

The National Citizen Survey™

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Open Ended Responses

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Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The National Citizen Survey communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to the open ended question included on The NCS 2013 survey for Chanhassen. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about the single biggest issue facing Chanhassen in the following question:

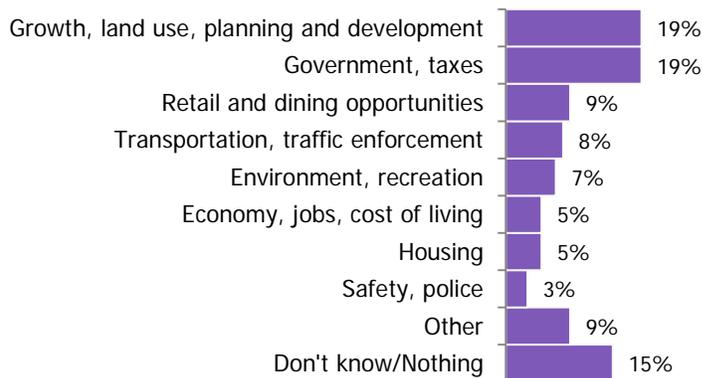
- What would you do to help solve the single biggest issue facing Chanhassen over the next several years?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following table with the percent of responses given in each category. Those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic. Verbatim comments that contain more than one topic nevertheless appear only once (in the category of the first topic listed).

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. Four-hundred and sixty-one surveys were completed by Chanhassen residents; of these 217 wrote in responses for the open-ended question. Most respondents provided solutions to growth, land use, planning and development or government and taxes. Others were concerned about the amount and type of retail and dining opportunities, the environment and the variety and affordability of housing.

Figure 1: Question 13d

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Verbatim Responses

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

What would you do to help solve the single biggest issue facing Chanhassen over the next several years?

Growth, land use, planning and development

- Be careful not to allow over-population. Preserve existing space to maintain balance. Invest more in Downtown to attract business people & give them a reason to stay. Consider areas where restaurants & shopping could be more clustered. More "strolling" opportunities like excelsior.
- The biggest issue for me is preserving green space and avoiding urban sprawl. Also redesigning downtown so that it has a more coherent shopping district with pedestrian sects and a small town feel. Think Excelsior. I would strongly support this. Also include Water rates that are unit based rather than bands to average and reward water conserve. Finally, take active steps to encourage a more ethnically diverse populate of residents and Employees.
- Growth for the sake of growth. We do not want to be the next Eden Prairie. We would like to continue to support local & small business to develop a community like Downtown excelsior or the uptown areas. Eden prairie can continue to be a haven for big brand and chains like Wal-Mart and Fridays
- Hire an urban planner
- Upgrade the Downtown area to the more inviting and welcoming. The town needs better planning of buildings-also get more creative in the thinking a planning instead of "same old" need new faces and new ideas.
- Development in more downtown commercial/retail
- Limit growth
- Keep big box stores out of city ie. Wal-Mart Costco best buy etc.
- No big Wal-Mart store petition no low income house
- Develop land along sir corridor increase highway 5 to four lane to Victoria curb careless driving & speeding in town.
- Planned development: expanding the Downtown into a destination while also keeping the city a small community feel. We need more public places for teens and I would love to see the library be one of those places. We need the library to have a more appealing schedule to encourage its use in this regard. Currently open to 8 pm. M-TH; then close of 5 pm on friday-sunday. Why? Stay open until 10 pm on Friday and sat and 8 pm on sunday. Open later on other days if necessary but need longer weekend hours. Give kids a study / meeting place
- No big issue-but less fast food joints (Chan does not need 2 McDonalds!) and a community swimming pool would be wonderful.
- Expand business and affordable housing to expand tax base. 2) Bus service and light rail which would connect city to southwest outs instead of only to downtown mpls.
- Keeping up with increasing population and moderate income housing
- Don't expand too fast
- Do not let to many fast food places to set up here in Chanhassen. More clothing stores
- Preserve our open spaces to maintain our "small town feel" Do not over - build either homes or businesses. I would strongly encourage the city to start purchasing un-developed lands for the purpose of maintaining this land as open space long - term. What makes Chanhassen different than Eden Prairie. Bloomington is our rural yet suburban setting - let's not lose that.
- Disappointed at the City Building another McDonald = govt wants to mandate soda sizes - what we eat in school but for taxes they cave and build for their profit.
- Not build another low income housing unit that would create more traffic congestive where it is not needed. Being in more small clothing variety stores instead of more fast food restaurants.

- 1) No more subways, McDonald's ! Yuck ! need a chicken fast food, pancake house, Pavannis please !! 2) Cable too expensive / mediacom is totally out of control. Need competitions!
- Develop a mall/outdoor shopping Mecca (like Arbor Lakes). This would help taxes in Carver county, as well as create jobs for Chanhassen. Add some outdoor hockey rinks. City-wide Wifi (like Chaska).
- No big box stores,-a car & pedestrian crossover of Hwy 5. Reduce the number of garbage trucks on the streets. Reduce air pollution, Greater police presence in neighborhoods.
- Balancing the commercial & housing space for development. As well as creating a downtown w / options to stay & play in the area for food & entertainment, instead of going to neighboring cities.
- Controlling over development and keeping up and preserving open areas natural habitats lakes etc. Fighting pollution that comes with development.
- Take into account all citizen input when making changes to zoning laws.
- More clearly define downtown create accessibility to it - unlikely biking for shopping, dining. Create more of a destination for residents & victors.
- City planning & administration does not appear to take into account citizen opinions on planning and zoning. This needs to change.
- Follow the comprehensive plan, Be mindful of new development and what it is doing to existing and future neighbourhoods. Approving a drive thru McDonald at 101 and Lymon still dissapoints me greatly. A coffee shop would have been less commercial and more in keeping with a local neighborhood development. I am very worried about the traffic and potential crime now that we have a "destination fast food" that is the first one as the new Hwy 212 development. I am also concerned with rezoning Fa lage multi-unit complexes in Chanhassen. Please keep the neighborhood feel Chanhassen.
- The vitality of the downtown corridor it is essential to link shops, grocery stores, library, restaurants w / pedestrian - friendly plazas & sidewalks - look at the vitality of excelsior downtown! it's draw and very pleasant place spend time & money
- Over development, letting developers use up every parcel for homes
- Make sure that you keep the town feel like a small town. Don't sell land urbanization. Keep the farm land available for farmers only, keep the natural areas present.
- Stop development!
- Closely moderate population growth and make necessary adjustments with new restaurants and traffic flow. Along with continuing development of trail system.
- Balance commercial growth to pay taxes vs. Resident taxes but keep quality of like high (example - Wal-Mart rebuff was excellent, but what can be found as tax paying low-impact replacement?)
- Lack of an updated downtown W / A main street feel. Businesses seem spread out and out dated. Lack of good restaurants. When we get a night out, we would typically go to excelsior for this.
- Continue to scrutinize businesses (Wal-Mart) that try to come into our city. Keep away from affordable housing there are plenty of other cities that offer it. Keep Chanhassen unique & not cookie cutter.

Government, taxes

- Depending on what the "biggest issue" in Chanhassen, I believe getting, the word out is important, therefore communicate the needs of the city in any way possible.
- Cut city payroll, To many employees for town this size.
- Listen to your community members and what they want for their neighborhoods. We were disappointed that the city of Chanhassen did not aggressively advocate for its citizens this year when it came to new power lines tearing through neighborhoods, why would they hesitate to protect citizen health & property values? The same thing happened w / the Galpin blvd apts. Zoning was changed against citizens wishes, keep your promises Chanhassen.
- Spending in general-spending needs to be reduced including eliminating the cost of this ridiculous survey- what a waste of time and money. Examples of why this survey is a waste: We might not have access to light-rail that is a good things, because it's money we aren't wasting on something that doesn't work. We might not have "affordable" housing, whatever that means; but this shouldn't be government's concern: if you can afford to live here, then live here if you want, If you can't afford to live here then don't. The goverment seldom if ever " gets it right" but the private sector always does and will build if there is a need.
- Lower speed limits on certain roads as new home construction increases. Co rds are too high. Powers and Galpin are examples population increases mean more cars in high density neighborhoods. Powers is 50 miles

an hour then decreases to 35 miles an hour once it hits Hennipin county. 50 miles, way too high corner of Lake Lucy & Powers is danger zone. Much better with new turn lanes but turning on to road with bikes crossing, people crossing, cars crossing at 45-50 miles an hour on powers is death trap.

- Try to keep from taxing people out of their homes
- New business-taxes-remove all stop signs - because people don't use than anyway.
- Disappointed by the city council in representing the citizens of Chan. Need to reevaluate the plan for growth-restaurants, business, and traffic flow.
- Don't be political, do the right thing.
- Need more referendums
- Real estate taxes are the biggest threat, I have had multiple friends move out of chan because of property taxes. On the same line state income tax is the number one reason I see people move out to no state tax residence when they retire.
- City services on a balanced budget. Strong school district
- Keep property taxes low! essential.
- The city council has done a poor job. They don't listen to constituents. They make up their minds based on their own personal views / interests without regard to the citizens. The way they handled the development going in at hwy 5 & Galpin was nothing short of amazing. Amazingly poor. They did not realistically look at other options (including many other, better suited, locations for the apartment. This was about the counsel and not the citizens. I was amazed that after reaching out to the major counsel members, only 1 responded back. My feeling is shared widely; it certainly will be felt when voting. A really pathetic job on that issue. As they say. The smaller the governing body, the worse they are. So true.
- Senior taxation
- Chanhassen is a good place to live, but please stop raising our taxes. We moved out here because we thought it would be more affordable-but its ridiculous that Carver county has one of the highest property tax bases in the state. And please, please, please give your residents better opportunities to shop and restaurants to eat. I get you want to keep your green space & small town feel-but give your community good places to spend our money. Instead of having to go elsewhere to do it, perhaps that would generate more money for you instead of raising our property taxes.
- Continue to invest in public services-parks, library, schools- it's why we are the best!
- Get the community involved.
- Reduce spending and reduce the size and reach of local government which is impossible now with our current mayor and council that only do what staff tells them and we have a staff that is dishonest, unethical unprincipled and fraudulent.
- Keeping Property taxes in line continue to provide high level of services but stay in budget w/o raising taxes. The city has been creative & must continue to think "outside the box" to provide the services. Great job love Chanhassen!
- Resist being eaten up by big city bureaucracy & met council. Thank you for the survey. Most cities would be afraid to ask.
- Maintain its independence from state & federal control
- (1) Keep taxes low I if not, would be hard for families, retirees, etc-to offered to live in Chanhassen. We think about this as we are in our early 50s. (2) Build affordable housing for single people, young people, retirees etc-including 1 and 2 level homes. (3) need variety of stores (small mall) for clothing, shoes etc. No homes built over \$350,000; Affordable housing W / low taxes! no more 4940r stores or Gas stations! Keep some land open W/no construction - better air quality for humans and good for nature and animals small town feel seems to be disappearing with no open land left! Need a humane society for dogs/cats in carver county! Tax dollars could go towards this-a few dollars per household would go a long ways. Chanhassen residents love their pets.
- Keeping real estate taxes in check. Dump Mediacom as the cable provider.
- Take a second look at the budget to make sure everything is "needed".
- Keeping taxes low & services at current levels
- Lower taxes low income housing
- Encourage citizens input and fairly consider the input.
- Give tax incentives to fix up & lease out current commercial properties rather than continue to build new & plow under open spaces. The city powers-that-be seem to think that we need a new McDonald's, liquor store and/or gas station on every single corner. What we need is something unique that would entice people to

come to Chanhassen. Let's be an example of wise use of commercial properties already developed & not contribute to on going sprawl.

- No spending-house taxes (real estate) go up-value goes down that should not be the case.
- As Chan grows, don't try to over-manage the city. We've been here 18 years and don't like when the city makes rules that should be common sense to the residents.
- Keep property taxes low - Need better sense community @ H.S.
- Stop the school funding referendums.
- Council is behavior to staff. Get (new) council who work for us
- Continue to vote for our governing staff, at the polls!
- Taxes on housing!

Retail and dining opportunities

- Quality restaurants! This means fresh quality ingredients not fast food. We would be Patrons of such an establishment at least once a week!
- Could use a DQ and/or champs type of restaurant - mid priced could use clothing store-more reasonable prices-nor boutique. Biggest issue we have is snow plowing. Do they really have to dump an entire road & cul-de-sac snow fall into I spot !! 13 ft high- really !! Spread it out !!
- Chanhassen needs a good night club for the younger 21 & crowd fix the timing on street lights
- More variety in business in town food, Liquor and groceries seem to be all accept target - would like to see more private specialty business-not Wal-Mart type!!
- Bigger variety of restaurants. Not "chain"
- Love Chanhassen ! love the schools ! would love to see greater restaurant - selection - very limited besides cheap fast food.
- 1. Provide opportunities for some restaurants and sports bar 2. Our community center is terrible. 3. Compared to the Amenities in Chaska we are lacking in community center, arena, golf course, shopping, restaurants, community Wifi.
- We need more shopping & eating establishments. (Like Olive garden, outback and department stores.)
- Not sure what the single biggest issue is. But I would prefer to shop local so I would prefer more places to shop instead of going to Eden prairie.
- Better restaurants - and not chain - type restaurant.
- We need better restaurants and shops in downtown Chanhassen. The city can't increase taxes.
- More night life. Eg. Axels. -get light rail, but charge a little so bums don't come out here
- Attract better restaurants and retail would like to have a Hub Feel like 50th France or weygota
- Add more/better restaurants/retail - Continue to work on water issues
- More retail and restaurants are needed.
- More options for family friendly restaurants.

Transportation, traffic enforcement

- We need better enforcement of traffic laws! Many drivers are distracted by cell phones (talking & texting). Many drivers are running red lights & not stopping for stop signs. Excessive speeds by some motorists, even in large parking lots, frequently puts pedestrians at risk. The safety of all citizens in Chanhassen should always be a top priority!
- Please do something about timing the cross walk lights. Let enough time to get across without running. The school cross walk and Perber drive is a dangerous place to cross. Cars do not stop at times, even when I have an orange flag in my hand.
- Educate and enforce laws that drivers making left turns in the city center while texting and other distractions ignore the walking signal on the street they are turning to. I have had and seen many very close calls
- One issue & noticed moving here 1 1/2 yrs. Ago from Rich Field MN. South of Minneapolis, is the speeding. People also run red lights. Traffic lights can make you wait 5 min. People run the red lights because they don't want to wait also, only 3 people can go through the 46+ turn light B/4 its red again. Hwy 5 people speed 10-20 miles / hs. Over speed limit. Also I believe people speed because they grew up on farms and are use to driving long distances and want to shorten give time.

- 1) Road Improvements 2) Less churches & day cares 3) Better zoning for businesses - to allow restaurants retail 4) More thought out road system-accessibility for parking roads on Chanhassen on the ponds. Aesthetics of buildings are too different it's a mish mash of architecture
- Stop speeding
- Avoid congestion. Almost had a Wal-Mart built. We don't need something like that.
- Hwy 5 stop lights, has Chanhassen ever heard of a bridge or frontage roads, all the stop lights from 41 and 5 to 5 and 212 is a damn joke, waiting time is horse shit, P.S. This is just 1 issue I have with the city.
- Priority first-roads; Then trails, parks & public transportation,
- I felt it was totally unnecessary to widen autoban especially since powers is a wide road and its only 1 intersection from autoban now with the addition of the Moto Park autoban is a race track. I've never seen the racers get stopped for dangerous speeding since we have no Police dept. I assume this will get only worst.
- Doing something about hwy 5 - very busy all the time
- Keeping road sides cut & cleaned. Hate the weeds growing through cement areas - very unkept. Also hate yards that are used for fixing everyone car - very unsightly - The yards look like junk yards - which has not place in the city
- Side walks
- Hwy 5 pedestrian/Bike over pass to downtown
- 101 needs help way too fast and accidents waiting to happen daily. How many do we need to unite county, city, state in making something happen stop light at pleasant view. Enforcing Speed Limit. Cross for 101 with middle between city tours essential.
- A) Lived in Chanhassen since the 60's-my opinion is the "Traffic problems" in downtown. The streets are small, confusing, not wide enough even after being widened years ago. More growth = more traffic B) Shorter survey's
- Nothing I can do about my biggest issue living out here the long drive into the city needed to have more diversity both in people are food/restaurant opportunities.
- Volunteer to create a transportation link for residents who don't drive to public transportation
- Need improved Walkability. Making connections to get over hwy 101 is almost non-existent. Cannot at all understand new tunnel being built by Bandimere park - there is no way to get across hwy 101 or Lyman. If people live west of 101 they have to make multiple, unsafe crossings to access southwest station. Several neighborhoods have no sidewalks whatsoever. Absolutely need a safe crossing over hwy 5. Obviously nobody uses the crossing near the legion where nobody actually lives. I think if people live south of hwy 5 they spend half their lives at the red lights trying to cross over.
- I would fix the stoplight at the corner of 78th st and Kerber. The left turn signal to go north on Kerber hardly ever turns on. It can be hard and dangerous to make that turn. I would also eliminate sunday soccer baseball etc. In the parks. Sunday should be family get together time. Sports on mothers day? Sports on sunday mornings? (church time)
- I'm strictly a walker, year round, I bus into Eden Prairie sometimes but do most everything in Chanhassen. I would change how trails are constructed; zigzagging back and fourth across roads is frustrating when tired and trails are icy or snow-covered. The trails are angled too much toward the roads in some places. They are difficult to traverse when your mobility is limited. During winter months the trails are often re-covered in snow when road plows go by - again this is generally in specific areas.
- Light rail to Downtown mpls.

Environment, recreation

- I am a recycler! I walk daily and on these walks I pick up all sorts of items just thrown that need to be recycled. There seems to be a lack of respect to Chanhassen with the carelessness of discarding recyclables. Recycling is a big issue and to litter is so disrespectful.
- Chanhassen needs a better community center for swimming, fitness, and family health & gathering.
- I'm too old to decide issues here in Chanhassen. Have Village cut greenery along Santa Vera Street across 820. It's Ugly Thank You.
- Protect the lakes-they are a huge asset to this city!
- Keep lakes free of weeds and invasive species.
- Trail systems around the lakes is non - existent curfew needs to be enforced, 2t my doorbell was rung late @ night. 3-4 am.

- I would like see water quality maintained and I would like to see more mass trans options to use to go downtown and/or to the carport. seems very limited right now.
- Pack benches along trails
- Improve the drinking water.
- Water quality of drinking / tap water
- Promote educating citizens about preserving water quality promote restrictions of chemicals known to be harmful to be ie. Loan care businesses.
- Try to preserve the urban forest during road reconstructions. Regardless of potential. Emerald Ash boar threat, treat Ash trees rather than cut them all down because they "Might" get sick and decision the future. Jill Sinclair, our city forester, completely changed the character and chasm of our neighborhood when she insisted that all Ash tree should be removed (prior to illness) during a road upgrade project because she said they were going to die anyway. A poorly written letter frightened residents into giving permission to cut tree because it suggested they would be responsible for paying for future removal of dead trees.
- Pollution - trucks & vehicles running their motors in residential areas for very long periods of time, especially in the winter.
- Protect our Lakes - don't wait until its too late!
- The water system here need to build water site on where it is planned water quality here is poor.
- Protect our water resources by promoting conservation (especially wearing in summer protection) and continued improvement of surface water
- Issue of invasive species in our area lakes. I would support check areas before entering lakes and agree to help fund the important issue.
- Lights at lake Susan Improve the baseball softball (youth) fields/parks. Our 1200 member CAA (Chanhassen athletic assoc) members vote.

Economy, jobs, cost of living

- Chan is a great place to live, but it is becoming too expensive. Our house assessment & market value keeps going down, but our taxes go up every year. Not sure if it is the fault of the city the county, or the state.
- Jobs / we need factories
- Make sure they only let Bus in that pay a covering wage.
- Economic growth is important but Chanhassen's small town feel makes it very special balancing those two aspects is important to Chan's identity.
- Attract employers
- Attracting jobs-would love to work closer to home! offer incentives for companies to locate here.
- Promote good business health.
- How to build & attract a strong business environment & effectively report economic development to taxpayers. Eliminate driving disasters in cub food / wells fargo parking lot. Too many hazards. The ugliest spot in Chanhassen. The bridge over RR tracks on Audubon between hwys & Lyman - seriously awful - cement barriers for sidewalk protection - what were they thinking?
- Jobs. I would like to see less people soaking up my tax dollars. My family and I do struggle, but I am proud to be working and not living off the government. People should have more pride over important things like work and family, not publicly announce pride in their personal business. My neighborhood has at least 2-3 police calls a month. I feel if they had their citizenship and jobs, it would be quite different. For the most part everyone is nice, there are just very few chances for them to get ahead. At least enough to get off assistance. Sorry I don't have answers on how to accomplish all this, but I feel people would be happier if they were proud to be apart of something they worked for. Thank you
- Support local commerce, as much as possible.

Housing

- I currently live in lake Susan apartments. I will be moving to Chaska next month because the rent goes up every year. I'll be paying 1000 month for a 1BR if I stay. I only bring home 1800 month. Recently I filed bankruptcy and my home was foreclosed on. I feel I'm being taken advantage of by the apartment industry. I work full time and have a 2nd part time job, but its still hard to make ends meet, I'd like to see Chanhassen and other cities provide affordable housing options for adults. I'm 56 years old and single and really do not want to live in a building with lots of noisy children. I hope to move back to Chanhassen some day!

- I would like to see a 55+ housing unit that was (one story & a garage & a basement) - steps are hard & that is something I would like.
- Create subsidized housing (affordable) for retired individuals who rely primarily on social security income for their expenses.
- Lack of affordable housing, especially single family housing. Keeping education adequately funded
- Expand affordable housing to create more diversity and allow others to enjoy all Chanhassen has to offer
- More affordable housing keep lots of "green" space don't over build? Energy - look into solar, wind generating power.
- Affordable housing, rent is high.
- The city should not allow apts to be built of 5+ Galpin... it's way too busy regarding traffic flow. (Also, taxes w/d be needed to expand increased school enrollment.)
- Housing having affordable housing is the biggest issue. I like the area but may be forced to move do to the high cost of Apts. Being single has proven the cost of Chan is very hard on the budget. Do not want to move to different area due to crime like Minneapolis. Love the feel of Chanhassen but the housing cost don't help when you make to much for help but not enough to support yourself w/out 2-3 jobs.
- 1) If you want to invite diversity, you would need more affordable housing. 2) Lack of sidewalks in many neighborhoods small children are unable to walk on streets
- Encourage more senior citizen housing Televisе city council meetings preservation of historic places.
- Affordable housing
- Housing inspections-not getting proper attention, major code violations with builders. Hire more inspectors
- Affordable housing.

Safety, police

- Crime-with all the "newer" low income housing-our neighborhoods have higher crime our parks aren't as safe as they were when I raised my kids in Chanhassen. We need to get in front of this quick!
- Keeping the city safe & financially sound for all residents as more & more changes across the country & maintaining the quality of life (education, parks, downtown, etc)
- I believe Chanhassen needs its own police force to discourage & counteract crime. We were victims of a crime (burglary) & no action was ever taken by Carver County to investigate. Very disappointing.
- The Sheriff's office should patrol the neighborhoods more. It's been years since I've seen a patrol car in our neighborhood.
- Improving response times for public safety, police, fire, etc.

Other

- Reduce the number of waste hauling Companies trucks wearing out our streets! divide the city in company zones. It is not good to have 3-4 companies packing up in a one-two block long street.
- Be apart of it.
- Comment: There are too many garbage trucks on our road in Chanhassen. We have garbage pick up everyday mon - friday starting at 7am. The banging and roaring of the engines start. Our roads were not intended to take all this heavy traffic everyday in the neighborhoods. Plus the fact it really disturbs the peace-seeing each business sends 3 trucks for pick-up garbage, recycle-yard waste. We would really like to see this matter addressed to place a limit and days so it isn't mon-friday also such an eye sore seeing garbage cans sitting in front of the homes everyday! Thank you for listening to our concern
- Not a particularly friendly community seems to be a somewhat chickey community-and also seems to be loaded with city employees-and a ton of city vehicles looks like a very good fire dept.
- I would like some affordable classical music concerts held somewhere in carver county. Single biggest issue is to keep crimes down and to do this would be add more policeman to the force. More street lights in some places.
- Whatever I can.
- Mediacom
- Too many garbage / recycle trucks on residential streets. They are tearing up the roads. I would like to see the city bid this out and hare I company running up and down the streets.
- Getting faster and more reliable Internet service. The Mediacom monopoly has been so inconsistent that it has hurt our childrens ability to do homework and run our business.

- Move to Arizona
- Put money towards education where it is needed
- Put a plan in place to encourage diversity, I especially in locally owned minority businesses in downtown Chanhassen
- Read about issues and vote
- Education-more choices for open enrollment a Wal-Mart to help the economy 2 lanes of traffic all the way to Waconia more sidewalks everywhere
- Chanhassen seems to be more of a bedroom community - How can we get chan to keep up with the growth around them in the Cheska area and provide a sense of community pride & spirit? Will they be able to offer great communities and still keep taxes reasonable?
- Participate along with others
- I think keeping the public school spending in check and still providing quality education to students. I'm not overly impressed by our education at the middle school level and my taxes continue to go up. We overspent on the fancy new high school. More decent options for food would prevent me from leaving city for entertainment.
- Provide exposure & sensitivity training that is mandatory for all Chanhassen city employees regarding minorities. I was treated very badly when I went to vote at the Carver city gov't svc. Located in Chanhassen. I get stared at at the grocery store in Chanhassen. Numerous times I have been rudely treated or ignored in and around Chanhassen. I do not enjoy living there.
- We need to become more diverse in just about every category-ethnic, socio - economic, family type, politics. Being so white bread is a big issue for me & my family.
- Omit winter
- I would like Chanhassen government to zone garbage collection. 4 Companies currently run in our neighbourhood too many heavy trucks get bids for single hauls per zone.

Don't know/Nothing

- What is it? Let voters decide We love living Chan. It's convenient to everything!!
- I live in assisted living, so do not get out or around much
- Can't think of anything at this time.
- Am to old
- Don't know!
- What is the biggest issue?
- I live in a senior independent apt. Chanhassen is a great place to live. I feel safe & enjoy being close to shopping. If I were younger I would like to raise my children here.
- Keep doing the fine job
- What is it?
- I don't know what the issue would be so don't I'd be much help. I am a senior.
- Unsure
- I'm not sure what the single biggest issue is that the city of chan focus. The only one I know is the upcoming 112 school district vote.
- Just keep up the good work that being done now as. The City is rated one of the best in the nation.
- As a city, you do not need to be everything to everyone.
- Can't think of anything at this time
- not able to do much anymore - sorry!
- Is the single biggest issue facing Chanhassen over the next several years?
- We only just moved here from out of state so there's a lot we don't know.
- Stay the course
- I would consider helping if it was something I believed and cared about.
- What is the biggest issue?
- Unknown
- (A good place to live-we enjoy it a lot !) City seems well run.
- What is the single biggest issue in Chanhassen - I first have to know the problem-to suggest a fix
- Keep up the best works you can. I don't have anything to complain.

- I am 96 years old and just happy to be here - [REDACTED]
- I Don't think I can help on this issue. I have only lived here 4 years and live in an apartment. I raised my daughter in Elm prairie and live alone now. Also am retired. I don't use recreation centers since I belong to Lifetime and exercise there 5 days a week. I enjoy playing BINGO at the American Legion.
- If I was mailed information as to what the issue was, I could then figure out how to help
- Not sure, we have only lived in Chanhassen since April 2013.
- What is the highest, single issue?
- I am 89 yrs old - I vote
- Good question?
- What is the issue?
- I think our government is doing an awesome job!
- I haven't lived here long enough to be able to answer most of the questions
- I'm a senior citizen so I don't have an answer for that.
- I very much like living here in Chanhassen. I am 91 years old now and find this place safe and comfortable and even exciting.
- Depends on the issue.
- If I can help, I will.