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# Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open-ended question included on The NCS 2018 survey for Marin County. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about Marin County government priorities in the following question:

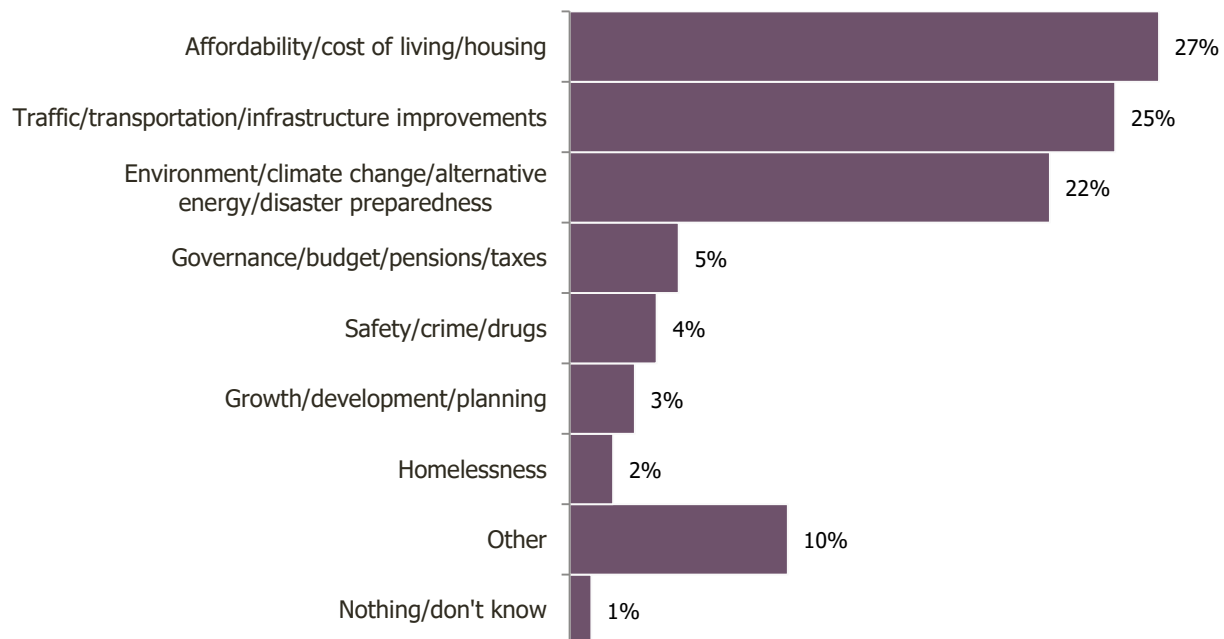
- What do you think is the single biggest priority Marin County government should focus on in the next two years?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 695 surveys were completed by Marin County residents; of these, 550 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question. The top three priority categories listed by residents were affordability/cost of living/housing, traffic/transportation/infrastructure improvements and environment/climate change/alternative energy/disaster preparedness. Other priorities listed included governance/budget/pensions/taxes, safety/crime/drugs, growth/development/planning, and homelessness.

Figure 1: Open-ended question

*What do you think is the single biggest priority Marin County Government should focus on in the next two years?*



# Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Question

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

## What do you think is the single biggest priority Marin County Government should focus on in the next two years?

### Affordability/cost of living/housing

- (1) Affordable housing. (2) Improving road conditions.
- (1) Affordable housing. (2) Pay rates commensurate w/ cost of living in Bay Area/Marin.
- (1) Affordable housing. (2) Traffic congestion.
- (1) Housing. (2) Restricting growth along the SMART corridor. (3) Addressing serious climate change challenges (rising sea levels on 101). (4) Fire Prevention.
- Address lack of affordable housing for the county's workforce and retirees.
- Affordability- business needs employees- they (employees) are not in MARIN. Why are we sending this survey to NJ?
- Affordability for labor/ service workers & families (followed closely by adaptation to climate change).
- AFFORDABILITY FOR MIDDLE CLASS.
- AFFORDABILITY.
- Affordable & workforce housing. NO MORE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES! (Specifically 1-2 bed room apartments).
- Affordable (really, truly affordable) housing for all.
- Affordable dental care/ affordable mental health care/ affordable housing for low income citizens. Better system for homeless people- get State of California involved.
- Affordable healthcare & housing.
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING & GOOD TRANSIT.
- Affordable housing & low income (HUD) properties available.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING & PROPERTY TAXES.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING & QUALITY HEALTHCARE.
- Affordable housing & traffic congestion. Fire safety.
- Affordable housing- 2nd unit's legal without tax penalty.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALONG HIGHWAY 101 CORRIDOR.
- Affordable housing and ethnic diversity.
- Affordable housing and homelessness.
- Affordable housing and services for homeless persons.
- Affordable housing for middle income people & low income.
- Affordable housing for public servants (i.e. teachers, social workers, etc.)
- Affordable housing for workers, low-and moderate income residents, seniors and young families.
- Affordable housing in the southern parts of the county. It all seems to be in Novato
- Affordable housing should be a top priority.
- Affordable housing then traffic.
- Affordable housing!
- Affordable housing! I m a full-time RN difficult to make ends meet w/ Marin housing costs.
- Affordable housing!!!
- Affordable housing, easing flow of traffic, planning for climate change on county wide level.
- Affordable housing, jobs, bring businesses.

- Affordable housing, side walk repair i.e. Corte Madera Ave. No real side walk for peds to walk- "I take my life" each time I cross the street from home.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TRAFFIC, LESS STRICT BUILDINGS DEPT. & PLANNING DEPT (HORRIBLE).
- Affordable housing, traffic.
- Affordable housing.
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- AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
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- Affordable housing.
- Affordable housing. Climate change.
- Affordable housing. I would love to stay in Marin County long-term, but I make over \$100k/year and cannot afford to buy a home here and my rent is constantly increasing.
- Affordable housing. I'm 27, have a Master's degree, work full time and will never be able to own a home.
- Affordable housing. Mental health services.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING. More town houses & condos for older adults so they can stay in their home county. Way too expensive here.
- Affordable housing. Road safety. Senior services.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING. TRAFFIC.
- Affordable housing. Young residents and middle-class are being priced out and pushed out.
- Affordable housing/ traffic control.
- Affordable housings.
- Affordable housings.
- Affordable living for all income levels.
- Affordable restaurants (family friendly) shopping in Northern Marin.
- Affordable senior housing.
- Available affordable housing. So have a more diverse population, and so teachers, firefighters, law enforcement & service workers can afford to live here.
- Build ONLY low cost housing until our mandated numbers are met. Only then, allow other development.
- Cost of housing.
- COST OF LIVING (PROP. TAXES).
- Cost of living in Marin Country is outrageous.
- Cost of living.
- Creating more affordable housing and desegregating Marin City.
- Creating more affordable housing options & programs to support and enforce vegetation management for property owners.
- Creating more affordable housing.
- En la vivienda el control de renta

- High rent! Needs a ceiling!
- Housing & not having government employees retire with such large salaries!!
- Housing & transportation issues. Workforce/ transit centered planning.
- Housing (availability & affordability). Addressing dangers of wildfire.
- Housing affordability and roadblocks to building more houses.
- Housing cost rent or mortgage.
- Housing costs, traffic congestion, clean community, get rid of homeless.
- Housing.
- Housing.
- HOUSING. COST OF LIVING.
- Housing. Economic Development.
- HOUSING. Year after year nothing gets done. I will be leaving Marin as soon as I can. This county is rooted in its ways and makes it impossible for the next generation to settle, buy a house, and start a family.
- Increasing affordable housing & childcare.
- Increasing development of multi-family dwellings (apartments, etc.). The quality of apartment for the amount of money is very unbalanced in Marin, and I would discourage future residents from living here purely on a basis of rent costs.
- It would be nice to have affordable rental units for seniors and better local transportation may be expanded services by whistle stop - may be same day service for doctor appointments, etc.
- Keeping Marin affordable and addressing climate change.
- LIMIT HOUSING TO BE EQUAL TO H2O SUPPLY!
- LOW COST HOUSING.
- LOW COST HOUSING. ROADS ARE BAD. TRAFFIC IS A MESS ON 101.
- Make affordable housing for workers in Marin County.
- Making home and economy in county more affordable. The cost of living and high home prices are pushing middle class families, like mine, out of the county.
- Making houses affordable. I make \$105k/yr. Have to stay in Marin due to a split household. I drive to Los Altos every day to work. Rent for a small house= \$3k +.
- Making Marin affordable for young families before they are forced to relocate.
- Making Marin more affordable for all of us.
- Moderate to low income housing.
- More affordable housing.
- Preserving affordable housing and bringing the community together.
- Provide affordable housing for essential lower wage folks such as teachers, artists, government workers, etc. who are key to keeping Marin a special place.
- Rent control.
- SENIOR & LOW INCOME HOUSING.
- Senior/affordable housing.
- THE ABILITY FOR SOMEONE TO AFFORD TO BUY A HOME WHO HAS A GOOD JOB WHO'S LIVED IN THIS COUNTY ALL HIS/HER LIFE, EVERY HOUSE IS NOT WORTH A MILLION.
- The affordability factor- our first responders, teachers and all who support a vibrant economy must be able to live here.
- TIE BETWEEN HOUSING & ROADS/ TRAFFIC.
- Too expensive to live here.
- Vivienda accesible, rentas moderada
- Workforce housing.

#### Traffic/transportation/infrastructure improvements

- (1) Commute traffic passing through the county. (2) Affordable housing for our teachers and service personnel.
- (1) Infrastructure improvement. (2) Affordable quality housing for seniors & families.
- (1) Traffic (2) Homeless. (3) Cleaning Roadways.

- 1. heavy traffic issues on the 101 and Richmond Bridge access points, mainly Sir Francis Drake East Bound.
- 2. Having the community prepared for a major fire event.
- 101 SOUTH MORNING COMMUTE.
- A traffic plan! It can take 20-30 minutes to get from Fairfax to 101.
- ACTUALLY MAKE HOV LANES USABLE BY EXPANDING HOURS. MARIN GOVERNMENT IS NOT GREEN.
- As a 47 year resident, I'm having to now plan each day around traffic. It's a headache!
- AUTO/TRUCK TRAFFIC REDUCTION!!! (BUILD A WALL ACROSS 101 AT THE SONOMA COUNTY LINE!)
- AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC/ SAFETY OF ROADS.
- Bike lanes on major streets. MORE BIKE TRAILS in open space and parks.
- CLEANER PUBLIC AREAS, ALONG HIGHWAYS, ON RAMPS/OFF RAMPS AND STREETS.
- Commute is a big problem, please try to fix it. Too many houses.
- Congestion on freeways. Clearing dead trees, brush along Novato Creek et al where near homes to prevent flooding and fire damage.
- Continue road repairs/upgrades- reduce global warming impacts. Make strong efforts to reduce major fire danger.
- Developing infrastructure to accommodate any potential growth, i.e. Highway 101.
- DREDGING, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, HOUSING.
- Easing congestion on 101 Highway and in town.
- Especially Hwy 37.
- Fix our roads develop extra freeway lanes.
- FIX ROADS.
- Fix the ROADS TRAVEL TIME.
- Fix the roads, solve the 101 traffic nightmare.
- Fix the ROADS. Stop wasting my tax \$s on non-essential items, like stupid golf courses. Nice bungle job. Reduce the pension obligations. Stop hiring consultants.
- Fixing public roads and public safety.
- FIXING ROADS.
- FIXING THE TERRIBLE ROADS.
- Getting roads repaired; potholes are a real problem, hinder traffic flow, cause accidents & wear & tear on vehicles.
- Heavy traffic on 101. We need more lanes and reliable and affordable public transportation.
- HIGHWAY TRAFFIC.
- HWY 101 TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM!
- I think that they should focus on improving bus transportation and traffic within the city.
- Improve and repair our roadways so that people can get around better.
- Improved transportation alternatives.
- Improvement in transportation systems- (traffic) & providing affordable housing.
- Improving condition of roads and traffic. I have to spend thousands of dollars a year on fires/alignment/shocks, etc. for my car because of road conditions. Marin county is NOT a third world country.
- Improving infrastructure (highways, roads) especially North-South access and in San Rafael.
- Improving the flow of traffic on Hwy 101 and major arteries.
- IMPROVING THE FLOW OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
- Improving traffic congestion
- Improving transportation.
- increasing use of public transportation/decreasing traffic
- Infrastructure
- Infrastructure & improvement of Francisco Blvd E. off ramp & 580 new ramp/bridge to connect to SR Bridge & not use SIR FRANCIS DRAKE. FIX POTHOLES.
- Infrastructure i.e. roads, easing traffic. Doing whatever it takes to deal with climate change. Protect beautiful Marin.
- INFRA-STRUCTURE- IMPROVE ROADS/ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

- Infrastructure improvements.
- Infrastructure- potholes in major roads.
- Infrastructure- roads & bridges.
- Infrastructure- roads i.e. finish 101 between Novato & Petaluma.
- Infrastructure with climate change, clean air/water & healthy environment in mind, & improve systems/govt. practices that support infrastructure & rule of law- both for effectiveness & trust of the people. Proper systems protect democracy.
- INFRASTRUCTURE, ROADS, TRANSPORTATION.
- Infrastructure.
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- INFRASTRUCTURE.
- Infrastructure maintance /improvement Mental health
- Maintaining current infrastructure. Stop building what you can't maintain long term.
- Maintaining infrastructure.
- Maintenance.
- Managing freeways and freeway traffic (and managing the SMART train more).
- More convenient bus service.
- Open the Camino Alto Tunnel and create a merger for the 101 north to the Richmond Bridge. Bonus eliminate the on ramp by trader does in Corte Madera.
- Providing adequate transportation. Improving infrastructure.
- Public transportation improvement and traffic management.
- Quality of roads & highway. Cleanliness & appearance of roads, highway & neighborhoods.
- Reducing traffic.
- Repair the road. Need affordable houses.
- Repairing roads & freeway cleanup.
- Repairing roads.
- REPAVING ROADS AND UNDER GROUNDING POWER LINES.
- Rethink public transportation so convenience is the most important aspect in travel.
- ROAD & SIDEWALK REPAIR.
- Road conditions.
- ROAD CONDITIONS/ TRAFFIC.
- Road improvements- tunnel or bridge (improvement) for autos and Rte. 101 to S.F.
- ROAD MAINTENANCE.
- Road repair & traffic.
- ROAD REPAIRS.
- Roads & highway trash, (fewer bikes and tourists).
- Roads (infrastructure) & traffic.
- Roads transportation- climate change, fire prevention.
- ROADS WITHOUT POTHOLES.
- ROADWORK, UPGRADE WATER/ SEWER CLEAR TREES/ SHRUBS, PGE HELP.
- SAFE BIKE LANES, ESPECIALLY IN SAN RAFAEL. GET SMART TRAIN TO GO TO FERRY FROM SAN RAFAEL.
- San Rafael TRAFFIC stops due to smart train. LIGHTS ARE POORLY TIMED AND PEOPLE GET TRAPPED ON TRACKS, ALSO TRAFFIC BACKS UP. POOR PLANNING!
- Take care of infrastructure- eliminate funding special interests pet projects that effect relatively few people at expense of overall population.
- Through county transportation AKA ROADS.
- Traffic
- Traffic
- traffic



- traffic
- Traffic & Police/ having enough to service all.
- TRAFFIC & ROAD CONDITION.
- TRAFFIC & ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.
- Traffic abatement!
- Traffic and affordable housing. Teachers cannot afford to live here and they are not paid enough to suffer transportation problems!
- Traffic and road maintenance.
- traffic congestion
- Traffic congestion
- Traffic congestion & public transportation.
- Traffic congestion and flooding
- TRAFFIC CONGESTION EVERYWHERE!
- TRAFFIC CONGESTION- LOWER TAXES.
- Traffic congestion, road, affordable houses.
- Traffic congestion, wildfire safety.
- Traffic congestion.
- Traffic congestion.
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- TRAFFIC CONGESTION.
- Traffic congestion.
- TRAFFIC- constant traffic jams- takes forever to get anywhere- 101, Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Downtown San Rafael.
- Traffic control and flow and street & road maintenance. Many street such as 2nd & 3rd & 4th in San Rafael have gotten handle at 7AM & 3PM.
- Traffic control.
- TRAFFIC CONTROL.
- Traffic issues Climate change
- Traffic issues!
- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT.
- TRAFFIC MEASUREMENT- INCREASED FERRY SERVICE AND PARKING. IF YOU WANT CARS OFF THE ROADS EXPEDITE NEW FERRY SERVICE.
- TRAFFIC MITIGATION.
- Traffic- on freeways & main roads.
- Traffic problem- especially access to 580 through Larkspur Landing & Novato Narrows. Climate change issues.
- TRAFFIC reduction.
- TRAFFIC- ROADS.
- Traffic upgrades- road repair.
- Traffic within cities and roads with major potholes. Get the bikes away from traffic. They are in the way! And have bad attitudes.
- Traffic!
- Traffic!
- Traffic!
- Traffic!
- TRAFFIC!!
- Traffic, both easing congestion and enforcement (which are related ... because poor enforcement frequently causes unnecessary congestion).
- Traffic, commute.
- Traffic, flood protection.
- Traffic, open space preservation, affordability/taxes.
- Traffic, road repair and pollution- cleaning up garbage on the 101 (Horrible!)
- TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC.

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- TRAFFIC.
- Traffic. Fire Prevention.
- Traffic. Highway traffic flow in emergency conditions.
- TRAFFIC. HOUSING- AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ESP. FOR SENIORS PROTECTING OPEN SPACE; CONTROLLING OVER DEVELOPMENT.
- Traffic. Housing. Reduce fee's easier access to building.
- Traffic. Infrastructure. Work housing.
- Traffic. Road repair.
- TRAFFIC/ HOUSING.
- TRANSPORT/ TRAFFIC.
- Transportation friendly housing.
- Transportation, especially the vulnerability of a single north-south corridor (101) were it to fail in an emergency such as an earthquake.
- Transportation.
- Transportation. For those of us who commute to S.F. for work, coming home on 101 is a nightmare. The idea of public transportation is great but even if I can get parking (of San Rafael transit center) there is only one bus/hr. (except for a 7:48 bus) to SF Civic Center. Please do not take away the parking at San Rafael Center as is proposed. With delays in the 1x/hr. bus it already can take 1 hr. 50 minutes to get home. No parking would increase the commuter substitutes. Cordially w/ golden gate transit to make public transport to/from SF a viable option would be immensely helpful.
- TRANSPORTATION. IT IS BECOMING HARDER AND HARDER TO BE ABLE TO DRIVE AROUND THIS COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC. A CONNECTION FROM HWY. 101 TO THE RICHMOND/SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE NEEDS TO BE BUILT.
- TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC ISSUES. Affordable housing w/o impacting the community negatively- re appropriate design, traffic and spacing considerations.
- UPGRADE HOV HOURS TO MATCH EAST BAY! 5AM-10AM & 3PM-7PM! STOP PANDERING TO OIL & SNOW. YOU CARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT! MARIN IS A GREEN JOKE! WALK THE WALK!
- Upgrade infrastructure.
- UPGRADING INFRASTRUCTURE.

#### Environment/climate change/alternative energy/disaster preparedness

- "Community" building as regarding disaster preparedness, aging in place through a program that can bring neighbors together more.
- (1) CLIMATE CHANGE. (2) Climate change. (3) Climate change also climate change.
- (1) Fire safety. (2) Bike lanes.
- (1) Improve fire safety and disaster reporting including evacuation paths in case of fire. (2) Improve public transit to SF- BART to Marin. Make earlier ferry times.
- (1) Wildfire preparedness.(2) Alleviating traffic on major corridors i.e.: Sir Francis Drake.
- [?] FIRE DANGER.

- 1- keep upper hand for fire managemnet & prevention 2- keep road safe & in good condition to allow mousement of asicents
- Abating fire danger. Clearing out Eucalyptus & Scotch broom and Pampas grass. Staying on top of crime. Earthquake & flood preparedness.
- Achieving a carbon zero or carbon negative environment. Get people into electric cars, reduce traffic congestion, especially during rush hour, interest free loans for solar installations and energy upgrades.
- Address climate change.
- Addressing natural effects (wild fires) of climate change.
- All aspects of climate change.
- Balancing preservation with smart growth
- Chemicals on/in food, encouraging business environment.
- Climate & disaster prep.
- climate change
- Climate change (drought).
- Climate change and sea level rising
- CLIMATE CHANGE and WILDFIRE.
- CLIMATE CHANGE ESPECIALLY HOW IT AFFECTS FIRE SAFETY.
- Climate change- fires and flooding issues.
- Climate change impact mitigation and reduction of causes.
- Climate change impacts.
- Climate change related disasters preparedness infrastructure- preserving & providing affordable housing. Traffic Congestion.
- CLIMATE CHANGE- this includes wildfires, floods, and drought.
- Climate change, especially wildfires.
- Climate change.
- Climate change.
- CLIMATE CHANGE.
- CLIMATE CHANGE. ELIMINATING THE USE OF FOSSIL FUELS.
- Climate change. Traffic.
- CLIMATE CHANGE. ZERO WASTE EFFORTS.
- Climate change/public transportation. Roads are to crowded and now all day long. For the safety and congestion of our roads, cities and environment, we need more and better public transportation. We need less cars on our roads/highways and more busses,trains and a push for more bicycling, walking etc. It gets warmer every year and we get less rain, it's time to act before a fire, flood, earthquake etc
- Climate change: preventing fires; floods.
- Climate changes.
- CLIMATE. AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
- CLIMATE/ INFRASTRUCTURE.
- Climate-related & disaster preparedness. Affordable housing, esp. "middle income" groups.
- Climate-related issues, including wildfires.
- Coastal flooding.
- Code enforcement to reduce wildfire exposure. Providing more "chipper days" free to residents to encourage proper fire safety measures in and around properties.
- County should focus on thinning forest, clearing fire fuel, from parks and reserves. Forcing owner to make home fire resistant. Make shredded mulch illegal in all of Marin and encourage resident to switch to more fire resistant mulch.
- Desalination and atmospheric extraction water capacity addition & expanded resovoir capacity to hold reserves.
- EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. RAISE MINIMUM WAGES FOR SENIOR WORKERS.
- Emergency disaster preparedness- especially wildfire prevention & working PG & E to assure power lines are turned off during high winds when they present high fire danger.
- emergency preparations in homes and neighborhoods.
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

- Emergency preparedness.
- Emergency preparedness. Evacuation notes especially for fire.
- Environment and livability.
- Environmental preservation.
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; WILDFIRE PREVENTION SUPPORT TO PREVENT FURTHER CLIMATE CHANGE.
- Evacuation.
- Getting people to be aware of all the dangers of climate change in their lifetimes. Teaching them to get off fossil fuels, go deep green, electric... We have 10-12 yrs.!!! SOLAR REBATES.
- Global warming.
- High Tide Flooding - Sausalito, Town Valley, San Rafael, Kate Sears is NOT a leader on this. Just talk.
- Keeping the bay clean; protection of watershed.
- Must in prevention of fires & mud slides. Power lines need to be underground. Cities need to provide free sanitation for green pick up 4 to 6 X a year to motivate residents to clear bush & shrubs. Majority don't do more due to high cost from MSS.
- NOT SURE IF COUNTY, State, or Federal Govt. but prevention of Forest Fires via utility controls of otherwise. WE NEED TO FEEL SAFE ABOUT Fire possibilities.
- PGE/power lines underground.
- Prepare for climate change by acquiring land to stove off rising tides- create marsh land where mud flats are now.
- Preserving open space.
- Prevent forest fires.
- Promote alternative energy promotion and water conservation.
- Providing information what is causing climate change therefore make smarter choices.
- Reducing private car use. Protecting open space (especially along the coast).
- RESISTING THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL/ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL POLICY ASSAULT ON SCIENCE, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND THEN ENVIRONMENT.
- Sea level rise.
- Sea-level rise.
- SUSTAINABILITY IN EVERYTHING MCG DOES (LOW CARBON, RENEWABLE ENERGY, WATER CONSUMPTION/USE, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CLEAN AIR).
- Sustainable energy.
- WATER.
- Disaster preparedness
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- DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.
- Disaster preparedness. Emergency & ongoing affordable healthcare.
- DISASTER PREVENTION, CLIMATE CHANGE.
- Disaster prevention.
- Disaster protection- floods, fires.
- fire prevention
- Fire prevention & disaster readiness.
- Fire prevention and preparedness.
- Fire prevention- climate change. Crime.
- Fire prevention.
- Fire prevention.
- FIRE PREVENTION. EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TO RESIDENTS.
- Fire prevention. Housing.
- FIRE PROTECTION. TRAFFIC.
- Fire protection/prevention.
- Fire protection: clearing, practicing on escape routes.
- fire safety

- FIRE SAFETY (TOWNS, CITIES & OPEN SPACE NEEDS TO CREATE LARGE FIRE BREAKS AND REMOVE DEAD/DYING TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY- WEEDS, GRASSES, TOO). IT'S DANGEROUS!!
- Fire safety (vegetation/ prescribed burns/ ingress-egress/ public warning).
- FIRE SAFETY FOR OPEN SPACE AND WOODED AREAS TO AVOID PARADISE FIRE, NAPA FIRE, SONOMA CO. FIRE.
- Fire Safety- with all of our open space & in many neighborhoods there is only one road out, we are vulnerable for a massive disaster.
- FIRE SAFETY!!
- FIRE SAFETY, PLEASE. I'm very concerned about corridors getting out of Marin if there was ever a major fire incident. I'm particularly concerned about areas like Fairfax, San Anselmo, Kentfield--where those communities would all be emptying onto Sir Francis Drake. Rush hour traffic makes it bad getting across SFD and onto 101 or 580, I can't imagine if there was a fire. Secondary priority: Economic inequality/expense of living but also protecting the area from becoming over-developed. I live and work in Marin. I have a master's degree and work a professional job with a good salary and yet find that I still struggle to make ends meet. I would love to stay in Marin forever, but I know that I will likely never be able to afford housing here. That's sad!
- Fire safety.
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- FIRE SAFETY.
- Fire safety.
- Fire safety. Installation of roof sprinklers on every home in wooded areas, where cutting and maintaining "100' clearance" from trees means the destruction of the very nature of the local environment, create & program to assist homeowner who cannot afford the work.
- Fire safety/ emergency preparedness. Allow residents to generate maximum renewable energy (solar) without PG & E restricted limits.
- Fire safety; the removal of standing dead trees on public and private property must be priority.
- Fire vulnerability and road access.
- Fires especially those that occur in the fall. Prevention and response and housing (FEMA trailers?) following a disaster.
- Flood control on Novato Creek.
- Flooding and enforcement into Easement Creeks, pathway etc. It has become a major problem and the County does nothing to stop it. Water flood is restricted when encroachment happens and then flood them.
- Flooding in low lying areas and encroachment into drainage easements. It seems Marin County does not want to enforce this issue reported to county and nothing has ever been done. I believe it is a law that you cannot encroach in to drainage easements county & state laws. Also flood control needs to get all areas around a flooding area by everyone pd into Flood Control area from higher ground that contribute to flooding.
- Impact or tide on roadways.
- WILD FIRE PREPAREDNESS.
- Wildfire preparedness
- Wildfire preparedness.
- WILDFIRE PREVENTION & ESCAPE ROUTES. PENSION REFORM!!!
- Wildfire prevention, cost of housing
- WILDFIRE PREVENTION.
- Wildfire protection for urban wilderness interface areas. i.e.) Assistance with vegetation removal
- WILDFIRE THREAT.
- Wildland fire safety

#### Governance/budget/pensions/taxes

- (1) Tax business that are high polluters. Resident pay a fortune on taxes already! (2) Create defensible space- each home owner each.
- ACTIVELY WORKING ON CREATING A LONG TEAM LIABLE PLAN TO RESOLVE PENSIONS & HEALTH CARE PLANS OF CITY/COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

- Collect all property taxes fairly. NO "grand-father" deals. (1) If property appreciated, taxes should reflect appreciation. (2) Funds to fix roads (the 101) and increase hwy safety.
- Cutting its expenses.
- Dealing with the unfunded pension/ health care liability. Less and less \$ is available to address the issues in this survey. More taxes and fees is NOT the answer.
- Decreasing cost and increasing quality of government employees.
- Effective use on tax payer money or issues that are specific to local govt. instead of trying to address every social issue raised.
- ELECTING SMARTER SUPERVISIONS- ARNOLD, SEARS AND RODINI NEED TO GO.
- Eliminating add-ons to property tax bill for seniors. Too many agencies dragging Senior's Savings for programs that don't help seniors.
- Enacting and building ban.
- EXPUNGE MARIJUANA CONVICTIONS FOR CULTIVATION FOR PERSONNEL USE!!
- KEEP PROPERTY TAXES AT CURRENT RATES/ REDUCE REDUCE COUNTY SALES TAX. REDUCE GARBAGE & WATER RATES. STOP BUILDING.
- Keep the budget down and do not raise property tax, cut down pensions.
- LISTEN TO COMMUNITIES AND SEEK A BALANCED SOLUTION WITH A LOT OF INPUT- DO NOT MAKE UNILATERAL DECISIONS!!
- Lower taxes & make better use of our tax money. We don't need more bike paths!!
- Lowering ballooning pension costs.
- making good on what we voted on,,, the death penalty.
- MARIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS COST CONTROL REFORM.
- More efficient use of our tax money.
- Pension liabilities.
- Pension reform in order to achieve balanced budget with no LT liability that isn't funded.
- Pension reform.
- PENSION REFORM.
- Pension/retirement liabilities. Tax money needs to go where it is needed and Calif. benefits are over promised and continue to be so. Put the employees in Medicare's Social Security, for the security of all of us.
- Property tax inequality and don't let people make additions to their homes within the side yard setbacks. We need setbacks for fire safety!
- Reduce excessive regulations & streamline those that persist.
- Reduce government spending. Reduce egregious pension plans. Balance the budget not by increasing taxes, or new bond measures.
- REDUCING PENSION COSTS.
- REDUCING PENSIONS SO \$ ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, ETC.
- Reducing PERS contribution to retirement.
- taxes
- Unfunded Pension! Billion SHORTFALL! THAT'S SCARRRY!
- USE TAX PAYERS 'MONEY MORE EFFICIENTLY'. HOW MUCH BLOOD CAN YOU SQUEEZE OUT OF A ROCK!!
- Providing services to non-incorporated town (Muir Beach). Fire, police, public health services almost non-existent. We have a third world water providing system. Security systems never evaluated.

#### Safety/crime/drugs

- ALLOWING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES.
- Deterring petty crime Sausalito dealing with homeless.
- Drug abuse/ homelessness near schools... providing kids with activities and public transit to keep them away/occupied.
- ENOUGH POLICE, FIRE, EMT TO BE STAFFED WELL AS I SEE INCREASE EACH YEAR WITH EMERGENCY NEEDS. MORE PEOPLE HERE MEANS STAFF NEEDED TO HANDLE WORK LOAD.

- Need more law enforcement- we're down the power differs in S. Rafael and preventative fire safety and last ease traffic congestion. FOCUS ON BART in MARIN. I suggested we hang 'SMART' over the survey SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE with traffic- NO ONE LISTENS!!
- Neighborhood watch and crime reporting. Greater resources for homeless groups.
- Safety & environment!! Being prepared for fire, earthquakes, etc.
- Safety and keeping crime away.
- safety for old folks from bicycles on sidewalks and paths.
- Safety, fix the SMART train traffic impact, Hwy congestion, after school programs.
- SAFETY.
- Safety.
- Security.
- SORRY NOT SINGLE! KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE IN ALL WAYS- GLOBAL WARMING, HIGH WATER- INFRASTRUCTURE. BE INNOVATIVE. CREATE GOOD GOING SPACES FOR THE AGING POPULATION. SUPPORT THE EXCELLENT NON PROFITS. IMPROVE EDUCATION LISTEN TO SCIENCE.

### Growth/development/planning

- Accommodating and planning for population growth.
- APPROVE MORE CONSTRUCTION & SUBDIVISION. STREAMLINE THE PROCESS.
- Attract business/ industries that pay salaries sufficient to allow residents to work and live in Marin.
- Improve Downtown S.R. into a destination with desirable boutiques, restaurants- close 4th to traffic & have a trolley travel up & down the street to allow for more accessibility while relocating homeless services away from community res. so families & women feel safe to walk the streets.
- Limit growth, repair roads, fire & other emergencies preparedness.
- Liven the towns up like Petaluma. Staying prepared for natural disaster. Making sure building etc. continue to be updated to prevent the county from looking old.
- Not to overbuild and destroy/ruin the county's natural beauty.
- POPULATION CONTROL DUE TO LIMITED WATER RESOURCES.
- Population control- there are too many people here.
- POPULATION CONTROL.
- POPULATION CONTROL/ URBAN SPRAWL.
- Population/ climate change.
- Population/ traffic.
- Putting the brakes on development, including so-called affordable housing.
- REDUCING REGULATION WHICH STOPS NEW DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING, WE NEED MORE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. MARKET RATE & AFFORDABLE.
- REVIEWING & REVISE CITY & COUNTY PLANNING REGULATIONS THAT PREVENT OR DISCOURAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALTERNATIVES.
- SMART AND INFORMED DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF LAND AND PROPERTY TO ADDRESS AGING BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

### Homelessness

- (1) Homeless problem. (2) Senior affordable housing.
- ADDRESSING THE RISE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE. HELPING OR ASSISTING PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY FOOD SCARCITY AND DRUG ADDICTION.
- CLEAN UP THE AREA OF HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT.
- Dealing with the people living on the streets.
- Getting a handle on the homeless situation. People come from all over to Marin County to take advantage of the many services offered by the county and they will have a free reign here. It is completely ridiculous. Homeless and vagrants have completely destroyed downtown San Rafael and surrounding neighborhoods. Enough is enough.
- Helping homeless to get housing & help.

- Homeless invasion- it will become a bigger & bigger problem/ burden on the community. Marin is in no way equipped to handle the rising tide of homeless.
- Homeless people.
- Homeless shelters.
- Homeless, affordable housing and flooding issues.
- HOMELESS.
- Homeless.
- Homeless. Affordable housing.
- Homeless. Fire prevention.
- Homelessness- help!!
- HOMELESSNESS.
- VAGRANCY.

## Other

- Jobs, homeless people.
- Jobs. Housing.
- Work to keep the economic disparity from getting too big.
- Economy, bringing businesses to Marin. Conserving natural environment.
- EQUITY for all people who live in Marin. The highest rated county in INEQUITIES for income, jobs, education, housing. Let's go to work improving life for people of Colorado low income, middle income people's housing & transport.
- Equity for all residents in terms of access education, job opps. High quality low-cost having in central locations. More public transit.
- Income inequality, our poor.
- (1) Removing Donald Trump from office. (2) Disaster preparedness. (3) Addressing solutions for climate change.
- Animal welfare & mitigation of climate-change related disasters like fires.
- BETTER PUBLIC EDUCATION.
- Better public schools.
- BLOCK THE "ALIEN INVASION". I PAY ENOUGH IN TAXES. TAKE CARE OF FIRE VICTIMS. FOR THOSE AMERICANS I AM WILLING TO PAY & DONATE.
- BUILDING COMMUNITY HUBS OF PARTICIPATION. TOWN/NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION/SUPPORT/COLLABORATION FOR THE COMMON GOOD- WHOLE PERSON (WELLNESS HEALTH).
- Continue fighting anti-intellectualism and nimby mindset with the action plan to: Attract programs, partnerships and people from Stanford, UC Berkeley, and other excellent academic institutions in the Bay Area (e.g. create UC Extension) Continue attracting and retaining excellent public school teachers Continue maintaining the status of Marin public schools as the best in the nation Continue creating professional job hubs for designers, architects, intellectuals, innovative technology startups, tinkerers, educators, innovators Continue to support small family businesses Bring in more job opportunities for young people
- Creating equity and inclusion of immigrant residents, and homeless mentally ill members of our community.
- Education, schools & roads, drainage.
- Equality in support funding for education. Traffic around SW Francis Drake/Hwy 101.
- Equality- people being pushed away because of housing costs, low paying jobs including county workers.
- Farming another way- out of MARIN.
- Health programs- hospitals. Education for children. Safety.
- Healthcare, fire safety, increase businesses.
- Improving health care services at Marin General Hospital. Construction of multi-housing alternatives. Improving teacher salaries.
- INVEST IN EDUCATION AND REDUCE THE ECOLOGICAL FOOT PRINT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY.
- KEEPING SAN GERONIMO AS A GOLF COURSE.
- Making county website accurate, comprehensive and easy to use.



- Making people with dogs feel more welcome on open space & other county lands. Don't ticket for having dog off lease.
- More access to program for senior, climate change deliverables. Fixing roads.
- Mountain bike advocacy. Trails should be opened/shared with bikers/hikers!
- Open the majority of Trails to Mountain Bikes! It will bring a ton of tourist \$\$, make quality of life better in Marin. And stop wasting tax \$\$\$. Enforcing M. Bike Ban. (Mountain Biking is not a crime!!!!)
- Our aging population and the inability for the majority of people to be able to afford to live here. Skyrocketing real estate costs, hi cost of living.
- Praying for "lift up of everyone" to a higher school. This one is on the way OUT.
- Public education.
- Quality education.
- Quality of life & keeping our county diverse in all areas.
- QUALITY OF LIFE- RECREATION NEEDS.
- Quality of life.
- Racial injustice, making communities safe from police and whole supremacists.
- School funding- early childhood education.
- Schools & community.
- Senior and disabled services 7 programs & medical dental- massage- acupuncture.
- Supporting West Marin Ranchers.
- The main center, give us a place where all ages can see good concerts not just the symphony. A place Marin can be proud of you later to old people! Get some young people involved 30-50.
- There is no "single biggest priority".
- There is NO ONE focus.
- Upgrading the schools infrastructure, especially elementary schools.
- Use the extra ordinary wealth located here to equalize opportunities with/for people of color.
- Watching the probate court and the theft by APS and private attorneys. Elderly are being conserved, families not allowed to visit look at Abernathy US COM 10th app date court. Elderly with money are not safe in Marin.
- We need a source of consolidated information regarding all services available to caregivers to assist the person being cared for whether elderly or a person with disability.
- Working for more community activities & preparing for emergencies.

#### Nothing/don't know

- Don't know.
- HAVE NOT IDEA.
- I do not know.
- I do not know.
- I don't know.
- None.