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

Student, part time resident

pitkin home address although out of state for 5 months

Primary/part-time resident of Pitkin County

winter resident, occasional summer

v

"yes"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 5 - Neighborhood

Carbondale

Meadowood

"Garfield County"

"Metro District Aspen Village"

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

SHOOTING RANGE / BIKE PATHS

safe, clean, interesting, size

Community

Anderson Ranch Arts Center

gathering place for family

sophisticated small town

i grew up here - not born here

moved here in 1974 & it worked out

came with family

qualith and diversity of restaurants

Went through public school system here

especially the classical music

Raised in Aspen

TO ENJOY LIFE IN THE UNREALISTIC WORLD OF THE RFV

low crime + good schools

Unique and casual lifestyle

Small town environment, active healthy lifestyle, big-city arts, intellectual activities.

wanted to raise family here

Community

international flavor

What? You enjoy living in a third world county? Yes, county...

Grew up in Colorado, kids live in Eastern USA, love mountains

to raise a family in clean air, water, safe for children

"Raise family"

friendliness= "huh?"

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rural= "?"

"It's home I have been here so long also"

School System

"came for my job"

"mountains"

"grew up here"

schools

raised here

wildlife

"40 yrs here. It's home"

"where I grew up"

"community"

"Born in co but Denver got too crowded"

"Schools & skiing, Church"

all above

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Responses for Open Ended question # 8 - Recreation

PHYSICAL FITNESS / RANGE SHOOTING

gym workouts, dancing, Co Mt College classes

Photography

use the ARC daily

rock climbing

Frisbee

backcountry skiing

snowmobiling

Sailing

FUN!!!

flying

gym training

Running trails

horseback riding

winter uphill (e.g. Buttermilk)

karate

music performance

Being outdoors, away from surveys...

Waterskiing. and Snowskiing

horseback riding

"Horseback riding"

"snowmobile"

"peace & quiet"

motorcycling

snowmobiling

"star gazing"

"Horseback riding"

skiing

"motorcycle"

"Motorcycleing"

"Equestrian"

"Health facilities"

"Telemarking"

snowmobiling

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Responses for Open Ended question # 9 - Cultural activities

Non profit events

political

all of course only few of each Its a money issue always

Aspen Institute

Volunteer Jazz Host, Aspen Public Radio

none, too busy trying to make money to live!

Aspen Institute

Lectures

tax dodging... Its like dodgeball, only with money...

folk music at the Wheeler

"Church"

"spiritual gailarings"

"Farmers Mkt"

"none"

"Farmer's market"

"Motorcycling"

enviromental

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Responses for Open Ended question # 19 - Growth control

IF POSSIBLE, NEGATIVE GROWTH.....

only temp/ and reexamand yearly and or at 6 months

About same rate of growth with controls

Discreet growth -- areas in which the city/county can help attract more middle income families

If you want to develop you pay for traffic inpacts, noise impact, contstruction machine exhaust impa

"Where ya gonna build?"

"More 2 bedroom employee housing"

"You need to build apartment complexes"

"Green Belt"

"Better work on population control world wide!"

"intensity of dev. is what matters and land use patterns matter; Have housing near jobs"

Responses for Open Ended question # 25 - Comments or suggestions

Leave us alone!!! The Peoples Republic of Aspen thinks that they can tell us what to do. The residents of unincorporated Pitkin are better stewards of the land then the county will ever be.

Important decisions are in the hands of a limited number of people.

i have heard that if someone wants to do something, they stack the caucus room at vote- this basically turns into a numbers war, overlooking the larger concerns of the vote.

ITS GOOD

nON FUNCTIONING IN LOWER SMUGLER AREA.

it is the same people, with the same ideas, or lack of, pushing the agenda.

Control of the caucus by a few members should be prohibited by uniform voting requirements.

#25 Is this open to all voters and does the local caucus system work for the other voting public. Not sure of the laws or protocal.

I was aware of the Maroon Castle Caucus when Highlands was being developed. Since then, i am not aware of its activity.

People involved have an agenda that does not represent the peoples feelings. They force their agenda on residence.

I am a long time board member of the Snowmass Capitol Creek caucus and spent nearly three years on the Master Plan Committee. We have had to deal with NIMBYs and now have people in favor of huge homes. Not a pretty picture. We appreciate the support and cooperation of the County in our efforts!

Not inclusive enough. All parts of caucus area are not represented. Small group runs caucus. Comments not necessarily based on accurate information or fact.

It works well, especially when meetings are well attended.

More publicity

Do you need a portable pc?

Most residents have no knowledge of what the caucus does or when it meets despite repeated requests for that information. It seems they are just beginning to realize there is a constituency to inform and not just themselves. It is an extremely insular group.

The caucus system represents a small clique of like minded individuals and does not represent the majority of residents in the area.

be nice IF the Home owners associations we open and honest.and the Pitkin Sherrifs Department did not SELECTIVELY PROSECUTE PEOPLE!

Available to those that have free time. I do not have that luxury. Becomes a mouthpiece for lobbyists.

The Maroon Castle Caucus needs to do a real master plan, especially one that considers carrying capacity of the roads. The Maroon and Castle areas should be separated as the issues are very different in each area.

I would like to know about how to become involved in the local caucus system.

We are kept informed (to a degree) by e-mail, which is a good thing.

It is easy for a small group to control the caucus even though they may not reflect the opinions of the greater population. Most residents do not participate.

I live in Brush Creek. I have never heard of the caucus.

Dudes, and Hillary, figure it out! You and the City are overwhelmed. You are up against the Construction and Real Estate interests (should I say lobbies?); money with nothing else to do but look for more money! They are not building a community, they are building profits. What are we? a community or a commodity? They are here, and THEY OWN YOU.. No? Take a look at the local media? You are working hard to preserve the landfill. We can't even dump our grass trimmings in the fill. Who asks the Real Estate types to stop putting their color fillers, which can't be re-cycled, in the newspapers? No one here, now, in off-season, is from out of town, with enough fiscal ability to purchase their \$10,000,000 homes. Still everyday the filler waste continues.... Where does that sh#t go? Yep, the land fill. Your running out of room in landfill. It has been going on for over a year. It is YOUR landfill. What do you do? Not a peep from any of you. Yep, they OWN you... 'Nuff said.

Although not involved, we are impressed by the work of the Woody Creek caucus and support their efforts. It is critically important that residents in areas that can be impacted by County officials decisions have a unified voice and the caucus generally provides that input. Pitkin County is a large diverse county and broad directives are not in the best interest of all citizens and areas. We have friends that are VERY involved in the caucus and support their opinions. They have lived here much longer than we have and are very well informed; they keep us informed.

Overall pleased. But some of the criteria used to evaluate land use applications seems vague and/or confusing.

I didn't know the county had any restrictions on house size? This needs to be addressed. No more monster houses. This is a waste of everything.

"We donate money to sm/cc caucus"

#24= "Currently working in it"

"Thank God for the WCC"

"Valuable"

"Need to know about meetings so we can attend"

"Most active members are selfish"

"Rules of order abused"

"Metro district very unclear on future projects" #24=Unknown"

Too much regulation and building development restrictions

"Please keep it at the importance representation of the people that it has been in the past"

"Small # controls the majority- waste of time/ they don't listen dase" #23= "sort of"

"Make up of current town council"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 26 - Forming caucus area

Hills at the Roaring Fork:- "Holland Hills"

WE HAD ONE, BUT IT EITHER DIED OR HAS BECOME INVISIBLE

hunter creek

holland hills

Starwood

Airport Business Center

AABC

starwood

Aspen

north40 of aabc

THEY OWN YOU

"Aspen"

"Aspen Village"

old snowmass

pitkin snowmass

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Responses for Open Ended question # 32 - Water supply

i grew up on well water Twinning Flats

gateway metro district

Community water system

Bottled.

Not sure

irrigation ditch

"Ditch for irrig."

"Do not really know"

"city"

"-shared community source"

Ditch - home supply

ditch

"Starwood private water supply"

"ditch"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 33 - Sewage treatment system

lagoon

"private community system"

"Sewage heating & plant in redstone"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 53 - Find out

Letter

KDNK

freinds

DON'T WASTE MY TIME, PITCO POLITICS ARE JUST THAT POLITICS!

I work for the City of Aspen and get information from within

Aspen Ski Co., company meetings, kick-offs, orientations

We don't find out

Aspen Public Radio

kdnk

"mail"

"NPR"

kdnk

I go to Pitkin County meetings

next to CGTV is written: "I have a dish- no service"

"web/cnn wall st jr etc"

caucus

"caucus"

"computer"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 54 - Streaming

Would watch on CGTV

YES, Please

Pitkin County has blocked the ability for parts of Woody Creek to receive high speed internet...streaming means nothing to us on Dial up.

Would use this service if my connection enabled it

ONLY USEFUL FOR THOSE WITH HIGHSPED.

"no computer"

"computer onto order"

"would use rarely"

"Unless a specific issue prompted it"

Responses for Open Ended question # 55 - Improve communications

I filled this out because I had some down time at work but, really, I think it insults the intelligence to send out a survey like this when we all know that the Pitkin BOCC will do whatever they damn well please, regardless of community sentiment.

Please separate out Aspen and Pitkin Last time I looked Aspen is a small inconsequential Town at the end of a dead end road 6-7 months out of the year. and Pitkin county... I love the place I live and hate the government.

Your doing an excellent job.

Bring citizens in at early decision making processes web site mailings? mail

improve website- more transparency in the building/comm dev dept- have codes and amendments more accessible

Have available at Public Meetings a chalk board or drawing board for discussions.

Using the Web in many ways is good....

Some sort of voluntary e-mail list would keep communication paper-free, and keep people up to date on local issues -- at least for those who want to be in the know.

It would be great to be able to view bocc meetings without going to aspen.

Have a call-in program, rotating through the commissioners, on local radio/tv, broadcast it at hours other than the call in times as well

Allow high speed access to ALL areas in the county

don't put self-rightous, arrogant individuals in public office.

Hold regular public forums monthly at differing times, so that the working people (i.e. office personnel) are able to attend. Then LISTEN to what is suggested by the public and FOLLOW UP on those suggestions. How many times have we VOTED on the Entrance to Aspen and still we have no resolution??

How much we depend on the Pitkin County to take care of the road & bridges, sheriff departments and JUST exactly where the Pitkin County citizens monies go to when we wright that check to PITKIN COUNTY, does it really go to Pitkin County road and bridge does it rally go to or how much really goes to the Public Library or to any other other ports of county or ANYWHERE PART OF COLORADO ANDWHERE . Most do not have a clue where any monies go to. Please make that clear to local worker bees, second home honers, especially local business and MOST OLD FOLKS home owners. Thank you

I feel the local papers do an adaqueate job. The online BOCC meetng with archives would be helpful.

Post Min in paper or on the internet

I think the county does a great job already.

I think using the website is a good idea since more and more people are using computers on a very regular basis and for increasing numbers of things. While I might use this opportunity occasionally there are many who would welcome it and use it often.

Get a facility with a meeting room that is adequate, so that guests can hear and participate.

Neighborhood Q and A with Commissioners, mailings explaining defending positions/decisions taken by County, Mission statement, strategic goals and priority list, plus accomplishments so far, issued twice-yearly by County Commissioner (as a body, not as individuals).

Pressure Qwest to install High speed lines up the Crystal River

Get rid of the arrogant attitudes. Your supposed to work for us not pursue your own agendas.

I think the County's communication efforts are excellent. All the public has to do is pay attention or read or ask questions.

additional use of web site

Increase television coverage area through satellite.

Email!

sound quality of commison metimngs is now so bad as to be useless. More people would watch if it were clearer.

Your doing a pretty good job now.

#1 MAKE SURE THE PITKIN COUNTY SHERRIF'S SEPARTMENT IS NO LONGER SELECTIVELY PROSECUTING THE PEOPLE. AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PITKIN COUNTY SHERRIF'S SEPARTMENT IS NOT (CONSTANTLY) USED TO HARASSS HONEST PEOPLE WHEN BUILDING THERE HOMES!

No meetings behind closed doors.

Quite talking about so many things and try to keep it simple. Quite accomadating every wealthy person that can afford a mouthpiece, while they sit back fiddling. Do not allow lawyers to speak at public meetings.

E-MAIL MEMBERS THAT LOG ONTO PITKIN SITE

Increase comprehensive planning efforts, particularly a community based effort, and you will improve communications.

OK AS IS

Direct TV considers our local station to be Denver. Somehow we need to get them to pick up our actual local channels and Grass Roots because if you don't have cable, then you can't get the local news on TV.

I generally feel that I am in the know of what the County is planning due to joint City Council/BOCC meetings. The current communication links work. It is important for residents to take interest and seek information as well.

No suggestions at this time.

Better notification to down-valley newspapers. More visits by the County Commissioners to Crystal River and Fryingpan Caucuses. Would it be possible to have a commissioners meeting in the lower valley when the agenda has items of interest specific to local interests.

I think it's doing a good job now, but would like to see more public comment welcomed such as this survey.

Please do not remove KAJX from channel 8!!! This is a vital community asset. It allows us to get local (often breaking) news. Many in the community/county (especially those in rural areas that don't get a good radio signal) use this as their primary source for accessing this resource. I am much more likely listen to KAJX for county/community news than to read it on some TV screen. Please keep KAJX on continuously on channel 8.

Figure out what is needed to say. what really matters, and then put out PSAs.

Figure out how to get cable to our house! I've given up. We have cable across the river and a mile up the road but the Cable Co says it's too expensive to bring it in. Thus, we can't get Channel 19.

open meetings less closed door or executive sessions. Less dealing with bullies who try to turn everything into a legal issue when they don't get their way, such as Castle Creek Trail which is desperately needed. I do not understand how these NIMBIES ever got this far

the website is terrific....

"Banners? low band radio?"

"Computers & web"

"Scheduled 'press conferences' with local media"

"live t.v. reporting news paper- all county suveys!"

"by mail"

"Media coverage newsletter"

"Post office postings"

"Put a face on them. I don't know your information officer"

"Not sure"

"newsletter"

"Representative in-person participation @ metro meetings"

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"Simplify the wording of issues & there impact"

"Actually listen to the masses instead local individuals"

"Timey Information"

"Schedule meeting & work sessions pm"

"Redstone is without sheriff services... this needs changed!"

"Listen"

"No comment"

"Very good now"

"Streamline county meetings"

"Use large print in your surveys"

"Ok as is"

"Stop improving the airport"

Responses for Open Ended question # 79 - Comments - services

Many of the services are not available here and we are taxed for them. I'm reminded of a fraiz Taxation with out reinterpretation.

The dump does a great job of recycling wood,metal etc. It would be nice to have a covered bldg to recycle furniture,bikes appliances, i.e. things with much use left in them. I'm at the dump weekly and the volume of this stuff going into the dump is huge because people are too lazy to take it to consignment. The weed enforcement crew is doing a great job to tell people their obligation but then nothing happens. They need to have a paid crew to come in and spray and bill the landowner.

Those I marked with a 3 I either have not had contact with recently or am not familiar with their functions.

Fire Marshal inspections in Lower Valley needs better coordination with Basalt Fire District. "Handed-off" by Aspen Fire District.

Plowing on Owl Creek RD is not done in a timely manner

Road and bridge has on average 6 men standing around watching the 1 working. Snow plows seem to spend more time out when there is 1/4 inch of snow sending sparks flying than when there are 12 inches of snow. More time management and wasteful employees.

I have zero regard for planning objectives, capability, know-how. Employee housing is spotty, mostly crude.

The River Road is extremely dangerous with many boulders ready to come down on the road...it is unbelievable to me that this problem has not been resolved. The entrance onto Highway 82 from Smith Bridge is extremely dangerous. There is no acceleration lane. The opening is too narrow for the kinds of trucks using the access. It makes for bottlenecks almost every morning.

NO One follows the leash law in Aspen, the Rio Grande Trail as well as Smuggler have endless dogs running loose, they will someday collide with a bike and there will be injuries because the County does not supervise or uphold the lease laws. Why bother with the law if nobody follows it and nobody is fined for breaking it?

My only complaint with the current trail system is the maroon creek bridge construction. I am afraid I can not offer a better solution either. I am sure onfe the bridge is finished I would rank the trail system a 5. Right now that area is mess. The county needs to continue to work towards educating the public regarding wildlife such bear proofing, restraining animals from chasing wildlife, etc as well as stricter enforcement.

Permits requirements not uniformly applied to all.

Some of the above contact has been via the caucus and not my own personal requirements.

Services extend far beyond the County's ability to pay for them. Taxes should be raised to enable county to pay staff a wage that enables them to live in the valley.

Roads need more funding, especially the projects recently listed in the County's published report.

enforce leash laws

Venturoni Surveys & Research, Inc.

WE should not be trying to control growth by deliberately slowing down the review process on building applications. Reasons for failure on permits should be succinct, not political or ambiguous reasons for failure. Review processes need to address those issues or resubmit the entire project. No permit should take longer than 3 weeks for approval or disapproval.

We've entirely given up flying into or out of the Aspen Airport because of too many bad experiences...and the ridiculous cost. In 1983 we obtained a building permit for an addition to our house and a garage. The process was easy, quick and effective. I am convinced it would be a nightmare today if we were to try and do the same thing. Moreover, the four year (and counting) approval process for the Lodge at Aspen is a case in point. It seems to me that all this bureaucracy is an excuse for job security.

could use better cell phone service in Snowmass

penalties need to be more severe for people who leave trash unprotected from bears.

Streamline the permit process by getting rid of inconsequential permit required activities, eg. moving dirt on your property. The noxious weed program needs to be stepped up to be effective. The roads are lined with noxious weeds.

The translator system should be shut down. There is no need for the taxpayers to subsidize a few individuals when private satellite service is readily available at reasonable rates.

THE LAND FILL MAKES SOME VERY NASTY SMELLS AND THE WOOD SHREDDER THEY HAVE PRODUCES A HUGE PLUM OF WOOD DUST (THE E.P.A. HAS CATEGORIZED WOOD DUST AS A CANCER CAUSING AGENT. THE LAND FILL DOES NOT STOP PRODUCING THIS HUGE PLUM OF "CANCER CAUSING DUST" EVEN DURING WINDY DAYS, DESPITE THE COUNTY FILES AND ACCEPTED "DUST MITIGATION PROGRAM!"

Figure out something other than killing bears, aspen restaurants and tourists and residents are not doing their part with regards to trash. I think we should have stiffer fines or whatever it takes to save the bear population.

Light pollution is a major problem in Pitkin County. The regulation should be stricter. Plan checkers should ensure that lighting is conforming. Building inspectors should check to make sure that the correct lights are installed, including checking after the certificate of occupancy is issued to make sure that the lights have not been changed. There are many very obvious violations that should not need a citizen complaint to start enforcement action. Many Pitkin County facilities also have offending lights. The Rangers are an excellent addition. Their protection of Open Space, particularly North Star Nature Preserve, is greatly appreciated.

eliminate the FM & TV Services---big waste of money--buy the needy people satellite dishes

The Board of County Commissioners do not really provide a "service" in a way that makes sense for this question. You should ask questions about whether they seem prepared and educated in their decisionmaking.

I would like to see the policy on bears changed to a more compassionate and workable philosophy. The current one - killing bears that are trying to survive in years where there is little to no food for them. We need to round-table this with citizens and go 'outside the box' to find workable solutions that work for both humans and wildlife.

I think the landfill punch card is a great idea, but i would like more recycling options on what is allowed to be recycled. When I was back in my home state of iowa last month, I realized how far behind Pitkin co (Colorado?) is when it comes to recycling. Actually the recyling in Iowa 25 years ago was better than it is here today. What is up with that?

THANK YOU for the trail along Brush Creek Road to Snowmass Village. It has improved my quality of life significantly, and I am VERY grateful. Charge major development companies who are using the roads the most for the increased cost of road maintenance. The developers can pass the cost on to the clients.

I've talked to several people in the community about the waste disposal, specifically the recycled waste disposal. I've been led to believe that all the recyclables that I work hard to collect and dispense in the proper containers, are actually shipped to the Solid Waste Center and sometimes get thrown away with the rest of the normal waste. The fact that this is an unclear issue, and seems to be an unknown amongst community members is very upsetting. In fact, if the recyclables which we separate and dispose of properly in containers are not actually recycled as they should be, I think the county owes it to the public to let them know what exactly is going on at the Solid Waste Center with the recycled goods that we spend so much time and effort putting into their respective containers, including glass, plastic, office paper, etc.

Weeds. You can't eliminate them when there isn't a comprehensive plan intact and operational. You don't have one. No> What is at the bottom of each and everyone of our ski areas? Do you ever walk up there> They are still in the county. Yeah, you have a plan...look the other way! How about South 7th Street in Aspen? No, it is just across the county/city line. It is Pitkin County's and you do nothing. A bikepath crosses the northern most portion of it. It needs an overlya. It has needed one for years. Hey, Brian, overlay it! This whole City/County fingerpointing services no one but your budget margins. IT DOESN'T HELP THE USER!!!! Get out of your offices and look at what is really going on in YOUR COUNTY!!

Please allow for improved cell service. Please keep your offices in town.

more open space- they are the best board and really work at it. integration perhaps with the dismal Community Development office in Aspen which, under last mayor built anything and everything!

Zoning code enforcement seems weak. Many violations exist and enforcement is not a priority unless you can get the whole neighborhood to complain....repeatedly.

Noxious weeds will continue to plague the county unless private land-owners are forced to control weeds on their property. Voluntary compliance isn't working.

"Fix bridge fast- don't plow snow unless sleppery @ stops"

"No noticable animal control. barking /poop/leash"

#63= "Open space should not be regarded as space in which to build highways, employee housing, etc."

"Open space & trails- more trails for bikes/dirtbikes-not everything has to be a park."

"Control loose dogs"

"Find areas for bears, racoons and other wildlife and keep it free of roads and development"

"Get a new county planning & code enforcemnet officer- replace Joanna Schafner!"

"generally good, helpful"

"no"

"Our sherriff is too lax on drug enforcment. stop killing bears!"

"If you want to have people recycle it needs to be convenient-curb pick up! Do not allow McMansions! Too big uses all our reasources- it is not ok"

"Expand what the recycling center takes in - sometimes it's overflowing"

"Stop construction generators @ night. Keep animals out of restaurants. Stop people from allowing toxic fluids to go into street drains to river"

"Better snow-plowing on hwy 82. Pick up dead animals more often"

More leash law enforcement on both sides Emma and W Basalt trails.

"Stop using poison to control plants & melt snow"

"Too much red tape"

"The county needs to do a better job maintaining its ditch along Snowmass Creek Rd."

"No one seems to know the rules esp. in bldg. permits, etc."

"I would like yo to find an alternative to raising property taxes to pay for more services."

"Need better enforcement of speed limits on co. rds."

"Excellent Senior Services"

"Airport- no one to help."

"Keep the existing alignment for s-curves take out traffic lights put in more round abouts"

#71-78= "Don't know"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 81 - Trails- activities

You should have "Walking Dog off Leash" as a category since 99% of people would qualify!

access to open space

Walking a dog off lease when we had one!

VERY TIRED OF GETTING MOLESTED BY NON-LEASHED DOGS ON OUR TRAILS!

walking to work

Kicking dog sh#t off the pavement.

"biking"

dog off leash

"Walking dog off leash"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 92 - Family Status

married man and woman

single, still liive with parents

living with single elderly parent

grown children out of state

We've been trying to build a colony of dwarf acrobats, but babysitters are scarce...

"widow"

"children home in summer from college"

"wife"

"living with partner"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 94 - Attend school

day care

private preschool

Too young for school

Playgroup

both at Aspen Community School- Woody Creek

Not of age to attend school yet.

Those dwarf acrobats...

Aspen Sprouts

pre-school

"county pay"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 97 - Ethnicity:

NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN

US american

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

somnambulant

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

Telecommute to Corvallis, OR

Washington DC

Denver

Outside area

Redstone

I work in the aspen area, in Colorado and out of Coloado

Aspen area...Aspen Highlands

denver

NJ, PA, FL, CA, MO, MD, NV

Denver

ALL OVER SOMETIMES

national

I compute from/to SFO

"seasonal"

Newport Beach, California

Woody Creek

"all over ustates"

"varies"

"Local"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 102 - Sources of income

investor

consulting

Retired military pay

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

combination in Pitkin County & Out of Pitkin County

art sales in out of town galleries

"-Eagle (in Basalt)"

"SSA"

"consulting, real estate"

"Hotel dev. western slope"

"Writing"

Responses for Open Ended question # 122 - Suggestions:

The ARC should change its pricing. As a parent if you want to take your young children swimming you have to pay the all day rate to use the ARC. Usually when we go in as a family all we want to do is swim for an hour or so. How many families really go swimming, workout, so ice skating hit the climbing wall etc? The current set up is a bit unrealistic.

8 month waitlist to get wind power from Holy Cross is not acceptable. Make % of employee housing much higher for future development.

Meany of theses questions are poorly asked and not pointed.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO CONFRONT THE DEVELOPERS/BUILDERS/REAL ESTATE AGENTS. THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY GREEDY AND SELF-SERVING. DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO BE MANAGED. NOT ALL GROWTH IS GOOD. A POINT OF BALANCE NEEDS TO BE MAINTIANED.

Less Socialist political direction More open democratic discussion and encouragement More Market determined Society.

Constructions needs to slow down.... the dust in Aspen is terrible.... mass transit is an issue and bus lanes are needed... BRT is good solution if there are bus lanes

Public safety could be vastly improved if driving laws were strictly enforced on Highway 82, and there was a constant and strong law enforcement presence there. It's our main highway, but it's a dangerous one, and there's a reason people think of it as "killer 82."

We could use van service to connect to the bus system in Carbondale for workers living in Redstone working downvalley.

1. The county needs to emphasize alternatives to commuting. This is a major defect in County thinking.
2. Long term local parking at the airport should be free,as it is in Eagle. There is plenty of space for it. Any planner who can't find it should be fired. 3. Freeze property taxes at date-of-purchase, with inflation factor. 4. Pay attention to illegal alien workers. Don't be part of the problem. 3.

More involvement with NOT facilitating the ability of illegal aliens working/living here.

The airport is still making too much noise...when do the noisy jets have to go????

Get rid of the HOV lane and make a special bus lane only, that way at least there are 2 lanes. Resolve the Entrance to Aspen Issue. Why not think about trams to connect the ski mountains and eliminate traffic. It is done all over Europe, why can't we do it? Do not let builders use trucks on Sat and Sun. Enforce the leash laws.

Scenic/visual quality is degraded by all the large homes and construction projects. Rural character is almost entirely gone (see above) as is the sense of community. Parks, trails, and open space are degraded by all the dog poop and dogs off leash. Air quality is destroyed by all diesel belching construction vehicles. Wildlife protection - too many bears being put down.

this should be a constant improvement on all aspects of our own life styles and and what we offer to our visitors to Aspen,

The quality of the town of Aspen and Pitkin County is being compromised by the rate of development, especially of huge houses. There is less and less of a community in the upper valley as people sell out and move downvalley. We need to house more employees in the upper valley, and while we have done quite a bit to do that, it is not enough. The opportunities for young people to move here and become a part of the community seem to be disappearing because of lack of housing and the cost of doing business. Because of the kinds of shops and restaurants, the average person can't afford to come here. Air travel from Aspen has become too expensive because there is not enough competition. We have found ourselves driving to Denver or Grand Junction more often because of the costs. Even when you factor gasoline, car wear and tear, hotel and meal costs, and paying for airport parking it often costs less to fly from Denver or Grand Junction than Aspen. That is too bad for those of us who live here year round. The situation is the same for most of our friends.

The only reason I did not give the County Trail system a '5' is the current mess at Maroon Creek Bridge (construction). Other than that the trail system is exceptional. I feel the biggest problem in Pitkin County is TOO MUCH CONSTRUCTION! It has lowered the quality of life here, traffic, pollutants (we actually have smog in Snowmass with all the dump trucks), scenic beauty, etc. Construction in the valley is out of control and needs to be toned down. The country could improve on wildlife protection, i.e. more bear proofing and additional education of the public, stricter rules etc. I am not aware of the county doing a lot in terms of renewable efficient energy. All the construction would have been a bit easier to swallow if some sort of 'Green' standards had been set for new construction. Even 'retro-fittnig' of government possible employee housing with renewable energy option should be considered.

TRAIN, FROM GLENWOOD

In Aspen particularly, let's stick to the building codes. enough with the variances.

I would like my school taxes to go to the Aspen schools rather than RE-1. I think we need better air service. I think renewable efficient energy should be a priority. I think we need to continue to be vigilant about water quality and protecting minimum stream flows

Can't protect wildlife and rural character if we continue to fill habitat with homes.

Mayor Mick is a self centered arrogant "last one in heaven" type of mayor who thinks he knows what is best for everyone. He should be impeached and removed from the community!

Lose the HOV lane

We need to keep control of our open space , I am all for wilderness but when you declare wilderness on openspace and then make all the Mtn bikers get in their cars to go riding down valley or out of the valley, that is just stupid and I will no longer support wilderness or openspace. We need to keep what little single track mtn biking there is around aspen (bandit or otherwise) and increase the trail system.

I called City Manager for assistance, he refused to take my call. First call I have ever made to a city official in my 53 year here. Not very professional!

Better trails from the ABC going down valley and down to the river. More active Sheriff dept. Better noise enforcement at the airport.

Questions 10-18 asked about benefits of land use controls. There are also detriments to land use controls and the rights of ownership that must be considered against the benefits and there were no questions asked to balance the answers to 10-18. I could (and do) believe that something has great benefit, but also believe that it is fraught with great problems and highly detrimental at the same time. This part of the survey does not consider this and does not appear to be able to provide a balanced view of the community.

Continue to develop housing for seasonal employees, permanent employees and summer music students. It's very important for a community to be as diverse as possible

The current restrictions on agricultural buildings seem to be in conflict with the goal of maintaining rural character. eg., horse shelters aren't allowed. What is the county's definition of rural? It seems like increases in county revenue are absorbed by new job creation. The bureaucracy just keeps getting bigger instead of improving services.

The county land use process is overly complicated in regard to single family residential development locals cannot afford to live here. Open space properties need maintenance, too many weeds. Need more employee housing adjacent to Aspen.

Airport problems are really airlines problems. Airport is well-run basically, except that different areas are too small for the crowds that can build up from the airline problems.

Perhaps a gas tax would be a fairer method of raising money for road and bridge maintenance. Also charge the land developers a higher impact fee for the damage they do to the roads with their projects. Brush and Owl Creek roads for example. The developers of Base Village should pay 100% of the damage caused to county roads.

5 YEARS AND FREE! WHEN RESTRICTED DEED PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN "OWNED AND OCCUPIED" FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS, THEN THE RESTRICTION SHOULD BE LIFTED AND ELIMINATED. THE GREAT APPRECIATION, THE RICK RECEIVE, SHOULD BE SHARED BY THE WORKING CLASS POOR OF PITKIN COUNTY! NOT ACT AS A TRAP AND KEEP THE POOR EVEN POORER THAN THEY WERE BEFORE RESTRICTED HOUSING!

The government is run by favoritism for some and enforced to the max for others.

Start Over

Add paperboard and clear molded plastic packaging to the recycling menu.

Take a leadership role with the entrance to aspen. This summer was the worst in memory. All county residents suffered and the pollution from cars idling on Main Street was terrible. Ask the entire county population a simple, easy to understand question and be done with it. 1. Do you favor 4 lanes of traffic going in and out of aspen? Yes or No.

raise property taxes a lot, for more than just road maintenance----get County employee wages up comparable to City employee wages---or start losing most of the "4s" and "5s" ratings on County-provided services

These questions are poorly worded. How is renewable efficient energy a quality of Pitkin County? Do you mean are enough people using it? Are there opportunities to use it, etc.???

I think to decrease traffic problems the buses need to run every 15 minutes. I would take it every day if it ran every 15 minutes. In the summer I took the intercept bus when it was every 15 min. Hardly anyone knew about the increased schedule, so I'm sure RFTA decided it wasn't worth it. It was in tiny print in newspaper ads. If you want to assess ridership increase, it should have been posted at every bus stop with poster ads at grocery stores, etc. This would require more buses and more drivers - and more driver salary to make it competitive.

We need to get a handle on all this speculation and construction--especially the mega energy-sucking monoliths. They are ruining our neighborhoods and our quality of life.

I urge you to get on board with cleaning up the storm water runoff.

As regards preservation of buildings designated historic in the county, I would like the county to make public and seek citizen input in the criteria used. The City has designated in their proposal some buildings that are clearly "junk" and "eyesores," fit only to be torn down and replaced by something more aesthetic.

I personally experienced the horrible service/information services at the pitkin county airport last winter and stress that there must be major improvements in the airports information system with regards to flight going into and out of Aspen, specifically there needs to be a web component on the pitkin county airports website that lets flyers know if there flights are cancelled, delayed, etc. It was absolutely horrible last year looking on the website and seeing that your flight was planned to depart on time, then driving to the airport to wait and look at the flight display boards only to find out that they cancelled the flight at the last minute, all this occurring when the planes that were scheduled to fly were still in Denver!! they were not even at the Aspen airport! To me this is absurdly bad and there must be huge improvements in the information systems and service at the pitkin county airport including the staff training and ability to inform the public about their flights in an efficient and proper manner. Also, it's ridiculous that the preservation of Historic properties and qualities of Aspen like the S curve are even taken into consideration with the daily traffic mess that lines up every day from the traffic lights at the Airport to Buttermilk all the way into town, and then out again at the end of the day. The priority needs to be on efficiency of the traffic situation - two lanes each way, and not the petty outdated "aesthetic value" of the S curve. This is the biggest issue facing Aspen at this time.

Wake up! Da' busses are just big cars! Get the old NASA engineers together and build a pilot program for auto congestion problems in our country. Build a 'mag-lev' train, which follows the state highway system. But don't think small. Get multi-county, state, and federal dollars. Build it from Grand Junction all the way to Aspen. Pick up all those potential bedroom communities along the way. People sitting in line in their cars watch a mag-lev whisk past at 120 MPH, and some of them might just figure it out. With the cost of gas, and the gas and oil industry paying way more than service industry businesses, you've got real problems in the future. I am no politician, but I can see the writing on the wall. Shit, even a blind man knows when the sun stops shining!

When you speak of pitkin county, most people assess the community they live in which is within Pitkin County. I don't know if you are actually receiving a correct assessment of the county vs Aspen or Snowmas or even Basalt.

Trust Mick Ireland to slow down growth in Aspen and the county should follow his lead...It is out of control (Willits is an eyesore) and so many of us are leaving because we are not at home anymore with all the glitz...

Pitkin County needs to protect every little bit of the water they have from the fork, and keep the thirsty front rangers at bay. It is imperative we protect what little water we have.

"Better roads. Free parking"

"No 4-lane through Marolt Open Space"

"More removal of bears"

"Continue to upgrade airport"

"Try to keep the 'country' rural and control the castles"

"Ruining scenic/rural quality w/ development. Wildlife decreasing- can't migrate!"

"Save the bears & elk. Minimize the human impact"

"Visual quality impaired by too much housing. Airport ok, but airlines bad"

"More purchase of open space; less paved trails!! Less decimating nature!"

"The airport has assumed a life of its own & never stops expanding."

"Please limit home sizes. Too many massive 'homes'"

"90ea"

"Employees of P.C. should wear uniforms or ID pins or vests"

"Monster homes are not rural in character"

"stop killing bears"

"Don't remove wild life for 'safety'. Get our water back in the Roaring Fork!!"

"Website can offer more about robust content/active business functions/info"

"Stop all that awful development in Willits and vicinity"

"116. Fire places pollute the air. 111. Animals allowed in restaurants construction noises"

"Better online accountability"

"There is no rental housing for my employees"

"Shorten length of time a place is under construction"

"Keep it natural. Stop spending on trail improvement"

"Should do better job with bears- start shooting people."

"Better airport service"

"Too many latino's in schools and receiving free benefits that citizens don't get!!!"

"Need a fenced dog park"

"Make more rules for on trail activities- not on roads"

"We need to expand recycling to include things other communities recycle"

"Too many unleashed dogs chasing wildlife"

"Limit # of aircraft allowed to fly into our airport (we understand this is not really up to the county, though)"

"Need move/or somewhere to generate a landscape business not in Rifle"

"Keep up the good work!"

"No bike trail through Filoha Meadows"

"Too much water is going to eastern slope."

#'s 114 and 119= should be blank.

" Don't shoot our bears"

"Airport- more friendly; helpful- not bigger"

" More is not better. Localize food energy. Work where you live"

"Stop improving the airport"

#116-122= "not sure"

"Noise control on construction needed"

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Responses for Open Ended question # 131 - Direction

It really depends on the issue.

AND I THINK MOST OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD IS HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION TOO.

Pitkin County is status quo to me.

too much construction everywhere

I think it is very difficult to get anything accomplished in this county...attention to serious issues, etc.

always correcting

TO MANY BIG HOUSES THAT NO ONE LIVES IN

please don't waste time on social topics that should be left to individuals

I have no idea in what direction the County is going

right on some things wrong on others

Mostly positive, although I do have some concern about the manner in which planning decisions are sometime made.

pitkin county is loosing a lot of the great things that i enjoyed growing up there

depends on specific issues

We feel the entire Roaring Fork Valley is growing much too fast. The Impacts are yet to be felt. Increased air and water pollution, etc.

EMPLOYEE HOUSEING IS A JOKE AND KEEP THE POOR, POOR!

How many times do we have to vote on the S curves?

Too much development!

Not sure

right direction, until you run out of money by not raising property taxes

How well they handle further development

Not sure.

too much interference in development and use of land beyond FAR, setbacks, zoning

I feel there is a great deal of talk in the right direction, but not enough action. Housing, trails, storm water runoff/ participate with the Cities.

Not sure

We have only lived here since March. It's a bit early to tell.

Don't necessarily know, but we have major employee housing issues.

Mixed

Taking baby steps in the right direction.

Pitkin is doing as well as can be expected, in general. Problems are in Aspen, Snowmass Village and Eagle. Hwy 82 will look like US1 pretty soon.

for us in Aspen, only since Mick, JE and Jack are on council is there any hope

I don't think anyone has an idea

"Turning into string town"

"Depends on the issue!"

"both- most areas allowable house size way too large total waste of resources"

"funny"

"Too much growth & density"

"Limit growth & home sites no more time shares too much impact"

"with the newly elected officials"

"Stop development"

"Everyday more construction is causing a lower quality of life! Make them cover all of costs-roads schools library etc."

"Aspen & Pitkin county are a little heavy on regulation"

not sure

"Don't know"

communists

Losing property rights

"-traffic"

"don't know"

"Less development & more nature."

"too much growth-too many large single family homes"

"some right some wrong"

"?"

"Crystal River Valley needs more county attention.

too much growth

mixed

"Even keel"

"generally"

"This seems like the fork in the road where the scale could be tipped in either direction."

"Not sure"

"don't know"

"More restricted growth needed"

"questional"

"?"

"Hard to say at this time. If histoic a brd 48 passes way to hwy 6"

"Over develope- conformity to other towns"

"I prefer less development."

"Sometimes right. Othertimes wrong"

some wrong; some right

"City council doesn't follow local rules well enough act like they are king"

"Resting on past accomplishments Need to gear up for enviromental protecting less consumption less resource use-"

50-50

depends on issue

Responses for Open Ended question # 132 - Suggestions:

It seems that many decisions that are made are for the benefit of our cash-cow...tourism. I understand that without tourism our town would not be what it is but we used to be more about the local community and when that is the focus tourism has more to come and experience than the glitz and glamore. Our downtown store-fronts are becoming less like Aspen and more like any other "city" in the country. We need to move back to the unique side of the spectrum because that is what made Aspen..Aspen.

More education on bear awareness and increase in fines to those that break the wildlife protection enforcement code. More bear awareness to visitors would help.

Too many cranes and trucks--summer was like a war zone!

STOP DEVELOPERS! STOP GROWTH! STOP TIME SHARES! ENCOURAGE TOURIST RENTAL ACCOMODATIONS! ENCOURAGE EMPLOYEE HOUSING NOT RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION! REQUIRE ALL DEVELOPMENTS TO PROVIDE OVER 100% EMPLOYEE HOUSING TO NOT ONLY TAKE CARE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES BUT SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES NOT PREVIOUSLY TAKEN CARE OF; ONLY IF AND WHEN OVER 100% OF EMPLOYEE HOUSING RELATED TO A PROJECT IS TAKEN CARE OF WILL WE EVER SEE A REVERSAL IN THE CURRENT TREND.

a sliding scale for property taxes- alleviate the low income earners, and tax more heavily luxuries: less efficient dwellings- i.e. FAR, 2nd homes...

Pitkin County needs to be more Market oriented. Otherwise, the employee housing and low cost housing issues are going to encourage too much low cost housing with poor education priorities,outside second home owners and retirees.

Pitkin County is changing too much. A couple of years ago Aspen was great, yes it had some faults but thats what gave it character. This town should not be "perfect" just because its Aspen. I am disgusted that so much building is be done. Employee housing is being sold as fractional ownerships, rent is kicking local business' out of town, crime is moving closer, vandalism is happening much more, all in all aspen is losing what makes aspen. It is becoming just another town that houses big company names and does not care about the locals. This needs to stop or aspen will continue to go downhill. People are getting too greedy, forget about money and worry about small town feel, the community and return to the simple aspen that used to be here.

Please get the straight shot entry to Aspen, our air is poisonous. a straight shot will let the traffic flow and reduce those emissions which polutte our air. THIS IS URGENT Thanks

BRT

Keep Pitkin County rural!

Government is growing entirely too large, has too many employees on the payroll doing far too little. Affordable housing could be turned over to a professional management company with guidelines. Building permits could be put in a lottery and slowed down. How many affordable housing units are filled with government workers, many of them soon to be retired? There is "No End in Sight" for this government.

The country desperately needs to work with Aspen's City Council and that of Basalt to increase the amount of workforce housing, especially balancing rental and home ownership opportunities. It is shocking that state tax credits, available for over 25 years, haven't been employed in meeting the workforce housing needs of the valley

we need to keep our teachers in the public schools. better housing opportunities would help.

The development is still too fast and too dense, but otherwise, I really enjoy our community

See prior.

Both residential and commercial growth needs to come to a screeching halt.

Fix the roads and along roads, eliminate the noisy jets.

we need to enforce stronger environmental measures for supersized homes; their consumption of natural resources (construction & remodels) and subsequent ongoing energy costs for heating/cooling/gardening, day-to-day maintenance is overwhelming... and every individual who works on these homes drives from downvalley everyday... all the cars are not going to the core - they are going to all the trophy homes.

Stop giving out all those building permits, listen to the public when they all say they are against a specific development.

Aspen Snowmass is losing its local community feel as it becomes difficult for people to afford real estate here. People live down valley and commute to their jobs which reduces its local feeling.

raise county taxes keep improvement happening for our county departments for we are always growing and always room for improvements, if we got it lets make it better, WE MUST NEVER do less than what we are doing.

The county is being overdeveloped too fast. Currently growth feels out of control.

My choice in question 131 of 'Wrong Direction' is based on the massive amount of construction going on in the valley. I feel there need to be more control in this area. I would also like to see a bigger push for renewable energy and green building with new construction.

I know it's difficult to control growth but the proliferation of monster homes that stand empty most of the time, the increased traffic, density and congestion, the and the need for expansion of services of all kinds have eroded the quality of life that has drawn us to this valley. We can only try to control it as best we can but it is discouraging.

See my answer to better communication. I think no one in government in Aspen or the county has any idea of an overall vision for the region and even if they did, it probably would not be realistic.

I am concerned about the amount of continuing growth. Will we be able to support growth with the available water and utility supplies?

Mick Ireland has no business in converting properties from free market to restricted for any reason. He is a self-serving arrogant, self-righteous, jerk!

Lose the HOV lane

Venturoni Surveys & Research, Inc.

limit development, limit house size, improve mass transit, more affordable housing, less auto traffic

There should be a direct usage tax on any home that exceeds a normal (single family home) energy signature. It should be a charge every year until the home meets those requirements. The money should be given to any home under the signature to further reduce their energy consumption, In this way instead of a one time fee to the super mansions who use all the energy when no one is home, it would be a continuous fee that will offset the energy waste that ultimately is a burden on the worker bees in higher rates on energy. I wish I could take advantage of the no interest solar loans but like so many of my freinds I need to pay my everyday bills and not take on anymore debt, our cost of living keeps going up with the higher energy rates.

Re question 130 above. Our property taxes were about right but we anticipate this will change very much for the worse because our assessed value increased by a whopping 91 percent! And what we have to pay for Colorado Mountain College is absurd for value received.

we need to figure out how to allow for diversity in the county, the commuting problem needs to be addressed as well...it serioulsy lowers the quality of life and peoples energy to foster a sense of community if they are spending hours in their cars every day.

The county needs to realize that the ABC is the largest concentration of residents in the unincorporated part of the county and build trails that go other directions besides Aspen.

As per my comment to 122, the county appears to be on a single track to justify it's positions with one sided questionnaires. There needs to be more consideration of sides other than those expressed in these questions.

because of the trickle down effect where landlords need to charge as high a rent as they do for businesses, you see costs always going up and wages remaining constant, add to that a dwindling supply of affordable housing and who will be here to work at the menial jobs none of the idyll rich want to do. Eventually the rich will move on, once they realize that they cant get any good "help". maybe less and less services are necessary because of the increasing numbers of second (third, fourth, and fifth) home owners.

The county especially the Community development dept. needs to spend more time planning and less on micro managing single family houses. Planning means population analysis, surveys, traffic and housing needs,etc. Delays for small projects such as additions to homes take months-planners need deadlines-1-3 months OK longer is not acceptable.

New legislation from Commissioners is too restrictive and too cumbersome. Same with City of Aspen. All efforts to 'maintain rural character' merely make it more expensive to live and work here and more difficult to enjoy living and working here.

Changing the tune on growth makes life difficult. Either set a growth target and stick to it or don't. People can adjust to either. What is hard to adjust to is constant changes in either direction.

Fractional ownerships, pervasive condo developments, and unoccupied 10,000 SF plus homes hurt the community character. Fractionals are the worst though. Other established high end resort towns such as Gstaad, Zermatt, and St. Moritz do not have this concept. Aspen will lose its appeal if it becomes another Vail or Breckenridge. Fractionals cheapen Aspen's appeal and damage the community by intensifying the density of non primary residents. The current administration seems to have a much stronger backbone on preventing this growth, and i hope it continues.

In the 50 years that I've lived in Pitkin County I have seen the quality of life go downhill as more and more development squeezes this valley tighter and tighter. The quality of services the county offers is very good. But there has to be a way that developers pay more for the impacts they make on these services. The other counties in this valley are growing much too fast and the results are not going to be good for anyone other than the developers. The impact of huge homes and the energy they consume should be looked at. Dropping the max square footage to 10,000 or less would be a good start at reducing our carbon footprint.

again, 5 years and free. with the great amount of revenue Pitkin County gets, the restricted houseing should become completely free and unrestricted after 5 years of ownership and occupation!

There is too much government involvement in Pitkin County. I believe in less, rather than more, government involvement. For example, supply and demand would take care of housing without all of the rules, which are largely abused (with regard to employee and deed restricted housing).

We need to stop allowing such large developments and get back to the small town feel we all (and tourists) came here for. We cater to much to the rich and have forgotten about the "real" community

There is too much staff to run the government. Why so many people to enforce laws both Sheriff's department, police, building dept. etc.

STOP OR SLOW DOWN DEVELOPMENT, MY GOODNESS REST A LITTLE THERE WILL BE MORE PM10 THEN ANYONE CAN IMAGINE VERY VERY SOON, ETC... ETC... UNDERSTAND THE POINT, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK, PEACE!!! :)

I think there is a sense among many county residents that we are not represented. I think this feeling is pervasive regardless of our individual economic situation.

see answer to identical question #122

The mega houses are ruining this place. You need to outlaw big houses.

More on the bus system - how about a way to get to Glenwood that doesn't go through every stop along the way - express buses in both directions throughout the day. Have you every ridden the local from Glenwood up to Snowmass or Aspen?? Also, the cost of housing is a big concern. We don't know if our children will be able to afford living on their own up here once they have completed college - they may decide to live elsewhere.

The increasing cost of living in ALL aspects of life here, not just housing, combined with declining job opportunities, increase in traffic and congestion, will eventually cause me to leave this area. Though I love it here, its just a matter of time before I will have to leave. Came to this area too late to afford housing.

how about a cap on construction permits? And enforcing the 5750 sq.ft. ordinance. What happened to that?

Less governmental interference in private property rights and issues; prop 30 was a bad idea. Too much bureaucracy means that only the rich can afford to build, remodel, etc., because they have the luxury of time, resources, legal advice, etc.

The traffic is silly! It is not working from Buttermilk to Main Street.

We need to be more aggressive and proactive in tackling community challenges - namely too much growth, lack of affordable housing, intercultural integration, wildlife/environmental preservation. Take a closer look at housing options being used in other communities/counties like La Plata/Durango. Let's think outside the box! Help to inform voters if there are issues on the state ballot that will affect our county. Many are uninformed about how state laws affect local issues. Consider sponsoring a public lecture/forum to educate the public on state laws that affect our community.

Traffic congestion coming into and out of Aspen every day from construction vehicles and workers is out of control and measures need to be taken to regulate the number of trucks, amount of traffic, and the number of projects occurring. When will it end? Also major emphasis needs to be on completing two lanes going into and out of Aspen from the Airport all the way into town. Postponing this is a sad joke, and is bad for community mental and physical health.

I favor continued and stronger support of Health and Human Services.

Slow it down, use discernment, get rid of Xgames mentality where there is a conference for everything, anything gets built. Support the city in trying to redeem Aspen. Stop promoting Aspen "philanthropists" to show up like these angels when really, it should have been called "The Animal Tax Shelter"

People in employee housing are not paying their fair share of the property taxes.

"Path & buses good. Disincentives- Evil"

#130= about right and a little low, are both marked.

"Keep all roads & housing off open space" #80= "in summer"

#69= "Parking-2, Services-5"

"We need immigration control officers & offices here!"

"I love it here!!!"

#91= both own and rent are marked.

"Too many road signs, reflectors etc.- We controlled private signage- how about some control on government signage"

#80= "not all seasons" #91= "home owned by my significant other"

"We need to grow, however new people are suburban not rural & county is changing." #108= Both 2 and 3 are marked.

"To much congested building."

"think snow" Written on front page: "Sorry- no computer" #30= "Where ya gonna build? - not much-growth" Written crooked across #59-63= "Who really knows" #71= "Overpaid" #73="Go Lax"

#112= both 3 and 5 are marked.

"More carefully through-out employee housing"

"Preserve existing rural characters & rural feel for small (dirt) trails (not paved highways! like Rio Grande!" #s 65 and 76= should be blank. #93= "grown"

"Prohibit massive snow melt systems-especially in residential."

#130= "for the services we get"

"We need to keep a balance of all economic classes-workers & rich"

"Keo more open space. No more urbanization"

#s 11, 13, and 16 each have check marks beside the item number not in the scale.

"Keep up the good work! Increase free entertainment" #13= both 3 and 4 are marked.

"We are suffering from too much to fast." #20="Stillwater?" #22="Not aware of meetings not in incorporated area" #27="How many ponds can a homeowner build returns stream flows!" #38="too late?" #82="should require recycling" #87="Fine bear proof container offenders"

"Mayor is fantastic"

"Require alternate energy ie solar when people want to build bigger than allowed- TDR + energy payment in lieu of actually installing solar is not enough!" #60="use less mag chloride" #62="too many services for" #74="need more pick up spots for recycle" #89="4 lane into Aspen" #130="Aspen needs to cover some of county costs- it is the driving force for increase in costs+ more development"

"Make development process easier"

#80="aprox when in town"

#69="nice people-need to offer a wider range of books- it is primarily an 'entertainment' library- mostly recent fiction + best seller type non fiction" #80="once a week in bad weather (winter) 2-5 times a week in good weather"

#130="Don't know- I rent"

"Stop the growth and pollution. Answers you get for #'s 10-18 and 27-31 may not be accurate- the questions are confusing" #10-18="great need- little benefit being derived from these now. confusing question" #27="confusing question" #'s 28 & 29="Great need- not benefiting from this now" #30="? too much growth" #31="great need poorly managed" Written along the edge of back page: "The bigger the construction projects the lower the numbers will go. 121. Killing bears when people are at fault by leaving homes open"

"There is no community left just pricey stores, restaurants, & second home owners"

"My metro tax (property) is more than Red Mountain (size to size)!!!" #20="Metro District" #24="unknown" #90="Grandfathered" #'s 125-129="Outrageous! Why can they vote?"

Don't take property rights (required historic is bogus) If you want it, pay fair market value after due process and condemnation procedures passed.

"Too few people in the city vote -their decision affects thousands of people"

Written on front of survey: "done by e-mail- this printing was too small!!! Would be willing to answer more questions but email went out before I put in email address- mtndelight@comcast.net"

#s 48 and 50= both 3 and 5 are marked.

"Get the Castle Creek Bridge done!!" #18="Starwood!"

Typed across top of 2nd and 3rd pages: "There is a low grade lawless-ness ever apparent in Aspen/surrounding area Folks act like laws are for the witless and not them! Check the City Mkt parking lot/street and see how many vehicles sit idling @ 6-7 am. Construction vehicles appear immune to this rule NOISE AND TRAFFIC are intolerable!!! No wonder there is so much anger here Traffic/street signage seem irrelevant...s madman on very NOISY scooter scoots down KING street (the WRONG) way a half dozen times a day. There is a LOT of selfish, RUDE behavior"

"Require solar & alternate energy on all new development" #117= Both 2 and 3 are marked.

"-Git rid of HOV lanes -finalize entrance to Aspen issue."

#128= "permanent res."

"Controlle Growth" #6= "lived 12-owned 3" #64= "Disaster get another airline" #88= "Need better trail from Intercea to ABC(NDT going to W/J)"

"Slow growth, reduce auto traffic -no highway work on busy hours 7-9am 3-6pm"

"Invest more in employees"

Written on front page: "This print is way too small!" #34= "Redstone"

"We need to come up with more water storage facilities"

"Stop the abuse of employee housing. There seems to be no interest in punishing abusers."

"Too much 'wrong' development"

"Place requirements or new development re: green building, renewable energy, and reduced carbon footprint." #90=">? centennial rental" #130= "We don't own"

"Think of your full time newer residents as well"

"We need more employee housing to keep abreast of the scope & replace set."

"More control on growth of Aspen, Snowmass etc. Traffic terrible. Need infrastructure"

"hold back growth."

#9/film= "sometimes" #14= "What is this" #64= "United I have stopped flying out of Aspen due to cancelled flights consistently"

"Too much building. houses too large- using too much Natural Resources- creating more traffic. Big houses are causing traffic, pollution, adding to global warming. Must restrict size" #48= both 3 and 4 are marked.

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#105= both 4 and 5 are marked.

#21= "Castle Creek"

"Place community & environment before development and money- no exceptions.

"If there is designated gistic alw drop but mad so up- alor right! Better Gov it"

#87= "Have less signs"

"Identify housing termination upon 65 years"

#111- "should be blank"

"We need police to monitor Zebra Crossing in summer. Tourists drive like maniacs."

Commissioners do not listen."

"Chd not respond on line"

"Need to better control growth intelligently, based on sustainability."

#90= "On historic list"

#64= "want Frontier" #84= "More items" #103-121= "very similar to q34" #120= "Frontier!!"

"Houses should not be only larger than 3500 sq ft."

"Replace 6th street crosswalk- there is no side walk southside"

#130= "(espeically for homes >1,000,000"

"More hotel beds, employee housing, & less monster homes"

#98 high school graduate or GED

"More growth control!"

"great organization; good people"

#119 - Should be blank

#65 should be blank