

Subject: PBB – Protecting and Enhancing Public Health and Safety Comments

- Fire Service is more than is required by the community, especially EMT service, which can be contracted out. Please consider this option.
- Police are excellent and our most important service, but there needs to be enforcement of things related to pedestrian safety.
- Enforcement of vehicular laws for bicycle riders needs to improve. Riders don't stop at stop signs, creating a dangerous situation.

- Please consider addressing noise issues in various zonings. The entire noise policy urgently requires updating and enforcement.

- Need to include PUBLIC restrooms along First Street and not rely on business owners for such services especially in light of recent water and sewer cost increases.
- Enforce all laws, not those that politicians like or don't like, e.g., immigration laws.

- Public health means reducing the noise level (see general plan and public health)
- Fostering positive environment rather than "enforcement" such as public art, performing arts center and venues for youth performances.
- Recognizing that homelessness is not a crime and educating public about how to help

- Please consider issues relating to noise. Noise ordinances for various zonings/neighborhood areas need review, and updating with public involvement.

- Need to enforce building codes with follow up continuing until finished. This leads to a better environment and understanding from all concerned

- Builds relationships with the community through interactions with local agencies, and members of the public, creating partnerships and strategies for reducing crime and disorder.

- The parks are for everyone. If no one is breaking a law then leave people alone. Please remember if there is a ban on "loitering" and "drinking" in the public parks that should include movie in the park night (all those wine drinkers), wine walks downtown, and at birthday parties for reserved spaces in the parks. Also, I hope we are trying to figure out who is putting up the signs around first street targeting the adults who sit at the park at first street and military to cite them for harassment. I find the signs to be targeting a specific group and harassing those individuals and I have spoken with individuals who seem to be targeted and they have said they've run across signs stapled to the tables they sit at saying "get a job" many stated they do have jobs. The harassment needs to end.
- It is becoming very difficult to live in Benicia as a low income individual. Rent is climbing, housing prices are climbing, I live on Social Security and cannot afford to live here much longer.
- Police deterrants are great, but referrals to community services are not always helpful. The CAC has given me a bad taste in my mouth after visiting there several times. Catholic Charities counseling is out of the reach of someone on a low income - even at their 'discounted' rates. There is no homeless services that I can tell in this city.

- I believe we need to add more police officers to the force. The Benicia Police Force is understaffed. One allocated position is frozen. Please consider funding that position and adding officers to our force.

- Provides services to the vulnerable members of our community through grants for human services
- Provides services which address the opioid crisis and seek grant funding for Narcan.

- Need railings on walkway used by seniors intersection of east Fourth and East I streets

- Creating a feeling a personal security requires FAIR enforcement public safety laws

- Creating a feeling of personal security requires people to feel SAFE in requesting assistance from law enforcement.

- Creating a feeling of personal security requires officials to be UNBIASED in their enforcement of public safety laws.

- Analyzes and acts on health and safety data to protect community health and safety

- I think the community could use a local industrial safety ordinance with a chemical industry as our neighbor

- I disagree with the word feeling in the second and third questions, take the words "a Feeling of" out then I agree.

- Very well put! Thank you.

- There are some pretty bad eyesores in town. There are old houses that have been worked on for 20 years still sitting around unfinished and ugly. Old historic places sitting around ugly. It makes the town look moth-eaten so to speak.

- Get an "ugly" law passed. Those people who are fixing up old homes should have a set time that the structure be completed. Visually appealing bushes around entrance way to the freeways from town and into town should be planted and taken care of by the city.

- There should not be lots that look like places to camp or empty lots that have trailers sitting around on them.

- provides mechanisms for continuous community input to foster a sense of trust among the community.

- Fixing the roads ... Coming from 680 onto 780 just before 5th st offramp is a huge bump. It puts my boat trailer wheels off the ground. Plus I saw the second trailer of a gasoline tanker truck bump hard and lean left as it went over the bump. Perhaps the greatest safety issue in town.

- I appreciate the continued ethnic and gender diversification of BPD.

- There is a lot of litter near the freeways. The entrances to town are not landscaped and unattractive.

- Would be nice if officers could be at the schools during pick up and drop off

- Less picking on kids trying to find time to entertain themselves

- More enforcement of abandoned car towing,

- Children and parents should feel safe going to public parks during the day time, and should not have to be burdened with used needles, broken bottles, and drug addicts camping or hanging around, especially in broad daylight hours. There needs to be a focus on removal of these issues via community assistance, jail time, and programs for those who are willing to participate. Police need to be willing to do the hard things, and I commend them for their work so far with not only admitting the homeless exist, but they too are a part of our community.

- Identifying issues and proactively provides resources and help

- Several of the more heavily used streets desperately need to be repaved. The substandard condition of the streets reflects poorly on the city.

- Items 3 and 5 seem redundant.

- Taking Care of First Responders

- Reduces community anxiety and fosters culture of general well being by eliminating inessential police patrol activity and unnecessary visual presence

- Increase safety for roads near schools very necessary. Especially Panorama nearest BMS.

- Adequate staffing for law enforcement to proactively enforce laws and quality of life City codes.

- Creates an environment that does not attract crime to the area.

- Provides resources to help the community and individuals in the community, such as animal control, housing, etc.

- As soon as we get the homeless and the people doing drugs out of the parks. What happened to the days Benicia

- Would drive them to a shelter or somewhere else? Kept Benicia clean, safe and property values up.

- Establishes clear emergency response to possible emergency situation re Valero Refinery. Neighbors that live within the 500 ft. "blast zone" as defined in the latest eir should have meeting and or information from emergency responders as to how notification will occur. Receiving notification re internet and telephone is helpful; however, for residences on the fence line of the plant ... within the blast zone I suggest police or some other emergency appointed team go door to door to warn those specific residences of the danger and or evacuate as appropriate.

- Public quarantine of infectious individuals

- Public housing for poor people

- Public co-op marketplace

- Address the issue of safe water and clean air for long-term

- Hope you address mixed use zones, especially advertising, noise, signage, etc. Do not like signs blocking sidewalks in front of businesses.

- Noticing more people down on their luck, homeless, etc. How will city address this in a proactive and positive way?

- Foot and or bike patrol in the downtown and major commercial areas
- All the above need to be handled with cost considerations to avoid another debacle similar to our current overpriced water bills
- Should not repeat efforts already in place by state of California - re; ISO
- "Prepares and provides for community and regional emergency situations and disasters". Okay..how do we know this? After what happened in Sonoma County, I would not make any assumptions. What are our interfaces and agreements with surrounding law enforcement and community services? I think this statement is a huge assumption. Watch the podcast on KQED about how Cal fire used reverse 911 verbiage to make a request to Napa to send out an evacuation notice. It was nixle they were referring to. That is what Napa called it. Why is Cal Fire calling it reverse 911 which sounds antiquated compared to Nixle. We haven't really been challenged in Benicia to know our abilities.
- "Fosters a Feeling of Personal Security". I work as a RN for CDCR. I see things that 911 operators and law enforcement will NEVER see in their careers. A couple of times I have called with concerns, that I feel very validated in reporting. Only to be shamed by the 911 operator who sits behind a desk all day long and probably worked somewhere unrelated before getting that job. First, its Benicia Ms. 911 operator so don't get confused. Its not Baypoint or Hunters Point and you sit behind a desk. Second, in your position, don't ever shame people because you are bored in your job and sick of people calling in about cats in trees.
- Don't make any claims about being on point in an emergency in Benicia. Look at the refinery mess this year. I worked for chevron for 13 years and was in the refinery off and on. They would have never gotten away with that in West Contra Costa County. Not like Benicia, they didn't miss a step. Why don't we have hearings after refinery releases in Solano County..why, as a refinery town, are we not pushing for this? Cause they buy our silence.
- Having a visible police presence does not foster one's feeling of safety.
- Take a look at all the infrastructure decay. Pot holes everywhere. East B st is a Burma road dangerous to drive.
- Add the necessary enforcement and public safety capabilities to protect the community from the adverse effects of the new marijuana businesses in town
- Oversteps the mark with regulation of the refinery - that should be managed by state/federal government.
- Dogs without leashes.
- Benicia needs an "Anti-ugly" ordinance: people must keep trash cans behind gate,fence or bush and ticketed after 24 hours if left out. Parked cars on grass on front lawn , buildings such as the one on west K across from the "sanctuary" have had scaffolding up for YEARS!
- Protecting schools and school security.
- There needs to be an officer in place and during school hours at the schools.

- There needs to be clean and well maintained public spaces around the freeways for travelers to see.
- Continue to work on drug addiction and mental health issues in the community...especially for the teen community.
- Provide more frequent transportation options for healthcare at Kaiser & Sutter for the elderly, disabled and those who don't have cars.
- Police especially with Pot coming
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- Keeps intoxicating substances out of our community and away from areas frequented by children, such as shopping centers, parks, and schools.
- Under "Visually Appealing Place to Live" enact new CCR's that deliver on this definition (Walnut Creek is a good example of this).
- Supports the staff members tasked with providing these services, and provides the necessary tools, training, and financial resources.
- Due to many school shootings, BPD should properly "protect and serve" by having a presence in public schools
- I think we need to specifically add school safety to the verbiage.
- City government should encourage and direct our residents to understand the actual meaning of community policing: it is that the community polices itself. It is that the community itself enforces the law.
- of community policing: it is that the community polices itself. Chief Upson outlined the
- historic roots of this concept in one of first bulletins to our city.
- I have kids in Benicia Unified School District, during the Valero Incident, the City did not work with Benicia Schools, as in contacting the School Superintendent Dr. Charles Young on how the URGENT MATTER was due to poor Air Quality this day/morning. Since it was very poor air quality, parents brought their kids to INDOOR Recreation -- Ann Leavy or the staff at park recreation was not aware the entire Benicia Unified School District was closed by mid-day due to the poor air quality this day. It would be nice to have the Emergency Protocol in place, when this happens again, HOPEFULLY it won't.
- Ensures that all community members know of any air pollution or water pollution they could be exposed to.
- Provides air monitors and web sites to access real time air data so we know what we are breathing.
- Has an Industrial Safety Ordinance to protect the community against industrial accidents.
- Adopting an Industrial Safety Ordinance to reducing risks from cumulative impacts of air and water pollutants, e.g. Valero, Phillips 66, Shell and Tesoro.
- Adopt the Harm Reduction paradigm to address psychotropic substance use and public health issues.
- Support strengthening state gun regulations to further restrict access to firearms.

- Examples of existing local laws that are applicable in each of the categories defined, and especially those laws and policies adopted by the state, should be listed to inform those concerned to know how to evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs and those under consideration for future development. Since laws and public policy are constantly being updated and changed, promoting public awareness of policy guidance and regulatory frameworks should be part of visionary planning. This would frame the prioritizing of funding for existing programs and those envisioned for the future.
- Please give examples of the types of programs that would be considered for implementation in order to fulfill the aims of securing "best" protections for community health and safety. One good recent example is the ISO being proposed. What are the other programs? Air monitoring, which has long been called for since 2003? A Water Management Plan?? Climate Action strategies to encourage residential wise energy and water use? Programs that support community health and safety goals fundamentally must reflect the over-arching goal of community sustainability.
- Need for a community industrial safety ordinance
- #4 is presumed to include safe drinking water and proper sewage disposal.
- Obey all Federal laws! If you don't agree with a law, then work to change it.
- Fully cooperate with ICE! They're here for our safety.
- There is a lot of dog poop at the parks : (
- Senior safety
- Look at all the boats -RVs-storage containers parked in front yards.
- Economic development to ensure there are well paying jobs for citizens and income tax money to finance the City.
- Improve sidewalks for safe walking around town.
- Improve neighborhood St. Lighting.
- Public security officers who are invested in their community (live, work, patronize local businesses) and know their neighbors, and engage in assisting vs. punishing.
- Informing the public of health risks in a timely manner, especially from local industry and refineries
- Pass Industrial Safety Ordinance
- Allowing marijuana is not protecting the community
- During the accidental release of the Valero refinery, I saw no effort of the emergency system to inform residents.
- Actively maintain, landscape and clean major community thoroughfares & areas including Southampton Rd & Military Rd.
- Mental health resources,
- community improvement events/issues in which the community helps

- homeless outreach,
- It is a big disservice to our city that the 3 out of 5 supervisors, approved Marijuana related businesses to operate in this city in order to increase city tax revenue instead of thinking about the wellbeing of the amazing families in this community.
- Promote a positive and trust based relationship between the police department and the community of Benicia, including youth who often do not reach out to officers in times of crisis due to a lack of familiarity and trust. The best "protection" for this community does not depend on outside resources but is dependent on a strong sense or personal responsibility for one another such as demonstrated by "neighborhood" safety programs. When we are citizen based "watchdogs" who respond out of concern and care for our fellow citizens we are more efficient and effective then the "long arm of the law." So encouraging pro active citizen safety trainings and programs could be offered and encouraged.
- As an African American, I would like to see more African American history taught in our schools.
- As an African American, I would like to see more hiring of African Americans in the city Government offices, not just cops..
- Of course racial profiling is always a NO NO..
- Communicating with the press and public about recent criminal activities to promote public awareness and prevention.
- Educating the community on safe practices and communication methods within the community
- No law should be enforced the violates or conflicts with Federal immigration law.
- "Creates a feeling" is a very poor goal for city services. You have only indirect control over people's feelings, and they are often driven by personal biases. Responsiveness is key to me, more than creating feelings.
- These seem to be high level objectives that may support projects that may or may not merit funding. The above are somewhat broad & repetitive. I do not see how the above help us get at cost or priority based budgeting. It doesn't establish a list of projects supported by these objectives that can be evaluated by cost, risk, need or desire.
- Communicates and shares information on water quality and air quality especially as related to the Valero Refinery.
- Benicia should have an Industrial Safety Ordinance
- Benicia should have an air quality monitoring system in place
- Offers health and safety classes, earthquake preparedness, caring for elderly, resources that promote health and safety
- Engages the community to help establish community understanding and teamwork for the betterment of BENicia

- Get rid of the fire boat. If all the things suggested in the above are happening, they are not evident. The recent requirement to register home alarm systems and pay a fee undermines confidence in the police and the city council for passing it.

- Please define blight.

- We need dedicate resources to focus on social/emotional growth and well being of our Youth. I would like to see partnerships built and funds dedicated to programs promoting play, inclusion and anti-bullying. Our elementary school aged children deserve to reap the benefits of play and know who they can always turn to. Teens need a safe place to go, be, talk and get support.

- reaches out to build trust between community members and those who enforce regulations

- Engages the community regarding specific risk factors associated with living here and offers multiple methods for mitigating anticipated challenges.

- Code enforcement

- Sidewall repairs

- Street repairs

- Interacts with BUSD to provide and promote a culture of well being, safety and cooperation with the overall community.

- I feel that disaster preparation should mainly be the job of the state and county.

- The Police force needs to do its job without looking like its going to war. We need proximity police, not a bunch of SWAT teams.

- We spend WAY too much on our fire department. Most of their calls are medicals. Ambulances are faster and cheaper. That is one area where savings could be accomplished

- Promotes the safety of children by using active surveillance around schools.

- Proactively seeks out quality information regarding community health and safety issues and works to educate the community.

- Promotes community interaction between citizens

- Fairly compensating police and fire employees by negotiating appropriate wages and benefits while clamping down on excessive staffing levels and reducing overtime.

- Any policy which involves the City trying to create 'feelings' for it's citizens should be removed.

- A happy, healthy, and "clean" environment is up to the code enforcement officer the enforcement and other regulations is the responsibility of the police dept.

- Provides communication between public safety and the community to foster dialogue and coordination of goals to better the city.

- Our law enforcement is one of my highest priorities
- I would like more information regarding emergency and disaster planning
- The above questions seem touchy feely- to me- can mean anything- I'm already disappointed.
- Community outreach for young teen
- The speeding is constant on Military East, the litter especially as you enter the city on East 2nd St does not demonstrate a clean and welcome feeling to our charming city. The city's corporate yard right there has had its cloth fence torn down for about 8 months and it would take 15-20 minutes to fix and 10 minutes to pick up the trash once a week, seriously. There is the litter on 1st St. also that needs help.
- Since the tree lights are paid for they should all be working or get them fixed when they go out, not wait months for repair.
- Establishes and enforces codes that ensure clean water and air quality.
- Support an ISO in Benicia. Without it, our community is not guaranteed health or safety.
- The wooden park downtown by the fire department is not a safe park for kids to play. The
- The park is overrun with people drinking and smoking all day everyday and the bathrooms are horrible and smell like smoke.
- Protect property value by ensuring low crime rates and vandalism when benchmarked against the rest of the state
- Provides mental health support and anti-homelessness support
- Portrays diverse and inclusive law enforcement and emergency services personnel
- Do not include Benicia as a sanctuary city.
- Ensures that all members of the community regardless of economic background, race or age are treated respectfully by the City's representatives.
- Are #'s 4 and 5 redundant?
- Something about awareness of/working against implicit racial bias in law enforcement.
- There are couple of on/off ramps that look like garbage dumps, but not sure what the City can do about that
- As fo emergency situations, i feel Valero is still dumping crap into our air, especially on cloudy days!
- Needs to add clause: "with inclusive and persistent outreach to low-income communities and people of color."
- Provides clear means of communication between agencies and residents to aid in obtaining services and safety.

- Provides an adequately funded police and fire departments to allow low response times.
 - Provides for the quality of life of downtown residents by ensuring that businesses do not produce noise through amplified music that reduces the quality of life of residents.
 - Provide for low fees from the Building and Planning Department to encourage development that is properly regulated, including appeal fees.
- Law enforcement is visible, but not to the extent people feel they are being watched or spied upon. Presence is good and I support it, but not if it is overbearing.
- We are starting to get homeless people here, that needs to be addressed now.
- No profiling
 - No harrassment
 - Do not discourage people when they do call the police
- Protecting our water supply system to keep it clean and safe in addition to #2.
 - Protecting our power and communications from outside hacking.
- The relationship between the Community and the Police and Fire Departments has been very strong. This relationship needs to continue.
 - We have dedicated employees that need to be recognized for their work.
- I believe our community needs to take more responsibility for health and safety and not expect police and fire to do our work.
- Enforces the law and offers multi-disciplined emergency services that are well prepared and equipped to promptly respond to community risk - this may mean something different to me than many - while there are cities that successfully train public safety to provide both police and fire as one job I see value in having police officers who provide law enforcement and fire personnel who know and do fire and EMS. Each career is difficult and requires skills that take on going training and education.
 - I am all for well prepared and equipped and feel both police and fire are a critical service. I would like to know that our 9-1-1 dispatch services is top quality and meets current standards. It would be wonderful for our dispatchers to provide emergency medical dispatch as well as priority police and fire dispatch. Priority dispatch would allow for the best utilization of the resources we have and provide optimal care for our citizens in emergency situations.
- Enforce quality of life codes
- I think city wide education and training on what to do in a disaster is needed.
- Creating an environment that values and promotes diversity and ensures fair and equitable treatment of all people.
- the garabage issue is embrassing , and is not visible pride for our community/ and home values .
 - and the homeless situation issue needs to be addressed to promote the feeling of safety for our children in the parks .
- Protect from cyber-hacking of our infrastructure

- Making public feel uncomfortable through unnecessary show off force by police.

Subject: PBB - Quality of Life Comments

- City Library needs to be one of the top priorities of the City. It serves everyone and helps reach the goal of having an educated citizenry, a VERY important goal and responsibility.
- Community Center and Parks -- not as important or mission important as the Library. This serves only some communit members, most of whom can afford these services.
- Downtown master plan and related noise issues requies updating and public input.
- Vague and nebulous. The Downtown Master Plan in not flexible and could restrict new uses without a lengthy process.
- we should invest proprtionally in arts as we do the active sports programs; we should establish a performing arts venue so local and touring performers have a place to perform; our own Benicia Ballet cannot perform in Benicia for lack of a stage. We do not have clear standards and guideline to protect historic sites and "natural areas".
- Downtown master plan should have updated noise ordinances so denizens/visitors of this mixed use area have positive experiences.
- Please articula master plan
- Note. This survey has an incredible bias. It asks only questions that will have a positive outcome I'm disappointed that the city chose to design a questionnaire that is very superficial without delving deep into cost socio/ economic, demographic and quality of life issues. The phrasing of the questions insures a superficial at best universe of responses.
- There is concern regarding the sidewalks on 1st street. There are many tripping hazards because tree roots have lifted sidewalks or the concrete is breaking down. I have personally tripped and fallen.
- I'm happy that you decided to keep the lights on the trees on 1st street. And added the ramps on the corners
- Ease the restrictions on new businesses to courage more diverse types. Less antique stores and real estate offices.
- Forget Down town, what about the rest of Benicia!
- Once again this section is full of overreach. The city should never be entangled in management of activities to the extent that it inhibits the peoples freedom to be who they are. Quality of life issues should not be dictated by the city. Implimenting a master plan, first requires a good plan.
- Bring the Arts together and plan to build/purchase an Arts Center where residents and visitors can see visual, performance, and poetry.
- Plan to protect agains the rising sea water level
- Connect the artistic arsenal to downtown via H street
- I would add additional verbiage to the the statement "Preserves, protects and restores..." with this phrase after "...visitors alike": "... and to promote civic pride and identity connectivity
- Maintain or demolish buildings if they are a detriment to the health of the community but not a historical unused rat infested building
- The preservation of historic resources should be conditioned upon not unduly overburdening private property owner's rights

- Preserves current green belt ("open space") areas.
- Works with Solano Land Trust and other open space preservation groups to purchase and maintain additional green belt areas.
- No idea what the downtown master plan is...
- Update the downtown master plan, making it easier for owners of building that are not historic to maintain their buildings without needing to meet the regulations for historic buildings.
- Benicia is fortunate to have one of the finest small museums in California. The City should recognize and support the organizations that preserve and promote the community's history
- Education for Children
- Exposure to learning outside of school
- Provides attractive and well-maintained parks, streets and open spaces.
- Better communications with all residents and City Leaders.
- Give special attention to the preservation of our history, and funding for The Benicia Historical Museum!
- Does the "Downtown Master Plan" refer to the one from September 2007, or is that an update available?
- We play PickleBall. There is limited time avail SLT for this at the city gym and cc. It seems the tennis group gets more respect. We would like to see the tennis courts downtown striped for PickleBall and share the space. I kept records of how many people were at the tennis courts for 2017 whenever I was downtown. It seems there was a lot of time when the courts were not used. How about striping those. Ousts for PickleBall as well? It makes sense to use facilities as much as possible.
- Please consider current interests. PickleBall is a thing that a lot of people here do.
- there are too many many historical building sitting around Not being fixed up or used for anything.
- provides opportunities for larger gyms that offer more affordable options than the small private ones.
- Please support our Public Library .
- Please support our Historical Museum.
- Fixing the roads is definitely a quality of life issue. Way more important than any cultural issues. A car is a big investment and these roads are beating them up.
- Saving and preserving the history of our unique city is very important as it is telling the stories of how we began and where we are going in the future. Having a visual reference for visitors enhances their knowledge of how important our city was in the past and how we got here.
- Solano is the only one of nine Bay Area counties without a regional park system and this is an impediment to our quality of life. I hope the city does everything in its power to help voters rectify this shortcoming.
- Supports and implements new retail centers supporting major retailers. Stop sending Benicia residents to Vallejo to shop!
- There is a need for a theater.

- We need formal codes and regulations to protect historic resources.
- I'm not sure what the Downtown Master Plan includes. How about adding a definition.
- We don't do a very good job of protecting our existing natural and historic resources.
- Provide high quality schools with excellent teachers.
- the DMP is too strict and needs to allow for leniency on TI Renovations
- Private ownership of historical places is a no go "theatre "
- Waterfront should be clean and walkable
- Ensure we celebrate and acknowledge a range of diversity and cultures
- Please see my notes above related to the two Benicia State Parks - and the need for the City to consider assisting in the major maintenance required at the Benicia Historical Park.
- E-Library
- More journal databases
- Make law library
- Helps preserve historic buildings and historic sites in our community.
- Establishes criteria to help our downtown preserve the historic nature of its buildings.
- All the above need to be handled with cost considerations to avoid another debacle similar to our current overpriced water bills
- What is downtown master plan?
- What are you doing with the Arsenal? That gem could be an economic boon to Benicia if it was restored to how it looked in the late 1800s. The community would be there to do the work through volunteerism.
- So has the library been painted since it was initially built? What an eyesore!!!! Water damage on the stucco and faded pinkish purple paint. how come?
- Has not the arts movement been the same as the financial growth of the town....meaning its all been non City related and non profits and private citizens?
- Support of school district
- Preserve the City's support for the Benicia Historical Museum
- Provision of services supporting the arts, advance cultural enrichment, etc. are best managed through charities, and are not the role of government. People are free to choose to donate to the charities of their choice, but don't have a choice in paying taxes.
- Supports our teachers and schools with the resources needed to provide a well-rounded and exceptional education for all students, including music, arts, and STEM programs.
- Providing the best educational development for the community.
- Higher performing schools will make more people want to be here and improve quality of life.
- Do we have a Downtown Master Plan...it's not evident...what we have is not very attractive to shoppers. We lost Benicia Bay and Studio 41 .
- There's no real entertainment...movie theater, bowling alley, or complex like in Fairfield miniature golf, go-carts etc.

- Public Library is a true Asset to this community. Benicia Senior Center lacks activities that are interesting for Seniors .
- I'm new to the area and have never seen a downtown master plan anywhere.
- Didn't realize there was a plan for the downtown. Thought City of Benicia wasn't doing anything to support downtown commerce
- Benicia Historical Society has good intentions but why is the Majestic Theatre still looking shabby and rundown?
- City of Benicia should equally support its own history, by financial support for the Benicia Historical Museum
- Funding for parks, library, and community center are a high priority for me.
- the city should strongly encourage the real estate industry to change disclosure statements
- to read," Should your (buyer's) property violate any any of the neighborhood preservation
- codes a resident may file with the city and your property may be subsequently unsaleable."
- Any additional funding, support, etc. that can be given to Benicia Public Library and/or Benicia Historical Museum is most important to myself and my family.
- Specifically Include maintenance and support of outdoor spaces and parks in option #1. While it may be implied as a recreation center, I believe it needs to be called out.
- Create and "Entertainment District" on First St. to develop the Downtown as a regional destination.
- Produce all city communications in English and Spanish and create opportunities for minorities to participate in public life.
- Make voting a city holiday or move to a Saturday.
- Offers recreation and community activities as well as a community center.
- The community center's commercial kitchen is under-utilized, as the center is generally, largely due to restrictive rental costs. How can the uses of the center be broadened and how can it be better advertised and promoted as a city asset for local and regional benefits?
- The Arsenal Historic District needs much attention. Neglect of landscaping along the Jefferson Ridge, as well as, neglect by absentee landlord of the once handsome, historic Junior Officers Barracks building/residence (the colonaded building accessed by Grant Street) is a case in point. Neglect of such conditions, including the killing of an once beautiful almond tree along Polk Street is also an indicator of general neglect of "appearances" that make a place inviting. Historic preservation includes landscaping and the environs of a designated district.
- An excellent example of visible improvements that enhance Benicia's quality of life with respect to transit, traffic and pedestrian safety are those made along the Military West corridor, from 1st Street westward. One more comment: the ranking for setting budget priorities doesn't allow for combining categories. For example, if we are protecting community health and safety, how could that be achieved without protecting the environment, which means air quality, water quality, and land stewardship, (including water-wise landscaping, tree-planting, more urban farming for food production where feasible, etc.
- Benicia should open a Sports Complex like
- Manteca, Ripon and other cities. So many

- Families leave Benicia every weekend. How nice would it be to increase sales here from people outside of our town on the weekends?
- More Jobs! Invite Movie Production Contracts. Open the Downtown theater!! Its boring here! Open Culinary Academy! Enlarge/Clean up Beaches for Rec. Use. Lower Farmers market prices...too high. More age 55 and up discounts.
- Safe sidewalks and walking trails.
- Increase lighting in older parts of town.
- Much better support for Arts and Cultural groups
- Build a Performing Arts Center
- Site-specific public art throughout the City
- Please support the Benicia Historical Museum. It is truly a historical treasure.
- Conduct a survey and better serve active seniors, including improving the community pools' services & lap swim hours.
- Don't know what the Master Plan is ... telling fact that I am active in the community and don't know.
- City should be talking about schools and mental health issues and safety, not leave it all to BUSD
- I hear about the downtown Master Plan all the time by staff as a way to push off things from happening now. "Oh, that will be looked at with the Master Plan. " All I hear is, "shut up and wait." Sorry, but I currently have a negative response to the Master Plan because it seems to shut down all possibility of ideas that come up. For example, " no, we really can't have a dog park downtown" is one, because it doesn't fit in the master plan. I think the Master Plan could be more publicized and clearly made apparent so citizens of Benicia can be feel a part of it rather than just "having it done to them." There is no buy in when you aren't included in the process.
- the Library is important to me I am there at least once a day picking up or returning books
- Going to story time.
- I usually have the max books checked out at any given time since I am a preschool teacher
- City's unwillingness to allow demolition of dangerous bldg. on Amport property totally irresponsible.
- I don't know what is in the Downtown Master Plan.
- These seem to be high level objectives that may support projects that may or may not merit funding. The above are somewhat broad & repetitive. I do not see how the above help us get at cost or priority based budgeting. It doesn't establish a list of projects supported by these objectives that can be evaluated by cost, risk, need or desire.
- Provides public open park spaces and playgrounds for enjoyment and leisure.
- More public use of the theater on 1st Street
- Library charges for public rooms reduced for non-profit clubs when meeting is open to the public
- We don't know anything about the Master Plan.

- I don't know what the downtown master plan is currently; we seem to have many businesses closing.
- The historical museum is a treasure and should receive increased support including funding. To the degree the city can influence the business mix on first st, it should do so. Tourists bring money with low impact on services.
- Works to expand and increase recreation centers and community center for all age groups.
- Promotes the pool and recreation center to attract young children to recreational services.
- Your questions are all too vague and not results-oriented. This was a waste of time.
- a link to the Downtown Master Plan might be nice here - I am not really sure what I'm agreeing with.
- The city needs to allocate additional Measure C funds to remodel Fitzgerald Field the right way, keeping its classic
- look and ambience.
- More allocation of funds need to be directed to
- Optimize Fitz Field for long term
- Benicia is quaint and I love our Parks Department however it would be great to see more up to date offerings and places. I envy communities with fenced in parks and splash pads for summer time play.
- Oregon has some amazing parks and places where nature play is encouraged. IE during the fall parks departments pile up and leave leaves for play for a week or so before removing them. Also there are areas where youth can build forts, the parks department drops off rocks and logs etc for good old fashioned play. I would LOVE to see something like this in town.
- Change the outdated downtown master plan to allow new businesses for shopping. A high percentage of local residents continue to shop in other cities due to lack of choice. Downtown is dead.
- Spread awareness of and appreciation for city's unique history by supporting Benicia Historical Museum's programs for residents and out-of-town visitors.
- Parks and Rec dept is currently considering funding the restoration of Fitzgerald Field. Unfortunately it appears that their vision of restoration is to change the entire character of the ball field.
- I played baseball on this field as have my children and grandchildren and I will hopefully watch their children play on this field.
- Please provide additional Measure C funding to restore this absolute jewel back to it's rightful place as one of the finest city ball fields in the entire bay area.
- Relevant to Preserve, protect and restore natural and historic resources, I advocate for sufficient funding of the renovation of Fitzgerald Park. The historic and charming facility is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike with it being a strong draw for neighboring communities to play here.
- Clearly define sources of water and distribution before approving additional developments.
- Develop an Industrial Area Master Plan.
- The library here is great, anything that can be done to improve it should be a major priority.

- Please restore a room for teenagers in the community center.
- Bring in retail/services that serve all members of the community.
- Support the public school system, which contributes enormously to the current and future high quality education that Benicia residents have come to expect.
- builds and maintains access to open space with a well signed and accessible trail system
- I fear the upcoming loss of the Benicia Family Resource Center will impact many families in need!
- Not sure what the downtown master plan is.
- All statements are so general it is difficult to make a decision on how well the city is keeping the citizens informed.
- More art festival
- The city was going to allow the Capitol to be closed due to state budget reasons. Unacceptable, its a historic draw for tourist.
- From time to time I feel the city defers from the Downtown masterplan to suit its own needs.
- Establishes and enforces codes that ensure clean water and air quality.
- Publishes accurate reports showing emissions from local industrial sources.
- I'm not sure what the "downtown master plan" is. A trick question? In an unbiased study, that would be spelled out.
- the downtown master plan sucks, and it's making our "Main Street" town look like a ghost town.
- Great job all around in these areas
- We need roads not art and diverse opportunity. We need to be able to water our gardens without having to give up food to pay our bill. Forget your beautifying and take care of the basics for a change!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- I do not have sufficient information to comment on the Downtown Master Plan, but I certainly support its vitality and uniqueness.
- To bring in new and different businesses to diversify entertainment opportunities (e.g. working movie theater, bowling alley, etc. not just more bars)
- Share publicly and promote the Downtown Master Plan.
- Do not know enough about the master plan to endorse it. Need attention to low-income seniors and working families with children to have cultural options available at no or low-cost.
- Are the schools not a part of this survey?
- Require that business owners be good neighbors by not producing noise that adversely affects the quality of life of residents.
- Rent is not affordable- not sure how this can be part of this
- Traffic is not congested. Residents and visitors can readily navigate city streets and find needed parking.
- All schools are consistently in the the top 10 percentile with regard to school testing and college acceptance.

- The whole survey is so vague and will
- Interpret to over power and control!
- There are 2 historic buildings on Amports property that are in need of preserving.
- There are historic buildings on Main Street in need of repair.
- Develop a priority list for the revitalization of city owned historic buildings that are important to our nation and California's history. The 2 Benicia State Parks continue to need help from the City in maintainance and attention.
- Continued support of Benicia Main Street which provides the lifeline to the community for events and commerce.
- Strengthen the City's relationship with the School District.
- If the downtown "master plan" doesn't include means to draw in more people and tax dollars then it should be updated to reflect the changing time.
- In an effort to keep the old town feel, Benicians are choosing to shop in Pleasant Hill, Concord or at Gateway Plaza in Vallejo.
- Enforce existing noise ordinance. Do not rewrite noise ordinance until an interface is created wherein anyone can experience what a 'decibel level' really is. Then, if someone says they need 80 decibels until 10:00pm for their business, about 95% of respondents would say, "WHOA! that's clearly excessive."
- Dear writers, You repeatedly use the word, "feel" when in truth you mean "think". Think is cognition, voluntary whereas "feel" is largely emotion, involuntary, as in "feeling sad", happy, warm, cold. Please change your wording.
- Not sure what is the Downtown Master Plan?
- The library and the community centers low cost access to the community is one of the jewels of Benicia.
- Most important topic. Identify ways to build community involvement and enthusiasm.
- My neutral on "Supports and Implements the Downtown Master Plan" is because sadly I am not informed on the City's Downtown Master Plan. If the plan differs from the other listed choice than I would disagree with that choice
- Maintain high quality public schools
- Supports public schools and programs for pre-school through high school aged kids.
- What is the Master Downtown plan ? and where would this information be available ? and
- the master plan should depend on the merchants not city council .
- people and town that reflects creative mind sets
- ease of getting around town including free parking and clean roads

Subject: PBB – Preserving and Enhancing Infrastructure Comments

- Infrastructure should be clearly explained with cost to residents and different approaches
- I don't believe it is the City's role to provide transit options within the city.
- The goals should also include the removal and restoration of site where a business has moved on, but their infrastructure remains as a burden on our city and future economic development. What if the refinery closed. Who would clean that area and restore it to other uses?
- lack affordable high speed internet; roads, streets, sidewalks are borderline 3rd world conditions
- SolTrans is our main provider of local and regional transit but the city could do more to supplement transit by infill development, aggressively have city employees practice multi modal commuting, work with the school district to fund bus transportation and reduce school traffic, make first and last mile transportation a joint city and transit authority project, educate the public that infrastructure comes in grey, green and the o&m costs of grey are high versus green infrastructure.
- add wifi access to all of civic, commercial and public areas.
- We need school bus service.
- Have you seen the East side? 5th street is mess. The surrounding streets have more pot holes and worse roads than elsewhere.
- We do not need full size buses, roaring up and down the streets with only 2 or 3 people on them. Fix the streets already.
- Review gigabit fiber internet options for the city such as Sonic
- Contributes to an infrastructure that includes recharging options for zero-emission vehicles
- Supply definition for infrastructure that isn't already covered in previous statements.
- good planning to include good design
- The last two objectives should be conditioned upon a demonstrated community need and pursued only when it does not otherwise create an economic budgetary burden.
- Strategically develops, manages, and continually invests in traffic-calming infrastructure, encouraging motorists to observe the 25mph residential speed limit.
- Transportation infrastructure: The bus system here is horrible. The buses are frequently late, don't stop at timed stops, the drivers are harassed by management (per drivers) while being given schedules to meet that assume NO traffic and green lights on their routes. It is difficult to get a spot on the dial a ride system as it is frequently full, the bus itself is expensive for low income individuals, and it is difficult to get to many places in town using the bus system.
- We should look into investing in internet for all options like other cities have done.
- Provide for street and infrastructure repairs in Southampton also.
- Southampton is an economic driver in the community. Enhance the value of Southampton by improving the landscape which has been left to wither away.
- Plans, builds and maintains high quality infrastructure that enhances the livability, SUSTAINABILITY and BEAUTY of the community.

- I think that it is important to consider the opinions and efforts of community members to better Benicia.
- Rose Drive walkway in Southamptton needs a redo. We paid a lot of money for 25 years for this to be a great neighborhood feature. Much of the landscaping appears to be dead.
- Old feature ad a walkable community. The landscaping is not looking good/healthy and there are many sections of weeds.
- Infrastructure plans should include safe bicycle and walking paths.
- Fixing the roads should be a huge priority. West 7th needs it bad along with the dangerous bump on 780 WB before 5th. Somebody is going to die on that bump if its not fixed.
- I don't disagree with these definitions, but I do disagree that Benicia is "investing" in their commitment to our roads and streets. A little surface patch here and there has been a waste of money.
- Lights are needed for safety in crosswalks. Many roads have potholes.
- The revenue from the additional sales tax should dedicated to improving the streets. West 7th between Military and the freeway is in terrible condition. It should be #1 on the priority list. Also, Cambridge between Capitol and Rose should be completely repaved. The band aid approach is not working.
- Contract with local businesses to perform work outside of the scope of city workers.
- These must be new items, we all know this mentality is not current for the City
- Use the road money we already paid to do the work
- It is good to have definitions, but is the City actually doing everything they can to improve infrastructure?
- Ensures that safety is paramount when siting bike lanes/paths -- keep them out of the Industrial Park.
- The roads in our town need work. The streets on small streets especially need work.
- Some of the roads in town have turned to gravel.
- Fix the fucking potholes
- fix the fucking bumpy roads
- Remove unsightly/homeless people from the streets
- I do not believe streets are safe enough for walkers and bicyclists. Lower speed limits. Increase safe passages.
- All the above need to be handled with cost considerations to avoid another debacle similar to our current overpriced water bills
- The city has really failed here. Examine the Reservoir Road/Lake Herman Road for safety and drivability for residents who live in Southamptton and Water's End who use it on a regular basis. Check Panorama Drive. One councilman told me that no one uses the Reservoir Road/ Lake Herman Road because everyone goes by 780/80. Obvioulsy an elitist who lives below Southamptton. In fact how many council members do not live in the lower part of Benicia?
- mass transit riders should pay for the service just like road and gasoline taxes do

- The City of Benicia has more landscaping people, tools, trucks, props, etc than independent companies that landscape for a profit. Maybe we need to slow our roll on the weeds so we can get the streets fixed.
- In the "old" days, the deep pockets, like Southampton Construction and Exxon, built the parks, helped out the schools, kicked in money to get things done. I think the same needs to be done with the Cannabis businesses. Let them pay for the new sewer lines and take the monkey off the back of the people that cant flush their toilets because they are going broke from the water/sewage bills.
- Money spent on public transport is wasteful -- for the benefit it provides, public transport is incredibly underutilized and expensive. Money that could be used on other infrastructure. Further, it competes with private transport, such as Uber/Lift, and airport shuttle services.
- What about adding exit lanes to the two main traffic feeds to Benicia
- could be improvements in road maintenance, but overall city does a good job of maintaining the most important roads and the ones that need work are not so bad they are unsafe
- The east side of town and the industrial park are a mess.
- Lived here for 35 years....need to fix streets we live on.
- Completing the BUSD school master plan, remodel, and economic development of facilities.
- Keep making improvements to the school buildings.
- Our streets are a disaster, filled with potholes and wavy bumps on street by waterfront marina green.
- Public mass transit is cumbersome and not timely to use. Need transportation in city to various businesses. Would like to see out town connected to Vallejo Ferry.
- Keep and maintain all parks and public green areas and our Benicia coastline.
- Provides school bus service: the most utilized and predictable mass-transit strategy. Full busses every day take hundreds of cars off the road, while soltran is always empty.
- City of Benicia had a large budget for improving the roads but only a few select streets were improved. Where did the rest of the money go?
- Is the deterioration of our infrastructure a result of shortsightedness. When we make a repair,
- is the term over which we expect it to last. Is the deteriorating infrastructure a result of
- us "patching things together in order to get by."
- Again, an ongoing to do list on infrastructure should be in place so when there is a new Mayor or new City Manager know one has to start from scratch
- BOND Measures and Assessments are passed due to large infrastructure and the current, past and previous councils has a duty in keep things in order, as in the on-going list to do and see for everyone whether you are an Employee of the City, an appointed individual of the City or a Resident and Tax Payer on this City of Benicia
- Ensures that all infrastructure projects take into consideration climate change and how that will impact Benicia.
- Investing in infrastructure to promote new systems of public and personal transportation including city owned charging stations throught the city's residential and commercial ares.

- riortize full funding to complete the rehabilitation of Fitzgerald Field
- It would be helpful if these aims could be seen on a timeline-- giving examples of what program priorities are truly dictated by near-term needs, and which aim beyond this budget cycle. It's hard to break out of the trap of near-term thinking only. Future needs are not well defined or understood, compared to near-term maintenance of sidewalks and roads, etc. Example: responding to the City-contracted climate vulnerability assesement report that was published in 2016. One workshop was held for the public but no further discussions have ensued. Prioritizing infrastructure changes that would address the report's findings will need much public discussion if suggested changes are to be understood and accepted.
- Giving examples of improvements that have been made over the last 2 - 5 years would be helpful to gain perspective.
- The water bills are a debacle. And the panels solar
- Panels across from Valero are an eyesore.
- On Southampton rd. Its newly paved...then its stops. Why? Be consistent.
- Need better maintained streets; intersections- streets need repair
- Increase St. Lighting in older neighborhoods.
- Insure safe sidewalks are part of permit process for new and remodel construction.
- The city keeps paving the residential streets, though some need it, but seems to neglect the well traveled main streets.
- Highest quality broadband internet.
- Better quality water; no chloramine.
- Integrate public art with infrastructure: Example ~ tiles in sidewalks, painted service boxes, micro parks
- The roads are a disaster 2nd ave, reservoir rd
- Why don't we capture and use runoff water? There must be millions of gallons of water a year from our storm drains that could be used as grey water for irrigation.
- The roads in Benicia are not that great.
- There is not enough regular options for transit or commuting in Benicia.
- Actively maintain, landscape and clean major community thoroughfares & walkways, particularly Southampton Rd & Military Rd.
- Road maintenance - do it better, do it differently, something - the patches don't work.
- wildfire prevention - hire the goats (for \$!) when it would really make a difference not in the winter growth cycle where it makes NO difference at all
- Force Valero to use water treatment plant processed water instead of the city's fresh water supply
- Public transport is useful for parade and downtown celebration days. Otherwise, we all have cars to move around town.
- Be receptive and seek out businesses who wish to partner with us to enhance our infrastructure by featuring and capitalizing on our beautiful location and close proximity to the bay area. I think this could be assisted by promoting "ferries" like that attempted by Genentech. These

water ferries by wealthy business who wish to come invest in our waterfront can be encouraged and promoted. They can help create a waterfront which is viable and not just a "has been" a historically active transportation alternative. This type of "sustainable" mass transportation opportunity is way under utilized as an economic resource. It can be both beautiful and marketable, look at Fisherman's wharf, or Sausalito, or Monterey. We can expand our public transportation to include the Carquinez Straights and improve the beauty of our waterfront by making it more of a feature in our community. Recognizing the potential resource of the waterway can help the town on multiple levels.

- Public Transportation in benicia is lacking BIG TIME
- The intersection of Brentwood and Mills is horrible and needs to be repaired. I have to cross that intersection sometimes 8 times a day and I live on York Drive
- Work to bring BART to Benicia or defeat the bridge toll increase that subsidize it.at the cost to Benicians.
- City government does poor job improving and maintaining infrastructure
- Infrastructure maintenance should include a communicated plan with concrete goals (pun intended).
- Maintaining infrastructure is vital & costly, yet it is the least sexy & gets very little press. The city is directly responsible for water, waste water, roads, etc, yet they are not political, receive little press time & their cost is always disagreeable & therefore it is always politically expedient to kick the can down the road.
- Maintains public spaces at a very high standard and continues growth in public space offerings and enjoyments.
- Encourage regional transit to consider smaller public transit vehicles that can be available to low income and senior citizens on demand
- Consider the use of smaller transit vehicles to transport citizens to transit hubs, i.e. Ferry Terminal
- It is imperative to implement more convenient public transportation options
- We feel that the City needs to step up its repairs, and improve their
- infrastructure on roads, streets and sidewalks. Some are a real danger
- to its citizens.
- Mass transit needs to have little or no environmental impact.
- See above for streets. The off ramp entrances to the city span are a mess and the city seems to allow CalTrans to get away with less than minimal appearance standards. If there are tech upgrades to infrastructure, they have not been publicized.
- Promotes bicycle paths and walking paths. Promotes easy and inexpensive connection to other mass transit in the region. Promotes easy connection to other popular destinations such as schools, shopping centers, and medical centers.
- Promotes reducing carbon footprint.
- The city doesn't even repair roads right now. Again this is a bunch of lip service. Fix the darn roads!!!
- Sidewalks are in the definition but have they all been replaced or

- Fixed on First Street to avoid trip hazard?
- Benicia has such historic charm preserving that is important.
- Transportation options should fit the need. IE Huge empty busses roaring up and down our streets do not benefit. Either smaller buses could be used or maybe its time to see how to meet the needs better. I hear the middle school could use a more dedicated accesible route. BUSD no longer has busses. This puts added wear and tear on our roads and increases work load on our traffic officers. Not to mention every school is an unsafe mess at drop off and pick up times. Work with BUSD to potentially reinsate busing or on how to improve bike, and pedestrian saftey around each school.
- Revisit water infastructure - how to improve and maintain and keep residential costs down.
- Utilize forward thinking engineering to asses and mitigate future impacts of climate change including sea level rise particularly for the low elevation points near downtown.
- please pave the roads for goodness sake and stop building medians that narrow roads
- Would like to see better transit routes here, but not sure what role the city would play in that.
- City of Benicia needs to have a list of ongoing projects, not just a 2 year plan, thins gets lost in the shuffle, for instance waiting too long in water & waste water, 150 years old infrastructure, lived only 7yrs here and notice 3 of the 5 council members are on a marquee at Waters End Park. Was water abd wastewater infrastructure talk accounted for same hours as Crude by Rail talks which was 2 years.
- Please maintain the pool and the library, as well as our public schools!
- Plans all current and future building to reflect global warming and possible sea change
- Find a way to lower ridiculous water usage costs. Vallejo is as old as our town, yet their water costs are significantly less.
- There are a lot of pothole filled streets that aren't safe and need freshening up
- Infrastructure in the Industrial Park could use street and storm water drainage improvements.
- Streets are horrendous, particularly West 7th between Military and the freeway, and Cambridge between Capitol and Rose. These are both heavily traveled and have been neglected for some time. It seems roads that are more likely to be traveled by tourists get more attention. This situation is ongoing, and inexcusable.
- Needs more detail about improving Benicia's crumbling roadways
- More detail about public mass transit, which is not sufficient to support senior community
- Mass transit should be using the right size vehicles to meet the needs.
- We need more information with regards to maintenance of the infrastructure, what is in the works
- what the next projects will be.
- Serious road repair needed Warwick and Clearview Circle intersect.
- If the city was acting in a proactive way, the raise hikes in the water prices would not be an issue as well as the purchase of the new water meters. It was handled terribly by the city and very embarrassing by the Mayor at every public meeting. It was clear at that time that she should not be re-elected as well as other council members that are not serving our city wll.

- I wish it included fixing my home's street of Buena Vista.
- Increase public transportation to BART, with evening hours to support evening entertainment options
- The speed limit on military west should be 25 throughout. There needs to be sidewalks and safe ways for people to cross the street. The area by Taco Bell is a huge intersection problem.
- There should be a statement addressing the need to provide shelter for homeless persons, especially during periods of adverse weather conditions.
- Priority needs to be placed on infrastructure for business to ensure financial viability of the industrial park and commercial areas.
- Partner with high tech to offer autonomous vehicle trials for disabled and poor
- Invest in Ferry system to SF
- Use open to public, third party, accountants to evaluate "infrastructure enhancements" before engaging contractors.
- Severe trust and confidence issues exist between citizens and city council, mayor included.
- More needs to be done...our downtown alleys are too rough and dirty....the off ramps in and out are an embarrassment
- Sounds good! My street Via Alta was suppose to be repaved in 2017. It looks like we live in a 3rd world country. So, what is that remark about continuously maintaining. Look at 5th St? You spent 1.5 million making 1st and Military look good????
- Streets sure could use paving!
- I agree with the public transportation. What is the cost to the city? Are there records on the number of people using the transport?.....destinations?
- One word: Roads. Waiting for Measure C to kick in
- This seems redundant.
- Communicates effectively with residents to inform them of changes and improvements to transportation and infrastructure improvements.
- Actively monitoring and reporting problems with state or county roads within the city limits to proper authorities
- Maintain public trails and landscaping on public right-of-ways.
- Maintain trees that are not on private property, but are located in the City's right-of-way and do not require private property owners to maintain such trees.
- Maintain the City's sidewalks and do not require that private property owners pay for creation or upkeep of the City sidewalks.
- Drive around town and you will see for yourself what needs to be done. Enough said.
- Investment in roads is a Community priority and needs to be continued.
- In order to attract 21st Century businesses, access to technology is essential. Example: High Speed Internet
- Sidewalks in the older neighborhoods are in desperate need of repair.
- Resevior Rd connecting Benicia to Lake Herman Dr is always potholed filled and unsafe.

- Our public transportation is under utilized and still does not meet the needs of residents. Give it up spend our dollars elsewhere.
- We need WiFi throughout the city to encourage commercial growth.
- Focus on mass transportation infrastructure that does not depend on fossil fuels.
- Evaluates short- and long-term costs of infrastructure at time of construction, as part of ongoing maintenance, and replacement.
- Promotes planning and implementation that results in proactive replacement and maintenance of the city's critical infrastructure.
- the roads are embarrassing also not living up to the bragging rights of our community
- not repaired as promised . the east side of hillcrest is in danger with the telephone etc
- wires above ground if there should be a natural disaster . the last question should be happening with the increase of building permits ! we don't need any increases . homeowners will not be able to afford safe and correct improvements if needed if they can't afford to permit it.
- Wasting money on roads that don't need to be fixed in favor of roads that have Benicia "pretty"

Subject: PBB – Strengthening Economic and Fiscal Conditions

- Economic dEVELOPMENT SHOULD HAVE A VERY CLEAR TEN YEAR PLAN
- FISCAL CONDITIONS SHOULD MEET THE REVENUE STREAM AND PUT MORE DOLLARS INTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. tHIS WILL SOLVE THE FUTRE BUDGET ISSUES.
- Quality of life is definitely impacted by noise issues. Please update noise ordinances in various zones with input from public.
- Cannabis sales, location, etc a huge issue.
- Advertisement rules in area need updating for all purposes.
- Again, too vague. No action plan, no steps to achieve any of the goal statements. This means we do not have the opportunity to really achieve these ideals.
- The City has had an economic development plan for years and years. It has not worked, nor do I think it will. Business' need people to thrive, we have restricted parking ; our major business areas.
- If you think government can control what business look to locate here then the economic development plans would have worked already,
- we do not have affordable high speed internet which would attract clean tech and entrepreneurial businesses; the BIP is not walkable; downtown adjacent streets and sidewalks are not pedestrian friendly, lacking shade, safe sidewalks and benches.
- we should highlight clean tech business and have a "green door mat"
- we do not have standards for mixed use outside the DMUMP and no comprehensive plan
- Please address issues concerning advertisement. Where/how can businesses advertise without causing visual blight?
- Please define desired economic development

- These are important areas of service, in which the city must take part. The definition of most of these efforts are tainted with hidden agendas and full of government overreach.
- Search for, and retain, innovative businesses to be included in current economy
- Provide training programs for young residents to work and reside in Benicia after education
- Encourage new housing units for younger generation
- Pays particular attention to the economic value of the arts in the community
- I think that the statement "Implement the City's Development strategy..." should reference where the strategy can be found.
- Building permits need more oversight to include the general plan regulations
- Promotes "smart growth" of business and development with little to no impact on the environmental quality of water, land, air, and wild life.
- Keep government worker's salaries in line.
- Keep the cost of complying with government regulations down.
- Keep government interference with business to a minimum
- Business friendly is a confusing term. We don't need big box stores, that seems more than covered by Vallejo, but all the tiny boutique stores downtown do nothing for lower income people.
- We need small business that caters to teens - some sort of a place for kids to hang out. This city seems to love families with small children, but hates that there are teens that exist in the world and does its best to shoo them away from public spaces without providing anything for them to do. Kyle Highland Center is *one* option, yes, but kids, just like adults, need options.
- "Implement the City's development strategy to efficiently support desired economic development", this is not well defined and I cannot support something that is not well defined.
- Enhance Sales tax revenue by emphasizing tax generating businesses are located on first floor on First Street
- Make it easier for new businesses to work their way through city regulations and simplify the process as much as possible.
- Provide an ombudsman to help new businesses.
- COST-EFFECTIVELY maintains and enhances its public infrastructure systems to support the EFFICIENT delivery of services, preserve its resources and meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors.
- Support new development that PAYS FOR ITS DEMAND on City services.
- Utilizes economic planning tools to understand trends and anticipate opportunities
- ...
- Places a priority on attracting renewable technology businesses to the industrial park
- Shop owners don't seem to keep up the walkways in front of their places. Also, so many leaves and debris on the sidewalks on First Street.
- Benicia has a severe lack of decent stores to shop in. it would be nice to have a Trader Joe's in town and reasonably priced bigger clothing stores.

- What strategy I'm not sure they have one , if they do it's failed.
- The Art Culture must be included in the economic mix.
- Plan for anticipated decline in fossil fuel industry and possible closure of refinery and subsequent loss of revenue.
- Provides for major retailers to enter the city, such as Target, Home Depot, etc.
- Please take out 99 cents store - an embarrassment to Benicia
- Water bill is ridiculously high
- We should attract more diversity of businesses. Too many gyms and nail salons. We need shoe repairs, restaurants, clothing stores, and a Trader Joe's
- There are a lot of businesses on First Street that are not for tourists, such as, real estate and dentists.
- Less antique stores and bars
- More recreation for kids/teens
- We treat Valero Terrible as a business and they do so much for our communitie. The
- current adminstration needs to wake up and support those business that
- support Benicia!!
- For all the money spent on tourism efforts, I think there had been major shortcomings in fostering businesses downtown that enhance our core. If I see one more title, mortgages ot real estate office, I'm going to have a fit. This is so basic-please attract better buisnesses and provide better incentives to landlords. I think another amazing idea would be "a bridge toll buyback" concept. People who can show a toll receipt can get a discount:)
- Most of the questions are vaguely worded. Who knows what they are asking.
- As noted, a number of the more heavily traveled streets are in need of immediate attention. The condition of the streets is not up to standard.
- We micromanage potential businesses to death.
- Stop putting up 'pretty, useless' improvements. Concentrate on the existing issues
- Affordable housing
- Preference to small business over corporations
- Think about the fiscal conditions of citizens
- Benicia is adding too many fees
- Would love to see different businesses downtown to draw more people! We are seeing some welcome change but would love to see more. Hate crossing the bridge to shop and eat.
- Offers a focus on retention of businesses who are already providing to the City's tax base.
- I would not support any Econ. Dev. that would diminish or destroy our Historic Districts
- I am also against any Additional Housing Units in the Historic Districts as this will harm their integrity.
- Ensure cultural diversity is recognized and celebrated
- Promotes an economic environment that does not foster the growth of crime.

- Provides economic incentives for businesses that will provide local jobs, attract tourists and or increase spending in the community.
- We do not have a well balanced mix of business. We need more mom and pop stores and less title companies
- On First Street. It looks more like a business complex instead of an area that would attract out of town and
- Local visitors.
- The two State Parks within our city limits are not being cared for appropriately by the State. The City has historically, through benign neglect maintained a hands off approach to enforcing State Parks to appropriately maintain our two State Parks. Suggest the city do more than mow the lawn at the Capital and put toilet paper in the public toilet. Major deferred maintenance and repairs to the Historic Park to include the Capital Building, the Hanlon House, Servants Quarters and Victorian Garden require major work in order to continue to keep the structures open. Of particular risk is the house, which requires hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of work that State Parks will only fund a small portion of the work. Funds to accommodate the work will need to come from a major fund raising effort. The Benicia State Parks Association (the non profit entity contracted to support the parks) does raise some funds - but not near the amount we will need to accomplish the work in order to continue keep the facilities open to the public over the long term. It is hoped that the City will take a close look at it's main remaining historical site in the down town (touris) area - the one "piece" that draws tourism ...outside of the train station, the Benicia Historical Park is the one draw on main. Such businesses as dress shops, real estate, mortgage, banks and etc. are not the "draw" that bring tourism dollars.
- Concerned about locations of cannabis sales. Concerned about advertisement.
- Billboards along the freeway? Does city have any control over what is advertised, or is that private? Do you lease land for billboards? Some of them are blight.
- Encourage restaurants with water views that would enhance the entire commercial experience especially on First St.
- All the above need to be handled with cost considerations to avoid another debacle similar to our current overpriced water bills
- Also consider not over regulating our little city to the point of driving business away. The regulators need to be professionally qualified for the job
- Water rates are unsustainable. How do marijuana sales improve the community.
- I have lived here since 1984. If it were not for the businesses on First Street and some of the non profits and community-based clubs, Benicia would not have moved as far forward as it has in the last 10 years. When I go to a town like Monterey, that has an established city code for the esthetic theme of the City, i.e. "CA Mission"; what has Benicia considered as the esthetic style code for the City? We are becoming more and more a destination city for people, what is our plan to maintain and grow that?
- As far as infrastructure, how is the suspension on your car driving around on these streets? Chelsea Hills had water leaking out of it for TWO years. I was afraid to drive over it thinking a sink hole could appear at any time.

- What is the unique culture of this community? How and who has defined it or even talked about it? Just because you can pay some contractors to write some words, doesn't mean they apply or you have done the work to make them valid.
- Prevent loss of business which will be a consequence of encouraging marijuana and hashish manufacture in our retail and industrial areas
- Water and road infrastructure neglected. Funding goes mainly to staff and retirement benefits. Money spent on arts and welfare while infrastructure crumbles, resulting in never-ending tax and rate increases.
- Budgets and spends responsibly for long term financial stability
- How many more mortgage, title, real estate companies can First Street handle! Way too many. Not enough balance of retail and service.
- How about public art? Where's that?
- Providing the best school system to boost desirable housing outlook of the City.
- Better schools means better house values.
- Better schools will mean a better economic outlook for the city.
- Better schools will create more tax dollars.
- Need some local transportation that works within the city limits, Industrial Park, Arts Benicia.
- Need less real estate/mortgage businesses on first street. Need to improve the quality & variety of restaurants in town so business stays here ...a lot of people go out of town to eat.
- Need an updated directory of local businesses online so people can shop Benicia.
- Tries not to know better than small businesses and over-plan, ultimately driving them away.
- Mixed use development is undefined and can be interpreted in many different ways.
- The City had used "mixed use" to fit the needs of proposed development rather than try to define it.
- Set realistic expectations of the cost of providing service versus the revenue collected.
- The streets are in terrible conditions, instead of patching roads replace, or resurface.
- Sidewalks need shaving or replacing for safety concerns.
- City of Benicia has often made it difficult for businesses to manage themselves, due to harassment by public inspectors or bullying new businesses as they try to start up downtown. The city has not been kind in establishing downtown commerce
- Benicia downtown is still struggling to bring in tourism. It does not help that there are no signs on 680 to attract tourists, drivers only see billboards for other cities and oil refineries
- Benicia needs it's own dept stores, so residents don't have to drive to Concord, Vallejo, and elsewhere for clothes. The outdoor mall at 1st and East F needs more businesses, not credit unions and doctors offices.
- Confront and answer the most basic question; Can we realistically generate enough tax
- revenue to properly maintain the infrastructure and the quality of life we want without
- allowing development we currently refuse to allow?

- I've lived here less than a decade, I don't understand why 80% on the City Council literally forgot about the infrastructure of our Water Systems, whether it's sewer or water into these homes of 4 freeway exits
- City of Benicia Councils need to keep AN ON-GOING List for the City of Benicia Upcoming Councils whether it's a decade from now or 3 decades from now 2018, anyone should be able to access this TO-DO On-Going Lists.
- Maintains significant open space in the Southhampton hills.
- Attracts and Retains new types of businesses (Emerging technology, technology, biotechnology and clean energy).
- Works to ensure that businesses have adequate internet access.
- Helps business go solar and use water wisely.
- Promotes a green business culture for recycling and energy and water conservation.
- Renegotiate BPOA BFA contracts to change the terms of their pensions away from 3% at 50 and 55 and to prevent double dipping.
- Over the years, it has been left to the community to challenge and fight against what many considered environmentally, socially and economically harmful development proposals that would have derailed objectives to create a more sustainable city. The not-so-hidden costs of protecting the environment must not be tacitly considered an economic "externality". We cannot move toward becoming a sustainable city with a vibrant mixed local economy if the city continues to passively support, without any other concern than an alleged economic 'benefit', those kinds of unsustainable and dangerous developments that have been historically proposed by Koch Industries and Seeno, and more recently, Valero, with its proposed Crude By Rail Project. It was inconceivable, given our general plan's fundamental goal, that the City acting as Lead Agent awarded a "pass" on that project, recommending approval of a "mitigated neg dec". This represented, with respect to the goal of sustainability, a gross miscarriage of responsibility for protecting community health and safety and the environment.
- Concern for affordable housing and senior housing has to be dealt with fairly-- but appropriate locations need to be found. There should be consideration for development of land within Southhampton's lower area, at the base of Hastings Drive and Panoramic, close to shopping center and transit stops.
- The arts and cultural community has contributed greatly to the "draw" of Benicia as a destination. This translates to dispersed economic benefits to other local businesses, and promotes our City's image as a cultural center in Solano County. Vallejo is certainly promoting the arts as a local and regional development opportunity.
- I feel like the City works against providing
- An environment that makes it easy to run a
- Local business in Benicia
- We need a Trader Joes. Rents are too high for local businesses. So..they charge high prices...not good!
- Provide surety in the process when a Benicia citizen or business applies for a permit.
- Re-negotiate older bonds with high interest rate with newer one that have lower rates, reducing city debt.

- Live within the established budget and not add future debt with more bonds.
- Funding for public art and increased funding for the arts to attract "creative class" individuals and businesses
- Creating more walkable and bike-able commercial areas.
- Recognize and support small and micro-businesses including artists, food services, restaurants, breweries, etc.
- Allowing marijuana does not attract the right kinds of businesses
- While industrial manufacturing seems to be a natural fit for our industrial park, we need to move away from industrial manufacturing. I have been a manufacturing engineering and manager. Our wage base is just too high. In other words, our local wages are too high relative other areas which makes Benicia less attractive.
- We need to encourage start-up companies in Benicia as the cost of office space in the South Bay and San Francisco is continuing to rise to unbelievable levels.
- Find a way to mix business that are not dependent on Valero, seems a majority of the Industrial Park is oil and refining.
- Carefully roll out cannabis with the whole community in mind and not just the tax dollar
- Limit the number of spas in this town!
- Now the police, schools, counselling and medical services will have to do more to investigate marijuana uses in this city. If the city supervisors had banned it, then customers would have continued to use Vallejo dispensaries. It is a big disservice to our city that the 3 out of 5 supervisors, approved Marijuana related businesses to operate in this city in order to increase city tax revenue instead of thinking about the wellbeing of the amazing families in this community.
- I think that the city council is being good about looking at what are the future trends of industry and economic sustainability. Industry is no longer the basis for long term economic growth, due to automation and technological advances. As a city we have to be aggressively marketing to "future" revenue producing companies. This would include new emerging markets such as Medicinals, sustainable technologies, Computer based companies and medical research programs. As a community encouraging "industry" to come to Benicia which improves our long term viability, is interested in making Benicia more physically attractive with their infrastructures and promotes a sense of pride and well being. In SF for example the whole section of the city called the dogpatch used to be ugly and grey, sort of like our industrial park. It is now filled with medical research hospitals, teaching hospitals and so forth and with all that came bicycle lanes, outdoor parks, beautiful landscaping, tennis courts, healthy areas to gather, healthy food cafes. We can visualize the industrial park with the potential of what it can be not desperately hold on to what it is. Industry does not have to be dirty, unhealthy or even look like it did in the past because that is not sustainable. The new economic boon will seek out more viable and sustaining, ie. the Google site. What we need to market to attract these companies who can be our new economic base is exactly what we have but do not seem to promote in Benicia, a gorgeous waterway. This huge resource of "beautiful location" can be our focal point. Granted, it is not currently beautiful or "safe" as demonstrated by last years evacuation and toxic air emissions, but that can change if we start aggressively seeking out the companies we want to attract who match our new vision of what the industrial park can be. Which is a

attribute and viable part of the community rather than an isolated somewhat downcast fixture of "necessity."

- Downtown benicia has the potential to be a GREAT TOURIST/Family get away...
- There are just way too many real estate offices and antique shops..
- Ensures and preserves fiscal responsibility and maintains rainy day fund.
- City government currently doing a poor job at promoting the interests of the business community.
- Infrastructure maintenance should be top priority. Only the city can keep this up.
- "Sustainable job growth" is undefined. The opposite is "unsustainable job growth"? Dump the jargon.
- "efficiently supporting ... economic development" should not include corporate welfare via tax breaks. It should include support for new businesses getting permitted, etc.
- These seem to be high level objectives that may support projects that may or may not merit funding. The above are somewhat broad & repetitive. I do not see how the above help us get at cost or priority based budgeting. It doesn't establish a list of projects supported by these objectives that can be evaluated by cost, risk, need or desire
- Where is cost control as an objective? Where is responsible investment of city's time, money & human resources?
- How many more surveys before we get to actual projects to prioritize? For example, how much does this survey cost & how many resources is it consuming? Why are we reinventing the wheel? Busy work.
- Support sustainable business growth with growth strategies that add no restrictions.
- There are different ways to define "business-friendly". Benicia needs to make sure that we aren't allowing businesses (*cough*Valero*cough*) too much latitude in an effort to keep them happy.
- Benicia Planning Commission should have power to mandate low income housing units within walking distance of household services
- Benicia should create city jobs for people who are homeless and/or have developmental disabilities
- Benicia should use models from other cities to create living space for homeless individuals
- Create a more business friendly environment. Attract more small to medium sized businesses to the city.
- "Unique Culture of the community" needs to be defined.
- Careful cost analysis should appear in any definition involving infrastructure and maintainence.
- Enlist the populace to help re-define mixed use development according to our general plan and the public's desires for less residential
- Begin a plan for re-defining downtown uses, increasing unique retail for First Street
- Streets are falling apart and there does not appear to be a plan for systematically fixing them. When money is spent, it is on streets that are not traveled and impact on few people. First st is

the heart of the city and the draw for visitors. Massage parlors, real. Estate offices, mortgage companies do not attract tourists. The lower end of First Street is still a mess.

- Focuses on balancing business needs with environmental impacts. Promotes creating a balance and harmony within the land, water, and air.
- Encourage small local business. Supporting them in order to help our local dollars to "stay home" and increase economic stability.
- Please define the City's development strategy.
- What a bunch of trendy city speak this is. The city does not have a development program. They are anti-development
- and make it nearly impossible to build anything or add on to ones property. And fees just keep rising to to pay for the out of town staff salaries.
- I always hear businesses say it is hard to find a facility to house thier buisness. Not so much that there isnt space but that thier buisness is not able to be permitted in certain locations. Maybe its time to look at these guidelines and adjust to attact and support more local businesses.
- Change the current outdated City's development strategy to allow new competitive businesses such as Trader Joe's, Walmart, Home Goods, Food for Less, the Habit, Hobby Lobby, to efficiently support economic needs and choice for residents.
- Should include balance of historic preservation
- It would be nice to be able to have a good paying job here in Benicia instead of having to commute to the East Bay.
- Recognize that our community's arts and culture assets (and the marketing of them) are an important element of economic development. Invest more in this industry that sponsors events, supports jobs, generates government revenue and sustains a positive quality of life. Taken in part from - City of Benicia – Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 Report June 17, 2017
- Work to keep tax dollars in Benicia.
- Provide salary benchmark data to local businesses to ensure local salaries are competitive with comparable surrounding areas.
- Works to address economic problems immediately and with an eye toward the future.
- We are apparently employing an arborist and instead we should be using every aset available to lower water costs to residents.
- Better manage wages and benefits and match infrastructure needs with appropriate staffing and productivity.
- I am concerned that retail businesses need to be more diverse thus providing family needs, but I have heard that retail monthly rates are too high.
- Provides & maintains public infrastructure and services such that it maintains residential property values
- Actively supports and promotes the installation and adoption of new technologies (such as Fiber, WiMax
- Benicia could use more advanced Strategic Planning in the Industrial Park. It's infrastructure is improving but it is slow ... it could use improved technology, office space and representation.

- It is one of the largest tax revenue sections of our City. Let's give it the respect it deserves and draw businesses and restaurants to this area of the City.
- No definition of "preserving its resources"
- First Street offerings are not as diverse as they ought to be.
- Southampton shopping center turnover has resulted in a mix of businesses that don't well serve the character and needs of the community.
- Examine whether city planning enhances or inhibits development
- Who is responsible for securing new business? What is being done regarding infrastructure? The
- city seemed to back down once the water rates were increased regarding replacement of the water
- pipes. I have seen road improvements.
- Th city does not look at approving business licenses fairly. The last thing needed on 1st St is another, salon, mortgage company, real estate firm, financial company. The downtown needs retail shops and restaurants for tourism.
- I am glad that the city has approved the ordinance to allow the marijuana business since I feel it will generate a lot of money by way of taxes for the city without relying on Valero or Amports.
- yes, to "business-friendly" practices that are compatible with our other community concerns.
- Support the ISO
- I am very concerned with the impact of the cannabis regulations recently approved by the City Council, I do not think they are a benefit to our community and definitely don't match with the ideals listed above.
- Pursue more 21st century business: Software, Incubators, Light tech manufacturing, electric/solar engineering
- Pursue: More school to trade cooperatives with high school and 21st century industries--create a feeder system for robotics, AI, tech , water tech, agri-tech, etc.
- Cut taxes...fees ...
- Again, these statements are all positive. It is HOW you are enforcing and what exactly you choose to enforce and upon whom that matter. This questionnaire is thus far a waste of time.
- Supports development that provides living wage, sustainable jobs which allow residents to work and live in Benicia.
- Supports development that helps the City meet other goals (protecting the environment, preserving and enhancing infrastructure).
- Share publicly and promote the City's development strategy.
- I know this subject probably drew a lot of fire, but I feel the City is doing a good job in this area
- Need clause to ensure that all business operations support a sustainable environment. We are too dependent on refinery for economic growth in Benicia. We had to fight hard to prevent dangerous oils coming in open railroad cars from Canada. We need to make sure that we keep the water as clean as possible to sustain health life for citizens in a healthy economy.
- Old, dead or dying model. Instead of "competitive," "flourishing;" instead of "economic" "life-giving;" omit "business-friendly" and have a larger picture of what is really needed for all life and

for the future; perhaps "services" instead of "business": "Provides a safe, healthy, attractive environment that fosters and supports a thriving, life-giving climate, which attracts and retains a well-balanced mix of services." "

- Supports aging structures on First St. by helping financially or curtailing how long buildings can have visible construction apparatus taking away from the business districts appeal
- Provides for a "resident-friendly" downtown that does not allow businesses to produce noise that infringes upon the enjoyment of resident's properties and protects the property values of mixed-use and residential areas.
- Includes a within the City's development strategy a tenet that ensures that economic development does not infringe upon the enjoyment and property values of residents through the production of noise and reduction of parking for residents.
- Provides for development that does not adversely affect the character of the historic district or the quality of life of its residents.
- I won't add a definition, but these definitions seem a bit redundant and overlapping. Suggest better defining them or dropping one or two.
- We need to be more business friendly and not have all the restrictions on businesses that we have.
- We need to be more friendly to Valero, who is a major contributor to Benicia's economic welfare.
- Tourism has been an important economic driver for business. Investment with return.
- Economic development is essential for the City's future and needs to be a continued priority with funding and staff.
- Utilize the Business Action Plan developed in 2011.
- Comment: Benicia needs to bring at least a couple big business places into town.
- Our downtown area cannot survive for much longer.
- We need to attract people and tax dollars. Pleasant Hill and Concord are booming.
- Benicia needs a more diverse commercial base. There are no places to shop here so all our tax dollars are going to other cities .
- Encourage a small business environment and avoid big corporate incentives.
- This seems more like a pick one than agree or disagree with each option. Choice one and three seem to say the same thing with the words turned around.
- Strengthening Economic and Fiscal Conditions means looking critically at the city's budget to determine if it is being optimized - working with business to keep the city attractive, a reasonable place to do business - "business friendly"
- Benicia is a small town - working to keep that "unique quality of life" is critical to it's continued attraction

Subject: PBB – Protecting and Enhancing the Environment

- I worry that the City will create so many regulations and over-enforcement of environmental regulations that Valero and other sales-tax producing companies will leave.
- Need more recycling in public areas
- Too vague. What does “secure water resources” mean? We have none and rely on the State for 85% or more of our water supply. Where are we going to find new sources?
- Your smart growth is restrictive and is not my smart growth. As long as our population is growing we need to provide adequate housing. Using regional versus only local resources for success
- There are not adequate standards and guidelines for implementing smart growth. In general the public has little knowledge of the cost of low density development and the economics of smart growth.
- We do not have a secure water supply and are not investing in ways to provide more self-sustaining water supplies.
- We do not treat stormwater runoff which contains pollutants; we do not invest in air quality measures such as transportation, wood burning, industrial safety to prevent increases in air pollution.
- Environment includes sound. Please include issues relating to noise, appropriate to various zonings/neighborhoods.
- The city should provide safe water. Stop over managing what we do with it. Conservation, policing the environment and preserving natural resources is not the job of the city.
- Write an Industrial Safety Ordinance
- Adopt a Clean Air Ordinance
- Install Air monitors to quickly respond and alert citizens of unhealthy air
- Takes an active role in implementing measures to reduce the use of plastics
- Encourages the use of zero-emission vehicles
- Protecting residents air quality through management of refinery
- I think there should be something about communicating and working with industry around emissions and the environmental impacts that the industry has on our environment.
- Encourages and accepts inputs from community members using open forums about local environmental issues, online or paper/pencil surveys, and civic participation on a local environment commission.
- Part of what makes Benicia nice is the environment, but also being able to live in a house. I am concerned that some of these things will result in more large scale apartment complexes. It would be nice to see more small apartment complexes, no more than 8 units and duplexes, triplexes, or four plexes. That allows for more growth while keeping the damage to environment from growth from being too high. Also, it is ridiculous that we are segregating poor individuals and higher income individuals in this city. The Waters End complex had no affordable housing options, had no smaller units available for lower income folk, etc. Mixed economics housing is important.

- Also, water bills are too high for someone on a fixed social security income. If the city wants to remain accessible to individuals who are not in the upper middle income brackets, there needs to be some sort of discount for disabled and elderly individuals on city services.
- We need better environmental regulations on Valero's refinery. We need a better monitoring of our air quality on a daily basis conducted by independent regulators.
- Provide that development in the community, regardless of the size, provides low income housing as well as market rate.
- Pass and implement ISO.
- Improve the early warning system so that all residents are notified in case of an emergency.
- Smart growth can be promoted while ENHANCING natural resources, not just protecting and preserving them. The term ENHANCING is used in the description of the Result, but is missing in the definitions provided.
- Leverages and implements best practices for sustainability
- Well said! Thank you.
- Addresses climate change through zoning and other local regulations that are guided by our General Plan and Climate Action Plan
- Benicia requested its citizens to use a lot less water. They sure did. Benicia look terrible last year. A lot of trees and plants were lost because people wouldn't even water once or twice a week.
- provides mechanisms for continuous community input to foster a sense of trust among the community.
- Promote and implement the City's Climate Action Plan.
- Plan for and take action to mitigate anticipated sea-level rise.
- Define smart growth
- Finds solutions to expand the city with the resources we have.
- We are too vulnerable to industrial health and safety hazards without an Industrial Safety Ordinance like that which protects our neighbors in Contra Contra.
- Provides for safe and secure water resources. -- separate definitions you provided, they are two different things
- Conservation of all resources. -- separate definitions you provided, they are two different things
- There are many days when the air quality is poor.
- Less vagrancy/loitering in City Park
- "Smart growth" what does this mean? Without a definition, it's hard to know how to answer the question.
- The existing maze of environmental regulations does nothing to promote "smart growth". A business needs to be stupid to establish itself in Benicia or most other California communities. Texas is business friendly.
- Regulates and enforces industrial emissions and waste products produced by corporations who operate within the city limit.

- Fixing our ailing infrastructure components is a much needed priority.
- No more growth
- No more water fee increases
- Works with regional, state and federal agencies who have the expertise on environmental issues (water, air, land), but is not the lead agency.
- Improves sidewalks and bicycle routes to encourage walking and bicycling especially along routes that connect to downtown, like E 2nd street.
- Protects the environment by protecting non dangerous wildlife (e.g. deer) and controlling dangerous wildlife such as coyotes which have been allowed to take over the town.
- Concerned that city is beholden to Valero. Water usage and rates need a close look, as doesn't Valero use most of the water? Time to be sure appropriate users get charged appropriate rates.
- All the above need to be handled with cost considerations to avoid another debacle similar to our current overpriced water bills
- What is "smart growth" Lovely euphemism but what does it really mean?
- avoid duplicate regulations
- I don't know how those questions can even be on a questionnaire after the H2S release from Valero. Really?! you have no idea what you are even talking about.
- People will stop moving here because of the water blackmail situation. Go on Neighborhood.com. All the people that just moved here are in shock and complaining. The realtors should have to disclose it in the truth and lending.
- We don't need growth. We need to make better use of the existing buildings.
- Not much a single city could do, but I believe we do our part. But all this should take a back seat to infrastructure improvement
- Improving options for residents to access environmentally conscious public services
- Provides and maintains outdoor natural recreational areas such as parks, playgrounds, and beaches.
- Beautification; see response above about anti-ugly.
- Protecting and enhancing public spaces and the look and feel of public spaces.
- The trash around the freeways needs to be cleaned up.
- The older school buildings need to be maintained.
- Do you believe in "No growth"?
- Is it possible to minimize emissions with any growth at all?
- Better monitoring of the air, particularly particulate matter from refinery emissions.
- Lower water rates...find another source for financing.
- Make better use of alternative energy in all public buildings.
- Supports appropriate agencies rather than wastefully duplicating their efforts.
- Balances "smart growth" with economic development.
- Green energy is key, so long as it's fiscally responsible

- I do not support the increase in oil transport by rail proposed by Vallejo. Please continue to deny this increase.
- Strongly limits growth to keep our town small and safe
- Benicia needs to promote more low speed electric vehicles
- Instead of saying "promotes" our city should more strongly encourage and direct all residents to join with staff in attaining those goals which "preserve and protect the environment."
- Does not use products shown to harm the environment, such as Round Up.
- Manages and mitigates factors that impact the environmental quality of water, land and air from businesses
- Proactively addresses threats posed to the city by sea water rise and climate change, including more severe storms.
- Ensure that the city's own energy use is completely renewable.
- Promotes sustainable use of land, including storm water capture and permaculture.
- Protecting and enhancing should mean reducing impacts from polluters not just manage and mitigate.
- Plan for the eventual decommissioning or closing of Valero.
- Significant investment in local renewable energy generation on rooftops, industrial spaces and parking facilities.
- see responses above.
- The main concern is to plan for sustainability in all aspects of existing and future programs to secure these goals. Sustainability has to be practically demonstratable. Examples should be given of what kinds of criteria and policies must be part of programs meant to address environmental concerns in Benicia, especially as related to water supply security and climate impacts as referenced in BCDC reports on threat of rising sea levels around the Bay and Carquinez Strait on existing shoreline developments, etc.
- Long term water plans
- Inventory all emissions that are the responsibility of the city (vehicles, waste water, buildings...etc).
- Not a fan of allowing the sale of canibus in Benicia
- Smart growth should include affordable Housing for Teachers, Firefighters, Police, Nurses. Apt. Homes should have to give a a discount.
- With growth we need more comercial to add to the tax base. Small business is great but we need a larger company, like Vallero for sustained to help.
- Pass Industrial Safety Ordinance
- Create more public commons and wilder park areas
- Control growth; no "cookie cutter" developments, no strip malls. Focus on walkable and bikable
- Greenhouse gases from the refinery
- Our water bills are insane. Even with conservation, we don't get a break.

- Actively maintain, landscape and clean major community thoroughfares & areas including Southampton Rd & Military Rd.
- air monitoring, cleanup efforts beyond Earth Day,
- park improvements and park "spiffing" up
- Caltrans trash cleanup along highways, on/off ramps,
- Retaining open space is wonderful but also encouraging use of "natural spaces" is also important. Sometimes it seems like some open space is not user friendly and therefore becomes a area to harbor drug activity. Open space or natural areas could be made more user friendly. For example the area along the waterfront east of 1st street could have a trail that is cleaner, safer and more accessible. Currently if you want to walk along the shoreline in that area it is littered with garbage and hazardous, a place for people to go where they can't be seen, there is even a "nest" in there. It could have a boardwalk where we "vitalize" the area encouraging citizens and tourist to come enjoy one of our free attractions. Our waterfront could be one of our big selling points to increase our tourist economy, but instead it remains dirty and underused.
- Protect, clean, and enhance public's usage of bay and beaches.
- City of benicia need more out reach for the homeless and less fortunate.
- Include ambient noise as an environmental concern.
- Stands up for environmental issues despite political opposition
- Need balance between City environmental ordinances and the needs of the business community
- These goals are pie-in-the-sky. How about enforcing local ordinances, and working with employers to solve problems?
- "Conservation of all resources" is vague to the point of being ridiculous. "Smart growth" is similarly meaningless.
- The city's growth should comply with the law, not pursue a job-killing minimum emissions strategy.
- These seem to be high level objectives that may support projects that may or may not merit funding. The above are somewhat broad & repetitive. I do not see how the above help us get at cost or priority based budgeting. It doesn't establish a list of projects supported by these objectives that can be evaluated by cost, risk, need or desire. Furthermore, they seem heavily biased against several Benicia industries (valero) and seem to encourage adversarial, litigious, time consuming, city resource consuming time & money.
- How about finding additional sources of water for Benicia? 3 sources seems inadequate.
- Emphasize the needs of today without compromising and degrading the environment of the future
- Hold business owners accountable for protecting the local environment.
- We feel Valero has brought prosperity to Benicia. They have been good neighbors.
- "Smart growth" needs to be defined.
- Would certainly want to. Have "smart growth" defined in detail.

- Anticipate and plan for environmental problems relating to refinery emissions and accidents
- The area known as pine lake looks like a junk yard and does not enhance a key entrance to the city. With regard to growth, what is left to grow into?
- Smart growth needs defining.
- It would be great to see the City partner with the BUSD to educate youth on the importance of Protecting and Enhancing the Environment.
- Preserving historic elements of our city
- Preserving small-town feel
- Refinery: reporting tool for flaring
- Proactively educates the community on ways to positively contribute to the environmental health of Benicia.
- Works to set and enforce air quality standards
- Maintains a healthy tree canopy throughout the city, particularly in open space.
- Need to greatly reduce water rates. Retired residents can not afford to pay exorbitant rates.
- We should have kept Pine Lake as a backup for drought.
- Lets make sure Environmental rules and laws do not chock us.
- Benicia city hall has a reputation, at times, of overkill on regulation, permits.
- Promote growth with scientifically based protections to the environment, not junk science.
- Make buildings more modern
- It is vital to put in place Benicia's ISO
- Could use more growth and less preservation of some of the land.
- No definition of "smart growth" provided so hard to know what is applicable.
- Unknown to what degree the city "mitigates" refinery emissions.
- Plastic bag ban
- Control over industries that could harm the environment (e.g., oil)
- Better cooperation to maintain a cleaner bayfront
- We are going over the top on environmental issues to the detriment of jobs.
- Concern - Valero's emissions, water safety with the aging pipes downtown.
- I would like to see more development in the industrial park.
- the city is largely built out- get over it. - seen only real parcel left.
- The city is not the -EPA-
- A large planning budget is not required
- Why do I have to pay for stupid solar panels? Hm? I do not work hard, to have my money spent on things I don't believe in.
- Enhance community gardens in community space
- Enhance green program like ev charging

- Enhance solar panel downtown and in every school
- The city does not do enough to protect its citizens from Valero & Shell refinery releases of chemicals in the air. The city is too reliant on Valero money and it is not good business .
- Establishes and enforces codes that ensure clean water and air quality.
- Publishes accurate reports showing emissions from local industrial sources.
- Support the ISO
- I believe that there should be something spelled out that is focused on ensuring that the environmental impact of the refinery is addressed and minimized including proactive response to any unplanned release of gases or liquids.
- City government should not overlap existing environmental protection agencies, as this is not an area a small town can afford to focus on with limited financial resources. The city should leverage relationships with business and counties to achieve this goal.
- Providing incentives (carrots, not sticks) for conservation and awareness
- Use more data and smart programs to achieve results:
https://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=244863&org=NSF&from=news
- Encourage or provide incentives for individual citizens to conserve natural resources
- City counsel should be restricted from using it's citizen's water and utility bills to build city coffers.
- These are all very generic and really do not mean much. Why can't you be more specific?
- As long as the environmental quality of land, sea and air meets federal and state regulations, I do not feel that the city should spend it's resources and time managing and mitigating these factors. Any conditions not meeting these criteria should , of course, be investigated, and dealt with!
- SMART development is a win/win situation for both fiscal and environmental/health proponents. Extremists on either end of this spectrum do not reflect the opinions of most Benicians.
- I love Benicia. Fiscal and "quality-of-life" can exist side by side. It is not "winner take all" competition.
- Not certain what "smart growth" entails--define?
- "and the conservation [and sustainability] of all [natural] resources."
- or--"and the conservation [and regenerative sustainability] of all [natural] resources."
- in other words, not only damage control to improving the environment
- Promotes public transportation and alternate ways of providing rides for short trips to avoid frequent use of personal vehicles and parking problems. (E.g. Trolley rides up and down First Street)
- Promotes "smart growth" while protecting the integrity of Benicia's historic resources and historic neighborhoods.
- We don't need growth if we don't have adequate water
- Emphasis should be on in-fill and not adding to urban sprawl, increasing traffic congestion or stressing existing infrastructure.

- we need to address reclaimed water so we can have lawns instead of desert landscaping
- The City needs to continue its successful work with the residents on water conservation.
- Pursue the water reuse project for the future.
- Plan for the impacts of businesses that need water and how to accommodate those needs in continued drought years.
- I think we should have stricter rules about water waste. As I walk every day in early am with my dog, I often see
- Water wasted from sprinklers and public
- Our city needs to call and encourage the citizens to work on environmental concerns. Just ask.
- "Smart growth" is essential, but I am not a fan of expanding the housing in Benicia. Revitalization of the space that is already residential would be a priority over sprawl.
- What about low cost/affordable housing?
- Preserve open space.
- Promotes education of youth and broader community on environmental issues such as recycling, water conservation, water treatment (drinking water and wastewater), and clean air,.
- Only if doesn't raise the rates or taxes .
- Implement an ISO protocol
- The refinery has bought off every option they can in Benicia.