

Assessor List (Homeowners)

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Responses for Open Ended question # 4 - Resident of Pitkin County?

owner of two condos and one adu that are full time long term residentially rented 5500 sq feet in total
50%

Currently working elsewhere, hope to return and work in valley, not necessarily Pitkin Co.

"owner of land in Pitkin Co."

"ny resident (rent) House in Pit. co."

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Responses for Open Ended question # 5 - Neighborhood

Snowmass Creek Rd.

Swiss Village near Redstone

Redstone

Inn at Aspen

Redstone

Redstone

Redstone area

Redstone

Snowmass 81654

Lenado

THOMASVILLE

Denver

"Aspen Vig."

Swiss Village

Redstone

"6 mile south Carbondale"

"SMV"

"Carbondale"

"Aspen Village"

"Just outside city limits"

"Aspen Village"

"Emma"

"Woody Creek"

"Old Snowmass"

"Emma area"

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"Aspen Highlands"

"Starwood"

"Pitkin Green - Aspen"

N/A

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Responses for Open Ended question # 7 - Why live in Pitkin County?

quality of skiing, hiking

Small town atmosphere

Schools

good affordable restuarants

great small town feeling

Aspen Institute, Music Festival, etc.

I came here by accident, loved it, stayed

Born in Colorado and grew up skiing in Aspen

to raise children

physics

skiing

investment potential

I do a residency at Anderson Ranch

moved here for one winter season and became economically stuck here.

clean air, great drinking water safe walking streets and the best hiking.

My siblings and I bought my grandparents' house in Aspen when they retired.

people in this valley seem to be aware of others and not just their own concerns

small town atmosphere with big town culture, airport accessibility

I have been here since age 1 -- 1951

Raising Children, schools, outdoor opportunities

The people and sense of community

Waldorf School (in Garfield County)

Intellectual and artistic atmosphere. Aspen Instutute

owned a business, bought for employee use too

Sophisticated restaurants/shops

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investment

"I love Lib's so much!"

"employee here"

"moved after divorce"

skiing, fishing

"fall"

"physics center"

"skiing"

"small town schools"

"investment"

horses

"skiing"

"Aspen|pot., music & eafmll"

"School- Aspen School District"

"So my kids would grow up and know how to ski"

skiing

hunting and fishing and wilderness

"skiing"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 8 - Recreation

Photography

basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball

horse riding

birdwatching

Urban amenities without urban lifestyle

equestrian pursuits

Mushrooming

keeping a roof over my head

dancing, yoga (Yes, these are exercises too!!!)

family gathering place

art classes

photography

Skiing

PHOTOGRAPHY, BEING WITH FAMILY

Horseback riding

"Lib watching yes that right!" "Running, skiing, biking, hiking"

"Born and raised in Colorado"

"Kung Fu" "Challenge Aspen"

"vegetation wildlife habitat"

jeeping

friends

"attend MAA, library, art museum"

"music festival"

"Hiigirle"

"culture"

"archery"

"Rafting"

"Horses"

"horse back riding"

"horseback riding"

"seeing friends"

"yoga"

"sledging"

"music"

"Stappd oking Last Yr-"

"Day hiking"

horse riding

flying

"Uncovering corrupted & illegal actions of politicians & law enforcment."

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Responses for Open Ended question # 9 - Cultural activities

writers workshop

Aspen Institute speakers

Food & Wine, Aspen Institute, Given Institute, Comedy Arts (before sadly left)

aspen music festival, anderson ranch programs

Physics

School Activities

especially food & wine

NONE AVAILABLE SO CREATE CROWLEY CULTURAL ACTIVITIES; CONCERTS, LECTURES, FESTIVALS,HISTORICAL TOURS

family

dog walking

Aspen Institute programs

"Franterial"

"none"

none

"Aspen Institute"

"Aspen Institute"

"soccer club, ski club"

"35yr. Aspen resident"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 19 - Growth control

Zero growth is not feasible, but it must be MUCH less than growth at present

Thoughtful development

Need more data to make a decision - it's an important decision

Create totally different growth strategies

"Too much growth right now!"

Balanced Growth

"responsible growth"

"smaller houses"

"Growth control w/ no taxation increase"

"Quality of living is depleting due to growth"

Responses for Open Ended question # 25 - Comments or suggestions

I have not participated. I believe the planning and zoning process is capable of illogical behavior and not rational for reasonable flexibility

Caucus system is stacked in favor of a few individuals. No attempt to get property owners involved. Has a tendency to be a "bully-pulpit" for a select few and their agendas.

I have never heard of it.

needs more publicity

the original caucus was comprised of people i did not want to know and could not agree with their politics and opinions. also, i would rather be left alone and not have a group of people making plans for me and my privacy (creating a lack thereof). the same goes for the county- just take care of the infrastructure and stop creating a playground for the rich. rural and poor is just fine for me. the more cows the better. cap house sizes at 1200 square feet. but to get back to the caucus- a group of people who think more as i do have become influential in the caucus and i now show up to support them. i only hope that this time around the caucus will help to prevent people who have plans for the rest of us from implementing such. i didn't move here to have outsiders invade my lifestyle- quite the opposite. i value privacy and that's why i chose to purchase where i live. that and the fact it was the only property i could afford in the valley back in 1989. caucuses should help to maintain the status quo, not be comprised of people with agendas and a need to create a legacy for themselves. the same should be true of all governmental agencies. health, human services, and infrastructure should be the goal of all government, along with the discouragement of big money/ politics.

Sadly, the Crystal River Caucus, which used to be a positive and balanced representation of the community, has in the past two years been taken hostage by the "anti bike path" coalition. This attempt to turn the caucus into a one-issue group has greatly reduced its ability to serve and speak for the whole community.

Castle Maroon Creek Caucus leader moved to France a year ago with no local successor, created big problem when County ordered building roadside trail from Music School to Hospital/Marolt crossing. The caucus system is a FARCE with tiny attendance, poorly announced meetings run by only those with special interests controlling the outcomes and needs to be abolished. This is NOT democracy!!!

It has way too much power. The caucus is not elected and absolutely NOT representative of the majority of people in the caucus area. It is unfortunate they are recognized by the elected officials at all. The caucus members are very self serving, with their own personal agendas. Best described as "the life boat effect". They have theirs whether it is home or wealth, and we don't want you to detract from it. Or as in the life-boat; we are in the life boat, and there is no room for you, so drown sucker. The caucus is the classic good old boy system of a few power brokers controlling their neighborhood. It should long ago be done away with in a democratic society, which is founded on ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. Not smoke filled rooms of insiders. caucus' are not elected officials of any kind and do not represent the majority of most areas they say they represent (regardless of how well meaning they are).

Redstone should be allowed to create their own incorporated town with the county's support.

I am at the AABC- N 40 and do not know which caucus I am a part of.

I have been remiss by not attending the Snowmass Captitol Creek caucus meetings but I must say the board members strike me as landed, long time powerful locals whose agendas seemed to be carried out by the caucus - witness John McBride's closure of the 4th of July public road and his fencing off access to BLM lands!

I HAVE NOT SEEN THE MASTER PLAN, SO CANNOT COMMENT. I DO HOPE THERE WILL BE NO HOUSING DEVELOPEMENTS AND THAT SCENIC AND WILDLIFE ARE STILL YOUR CONCERN. ALSO, THE FRYING PAN CAUCUS MEETS 3 TIMES A YEAR - THEREFORE 1 OR 2 ATTENDANCES ARE GOOD!

"Caucus gets trumped by county. We prefer rural agi, small houses. County caves to anyone who has \$ and wants more"

"nominal enforcement"

"The Castle Maroon caucus a bad joke"

#24= "Not sure"

"County & Cuacus need better art- kulator- Ost Dept. needs Nore tranparency on mangmt. plans for acquired open space"

"Rural & remote is wrong too restrictive it just needs more self sufficiency imposed/not size restriction etc."

"It is an unlawful & unfair appropriation of my property rights"

"Less restrictions in rural and remote zones" #23= both yes and no are marked.

"I favor immedate construction of the bike trail n the Crystal Valley"

"Needs strengthening & more county assistance"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 26 - Forming caucus area

Pitkin, Ute Ave. area in Aspen

In CoA limits BUT want to be in Maroon Crk Caucus and we are told we can't participate because of City boundary.

Owl Creek/ East Owl Creek

Redstone

why encourage agenda driven people?

I also have a home in Aspen on Riverside Drive.

Samuelson/ Wingo Junction

Meadowood

Highlands Village

"Maroon Creek Caucus"

"Little Elk Creek, Old Snowmass

"AV"

"ABC"

"???" "Aren't these answers obvious?!"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 32 - Water supply

city os aspen

Do not know

dont know

Also have home on Riverside Drive in Aspen

irrigation ditch

unsure

We have three ponds in Little Elk Creek that are fed by Little Elk Creek. Water from these ponds

don't know

"Community HOA system"

"resevor"

"Aspen City"

"Prince Creek"

"City of Aspen"

not sure

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Responses for Open Ended question # 33 - Sewage treatment system

private sewer system

Do not know

dont know

unsure

don't know

"outhouse"

"?"

"? not sure"

"unknown"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 53 - Find out

Caucus

organization mailings

condo association

Crystal Vally news

caucus

KDNK

Local organizations

BJ Adams Publications

Internet

KDNK

CAUCUS

condo association

"caucus mailing"

"Newletters or"

"Bulletin Boarder rec ctrs."

KDNK

prop/mgt BJ Adams

Aspen Daily News= "-tabloid" word of mouth= "hear say?"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 54 - Streaming

no affordable fast internet connection available in my rural area

can not get high speed internet at our home

our computer is to slow

Sounds good but I never view meetings now

Don't have high speed connections

Maybe Quality issues?

"Don't have a computer"

"Need high speed off Elephant Mtn"

"No can't use computer"

"No"

"would have to try/see end result"

Responses for Open Ended question # 55 - Improve communications

This is a good start.

improve quality of sound and visual at board meetings. Snowmass council meetings are far superior to either the county or city of Aspen meetings on channel 11

Send emails to persons affected by issues in City.

Larger and more frequent announcements in many of the valley's local papers.

Mail or email

Get AFFORDABLE TV and high speed internet connection available to the rural areas that are not served by cable

The meetings are so long and sometimes tedious that it is difficult to listen to all of them. Some kind of e-mail summary issued after the meetings might be helpful.

More regular retail in Aspen and fewer real estate offices on the main streets.

the housing authority needs to pay more attention to questions/complaints.

Website is the way to go.

More minutes and detail on website

direct e-mail blasts

Listen to the public. Traffic is uncontrolled. 2 lanes into 4 are you nuts? Lets really pollute our thin air. Lets create a situation every day with hundreds of cars sitting still waiting to get out and into Aspen.

Issue an Annual Report with reports by each department given status and priorities.

direct emails of what's happening and asking questions BEFORE making decisions

Newsletter, by email

more in local papers

Second home owners are treated like second class citizens even though they provide the majority of the financing for the town through property taxes and they do not use the schools the hospitals or hardly any other services. But we are the scapegoat because we support the ski company . We need a better airport

Listen!! The majority of the people DO NOT want these mega development which solely benefit a few developers. They are already rich enough. We now have sidewalk to sidewalk buildings and they keep getting taller.

Send graded emails out to a database of residents. Grades would indicate very important to simply informational issues. Who has time to read much? Don't give us lots of drivel, but do tell us when something is important.

Encourage paid workers at all levels to quit if not happy! Otherwise to be knowledgeable and communicative when talking on the bus or in the street and at bar/restaurants. Too many of your staff have a " couldn't care less attitude."

website? Local information office?

provide access for high speed internet in rural areas and those outside of commercial offers

Improvements to the website. It's confusing now.

We feel Pitkin County and most local government in the valley is controlled by a radical element which does not represent the views of the community.

Create a survey that allows creative input besides a "laundry list" of pre-determined answers. Revamp attitudes on growth: 1. Create a real estate tax credit for homeowners who can show Colorado Driver's Licenses and Colorado Income tax returns with their Aspen addresses. This will result in indirectly taxing rich second homeowners at a higher rate. 2. Create tax incentives for hotel owners for building and maintaining hotel rooms available 365 days a year. This will indirectly tax time shares and condos that are occupied only a fraction of their time. 3. Allow clusters of rural development as in Europe where small inns and cafes (such as the Pine Creek Cookhouse) are encouraged. 4. Current downzoning of rural areas concentrates growth and development in the City of Aspen which simply drives prices up so locals can't afford continuing to live here. Clustered quaint rural development needs to be occurring which will continue the "quaint" character of Aspen and relieve the pressure in Aspen itself. 5. There are essentially no local apartments anymore. All have been sold off, or are in process of being sold off. There needs to be a tax incentive for small local apartments for entry into Aspen before and without having to qualify for employee housing. Priority should be given to those with Colorado Driver's licenses with a local address and demonstrated past filings of Colorado Income Tax returns.

Be more direct and honest

I am presently satisfied with the level of communications.

small local meetings such as was provided this past summer with the development at Base Village

I didn't realize that there was a county website. That will probably suffice to keep us informed. We just need to check it regularly.

send me a letter!

Web site is difficult to maneuver. Search engine poor. Notices, posted in paper and on physical sites do not seem to be posted on County Web site.

Public meetings are NOT the answer. In today's world only people with a special agenda are willing to take the time to attend the endless meetings and waste time that the public meeting system involves. Computer communication is the best answer. Unlike a public meeting where hundreds of people wait for only one person at a time to state their special purpose, with surveys just like this one, it is the exact opposite. Hundreds of people can input ideas AT THE SAME TIME. This allows many who do not have a special agenda, but have an opinion, to put in input. I commend the county for this computerized survey and recommend it highly as an effective tool for many issues in the future. Just establishing a website for public input on many different issues would increase communication dramatically. The important thing for any web site is to force a secure identity to eliminate duplicate comments from a small group of citizens (stuffing the ballot box).

Allow more cell towers in rural areas like Redstone and Thomasville so that working people can have some telephone access too. Rich elites can use a satellite telephone in these areas.

Report responsibly in the local (free) papers.

email newsletters and/or email notification of when the Pitkin County Bi-Annual Report is published in the newspapers.

need an UNBIASED reporter to write a regular column

Be upfront, don't hide anything! make it easy to access and get information from you

Direct mailings, like this survey, are most likely to really reach me and my family. Have a certain column on a weekday in the Aspen Times as mandatory reading for Pitco residents: list of issues and events everyone needs to know about.

Bulletins on websites

INTERNET

County is doing a good job

Put one of the TV channels (11,12,16,19) on satellite TV so that everyone has access. This is probably the majority of Pitkin County residence.

meet with appropriate groups on questionable issues

LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN - SOME OF US HAVE BEEN IN PITCO FOR GENERATIONS, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE HAVE PICKED UP SOME KNOWLEDGE ON THE ISSUES (MOSTLY BY TRIAL AND ERROR). THEREFORE, WHEN WE SUGGEST OR COMMENT ON ISSUES, YOU SHOULD LISTEN.

"Newspaper, tv, radio, internet"

"More matm in flyers"

Please notify residents (perhaps by e-mail) when the bi-annual report is published, so we can find it even if we are not reading the local newspapers at the time. In fact a succinct e-mail bulletin might be useful and well received.

"Mail list of measures voted on with individuals voting on each - quarterly"
Venturoni Surveys & Research, Inc.

"Doing good job - thank you."

"Info letter from County"

"Send out bullitons"

"Closer absovation of depts- ride better herd on OST Dept and their director! More tranporenc, & articulation"

"Make it a policy that all county employees return their calls in timely fashion"

"Listen"

"Need to create a 'safety for our bears committee' & engage volunteers!"

"Improve communication personnel"

"Listen better talk less"

"Better use of local radio & newspaper information"

"Space lease Elephant Mtn vendors increase annual subidy to caucus!"

"I watch on Grass-Roots TV"

"local tv channel"

"Advertise in newspapers when events will be featured on tv or other media"

"I agree with internet or tv (put cable up Prince Creek only satelite now"

"newspapers"

"Publish appearing cc agenda w/ approx. times (non-binding)"

"Email summary monthly on request"

"Listen more"

"Newspaper coverage in depth"

"Have regular Q&A sessions by commissioners"

"Expose the truth investigate more often"

Responses for Open Ended question # 79 - Comments - services

Yes. I feel we have neglected our Seniors. I feel that we need a "Care Facility" for Seniors when they no longer can live at Castle Creek Terrace. As a past volunteer there my heart went out to Seniors who had to be sent down valley when they could no longer stay where they were. We need some facility in Aspen so that these older people don't have to leave their friends and family when their health fails.

Voter informatio could use a massive upgrade

Living up the Crystal, paying taxes to PC, and receiving MINIMAL return is disheartening. However, other than redrawing county lines, I do not see an easy resolution. Good luck.....

library is outstanding

I've had a less than favorable experience trying to get a simple permit to remodel our condominium project. We've got tons of available FAR, and we're simply adding one balcony and adding a new entrance to make the project better for all residents, and less of an eyesore for the neighbors. This should be a simple review, where we're in and out in less than 30 days. Instead, it's taken over six months, and we still don't have a permit, nor any indication when it will be issued.

Parking rules very unfriendly to locals and visitors. Unfriendly for shopping and dining. Parking impossible for construction sites.

I have heard that airport firefighters clean the terminal and in the event of an accident only one responds while others are cleaning toilets and vacuuming the terminal. This is disturbing to me in that my safety may be compromised due to their varied duties.

Permitting process needs to be more efficient and streamlined--months to receive an answer --not acceptable

There is too much noise in Aspen and the county!

Want a no growth policy with very strict controls!

We Need Better Recycling.....Especially at the Post Office.....It's a total Disgrace how much waste & how Uninformed 90% of the people are !!!

County needs to hire a roofing inspector.

We need to be able to get in and out of town. We need an airport that works.

Please remember the Redstone area is part of the county

Don't really use many of them. Do we have a public library somewhere?

Animal control killed my 19-year old cat when I moved to town and she was lost. They had euthanized her within an hour, saying she was feral, even though she had evidence of professional grooming. I had no opportunity to claim her and rescue her.

The S-Curves and approaches to the Round-about should be sanded early in the morning when icy. Roads Dept. does this far less than they say they do. Enforcement of HOV lanes and dogs off leashes while on trail system must not be so patient. People won't change their bad habits unless forced to. RFTA needs a lot more money to expand service and provide an alternative to commuting in cars. If the County is going to require homeowners to either bring leaves and yard waste to recycling or the Dump, then recycling can't be so restrictive and only available in the fall. Are homeowners supposed to separate weeds and flowers from leaves and pine cones? Ridiculous!

Aspen and Pitkin County need to do a better job with bear issues via a well coordinated and stringent enforcement plan. We can't let Vail beat us on this one.

The airport needs to be capable of handling larger planes.

You need to enforce your leash laws.

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There could be fewer.

enforce the leash law and the pick-up-the-poop law

because I'm part time, no one takes care of the part-timer

Bring back the historical spring bear hunting season. Tell the sheriff to support federal efforts against gangs, drugs, etc. Keep historical dirt roads open for hunters, campers, hikers, skiers... to get to trail heads. Extend the airport runway to allow summer take-offs with full airplanes. Add more rural cell phone towers. Tell the sheriff to co-operate with the feds on gangs, drugs...

Enforce the HOV on 82 and cut down on speeding drivers!!!!!!!!!!

The destruction of bears looking for food is appalling.

How about customer service! We pay you for this stuff but you throw it back into our faces with your bad attitudes.

We should allow dogs to be off leash on back country trails.

make all rental bikes have bells to alert walkers. especially on the new great rio grand trail

I am upset about a dog that we have reported on many, many occasions that continues to chase us on our bikes in Little Elk Creek.

Well, my home is in Swiss Village. Our neighbor suddenly moved 2 horses into a tiny pen right above our driveway. We are talking 1/2 acre lots here. I called Animal Control and Zoning and they said there is no zoning restrictions regarding this. This was a couple years ago, the horses are dead. Don't know if this is still the case, but I'd support zoning restrictions against bad neighbors. I think most people would agree that horses on a 1/2 acre is not appropriate.

Snow plowing at night during winter months would be great if it could start earlier, as this is a form of (albeit necessary) noise pollution for those who live in Aspen' central core. It is a disturbance to hear plows at 3am.....

"Get building and zoning depts to be helpful rather than obstruction"

"-More dog poop clean-up on Smuggler -More recycling mandatory pick up from residence like in bigger cities."

Nothing has been asked about recycling. Aspen, used to be one of the most forward thinking communities when I first arrived in 1975. It is in several ways but for ASPEN not to have re-cycling, is beyond comprehension. This is a community that should lead. I understand the cost aspect. But this is not the way it should be.

"Enforce lease laws for dogs"

"Everybody is working hard in a busy time - back ups at planning dept. are inevitable."

"73 more qualified personnel"

"Tv sences are worse than they were 30 years ago (squandering their buget"

"Stop regulating us to death Honey is better than vineger"

"Jake brake noise on Hwy 82. Slowing to turn into dump."

"The bears should be better protected. Provide more funds to relocate bears to back country. Should have 3 or 4 chances in Trama years!"

"County should encourage recycling (bottle, paper) pick-up service weekly"

"no"

"Weed control needs to be maintained more often. Code ammedment drugs should be publicized immediatly"

"Everyone pays in equally but does not receive equally"

"Be more realistic about designations re: changes to existing bldgs."

"recycling usually not picked up"

#76-78= They have question marks (not check marks) on the 3 box.

"Noxious weed control sporadic and not very through. Kill all thistles!"

"Our dirt road should be paved!!!"

"Bldg dept needs a lot of help!"

"Need cable here"

#73= "used to be good- now too many rules & reg's that no one knows how to handle"

"needs better response times!!"

"More stringent planning. No TDR's"

"Parking personnel at center could be much friendlier- We are not the enemy!"

"Control the bears better"

"Need to increase availability of Wagner Park/Rio Grande Park to kids sports programs."

"Yes, I don't pay tax to people aiekS drunt*"

"Growth is too restrictive"

"Have periodic checks & necessary investigations on individuals"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 81 - Trails- activities

walking dog off leash

I use trails where my dog can be off leash

Showing guests around.

USE OLD STOCK AND WILDLIFE TRAILS

"none- trails should not be place in critical habitat"

skateboarding

"Notify public & tourists to stay right"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 92 - Family Status

single co-ownership.

Grnadparents, with 3 gernerations of children

Couple with child on way

Grandparents

"retired-empty nest"

extended family

"live w/ long time partner"

"partners in ownership"

"widow"

1bedrm rental on lower level- rented out yearly"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 94 - Attend school

residence in arapahoe country, colorado

Primary home in Ohio

Wildwood

California

Daycare

Waldorf School on the Roaring Fork

Out of state schools

"Community school"

"n/a"

elsewhere

"ECC"

"Grand Junction school district 51"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 97 - Ethnicity:

American

Not relevant

Beamed down from the Enterprise

human being

Polish

Irish

"Brazilian white (american)

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Responses for Open Ended question # 99 - Employment status

philanthropic endeavors

mom

not employed

In school getting another graduate degree

at home

season full time summer and winter odd jobs in the fall

stay at home mom

ON DISABILITY

"Owner business"

"home"

"Partially employed"

"Housewife"

"homemaker"

"student"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 100 - Worker job location:

arapahoe county, colorado

miami fl

work out of my home

Telecommute with company in CA.

san Francisco

part time dentistry in Aspen, fitness club owner with locations in other states

Chicago

Los Angeles

abc

houston, tx

Houston, Texas

Louisville. KY

Roslyn, New York

Palisade

Out of State

Denver

Minnesota

Dallas

silt

Redstone

Ohio

Cincinnati, Ohio

work at home for international clients

California

Dallas, Texas

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Multistate consulting

It's portable -- online

Chicago

Lakewood, CO

Orange County CA

California

california

Australia

I work for an international software company from my home office

Atlanta

Out of town

PA

Not employed in Pitkin County

out of state

ohio

houston

Tacoma, WA

New York City

"home"

Denver

District of Columbia

National

"Not in County"

"Was Aspen & Snowmass Village"

Redstone

Massachusetts

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"New York City"

"Michigan"

"Dallas, Tx"

"Chicago"

"outside state"

"Shreveport., LA"

"Atlanta, Georgia"

"Los Angeles, Panama"

"Miami Fla"

"Rifle"

"Santa Monica, Ca"

"Nevada, Calif."

"Grand Junction"

Snowmass= "field" Basalt= "office" Carbondale= "field"

"Southern Calif."

"Tennessee"

"Music- where ever---"

"New York, NY"

"Ohio"

"Roaring Fork Valley"

"Washington,D.C."

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Responses for Open Ended question # 102 - Sources of income

stock investments

self employed income (primarily outside of Pitkin)

Consider income as private as HIPAA health info.

A mix

"same as above"

"Independent contractor"

"Family business out of Aspen"

"Investment"

Responses for Open Ended question # 122 - Suggestions:

I believe the airport needs more baggage handlers for the high seasons so that our guests have a good impression of Aspen from arrival until departure. Last year was a disaster. There were so many complaints.

Make more services available to those of us in the CRV

Employee housing is growth! There should be more rental units to provide for the seasonal employees which are the service people which makes our tourist economy. \$1,000,000 subsidized employee housing makes us look like fools. (You make me feel like one because you are using my tax money this way and I am still working hard to just tread water.) It was not the intent to be providing housing for the lawyers and realtors. Employee housing was/should be an interim to let people get more established and then to go on to be able to get their own free market place/unsubsidized. This would free-up that housing for new employees that needed a start. What has happened is that some people have not gone on. They have stayed in their subsidized units for +20 years with no intent of moving on and thus not allowing someone new get a start. Government (county & city) has not been able to be responsible for this issue. It should be given back to the businesses and employers to provide for the employees that they need, they should be directly responsible to provide housing for the growth that they are generating. Employees must be again be responsible for taking charge of there -(tax) money should not be paying for business ventures that are ruining the character of Aspen/Pitkin County. This growth is not beneficial to the rural character of Pitkin County which is why so many of us came and come here. My tax money should not be used for services to the Human Service Sector that benefits the unemployed , alcoholic, druggie. The example of the couple in the 'brown van' for 20 years is just one example of our present county system of 'enabling' this type leaches on our community. I do not want my hard earned tax dollars to subsidize health benefits to un-documented/illegal workers. There are plenty of job opportunities, just look at the classified, for these people to get jobs. But, they don't need to because government uses my tax money to 'enable' them to not need to take care of themselves. ** The policy of allowing TDRs to save the back country is good, but on the other hand you are destroying the other rural areas by allowing these development rights to be used on small i.e. 2 acre lots! Large homes have their place but in proportion to the size of their lot. It is a shame at what Little Texas has become, just like the west end of Aspen--houses allowed to extend from lot line to lot line. TDRs are allowing the same, allowing obnoxious sized homes that don't blend in to their surroundings. A large lot can accommodate a large home and the county The county government appears to be top heavy and the needed day-to-day worker who get the important job done is not adequately compensated compared to surrounding payscales.

Very dissatisfied with the increase in patrols in the off season regarding dogs on leashes. We NEED an area where dogs can be off leash. How about a seasonal use of the rio Grande for dogs off leashes - even if it's the non paved section from Cemetery Lane. Could require an obedience certificate or something. Just requiring people to put their dogs on a leash all the time is just ridiculous. We are a dog friendly town and putting in strict restrictions is not meeting the needs of the community. The rangers are not dog owners and completely overbearing.

To keep the rural feeling-limit development!

Please do what it takes so that simple permits can be issued within a reasonable period of time. Take your time, and carefully evaluate permits that truly change the character of the building or property, or seek to go up, out, or increase the FAR from that which is either permitted or materially from an existing structure. Please don't let Aspen become an "urban" town with cookie cutter homes/structures, with no regards to the original character of the town - let's now let Aspen become Vail, yet let's not stand in the way of someone wanting to improve their structure/home.

Traffic is ridiculous. All created by you the stupid government. 30 years of talking about the entrance to Aspen. You incompetent people. Not ONE question about this in your fancy survey. And the private sector should be able to develop employee housing i.e the expansion of Aspen Village tailer park. You tunnel vision socialistic people. Why did you not ask the REAL QUESTIONS?

The RO housing concept should be revisited and or closely monitored with new properties, both from the standpoint of reasonableness/quality and limitations on appreciation.

Please don't kill bears whenever they come into contact with a human. I don't see the purpose for this.

You really need to work on improving the airline service into ASE. Unless you are rich enough to own a private jet, the trip is awful. High cost, poor connectivity, bad service, no competition. I don't know what it takes, but the town is being hurt by this. It is a destination resort, but we fly into EGE and drive rather than fly into ASE. Maybe you just want to be a town for those who own jets and those who serve them.

It is one thing to spend money, it is another to spend money wisely. The County does not seem to spend money wisely - bike bridge on Cemetary, tree "farm" at the new ops center at the Airport, dirt moving on Owl Creek Road (moving dirt next to Buttermilk, moving Owl Creek Road), the amounts spend on public schools and rec centers.

While I consider preservation of the historic character of the residential areas of Pitkin County to be a great benefit to residents, one person's idea of historic building is another person's idea of a shack. For example, I don't agree that dilapidated out- houses or the Deep powder cabins should be preserved and I think that the Historical preservation society goes too far. Thus I find your survey question (#11) to be highly inadequate and only intended to give you the result you want.

I already answered these questions

Noise abatement is needed. Public transportation needs to be strengthened. Commute to down valley needs to be fixed urgently.

I would love to see that the mountains are connected by lift. It would be great if we could ski from one mountain to another using only lifts and ski trails. I took the time to complete this form so that I would have the opportunity to write this to you. Thanks!

We Need FAR Better recycling at Post Office as well as Downtown. Also, major businesses like "Aspen Club" should be encouraged to recycle.....Also.....way to many "Real Estate" slick ads inserted in local papers.....make them clean up their mess!!

Pitkin County is stuck in an "us versus them" dynamic. The have nots control the government and hate the haves. Our community is terribly polarized. Not surprisingly, the spirit and content of much public discourse is nasty, spiteful, and utterly disgusting. Well done Mick Ireland!

Highway 82 continues to be a mess that needs to be improved. The airport runway needs to be lengthened.

Air quality, energy conservation, economic development, public transportation and any number of quality-of-life issues are all profoundly impacted by the bottleneck and resulting traffic jams at the entrance to Aspen. Finding a solution to the entrance-to-Aspen problem should be a top priority for every county official.

why can't the airport runway be lengthened?

Make airport more accessible to someone besides United. They are a real detriment to the Community

Redstone needs a trail system to link it with Carbondale.

The airport needs to be enlarged....both the runway to allow for larger aircraft and the building to handle more passengers.

shut down open space and trails and just do open space- as was the original vote. also, if the county needs more money, see the previously listed agency. they also could stop putting so many limitations on their parcels. i have sat and talked with bighorn sheep and my dog has kissed with a muledeer. take care of the infrastructure and stop entertaining agenda driven entities. there were a couple of questions i could not answer because they contained one concept i could support and one i could not (both in the same question).

Stop killing bears

stp the rampant growth.retain the character i moved here for 33 years ago.

Try to make the airport more convenient for the public. It is now an airport for thr Rich! Private jets have prioity over the public carriers! As the pilots!

Recycling is almost non-existant in this community. My other home is in a state not reknowned for recycling, but it does a much better job and is far more efficient than pitkin county. I don't think pitkin county does a very good job on renewable energy either. Everything else is pretty fair, considering it's a rural area. I'm very sad that you are letting high end shops into Aspen, which definately looses the community feel to the towns- people can find the same shops in Paris, London, NY, Beijing, why do you have to have them here? Bring back the local shops with character - that's what drew me to the area.

For mass transit to work better, it needs to be more convenient - more buses more often.I applaud the free bus to Brush Creek from Aspen & Snowmass Village.

Question 88 asks if we would support higher property taxes for road maintenance. Why don't you give less to CMC instead of raising taxes. CMC gets a larger proportion of our property taxes than primary education, the hospital and the fire dept.

Employee housing should not be a government. This results in an indirect subsidy to business. Without government interference employer would be required to pay better wages to hire employees and everyone would be better off.

Create a survey that allows creative input besides a "laundry list" of pre-determined answers. Revamp attitudes on growth: 1. Create a real estate tax credit for homeowners who can show Colorado Driver's Licenses and Colorado Income tax returns with their Aspen addresses. This will result in indirectly taxing rich second homeowners at a higher rate. 2. Create tax incentives for hotel owners for building and maintaining hotel rooms available 365 days a year. This will indirectly tax time shares and condos that are occupied only a fraction of their time. 3. Allow clusters of rural development as in Europe where small inns and cafes (such as the Pine Creek Cookhouse) are encouraged. 4. Current downzoning of rural areas concentrates growth and development in the City of Aspen which simply drives prices up so locals can't afford continuing to live here. Clustered quaint rural development needs to be occurring which will continue the "quaint" character of Aspen and relieve the pressure in Aspen itself. 5. There are essentially no local apartments anymore. All have been sold off, or are in process of being sold off. There needs to be a tax incentive for small local apartments for entry into Aspen before and without having to qualify for employee housing. Priority should be given to those with Colorado Driver's licenses with a local address and demonstrated past filings of Colorado Income Tax returns. The Mayor, City Council and BOCC have great intentions, but have blinders on, do not think creatively, act inconsistently, rely on high priced consultants to tell them what is obvious and have all their decisions overturned by "big money" hiring land use consultants and attorneys to lobby themselves through regulations that the middle class have to suffer.

The PitCo govt is too big -- a beaurocracy that needs to be cut doen. Less goverment is better goverment. For too long it has been the practice to take on each commisioners personal agenda/hobby and turn it into a department or law.

I miss the small independently owned boutiques found in Pitkin County in the 70's and 80's. There are too many real estate offices and high end boutiques in Aspen. It is no fun to shop there anymore. I now travel to Carbondale or Glenwood Springs for that purpose--occasionally Basalt.

NONE

There are not enough housing opportunities for families with our annual income. We make to much for most of the employee housing, and not enough for free market. It also isn't fair that we don't qualify for a two bedroom, because my wife works in Carbondale.

COunty funding is very high. If \$\$ are not available for roads, priorities shoudl be re-examined. Opportuny exisits to increase sales tax through enforcement - large portion of retail sales are exempt from County tax. Can be fixed.

I am very disapointed in the open space and trails concept. They spend the majority of money on property that the county doesn't want development on. Example is Cozy point which is just a parking lot. The focus should be on ACCESS POINTS to public lands. Trailheads, river put-ins and take outs, fishing/walking along the rivers, ski routes, etc. We have a majority of the land in Pitkin County publicly owned. The problem is there are very few access points, which are all so heavily used they are negative experiences. Set a goal to DOUBLE THE ACCESS POINTS. Spreading people out would substantially REDUCE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF OVERUSE ON A HANDFUL OF TRAILS. The current concept of CLOSING ROADS is ridiculous. It concentrates the people on the remaining few places thereby INCREASING NEGATIVE IMPACT. In it's current politically motivated "block development" only concept, the open space and trails committee is a waste of money and I vote against it at every opportunity. The amount of positive impact for the dollars spent is very poor.

County wastes money on non-essential stuff. They should focus on roads and bridges, etc. instead. There should be blue lake private housing solutions inside the county. Forcing our problems on to other counties is not right. Government owned, rented, and managed real estate is not the best solution either. There is no middle class shopping in the county. Citizens are forced to leave the county to shop for normal stuff. These sales tax dollars also travel out of the county on Hwy 82. Brush Creek and hwy 82 would be a good area to start a commercial shopping core.

I would like to see stricter regulations on development projects within county limits- smaller size housing- not 15,000 sq ft homes; initiatives for green building and redevelopment; fewer high end lodging for visitors; tighter regulations on those who do not follow by the rules. Additional police on HWY 82 to help control speed, air and noise pollution.

Get back to infill and reduce development outside of city limits. Make 2nd homeowners with monster homes pay out of the nose for their square footage.

Stop downsizing individual private property. You are taking away rights of people.

Second home owners do not have enough voice. It is easy for residents to say, tax the nonresidents. But there is low accountability for spending when the spenders are not providing the funds.

less big box retailers - more little individual owned shops and restaurants ALOT real estate offices on first floors in downtown shopping

It would be great to be able to drop off recycling anytime in Redstone. I will NEVER run my schedule around trying to be there at a certain time. Currently we take it to Basalt, and it's a pain. REALLY, I realize that we are your redheaded stepchildren, but we pay the taxes too and have to go FAR out of the way for all of our other county business. Seems like a small thing to ask.

If have been visiting Pitkin County for 39 years. I have watched the area change in character from a family oriented destination to one of "how outrageously wealthy can I appear." Please work to preserve those characteristics that make Pitkin County unique-- and that only Pitkin County has -- natural beauty, rural spaces, a sense of reverence for the environment, and a reasonableness to the building that goes on.

Make it easier, not harder, to build, renovate, etc., private homes. No one wants monster homes, but it is not a benefit to anyone to limit homes to 5750 feet.

"More compeative air fares-"

"More employee housing needed"

"Fix mane street to wat it was w/ regareds to live"

Suggestions: could be City obligation but signage on every street corner in Aspen should be consistent and well-designed. There should be two sets of signs on each corner diagonally across from one another. If the government officials would look at the County/City in the capacity of all the people it serves (residents, visitors, contractors, children, etc., they might find a whole host of things missing. And a survey should be taken of each different group that takes advantage of the Aspen area including, children.

"Reinstate bear hunting for at least one season"

"Airlines not good- they have wrong planes"

"Build 4-lane hiway into Aspen. Reverse 1 lane for rush hour."

"More common sense building regulations"

"Bike paths unsafe/too narrow"

"Inact a countrywide anti noise ordinance."

"Need more movie theatres, less monster homes, better protection of wildlife, need a train up & down valley."

"Poor mental health services"

"Two critical criteria -air & water should be primary rerquirements before you agree new permits are issued for development."

"Get socialists out of government put real people in."

"Too much construction! It's everywhere!"

"Good minds- efficient services!"

"Need more small stores for average income people"

"more trails"

"#116 Blue skies aren't what they used to be though..."

"none"

"Stay this way"

"current council awesomely on target"

"Buses need to run on time- espeically when it snows"

"Enforce bear laws"

"Too many bears"

"All good"

"Need more airlines flying into Aspen"

"More affordable housing. Less catering to real estate interests"

"Traffic problems are severe 7 need action"

"Miss shopping in Aspen Non- shopping doar all down valley"

"Require cluster development- with major open space"

"Aspen now too expensive for small shop owners/boutiques/restaurants!"

"More employee housing"

"Too restrictive on growth"

"Lower taxes- less money on trails- more on roads"

"Use the money logically use your common sense"

"S curves slow enter-exit traffic better than other methods. You do not want faster mph. Bus lanes imp't."

Enforce the laws regarding weeds, bears, noise, smoking. We have good laws but they are not enforced. Do we have a dark sky law regarding exterior lighting? Not enforced. Noise is really out of control with motor cycles in the summer.

Responses for Open Ended question # 124 - Current use

both 2300 sq ft condo are long term residential leased, plus 606 sq ft adu long term leased as well
occasionally full term rental greater than one month in length

I currently don't live there but one of my partners in the house does.

Two properties. One rented, one owner use only.

"Both"

"Two Units"

"owner use & rental"

"Long term but we use it"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 125 - Bought property

Excellent skiing, great town, great nightlife

may relocate full-time to Snowmass in the next year or two

It was in the 50s !

born in aspen and was family home

initially i purchased a business in aspen

INHERITED FROM OVER 100 YEARS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

small town quaintness

Needed a home to live in

"It came with my Eagle co house."

"winter/yearly climate"

physic's center

"work"

"Aspen Institute"

"music festival"

skiing

"It's Aspen-"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 126 - Transportation

NA this is my primary home

this is my primary home

I still consider my Pitkin County residence my primary home. But I take an airplane to get there.

bicycle, public transportation"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 127 - Total use

NA

Alot

"Not used in summer because of building!"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 129 - Future use: residence

unsure

WOULD LIKE TO SET LOG MODULAR

"transfer to family"

"I just renovated the unit"

"Altitude a concern"

"past time retirement"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 131 - Direction

with increase in property tax assessments AND fixed mill rates, property taxes are headed too high

Keep an eye on those property taxes!!!

It truly depends on the issue at hand.

Too much development.

I read the paper and don't have enough experience to know whether individuals are over reactive or right on target. Opinions certainly vary.

Slow down, in Snowmass Village in particular

A bit socialistic in my opinion. things like rental subsidy support programs are not what governments should be involved with.

I think some of the property building restrictions are too restrictive

Aspen needs some mid-price women's clothing shops for--not ski clothes nor for 20 somethings. Fewer real estate and designer stores is needed.

high real estate prices in town restrict types of commercial business and keep prices too high in stores and restaurants, guess that's city not county

Connect the mountains for skiing with lifts

Need Much Higher RE taxes on these "fake" ranches of 2nd homeowners

Some good Some bad

somethings you've got right and some are wrong.

Neutral. Depends on how PitCo deals w/current growth pressure.

I am comfortable as long as the trend of putting in spas/condo developments isn't overdone.

certian areas are ok but the growth rate in the towns seem a bit out of control aspen/snowmass

Neutral

it is becoming expensive for families

can't generalize this

not sure - there is too much growth

Not sure

Right direction on many recreation and environmental items, but the wrong direction in not allowing any free market development of local's housing

need more locally owned businesses

don't know

A little of both depending on the issue.

Seem to be single minded

struggling to head to Aspen, in danger of being lost!

We are loosing hotel rooms and we can't compete - Put one at the base of Highlands

Issue by issue

"chuggin along"

"?"

"both- in different areas"

"dumb question"

"over building"

"Resrtain Growth"

"1"

"some things are right direction, cost of living wrong direction"

"I don't really know at this point"

"N/A"

"not sure"

"Too much development"

"mixed"

"Depends on issue"

"yes & no"

"no comment"

"Departments need to be more responsive"

"?"

"not sure"

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"with Mick"

"Need to help small owners & labor force in county"

"should stay put, now"

"Loren Ryerson- Jim Crowle 'corrupt'"

"Slower growth, bldgs replacement construction"

Responses for Open Ended question # 132 - Suggestions:

Mill values need to be adjusted given at 67% increase in my property values. There is no way any property owner can withstand that type of increase. My discussion with the assessor provided the fixed mill rates, and noted no responsibility to help handle the issue. Individual land owners won't go to each entity to change mills rates, we'll go to the Colorado Legislature and address this with a California proposition, if the local entities don't act responsibly.

The current direction of local government seems to be to tax those who can't vote (2nd homeowners) and who have so much money they might not notice, in order to give goodies away to poorer voters and/or fund a number of pet projects of dubious government need. The current employee housing rules are a primary example. There is no needs testing after one moves in, and people can and do stay forever, regardless of their wealth. There would likely be plenty of space for those who need it (school teachers, say) if those who no longer need it were forced to move on (real estate brokers are the obvious example, but also lawyers and business owners who have been successful; we have multi-million dollar producers and even bank presidents living in employee units). In the end, the make up of those getting subsidized/employee housing seems almost arbitrary, and thus works against the public good. The current emphasis on employee housing also charges business people for offering employment; we must be the only community on the planet that thinks someone should be punished for creating jobs. In the end, shortsighted thinking has left us living in a community of unintended consequences.

Too much governmental interference in private property matters and rights. County government is bloated and needs to be reduced in size. Everytime the County adds a new ordinance, it adds new employees to the payroll. Start by adopting a balanced budget. Reduce or eliminate position and/or employees that do not provide essential services.

I feel our entrance to Aspen from the West needs to be improved. The dirt/mud on either side of Hwy 82 looks bad. Maybe curbing is what is needed to keep cars from running off the road into the mud. Then grasses could be planted where the mud is presently. This should be a necessity from the airport so that our guests and locals will enjoy our scenery, beauty and clean appearance into town.

Pitkin County has unreasonable requirements of property owners on the use of their property, For example requiring contributions for affordable (public) housing, limitations on home size, landscaping, lighting, fireplaces and fencing. Unfortunately the majority of the ad valorem taxes are paid by property owners who cannot vote in Pitkin County.

Pitkin County needs to follow policies that encourage full time residency and local serving business.

PLEASE carefully evaluate options on bike trail construction up the CRV. It seems the obvious, building within the highway corridor, is being overlooked. Make services available to residents of the CRV for instance LOCAL flu shots, senior activities.

figure out a way to reduce traffic congestion entering Aspen from Snowmass

In less than 10 years we have watched the character of the community decline. Monster homes continue to scar the landscape on Red Mtn and up Castle Creek. With everything we read about growth restriction, it seems that it's not having any affect. The invasion of 2nd homeowners and timeshare owners and their attitude of entitlement is destructive to the community of Pitkin County. Why do we change the community to accommodate them? Why don't we communicate - if you want to be a part of this area - here's what's expected of you ? At least put it out there. Everyone is so focused on making money, that we're willing to sell out everything we love about this place. This is of course not unique to Aspen, but if we don't step up in OUR community, we will lose our community.

Airport fees are out of control. why don't we charge \$20 admission to go into the door? Everytime I rent a car or park in the lot I pay a extra \$100 in airport fees. Pitkin county is using our airport as a cash cow. Eagle airport has 1/2 rental car fees and no parking fees. We need this airport lets not chase people to eagle because of greed.

County should develop open space and density/development policy-soon or the culture of the area will change forever.

I support managed responsible growth, not no growth. I also support a government that works with developers and homeowners to create an environment that brings jobs to the town/county, creates an aesthetic that is consistent with our past, and allows improvements without delay or judgment. I also support policies that incentive local businesses, not chains - let's try to keep Aspen unique yet not stand in the way of progress, but architecturally and economically.

Traffic into Aspen is not managed. Entrance into Aspen 4 lanes into 2 what sense is that? Maroon Creek bridge has been worked on almost every other year for the past 30 years Why? You the government as an entity is a joke.

Keep buying open space when available

Enough open space already! The increase in open space serves to increase property values to an unaffordable degree. Many of us who live in deed-restricted housing will never be able to afford free-market housing in this valley, and the procurement of open space contributes to this problem.

Having lived in Aspen for over 30 years (I ran the Jerome Bar and was a Deputy Sherrif, it saddens me to see the mistrust and hostility between second homeowners and locals (including the County Commissioners). Second homeowners should have a voice on taxes.

reach out to property owners

See #131

Aspen & Pitkin County: Hotel developers, for example Limelight, are not being held in check.

I will write it again. PLEASE look into connecting the mountains for skiing by lift. In Europe it is done all the time. Skiing between two countries is common in Europe, so why not between the four mountains of Aspen????????

The governing class hates private homeowners. The hegemony of the local Ba'ath party must end. The government must stop the war against private property owners, reach out to the entire community, and not just represent employee housing voters.

Fix the road system to the benefit of the majority of people.

why do we have to have this tension between the locals and the second home owners? We have no issues as second home owners

Control the Developers!!!! They don't care about anything or anyone except themselves.

Wrong direction: decisions aren't always based on the big picture. Growth limitations have brought on myriad unforeseen problems. Trying to solve a problem with the easiest solution isn't usually smart. We need to get out of the box that growth control has put us in. The valley needs a monorail or easy, fast, cheap way to get up and down. It needs it now. We also need four lanes into town. Now. Has anyone in the county inspected homes that were granted building permits based on an ADU? Is that extra dwelling unit being rented to an employee? We need employees to be close to their work or we create smog and congestion and frustration which all detract from our quality of life. Building employee housing helps, but we need new and different solutions also. We need to have residents and 2nd home owners be responsible for their own carbon footprints. We are becoming a town/county of The Entitled. Entitled to what? The change became apparent late in the 90s when a local went to a party thrown by a newcomer. She asked where the ski instructors/shopkeepers were. He said - Are you kidding? I came here to show off my wealth, not be a part of the working community. I don't know how we deal with that attitude, but it has brought environmental, housing and quality of life issues that deserve discussion.

put a junker in every yard.

Too much traffic that won't be relieved by a single dedicated bus lane.

stop excessive growth we are experiencing.

Too much government intervention in our lives, i.e HOW lanes, too many stop lights as a result of poor planning, too much emphasis on traffic disincentives, no large parking facilities (underground), not enough tourist promotion, etc.

Improve the airport and bring more commercial passengers in by air. They would not need cars. Our bus and local taxi service is the best in the country. Private Jets only use private cars for pick up and commercial pilots say that the tower gives them priority.

I would be in favor of encouraging homeowners to house workers, making extra living spaces in large homes less restrictive. For example, having a part-time caretaker who also works in town would help alleviate employee housing crunch. It may seem risky to government officials, but may be less regulation in this area would have a positive effect. Second homeowners may like this, too, as it offers protection when they are away.

emphasis should be on increasing employee and affordable housing, keeping unincorporated areas rural, improving affordable access to area by air, improving parking in Aspen. Our other home is New Orleans, and the Aspen area and amenities are like heaven in comparison.

Need even more effort to house the employees locally. Businesses are having harder and harder time getting and keeping employees. BTW I live in Eagle county

Pitkin County is losing its valuable open spaces, ranches, and rural character. Too much development not just in Aspen. I like to see a stop to houses over 5,000 sq. ft. These houses are simply a business investment to the owner/developers and give nothing to the community. Proof is how long the original owner keeps the home before flipping it. These giant homes employ far too many people to maintain which only adds to the highway congestion and growth.

Need to think creatively and perhaps a little more European in the years to come to deal with rising land values and population pressures and everything that comes with it. The more local housing we have, the better off we'll be.

You need a traffic engineer with some common sense, e.g., you do not put speed bumps in a curve; you do not put 3 stop signs into post office area; you do not put 2 stop signs at Willoughby/Magnifico intersection [this is how scofflaws are created]. You simply place one YIELD sign E.B. on Willoughby. DUH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The PitCo govt is too big -- a beurocracy that needs to be cut doen. Less goverment is better goverment. For too long it has been the practice to take on each commisioners personal agenda/hobby and turn it into a department or law.

Don't allow housing all over the place. You are competing with Garfield County which uses different regulations more cooperation between the two counties in regards to building. Do not allow these housing developments by large corportation to rent housing because they can't sell their new houses. If there is an abundant of housing in the entire valley slow down the new tract homes period.

happy to see a few more affordable recreational activities such as the Snowmass Recreation Center My children grew up with Snowmass Swim Team and the Dance classes offered in the village We are members of St. Mary's Catholic church A community connection is important to us

I wish there were train service to/from Glenwood Springs.

I don't feel qualified to make suggestions since I am such a part time resident. I will say that my husband and I have spent part of every year for the last 30+ years here in this county, and we still find this area a beautiful place to be.

Get the traffic in and out of Aspen as quickly as possible. make sure that the airport runs smoothly with true information.

Too many second home owners taking away from our community. Most of our friends have moved down valley, or left the valley. Aspen seems to be loosing the locals that we really need, especially during the off season.

Too much time and money is continuously being spent on land use related issues. Create a set of rules & regulations and stick with them. Huge \$\$ beign spent on airport even though usage is not significantly increasing.

There is lots of space in the Woody creek area for local's priced, free market housing. Example the bench of land above the Roaring Fork river south of the Jaffee housing project, and along the Slaughterhouse trail. It also gets all the airport landing noise, so its never going to be high end. build RENTAL APARTMENTS and owner occupied free market housing, that are covenant restricted so they CANNOT BE CONVERTED TO CONDOS. You have a trail into town, sewer plant adjacent, bus service to the area, etc. but of course the rich folks in the Woody Creek Caucus oppose workers in the community. Oh well, it was just an idea. but then again Pitkin county loves caucus's. Have you ever observed how much free market employee housing is built immediately over the line into Eagle County! Pitkin County TALKS about employee housing and does very little and extreem expense, EAGLE COUNTY ALLOWS FREE MARKET EMPLOYEE HOUSING TO BE BUILT.

Buying up ranches for open spaces forces the middle class workers out of the county. Our middle level managers with families do not want to live in government projects, so they leave. Same for 'volunteer' firemen and other community minded citizens...they leave after their shift. The county is socially dead. Places like the west end of Aspen use to have many local families. It was an exciting social neighborhood. Now it is dead. Aspen Highlands was an exciting social area. Now it is socially and economically dead. Market forces were ignored. Sales tax revenue for 'free' buses is tiny. Having the government design a business model is another failure; hopefully the politicians will wake up. But we doubt it.

Rents are too high for the commercial core raising prices for everyone. Once people move here they want nothing to change, but by moving here they have already changed it, we need to embrace that and deal with it logically, too much NIMBY for people who were not born here!

see suggestions from #122

Stop downsizing individual private property. You are taking away rights of people. Just more "big government" interference....

too much growth in the city core. the building across from the limelight is too big. were losing all our mom and pop stores to big chains, and high end stores, i would never shop at.

Right direction if you mean limiting growth, increasing protection of water, air, open space, renewable energy use, agricultural uses to grow food (not just ranching). I think Pitco could do better, and will have to in the near future (10 to 20 years), increase communication and actively support a future and a community in this valley that is much more locally based and which uses much less fossil fuel energy.

Too much commercial development

Resentment of second homeowners by locals is rampant. Where's the sense of community. It feels pretty exclusionary. But the locals want our money.

The biggest issue facing Pitkin County is transportation and land use. Can we continue to have the economic bounty we enjoy and restrict development and restrict the number of visitors we have? Public transportation can assist in both arenas.

Increase burden of running the county on those who just vacation there.

We need urgently to curb development so that the rural aspect of the county is preserved, otherwise all is lost!

Please - Allow development of hotels. Please stop turning the town into second homes. Collect appropriate taxes to cover for construction costs deterioration of roads. Invest in employee housing and sell it at real affordable prices, not like Burlingame. Keep protecting the environment.

"Huge waste of my money"

"Keep the moratruem There is too much construction"

"County does not seem to uphold its stated commitments to density in the city preserving rural areas. County gets bought off by rich home builders." #65= "don't use" #94= "Aspen Community" #113= "Too good" #114= should be blank.

"Slow down growth - make developers more accountable for impacts"

"Stop trying to create utopia!"

#73= "inspections- 5 Department- 2"

"-Too much construction & growth - Losing the character & soul of town"

"do a strat shot or main and pat it back no it has live"

I would like to see even tighter restrictions on development. The massive new base village in Snowmass may be an economic boon to a few, but it degrades and completely changes the quality of the Snowmass area and the skiing experience in Snowmass.

As always, I think that the county needs to be responsive with respect to development and not have long delays in approval of building permit process.

I believe in social welfare programs but i also believe this county wastes its tax revenues. It also spends too much time enforcing things like dog bans while huge developments just seem to slip through. Moratoriums on development only occur after large developments are oked and that only hurts small local developers who have much less over all impact on the area. If you want more money for programs how about skipping volvo suv's for the police and other ridiculous wastes of tax payers' money. I'm willing to pay taxes for good causes like education, mass transit and such but there is too much waste in this county.

"Reduce house size from 15200 to a max of 7500"

"Too many high paid administrators not enough focus on line staff"

"Everybody is doing a great job @ Pitkin County, but the growth & traffic issues are scevy."

"Disband historical presevation commission."

#130= "Haven't received latest statement"

#46= should be blank.

"lower home sizes"

"Rein in OST Dept- increase honesty and integrity"

#45= both 4 and 5 are marked.

#21= both Snowmass/Capitol Creek and Crystal River are marked.

"PitCo ComDes needs over hauling no more tight regs. just be sure you make them pay= to what the developer wants" #88= "Stop BOCC/Stealing \$/Gen Fund/Rd & Bridge"

"Loss of community feel due to rising of 2nd home owners." #67="Dump dust & jake brake noise"
#74="Dust & jake brake noise" #88="Tax trucks" #95= 55-74 are marked. #96= both are marked. #98=
Some college and Graduate are both marked.

#s 14,15,18,30,111,114,117= "?" #80= "summer/fall"

"I wish we could have kept Aspen in the Bubble of the 70's & 80's" #43="need a train" #52="help bears"
#57= "The present board" #105="Who knows" #108="Too many mansions"

"Allowing huge development like the whole new village at Snowmass is totally lacking in all aspects of preserving the environment landscape & essential resources & the quality of life in rural mountain communities!"

#128= "All"

Received and empty envelope.

#38= should be blank. #123="part time resident"

"Critical to resolve the entrance into town traffic is horrendous(4 lane into please"

Written on cover letter: "This did not work JS"

"Pitkin County is fine people running it need improvment" #101= "None of your business"

"Rural & remote needs more consideration pertaining to sq. ftg. specifially measuring the walls from the outside instead of inside therefore panalizing the use of energy effecient materials." #96= both male and female are marked.

"Anyone owning or renting an employee unit should have to file tax returns a financial statement yearly to stay in those units. If they no longer qualify they should have to move & sell unit!"

"My property value just doubled -lower mill levy"

#95= "45-64 are marked. #96= both male and female are marked.

#6= "40yrs" #130= "for services"

"Too much buiding"

"A vital, healthy community!"

"Too much affivenot"

"Agree and solve the entrance road to Aspen!!"

#s 32 and 33= "?"

Written on the front page: "Too much regulation, taxes, control"

"Need to improve affordable housing opp's. Improve airport access"

"Very good questionnaire"

"No huge development projects"

"We need basic businesses again a shoe repair store small family own businesses- it's become too exclusive" #114= "?"

#5= "Crestwood 1202" #6= "15yrs" #8= "family skies. I am 92 yrs old" #80= "1-2 x 1yr" #95= "92"

"Limit development"

"I hated losing the lodge at Aspen!!!" #69= Should be blank.

"W/ property values up there should be enough money to fix roads"

"Now"

"No more growth, better P.O., no more illegals allowed here"

#101= \$150,000-299,999 are marked.

"too much development"

"Too many large developments at present"

"Too much growth and loss of rural character"

"Develop a 2nd access into town for busses & car pooler" #80= "When we're in town"

#83= "I am very unhappy that bicycles have taken over all the trails. It makes it unpleasant and unsafe for walkers and very unsafe for riding. Bicycles go way too fast and don't give way to walkers and riders. They may as well call them 'bike trails' because I don't feel welcome there."

"Need to be more proactive about needs related to future development"

#101= \$50,000-\$99,999 are marked.

"We need better qualified people for the city council & Boce"

#21="Carbondale"

"Taxes on top on taxes" #22= "We are new"

#80= "When present"

"Enhance the quality of living not the financial concerns of a few!"

#128= "Occupied year round by family"

"Get rid of 30 yr historical designate on my condo- 5th ave"

"Traffic problems transit help- London like car restrictions"

Pitkin County should focus on protecting the ambience of mountain and family oriented living by better controlled and restricted development growth.

Written on attached note: "Dear Survey Folks, I completed this survey weeks ago and returned it to you. However, I erased and notations which would trace it back to me. Any survey which is not 100% anonymous, will be flawed and I don't want personal info, which you ask, in anyone's data base. Send me a non-marked copy & I will fill it in again. Melinda Payson"

"High rent in commercial area- due not let moi stores stay" Written on cover letter: "I rec this today Nov. 21st." #128= "14 rented in dec 21 person Mark 2008"

"Support local families, the local public school, kids sports, fields" Written on the front: "Survey print is WAY to small!!" #13= "?"

"I would love to see less construction, will they ever leave?"

Please stop the traffic (bad) to Aspen."

"Way too much catering to second home owners"

#48= Should be blank.

"Slow growth"

"Too restrictive on growth"

"A growth is inevitable- here are lot of big projects going on---let's take a break from more 'big' approvals & see hour what's happening now lodis in 2-3 years."

Written on envelope: "A concerned Aspen Resident 81611 Attn: Evaluate in person!" Written all over front page: "I attempted to do the on-line survey during your 1st mailing- had nothing but problems! 12 Nov-970-920-5200 said o.k. to be anonymous" "I received this within 10 days of deadline. You need to offer more time!" #2= "No identification, thank you" #3="see above" #36= "Stop subsidising & depriving others from the American Dream- It does not allow free market equity appreciation. Spend my tax \$\$\$ on anything but employee housing-" #43= "For the illegal aliens?!!" #95- ="None of your biz- see above This is obviously optional & you should notify survey takers! I.Q. is genius level" #101= "Totally none of your beezwax" #102= "uh-uh!" Written on the edge: Let's get personal..." #132= "Are you serious? How about some room. After the sex scandal involving the 'chief of police' perhaps you might review the corrupt police investigations of officer CROWLEY!" A newspaper article is included about a possible Aspen, Utah. Article titled: Another Aspen? Written on the top of this article: "Are you going to contest this?"

"The height of the Victory Hotel is putting us in the dark" #111 and 115= should be blank.

"Keep height restrictions, smaller intown developments" #2= "Did not receive until 11/22."