. I like the parks and the rivers
 That this is smaller community
 That we still have a friendly, small town community. And we still have access to city management and government and the door is still open.
 That's a hard one. Grants Pass is overall a great place to live, the community atmosphere
 The ambiance. Climate, feeling you are not in a city, wooded hills, mountains, ocean within hour and a half, friendliness of people
 The area. I come from Los Angeles, that is, Ventura County. California is so overcrowded and overbuilt. Everything is so nice, peaceful and pleasant down to the storeowners. The people are friendlier. It's a nice place to live.
 The art, the people, the river, the community
 The atmosphere: I moved up from the San Francisco bay area
 The availability of different types of recreation, the closeness like skiing, water skiing, fishing.
 The availability of shopping and everything I need without going to Medford
 The beauty
 The beauty
 The beauty - where it is in the valley
 The beauty all around, the weather
 The beauty and quietness and peaceful surroundings
 The beauty and the difference from LA
 The beauty of it, and the weather (p) it's milder, I come from Southern California
 The beauty of it. And it's still somewhat a small town
 The beauty, (p) I like the rivers, the beauty, I did like the slower pace, which sure seems to be picking up
 The beauty, the safety, the community involvement, I could go on forever, but that's some of the things, I just like living here
 The beauty. The town has charm, the river activities
 The better quality of life for raising a family
 The clean roads, well kept, there is a lot of community spirit.
 The climate
 The climate
 The climate
 The climate
 The climate
 The climate
 The climate
 The climate (p) I like it in the fall (p) yeah, the change of seasons (p) I really enjoy it, I like it
 The climate (p) It's living the Dream.

The climate and friendliness
 The climate and the atmosphere, the beauty of the mountains.
 The climate and the scenery and the, I enjoy a lot of the people here.
 The climate, and the community. Population is growing too fast
 The climate, it's home now, we've been here for 28 years (p) we get all four seasons, but we don't have the extreme,
 extreme bad weather that other areas get (p) for me I think everything's fairly convenient
 The climate, the friendliness, my church.
 The climate, the river and just, we have lived here since 1960 and it is still a nice place to live.
 The climate, the size and the feel of the city.
 The climate, we don't have extreme weather
 The climate.
 The community as a whole
 The community it's not too big, it's not too small, it's just right
 The community spirit
 The community, the feeling of closeness.
 The community, the people-they're nice and courteous
 The convenience of shopping without using up a lot of gas
 The easy access to different places - it is not overcrowded
 The environment and that people are really friendly here too
 The environment, mountains and climate
 The fact that it's a slow town
 The fresh air, the clear blue sky, this is a wonderful place to live - the temperature is just great most of the year
 The friendliness that you can go out in the country and then come back and do your shopping
 The growth of the recreations: sports park, things like that new High School too
 The hunting and fishing
 The little town country atmosphere, that's what I enjoy about it, and the mountain scenery
 The location
 The location, it's near bigger towns but remains a small town
 The lower crime rate, friendly people
 The maintaining of the older homes, keeping that district intact. I think it's important.
 The moderate weather and the seasons
 The mountains, I love the mountains, and the trees
 The outdoor opportunities
 The outdoor stuff to do (P) rafting going to the river
 The parks - really nice
 The peace and quiet
 The people
 The people (p) people are all very, very nice, I think, and always have been
 The people are always so nice.
 The people are friendly and shopping is fairly convenient. I think it's a pretty decent town. You don't see a lot of gangs,
 and like that.
 The people are good. I like the trees. I like the weather part of the time
 The people are pretty friendly, and I was born and raised here so I know where I'm going
 The people do seem to be friendly here, and it's pretty, the area is nice-looking, because of the mountains, and woods
 and stuff
 The people, the land, the activities
 The people, the small townness, friendly people and churches. (p) People.
 The people.
 The people.
 The people. The people in this town are polite, courteous and helpful when there is a tragedy. And people are very
 supportive in this town.
 The people. They are very friendly and open here.
 The quality of life
 The quiet and the friendly people and nice residential areas
 The quiet and the lower crime except for drugs. It's safe here and fresh air
 The quiet lifestyle here
 The quietness
 The quietness and peacefulness. When the town shuts down on weekends, it's nice
 The reason is, I lived here since 51, the weather - summer not too hot, winter is not too cold. All my children and their
 families are living here
 The recreation of it, skiing, fishing, swimming.
 The relaxed attitude, and friendly community in downtown areas or anywhere
 The river
 The river
 The river, the park, the mountains, the trees, it's clean, streetlights in the city
 The river, the surrounding view, the park

The river. (p) Rafting, fishing, swimming in the river.
 The Rogue River
 The rural atmosphere, small town atmosphere
 The scenery
 The scenery
 The scenery and it's a small town
 The scenery and most of the people and the climate
 The scenery and the climate
 The scenery and the people here are so friendly; the scenery is so gorgeous
 The scenery, the clean air, the friendly people
 The scenery, the environment.
 The scenery, the people, the area
 The scenery. Looking around at the mountains is great
 The seasons
 The seasons and the senior citizen amenities
 The seasons, close to the coast and skiing.
 The shopping and churches
 The size
 The size is small and it's nice, but we need better jobs
 The size, it's not growing too quickly. There is a lot of opportunity for seniors to get involved in volunteer act. and entertainment.
 The size, location in terms of closeness to the coast and the climate
 The slower pace of life. Less traffic although traffic is getting worse here too.
 The slow-paced lifestyle
 The small community
 The small community and friendly people
 The small community and the attitudes of the people
 The small community feeling.
 The small town atmosphere
 The small town atmosphere
 The small town atmosphere and the comfort of it
 The small town environment, the river, the parks, the people. I would say the river I enjoy most
 The small town feel, safety, sense of community
 The small town, mountains and trees, things. We don't have to go far for things to do
 The small, friendly community
 The surrounding area is really beautiful
 The tranquility.
 The trees, people, everything.
 The versatility of the area. Near everything and the interstate. I moved here from Crescent City and I love it here. No devastating area. No floods.
 The views are gorgeous, I love it because it's small, safe for the kids to be in a smaller town, it is just pretty here
 The views around. (p) Like the mountains and the trees, it's not all tall buildings.
 The weather
 The weather, climate I guess, and the quiet neighborhood I live in. (p) I think the weather.
 The weather, the friendliness of the people
 The weather, the seasons, and how the people get involved in the community
 The weather.
 The weather. It has a lot of friendly people. We appreciate the vitality center that's open to a lot of different activities for seniors and young people.
 There are less people, I don't like too much of the big city, it's been growing though. I like the climate
 There's a lot of stuff to do: you have the sports park to take your kids to, the park to go down to relax, movie theaters to spend time with the family, the river to raft and fish, the mountains to play in.
 They don't cut down the trees
 Things are real close.
 Uh, I like the fact that it not extremely large like Medford
 Um, because it's a small area.
 Um, boy I guess I would have to say the countryside. (p) Clean air and country atmosphere.
 Um, boy, not much that, it's pretty, mountain here.
 Um, convenience near the places I need to go.
 Um, everything I like to do is right here.
 Um, familiarity, I was born and raised there
 Um, I guess the weather.
 Um, I just like the family community feel, very family oriented
 Um, I like that it's big enough that you have anonymity yet small enough that people treat you like their neighbor

Um, I like the area and people are very friendly. You walk down the street and people say "hello". I get tired of the California people coming up here and trying to change things. I thought they left all that. I like activities available like camping and the coast. It's just a nice clean area.

Um, I love it, the mountain, the friendliness.

Um, I love the small town. I came from California, here running into the people you know, like a big family.

Um, I was born here near mountain, like all of it.

Um, it's just a nice city, I enjoy the landscape, the view and the town and the people are friendly. Just the overall atmosphere, the people seem decent

Um, it's quiet

Um, small area, small town

Um, that it's a small town

Um, the convenience of everything, shopping, doctors, and river, the town in last few years has been in a major upgrade

Um, the feeling of community. The support of community to local church, the way they provide activities to help encourage teenagers like sports and outside activities.

Um, the lack of high population

Um, the people

Um, the scenery and beauty of landscapes

Um, the scenery, the people, just the climate, small town, convenience.

Um, the small town, the family atmosphere and the trees and hills

Um, the smallness of the town, neighborliness of the people, country atmosphere. I say that based on the fact that I've lived in the city all my life so I really enjoy it here. I like the scenery. I don't know how much space you have there, but I love the trees. I am a tree hugger; I have become a tree hugger.

Um, the thing I enjoy most is the rural atmosphere.

Um, the weather and the scenery. We don't have too much crime that I'm aware of.

Um, there is a lot of beauty and things to enjoy like hiking and the river not too far away, fishing,

Um, to be honest, the weather and the rivers

Um, well there is not too much traffic

Um, well, I think I enjoy the people. They're real friendly here

Versatility of what's available here: sports park, river, Mount Ashland, coast 78 miles away. Could encourage an Expo center with a family park and family style things

We like the weather and locations and our building lot. We like the people

We raised our kids here and that was good, the schools were good, shopping centers are good, and the people here are friendly

Weather

Well I enjoy the four seasons and I enjoy the people. (p) The seasons.

Well I'm religious. I like the atmosphere of religion. It's such an irreligious. And I don't like that atmosphere.

Well we have everything we need right here: doctor, hospital, jail. And variety stores and lots of good competition

Well when I could afford it, fishing. They keep changing rules for fees and licenses

Well when I first came here it was because lack of traffic but now it's increased, but it's not as congested as CA

Well, I enjoy my son's school - it was so nice to be able to go there and not to have drugs and stuff like this there, none of this stuff that was out of ordinary

Well, I enjoy whole area and community, I like fishing

Well, I get to store and home easily without traffic.

Well, I guess when I came here, we are losing that. I like small town atmosphere and friendliness of people, I feel safe. That's what we would lose with a big city. Criminal gets lost in the traffic.

Well, I like; it is kind of a smaller town. I moved here recently from LA. I like it smaller than where I was. If it was a little larger it would be preferable

Well, I think it is the people. The people here are really super

Well, it is a smaller town, certainly not metropolitan area - I enjoy that

Well, it was a slow pace. Everything is not fast paced like California

Well, the weather and the green and the trees and there is not a lot of graffiti. It is great to raise kids here

Well, the weather, and convenience of shopping

Well, we've lived here for thirty years and we just like it (p) it's still maybe not too big, and nice surroundings and just a nice place to be, it's a pretty place

Well, wide open spaces

We've lived here 25 years. We enjoy the people and the climate

Whenever I look it's a beautiful place

You can breathe the air, the people say hello. There are a lot of rednecks. There is no place to go out in the evening. The fresh air and the greenery.

You don't have near the congestion and you have good sports and good parks

END1

Thank-you very much for taking the time to answer these important questions about Grants Pass. Your comments have been valuable. Do you have anything else you'd like to add?

(Interviewer comment: the following was Respondent's comment when she was asked CITY2, yet when I re-asked that question she didn't change her answer from "I encourage", and didn't volunteer "3 it depends" either.) Just that my feeling about your survey when you ask these black and white questions, it doesn't give a good stat report, because there are variables to everything you ask.

(Interviewer comment:) Respondent commented a few different times she is preparing to move out of Grants Pass after living there for twenty-nine years and she is very dissatisfied with it but would not be specific other than disliking some of the kinds of people who have moved into the area, that they are selfish.

All parks should be maintained on high level, Portola Park is just in horrible condition.

I am impressed with this quaint country town, I hear about drugs but I don't see it.

I didn't agree to get the tax for road maintenance from home. They should get the tax from the people who use the road, like from gasoline. The city forgot to evaluate the useful way of getting information and activities of the city, the Internet. The city has very good homepage. You just ask about newspaper, radio, newsletter, you didn't ask about Internet.

I don't feel like I added much to the survey, because if you don't get out in the city and participate in things, how can you have too much of an impact? [R didn't remember previous comments, but she did say that too many new retail businesses come to Grants Pass and close up, because the city just can't support them]

I don't like to see them taxing people. From my standpoint we have given a lot of money. Would like to see them budget better. This is a retirement area. We have fixed income. There better ways to, I understood that they didn't look at some ways to fund some problems. There were other ways to pay for things than to ask us. It gets down to money, money, money and that gets rough. They should provide the most important services and not get too stretched out.

I guess one problem I see is that Grants Pass is a big retirement community. It's a problem for schools and family. They vote down the schools. I think school funding is very, very important. We've to encourage family growth also. I think that is very, very important.

I just feel like if we encourage business we could fix the low employment

I just hope that your survey is helpful

I just wish there was some way I could get the job, but the transportation is not there

I think compared to other places in the US Grants Pass is a lovely place to live but it could also use some improvement.

I think I pretty much mentioned (p) as far as bill paying, the sanitation district is paid in two months in advance, which I don't believe in, and I despise that they give scare tactics every time we get a sewer bill. They keep threatening to annex this area to Grants Pass, and if they do our taxes will go up to about a thousand dollars. (p) Just that Grants Pass irrigation district tearing out that dam is ridiculous. I would wager that after they tear it out they will decide to build another one on some politician's property.

I think it's very good that they have hired someone from outside the Grants Pass area to do this survey or I wouldn't have been so forthcoming.

I think they should do more for kids. If they do get in trouble they banned everything for them to do. They need a supervisor for the skate park.

I think you conducted your survey in a very professional and decent manner. I don't know why I did the survey, I usually hang up. But I thought you had a decent sounding voice.

I want to comment on the road maintenance. I don't want to pay any more tax. I don't think they need any more. They should maintain the roads using the money which they already got from us. They ask for more and more money, like the federal government. I don't think they need any more money.

I wish I had a better job here.

I would like to read the results of the study, how can I get a hold of a copy? (I referred him to Ms. Samson.)

I would like to see curbside recycling pickup outside the city limits.

I would recommend in this survey there are too many questions that are straight yes or no and I would have a more definitive meaning of what growth is. Think of the blind man describing the elephant.

I'd like to say Concerned Father's Against Crime is having a great, positive impact on the community and I wish more men would join it. I feel that it is not fair that only a portion of the residents are paying for something that everyone uses, for example, roads. I'd like to see property taxes completely eliminated. They should have a flat sales tax.

I'm very happy to be living in the United States and am an American citizen

I've always liked it here and I don't plan on leaving.

Just get more restaurants in here, something besides Mexican and pizza

Just that I am glad to be here from Grants Pass, and I'm here from the desert. The Rogue valley is my favorite spot.

Keep it small. That is the attraction of the place. Everyone will move out. I've seen that happen to towns in California. The only ones that own it now are the governments and the banks.

Love it up here

My wife was saying on some intersections there's cars parked so close to the intersection and also there's a lot of clutter of bushes and trees it makes it difficult to see who is coming through the intersection.

No more taxing people, we pay enough, too much goes for education

No, I am happy. We don't have thoughts on moving.

No, I hate to see the dam come out. I don't think it's ruining the fish, people kill them with fishing

No, I just like Grants Pass, it's a fairly small city and I'd like to see it stay that way. It's actually too big for me already, I prefer the country.

No, I just served four months of jury duty and enjoyed it.

No, I think this was a great idea.

No, I think you did a good job, and since I am a director of a telemarketing business, have a nice day

No, I'm being only here two years, there's a lot I haven't had time to find out, overall I'm very pleased.

No, I'm from Canyonville, an import from CA if you need that info

No, I'm sorry I'm not too straight with my answers, I have 54 years in this country, I learn by yourself, to talk or read or write. (p) I'm from North of Italy

No, it is, you know, it is great place to live. Primarily, the major problem around is a lot of people without decent jobs. Other than that. I don't work here. I work in Medford. I couldn't do it here. Other than that I think it is a very decent place to live.

No, thank you very much for doing this.

No, you are the most polite surveyor I've ever talked with. (R lives in county zone, has septic and well, said don't know on related questions.)

No. (R mentioned earlier on whether to tax three dollars or one time fee for roads, that they already pay enough taxes and why can't they just take it out of that)

Not at this time (when I asked CITY3 questions, she said industry takes away land from her horses, so it depends.)

Not right offhand. For the question on what to change in Grants Pass, he said basically that the city was not using tax money to maintain the roads, they were wasting the money

On parking, a parking garage type situation would be a good solution. To have one area for parking. The cities of Eugene and Medford have several floors of public parking.

One more thing, get rid of that caveman. Put a bronze statue of a Conastoga wagon with a family or a statue of Grant. Not something made of plaster. That is the first impression they get, that there are a bunch of cavemen living there. Then they meet some rednecks and their suspicions are concerned.

Put a big explanation mark in my answer about things for children to do, that is number one. If they're not involved in school, there is absolutely nothing for them to do. We did just open a skate park, which is a big plus.

R had to go, but earlier he had said the question about whether Grants Pass growing too fast, too slow, or about right, kind of a trick question, because he thinks some areas of the city are growing too fast and other areas not fast enough

Road maintenance should be paid by state - they got all the money, they keep raising gas taxes, which suppose to be for roads, but they are not doing any of the work. Where is the money going? We overpay on our state tax; we don't get that back. How do they use that? I'd like them to see a good medical plan - affordable one.

That they need to really concentrate on supporting the specialized groups to control civic problems. The college needs to be wholly supported, and need people together as a board to define industry to go for and find related business that supports that industry. It would be a snowball effect for growth. That keeps kids here.

There is one thing: I do think there needs to be more police patrol, there's a lot of speeding that happens.

They are doing a good job. We have certain problems, of drug problem; otherwise they are doing a good job.

They have a problem with city building. Building permits are too high. They discourage industry. They favor the mega stores. The Wal-Marts. Permit and building inspection departments need someone to whom they're accountable.

They need more shopping area. Enlarge some of the stores so people don't need to go to Medford.

They need to develop new parks and better recreation

To get to meetings is out of the question because I have to spend most of my time resting. To participate in City politics because of my Muscular Dystrophy.

Um, I have enjoyed living in Grants Pass

We found out garbage collection is far too much

Well it's just that this is all an estimate on spur of the moment. I need to think about all of this really.

We've had a leaky fire hydrant for 30 years, the same hydrant, and we can't get anybody to fix it, 30 years (p) we never called the fire department, but we called everybody else (p) it's 1200 block on NW B Street (p) no

What I'd like to see is the City jobs employees to be less pay and use the money for the benefit of the city. Rotate those jobs more often. I've seen people on the City for twenty years and to get one of those jobs you have to wait until they retire or they die. Put them on a contract for about five years and rotate and give those opportunities to others so they can buy their home. To use instead of home taxes to repair the roads, take it from the city employee salaries, cut them and take some of it, maybe ten percent, to pay for that.

Without having to be on a two-year waiting list for HUD, we need places, housing for people with low income without being surrounded by ghetto. (p) Like the low income apartments are nice, but the people there know they pay cheap rent, so they don't have to work. They should have something for people who want to get somewhere in life.

Work on things for tourism and film and recording industry, otherwise these kids have no future. It's sad to see their future lost working at Burger King

Yeah, how come you're doing the survey all the way from Eugene?

Yeah, that they need to raise the living standards so people can raise their standards of living, or else lower the rent so people could live, because a lot of people on minimum wage can't hardly pay their rent and utilities

You know, we need an economic base to support the people who live here. Josephine County is a poor county. We need an economic base to support the people here and not look for a lot of growth. If people need to make a lot of money they should go to the city. But the economy here is food stamp, I see it all the time.