

SPRING SURVEY

571 Survey Respondents

Q: Are there programs or services you would like the City of Gainesville to provide that are not available today?

- Handout stations
- More events at Bo Diddly Plaza
- Supporting GRACE. Thanks and keep it up!!! Thanks for reaching out to the community.
- transportation for LMI persons to certain public meetings -- perhaps reps of n'hood associations
- More widespread mass transit and bike friendly roads.
- More focus on supporting locally based businesses that also benefit the community as a whole
- GTECH should be better utilized. The city has failed at being in the incubator business.
- Better collaboration between job centers (eg. CareerSource NCFL) run by the county and the city. Would like to see focus on career pathways with funding to match.
- Google fiber
- Bike share
- More programs for at risk kids.
- Improvement of road infrastructure in SW Gainesville main roads (esp. Tower in front of middles and elementary school!) and neighborhoods. Also, would love to see litter enforcement and fines to raise money for these projects! Also need improvement to some public parks.
- Composting!
- More community events that encourage sustainability, such as Kinetic Derby and Active Streets. It would be nice to have a bike share program or a place where visitors to the city or people who do not currently have bikes can easily rent one for the day in order to visit the Hawthorne Trail or just get around downtown.
- Program that informs visitors about local culture and new innovative happenings. Coordinate events so out of town visitors can plan a weekend of related activities such as garden related, food related, or art related.
- More pro-active recycling.
- Hold big box stores accountable for waste - STOP PLASTIC! No bags. No water bottles.
- Parks improvements
- Landscape draining pond areas
- Adequate parking (free?) for city places and businesses. Eliminate parking fee for Sheetflow Park. I own 3 city properties and pay taxes for construction and maintenance of parks. Stop putting medians in roads that cut down on turn areas and cost to landscape. Increase services through better management of existing funds.
- Better care and support for the homeless community. Keep it green and parking friendly. Increase senior services.

- More parks. A bigger, newer building at Westside park.
- More north-south/east-west corridors to facilitate more traffic.
- Additional year-round educational programs for lower-income families. City funded literacy coaching.
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- Increased recycling and sanitation services city wide, increased bike lanes, east and south Gainesville economic development for low-income community.
- living wage for city employees & all contractors
- city bikes & safer streets for bike-commuters
- increase funding for GRACE Marketplace
- enforcement of recycling ordinance (for commercial entities)
- ban on plastic bags
- better system of incentives
- Increased transportation options. Continued development of alternatives to driving.
- No, I think Gainesville offers a great deal I love living here.
- More multi modal, make safer for cars, pedestrians and bicyclists. Make UF pay taxes.
- Better transportation covering more areas.
- More dog parks
- Transportation at weekend is limited.
- More activities for young people such as baseball, soccer, etc. that are low cost.
- Traffic that moves faster than 5 mph on University Ave. by I-75. Fiber internet. Local solar energy incentives.
- Rail service.
- Better parking.
- Better transportation, better bike lane/street safety and incentives to bike/commute.
- garbage/littering clean-up on streets, particularly downtown.
- Money to help residents upgrade homes. Expensive materials.
- Improve the cross-city bus system. More buses from outside of town going inside, and going north and south.
- More public spaces, more public restrooms/facilities. More accessible hours of public facilities.
- Better public transportation - more routes and buses with enhanced schedules (early, late, weekends). Campus safety.
- family services - hands on.
- Recreational activities for the youth and summer school activities. I grew up in this area and we had all of this when I was youth but now there is none of this.
- Community watch dedicated officer.
- Hurricane safety, don't build cheap houses.
- Improve park on NW 6th Ave. Tot lot it only grass and a sign designating is as a park.
- Need to make available some funds to help those that a little above the poor level income.
- recycling throughout the city

- Come into areas where people need help with fixing up houses - windows and roofs, gates, plumbing. Keep empty lots cleaned.
- Help the VA more. Start draft again to help youth. Get rid of drugs. Establish chaplain services.
- Website to tell what all is provided. Where to take things like old batteries. Convenient spot to find these things. Need bus shelters. Enforce crosswalks and those crossing.
- more mental health services.
- Love Gainesville!
- Everything I need is here, so not really.
- Do not send GRU/other municipality sludge to Watsons C&D Levy/Alachua county line SW Alachua County.
- Child care
- Better schools
- Graduation for jobs
- Trams up/down main thoroughfares
- Park & ride
- More mental health programs.
- More public awareness on Koppers Superfund Site.
- Mental health. Crime prevention.
- Doing a good job!
- I appreciate the Bo Diddly Plaza and all the improvements done so far.
- More shaded seating downtown for breastfeeding moms and everyone else.
- Better electric rates from GRU or allow another electric copy to come to gull.
- Move restaurants on east side of Gainesville.
- I would like to see Gainesville create a program to label trees in city parks, like setting up a plaque to describe what type of tree it is.
- More effective homeless services
- Continue to improve safety/economic development
- Traffic flow on Newberry and Archer roads. Redesign lights and how they flow traffic.
- More volunteer services. Every bus stop a seat.
- Artists in the schools Way to get professionals into schools with expertise. Asset based community development.
- More adult services
- Diversity training for GPD
- Issues w/ trees - helping/providing tree cutting on property
- Help keep the sit street clean. Overgrown vacant houses made presentable for the community.
- Help in cutting trees in our yards. The cost is so much.
- More police officers get involve with the community, children as well as residents, activities, the involve all
- More for elderly to do
- Rent a bike stations (like citi bike things)

- The City of Orlando is my vacation town. I've observed that Orlando and the various surrounding towns and cities all have combined bus services. It appears to be multi-funded, including by the state. It would be nice to have a county-wide bus service.
- jobs in/near economically stressed neighborhoods
- family movie nights @ Bo Diddley
- Economic Development for sustainable local businesses
- Quality of Life is going down
- Transportation for all, mass transit
- Add more transportation options. Buses need to be on schedule.
- Everything is great from what I see.
- Encourage businesses located elsewhere in city or county to the eastside. For example City College, St Leo University can be moved to eastside and may help generate other businesses.
- Communications with the residents can be improved by including newsletter with GRU bills.
- Buses - should be free. More service on weekends!
- Enhanced economic development and outreach. Partnerships with other universities. Corporate relocation, etc.
- More affordable housing.
- Continue to assist Alachua County victim services to provide free assistance to sexual assault survivors. Continue to support the arts for all, especially economically disadvantaged. Free art outreach! Invest more money in community mental health! The state keeps cutting funding! We are branded 49th in the nation! People desperately need quality services in Florida (jail diversion, etc)
- More pay
- Better police training
- More bike lanes off road. More library on east side. Interracial discussion groups.
- More activities for seniors in East Gainesville.
- I would love to see the depot mess finished!
- Water park
- More bike lanes.
- Consider other types of transportation such as a light rail system instead of more roads
- solar for low income
- More parks and events for recreation and youth.
- More collaboration with uf. More attention to east side.
- Housing for extremely low-income individuals to move homeless individuals into permanent housing
- Free bus service for all
- BRINGING MORE BUSINESS IN, TO CREATE MORE JOBS AND TAX REVENUE.
- More walking points of interest.
- Funding for a food forest at Reserve Park
- Need to fully fund homeless programs for at least two years. Grace has been given a fraction of what they need, and they're being set up for failure that way. Fully fund them and see what they can do.

- Climbing gym!!! Classes at bo diddley. Affordable summer camps geared towards the arts. Grow downtown with independent businesses and make it a walkable and shopable area. Stop Expanding on archer road. Allow food trucks to operate in the city.
- Early intervention services for low income children. More after school tutoring and child care.
- More buses for the working locals over night so I don't walk home and get mugged again.
- Police Reform, police review board and create a charter position for chief of police.
- Free food at the art festival
- More subsidized living (apts) for seniors
- GRU rates are over the top (more control)
- Seems Gainesville has forgotten about low income
- kids in animation learning
- local events, regional talent
- UD Should pay for electricity
- Free vocal lessons and free lessons for people
- Bigger bike-ped infrastructure
- Better parks and recreation
- protect the trees
- I think under Anthony Lyon's leadership, the new openness and confidence of City employees bodes good.
- more festivals and community events
- Free park lunch and activities
- taxi service
- Better educational support for elementary. Areas with low grade schools are "offered" to transfer but typically denied.
- Choices health care
- north busses operate later at night
- more transportation to outside areas
- more transportation for students and scholarships
- metro rail
- organized outdoor sports (soccer league)
- More farmers markets
- Housing for homeless citizens beyond cramped campsites.
- Yes. Gates around parks for safety of children.
- Recycling buckets for people without trash
- New road to racetrack for Gator Nationals
- Bike trails and map of bike routes updated from 2013. Micro parks. Duval community garden.
- Enhance bike/ped facilities as an alternative to cars. Trail running/nature trails. More recycling
- more bus services
- More bike lanes and bike trails. Also, city needs to trim branches and plants that intrude into sidewalks and bike lanes.

- Safe bike paths and barricades
- More solar jobs
- Services to help more home-based small businesses.
- More recycling
- Give back to the community that help
- More bus routes, shorter wait time on the east side of Gainesville
- More child-friendly activities
- more bus service on Sunday
- courteous road crews
- An event promoting environmental awareness, more public transportation on weekends
- Mental health programs
- Pool on the SW side of town
- Mental health services.
- Psycho-social exams for every sworn LEO now and every applicant accepted to training in the future
- Financial education workshops and skating BMX shows
- more support for small businesses
- I think there are very very few things for teenagers to do in this town, and I feel bad about that and sad for our youth population. Everything seems to be geared for younger kids or college students, and the teens really have nothing aside from the possum creek skate park. I would like to see vibrant recreation centers that are free, well-staffed, and filled with activities teens would enjoy; not a few broken pool or fuzball tables. Compared to other cities I have visited, our teen rec centers are a travesty.
- Recycling for businesses. More support for existing local businesses over catering to wooing out of businesses.
- More programs for the indigent population. Improved domestic violence and sexual assault victim services. Better displaced veteran assistance.
- Transitioning services for at-risk high school seniors.
- Increased awareness of mental health issues in our community
- more Free activities For seniors.
- The City of Gainesville NEEDS to pay it's police officers what they are worth! Giving raises to every other city employee EXCEPT GPD is ridiculous! Especially when the commissioners continue to vote raises for themselves, spend tax money for reworking roads to include bike lanes that are rarely, if ever, used. The city will continue to lose GOOD officers due to the crappy pay they continue to receive.
- More valuable programs for teenagers.
- Far west side of town needs help. Pursue annexation
- More veteran housing, because on a fixed income
- City does a good job of helping those who need help. Need to help the seniors and poor more.
- more sidewalks, septic tanks, mental health services
- More tracks and letting people know about it.

- More youth activities (not enough space or support). Elderly. Transportation
- More covered playgrounds. Water splash pad place for kids.
- Services are available, just some could be better.
- Enjoyed stay of 5 days. But I think little economic growth required for people here, more jobs.
- more RTS buses in SW area (91st St)
- more youth programs. free summer programs
- I would like to invest in a business with others that will stimulate the Eastside of Gainesville
- More youth programs. Programs for disabled children.
- more for youth to keep them busy and force them to go
- TB MCPerson Rec Center back at capacity and the programs expanded.
- sidewalk throughout Lincoln Estates
- Senior Living - rehab medical
- yes, new paradigm for how we develop agrihood for East Gainesville. Local food for local neighbors on the Blueberry farm.
- More kids activities in downtown
- More Small Farm help! We need to move from tech oriented/rare resource dependent jobs to more SIMPLE ways of LIFE.
- GPD officers assigned/zoned/patrolling downtown EVERY NIGHT. There are officers assigned to downtown during the day...why are they being transferred from other zones only when somebody calls at night (with awful response time)
- Including a living wage for city employees and those employees whose companies contract with the city.
- Let's go green and install a monorail that could connect various parts of the city and county while reducing our carbon foot print and reducing the amount of city buses on the road. We have access electricity that we are trying to sell off. Let's put it to good use.
- A better more vital public park district based on the model of Chicago or Boston. Children are poorly served with sports activities. Neighborhoods lack parks for families. Every neighborhood should have a park in walking distance.
- Early Childhood education access in pockets of the city that have limited access. Pineridge for example.
- Ice Skating in the Winter
- More support for local business development and local food efforts.
- Disabled youth programs
- Public Safety PSAs like pedestrian awareness and how to use a round-about
- Prioritize traffic/road infrastructure: figure out how to make this city transportation effective as it grows. Lots of work to be done with timing of lights, number of lanes on peak roads, potholes on key roads, pedestrian safety and bike safety
- Mommy and Me classes
- Free seeds, trees, workshops for people to learn to feed their families organically
- Make the community become more involved by doing what this survey is doing.

- I would like to see more conservation and parks with paths for dogs/bikes/ etc. within the city limits. Westside park is very nice, but it only has recreational activities. We need a park with greenery space and trees, paths, etc.
- Indoor soccer
- A local drone enthusiast/ RC aircraft hobbyist outreach program. This is a budding industry and should be embraced
- Assess and improve the parking situation. It seems every day there are fewer and fewer options for reasonable parking. Shrinking lots and growing buildings seem to be the main cause. If a new business or service is opening, there should be ample parking to account for it.
- Better roads.
- More green space or high density buildings. Effectively use current buildings.
- More shelters and food assistance. Animals allowed in public places.
- Safer bike lanes speed bumps in certain neighborhoods after school programs
- More bus services with extended service.
- Better homeless initiatives should be considered, especially transportation services to and from Grace Marketplace/Dignity Village. Additionally, bike lane infrastructure should be better protected for the cyclists! A simple concrete barrier between bikes and traffic can go a long way. There has been some progress in areas around town on this front, but as a student and resident of the town, I do not always feel safe riding my bike away from campus. Otherwise, I am very impressed by the services the city provides! I hope to volunteer myself after graduation and expand community engagement in our town.
- Gainesville seems to be Doing a lot of "landscaping" but not maintaining our roads. Our roads need MORE attention, landscaping needs less attention.
- Funding for Family Promise of Gainesville - serving homeless children and their families
- Digital inclusion & literacy
- More readily available services for people with mental health issues and rape crisis center help.
- some more events like the arts festival
- more bike paths, gpd implicit bias training, psychosocial exams for all sworn LEOs and applicants, civilian police review board
- more parking
- More after-school youth programs.
- women's business networking
- real housing for homeless
- shade for play grounds
- outreach to the lower income
- comprehensive homeless services, see Tallahassee's new shelter
- more fire fighter benefits
- i don't know, but anything family, animal, and environmental i appreciate. i'd like to see more community gardens.
- better transportation, more walkable
- extend uber service to seniors to other counties to attend festivals.no

- A waterpark. Preferably like Islands of Adventure. Lots of waterslides and wave pools. It could be called The Swamp, or The Lagoon, or Land O Gatorade, or Spring Break '09 No Regrets LOL ROFL
- Increased police patrols. Increased / additional Fire Rescue units and personnel.
- a city by pass around Gainesville
- GRU Oversight! There is a horrible disconnect between the City and GRU. GRU does not follow city rules/statutes and there is no way to follow up or get it fixed.
- BETTER ROADS.
- IMPROVED VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS.
- Does the city have an employer-assisted housing class? Better communications within city software programs; code enforcement can't access all department records on a property. How is the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Economic Competitiveness recommendations going to be incorporated?
- The rapid vertical growth, increased vehicular traffic, and traffic design with non-mountable curbs and lack of turnaround points will slow emergency response times for law enforcement, fire rescue, and EMS. How can you maintain the same quality of service if you don't increase the number of responders and place them strategically closer in more dense areas?
- Medical transport
- Better bicycle lanes/paths. In particular, the path on NW 23rd Avenue between NW 55th St and NW 83rd St, there is a bike path that is extremely difficult to use due to roots tearing up the pavement. Many Santa Fe students (myself included) and residents of neighborhoods along 23rd Ave. bike and walk on that path every day, and it desperately needs to be repaired.
- More bike lanes. Fix the roadways! Figure out what to do about the traffic problem.
- Handicap accessible playground
- Emergency Ambulance services from GFRD
- Our inner parks are in need of updating when compared to other cities around the state.
- Repair of NW 43 St. / Music festivals to grow Gville music scene / Support for bike paths / Westside park pool renovations
- I am happy with the city services.
- More bike paths in the city. More running trails in the city limits of Gainesville.
- Solar FIT or some equally incentive program for photovoltaics.
- I miss the Parks & Rec classes that were available to me in Tempe, AZ. Some of these are available through the University, but it would be nice to have them more publicly accessible. Gainesville isn't big enough to support as extensive of a program as Tempe, but see <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/classes-leagues> for an idea of their programs. Most of the classes were taught by ASU grad students or adjunct faculty, so there was a strong connection between the university and community programs.
- I would love the lights on Main Street, 13th street, and Newberry to be synced.
- Change Gru.
- Encourage another cable provider in town, so it's no longer a monopoly.
- More LGBTQ services, especially programs to help trans folks find and maintain employment.
- Used bicycle exchange, solar energy options

- More community building events!
- more attention paid to beautification and safety of Northeast Neighbors community
- I would like to see more activities for youth, more help with the homeless population. i would like to see gainesville focus more on alternative energy.
- More dynamic, engaging, creative playgrounds. Skateboarding lessons for kids, rapid transit.
- Provide trained mental health personnel as emergency responders.
- I would like to see additional staffing for public education and outreach for fire rescue.
- More youth art programs
- Free bus service
- Uber
- More bike lanes
- Alternative housing that doesn't force people to live in tents.
- composting
- living wages
- Not enough veteran events that demonstrate our society's support and proactively encourage our youth to serve in the military first, like was the case decades ago.
- hotline class
- school funding for single parents
- more services and funding for low income families.
- more organizations for youth to participate without a referral.
- Youth activities
- help/resources for job seekers already involved with job centers
- transition from low income to better job opp.
- Eastside needs development. Frustrated with the lack of knowledge.
- Senior Programs
- Roads/infrastructure
- Create Live Work Play themed website, where you can be guided to the content that is most applicable to different audiences.
- More tutoring and language learning
- LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT
- senior swimming affordable
- MORE REC PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES IE WOMENS SOFTBALL ETC
- community training- first response. rts bus service
- day care and pre-K in areas of greater need. More physical and mental health services in areas of greater need, especially East Gainesville and the neighborhoods off of 20th.
- save the Jam. taking away local beloved businesses to expand new and less desirable hu7ssinneses is not what we want
- More infill along NE 13th and waldo

- rapid rehousing and more proven means to support affordable housing, homeownership, and maintenance and renovation of small residential and business properties; serious analysis of traffic patterns
- Real estate and economic development
- more single father programs and more Veteran programs
- Improve golf course fairways
- more active youth engagement
- critical mass (bicycle) rides
- community building events such as Habitat Events
- Plant ""Free Food"" Trees all around town.
- Let homeless ride the bus for free from downtown to grace mkt place.
- Better road signage on south main letting you know to slow down and that you have to stop soon at williston.
- More trash pickup crews all around town.
- Fill potholes.
- Lights at Citizens field.
- And Keep up the Great Work!!
- I would like to see the city strongly pursue a League of American Cyclists Platinum level Bicycle Friendly City designation. This will serve cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists by providing a safe, predictable and usable transportation network for all!
- Regular street paving, creation of more center lanes to improve traffic flow, creation of more bus bays to improve traffic flow.
- would like an LGBTQ+ homeless shelter so that we can safely support our most marginalized members, especially trans people.
- I want to see beautification programs heading towards our most neglected communities, like Porters
- LGBTQ homeless shelter, one that is specifically trans competent
- Free/Reduced Dental services on a sliding scale that is not JUST UF's dental service if one qualifies
- More social services offered for lower income residents. I know we have some, but it's meager at best
- It is difficult to say because of how hard city government is to navigate. Many opportunities are not accessed by the public because of the process. So perhaps those Departments of Doing for Business, Play, and Living.
- It would also be beneficial for the City to become more helpful in facilitating the efforts of our great businesses and nonprofits in general. Form more partnerships for services versus the current bloated model. One example is a Medieval Faire with a budget of \$308,775, plus \$50,000 annually from VisitGainesville, and a School Board that further subsidizes the program by having every 6th grader attend on opening day. What might private and nonprofit partners do with what is likely \$400,000+ in total funding?
- I would also like to see you add someone who provides better questions both for these surveys and the telephone town halls. The very last question for instance, fails to account for opportunities such

as the half cent sales tax opportunity. Or at least does so in a manner that allows one to misconstrue a correlating answer for a specific tax in a way that shows approval for all possible taxes.

- Dental care.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings in higher traffic areas. More sidewalks in residential areas with high foot traffic. Homeless shelters and care centers to deal with the large number of people on the streets.
- possibility of light rail throughout the area
- Ability to engage and manage more activities online. Electronic submission of paperwork should be the norm instead paper forms.
- Create an ordinance to require skateboarders to have helmets, safety gear, & reflective vests or lights at night and to prohibit skateboarding on streets.

Q: Are there programs or services you would like the City of Gainesville to stop providing?

- incarceration of persons having psychological crises
- It is ridiculous we double spend and have Sheriff and GPD.
- discontinuing the spraying for mosquitoes , with control efforts focused on prevention and
- revision of tree protection ordinance (June 2013) so that developers & commercial entities would be held to the heritage tree permit fee, but individual resident
- More careful with how to disburse funds.
- Too many cops patrolling.
- stop building cheap houses, use bricks or blocks.
- Street repairs are a major issue!
- I'd like the building inspectors to be more gracious, service oriented and looking to ease the building process.
- Better transportation via roads & highways
- Homeless services and allow county to provide service. city needs to continue to fund.
- Stop providing apartments only for students, what about low income apartment with security
- More transportation for elderly
- Stop police from chasing people to give tickets.
- No more parking garages taking away low income housing or open community space
- Tax business & UF, no more free rides for million dollar developers
- Taxes
- Stupid roads doubling as bike lanes
- Stop cutting down so many trees
- Sponsoring the Guide to Gainesville publication
- STOP SPENDING TAX DOLLARS ON HOUSING/CRA/HOMELESS. IT IS NOT THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE JOB TO PROVIDE HOUSING OR REBUILDING HOMES THAT ARE SHACKS. BRING IN JOBS AND THE COMMUNITY CAN WORK AND GET THEIR OWN HOMES. STOP NARROWING ROADS, STOP PUTTING

IN SPEED BUMPS. STOP THE BRICK PAVER DESIGN ON WALK ACROSS THAT FADE AWAY AND THEN LOOK TACKY

- Stop trying to turn Gainesville into Ocala or Orlando. We need to preserve the community's beauty and slow development to attract quality businesses, not a high quantity of businesses.
- Not allowing endangered species such as cypress mulch to be used. People should be educated. It should not even be available. Especially in large public areas. We should be setting an example. Not even fake dyed red stuff.
- parking for cars in busy places
- Police brutality services
- Free car parking on public streets. Less waste
- Corporate development incentive
- Stop catering so much to UF and college students....they have a campus life. Let's focus more on Gainesville families who have a home here and make a life here, including our teenagers.
- Stop providing tax breaks to out of town developers. Better organization and use of public resources.
- Way too many tax dollars go into "Dignity Village." There are other cities in FL that send their homeless here because of these services. Many homeless are homeless by choice and not by circumstance.....otherwise, Gainesville's homeless population would have been reduced by now with all the help they are given.
- Not do Plum Creek or biomass.
- No gentrification (this is most important)
- This is a pretty good place to live. Keep doing things out in the community.
- They need not stop providing. Provide more for the kids like school activities for the families that cannot afford to pay all the time.
- Biomass plant
- Less police and tax breaks to big corporations.
- Please eliminate roam tow licensing downtown or revisit the ordinance itself. Predatory towing does not make downtown welcoming at all...
- I would like GPD to not shoot unarmed children and those with mental illnesses.
- Grace Market Place, ironwood golf course
- Soccer fields at the edge of the county. Please stop the spread. Those of us in the center have paid taxes forever. Clay tennis and soccer fields are a 30 minute drive away. It's outrageous.
- Cutting so many trees and killing wildlife!
- Traffic choking
- Tax breaks for national businesses.
- Police pay attention and be respectful
- Gainesville seems to be Doing a lot of "landscaping" but not maintaining our roads. Our roads need MORE attention, landscaping needs less attention.
- gpd militarization
- end panhandling ordinance
- end cra and use funds for real improvements for current residents

- funding that militarizes our police force.
- Homeless support
- Yes, but I'd have to look at the overall current budget which I have not yet done. I believe overspending on less than necessary programs is detrimental to very necessary programs.
- Stop taking care of all the homeless problems. This was never, nor intended to be the governments job.
- Grace Market Place/Dignity Village/Tent City
- homeless programs
- One stop shop for all of floridas homeless. Stop wasting our tax dollars on these people that contribute nothing back.
- Stop trying to force vehicle traffic into bicycle design. Not all of the city is laid out to support using bikes for transportation but you bottleneck vehicular traffic and discourage going to vendors in those areas where traffic becomes slow and parking is difficult. I prefer bicyclists to be on sidewalks away from cars.
- Homeless programs: The number of homeless has exploded due to the services you provide. The last homeless person I meet was from Oregon and hitch hiked here because of GRACE.
- I think the cities approach to giving everything free to the homeless is wrong. Its attracting a crowd that doesn't care about this city or the people who actually pay taxes. There are plenty of manual labor jobs where they could so call "earn their keep" and possibly through continued and quality work, end up with a job in the future.
- Running a golf course, spending extra on green items like super expensive hybrid buses.
- Grace marketplace and Dignity Village are attracting dangerous people, stop it before its to late and the violence continues to escalate.
- Please close Grace Marketplace
- Less support for growing the Butler/Archer area and more support for downtown/Cade Museum area.
- I don't know enough about all the programs and services provided to determine this; there are probably some that if I did know about them, I might say yes. Generally, though, I have seen much more money wasted on poor transportation decisions than on city programs. The 8th Ave. debacle is an excellent case in point, wasting money and resources to stripe, barrier-and-stripe, re-stripe, re-stripe ... all because too many of our commissioners believe (contrary to all evidence, precedence, or logic) that reducing vehicle lanes and painting bike lanes will encourage people to stop driving and start biking everywhere. That money could have been so much better spent.
- Need to pay less in utilities taxes, changes need to happen at Dignity Village
- Bring loyalty and respect.
- Arts in Public Places
- homeless shelters get rid of grace
- funding support for outside service agencies. Please take care of city department needs before giving money to outside groups
- stop making it harder on people to drive cars around the city.
- Grace market place and other places like it.

- Grace Market place and anything associated with it.
- Grace Marketplace
- Sponsoring that guide to Gainesville of home magazine
- Yes, bike lanes.
- Development subsidies, militarization of police, stop paying for boondoggles like citizen centered Gainesville, enforce commercial recycling ordinance and underage drinking ordinance,
- Get rid of the magnet at Dignity. Transient blogs from around the country have spread the word, it's a good stop over or a bottom base out of prison. End the fiasco and huge liability for the City of Gainesville.
- Reduce spending on conceptual designs and reports, especially when it is clear that the project is more than 5 years out.
- STOP CUTTING DOWN TREES AND DEVELOPE THE ALREADY EXISTING URBAN AREAS. IE GROW UPWARD NOT OUTWARD
- subsidies to developers for high-end apartments, police helicopter surveillance, biomass, water fluoridation, taking more properties off the tax rolls except for parks and preserves, consultant studies for fixed transit such as light rail and trolleys
- stop pandering to homeless. it is encouragement
- Any programs that take needed funds away from the city's core responsibilities. Core responsibilities include things like public safety, emergency planning, maintaining and improving essential infrastructure, enforcing city codes & ordinances. Other programs should be funded as effectively as possible only after core responsibilities are fully funded.
- I would like to see our tax dollars stop criminalizing our homeless population (like the needless trespassing violations, the limits to when someone can serve food, and the changing of benches so it's less sleep-friendly)
- Stop the criminalization of homelessness! As a citizen I am annoyed at the resources spent to push transient folks out of the Bo Diddly plaza, and I am especially pissed that we are replacing benches so they reduce the likelihood of sleeping
- Permits. You have to many and force businesses, builders, and even event organizers to loose countless time and value to operate legally. Food trucks for instance needed a specific ordinance to move past this system.
- I'd have to become more familiar with all the services to know an answer.
- Terminate Grace Marketplace & Dignity village. These services should be temporary in nature...churches should be providing these services and not taxpayers.

WINTER OUTREACH

93 Survey Respondents

Q: What is your biggest idea for how the city might better impact your life?

- Investing in the people, especially the younger generation is important in making sure the community thrives both now and in the future. If the city can make sure that the people of the community not only have access to resources, but are also aware of resources available, that could potentially better impact the lives of many here in Gainesville.
- Targeting school systems to provide more tutoring and resources for students. Provide programs that support younger children by providing them resources to complete projects if they cannot afford the materials needed to complete them.
- I think the opening of more small businesses opens up more job opportunities, especially to students.
- As a student at the University of Florida but also a worker in the Alachua county public schools. The biggest idea for how the city might not only impact my life but minority families in the county is by creating more programs and services. With the great number of students in the county, it would only be beneficial for the community. More city programs would mean there will be a stronger community image and culture unity.
- Parents will also have a stronger sense of security for their kids. Students being involved in the community will then lead to them doing physical activities and avoid poor eating habits and then diminish the obesity statistics. There will only be positive benefits in the long run with more programs and services.
- Collaborating with UF students through campus organizations and service learning projects give students the opportunity to learn more about the surrounding Gainesville area and also partner organizations in the community with the student body. My vision would be providing local non profits access to the Gator Connect Web page where they can find student organizations who have a community based focus and work together completing service learning projects. For example the humane society working with the I love dogs student org.
- Together they can create service events to get other students actively involved in the shelter and also serve assist the shelter in reaching their goals. This consistent partnership creates a permanent liaison between the university and community. We are assisting each other one project at a time also expanding our Gainesville network.
- I think it would be great for the university to promote all types of businesses or events in the Gainesville community. It would be great for the economy but also help students connect more with Gainesville as a whole.
- The university could have food stand days for local restaurants and information fairs for different services or events that take place in Gainesville. This way students could maybe receive coupons or discounts and just learn about what is out there as a whole. Students have the ability to have a big

impact on the community and it's important for everyone to get to know the city they live in. There are so many restaurants and events that I haven't been to yet either because I'm not aware of everything out there or it isn't necessarily a place students go to.

- Have students engage more with the local community and create opportunities for students to be mentored and/or to become mentors for others.
- My big idea for how the city can impact my life is to continue to value the natural environment in such ways as green spaces like the provision that was on the ballot. This will allow for more ecological tourism thus strengthening the local economy and is good for all parties involved.
- As a student, it is very important to me for the city of Gainesville to involve the University. It would be very nice for the city to have ways for the University to be more involved in community service or clean up of community parks. I think a lot of students would enjoy this type of involvement.
- I believe that we can bring unity and acceptance to our community. We need to find a way for youth, seniors, and families to interact with one another. Whether that be with service work or by time spent with one another. The service work could range from handing out meals to the homeless, child care classes, or support group classes. Seniors in our community can offer input to both families and youth about their own personal experiences. Youth can be motivated by volunteer hours gained. Families can become involved by both learning and being teachers.
- The city needs more access to mental health help. Specifically for those in communities of low SES.
- Decreasing the achievement gap and increasing equal opportunity.
- This goes hand in hand with a strong economy. I would ultimately love to see Gainesville, as deeply embedded in the medical world as it is, to actively seek and fully display the smaller businesses and organizations that want to work with the families in the communities. If there is a family looking for someone to do one-on-one therapy with their child, this should be something that is supported within the community. There should be ways that this is reinforced to ensure that the well-being of both parent and child have been taken care of. Additionally, if the support of the community is there for these small, lesser-known workers, then they will want to stay in Gainesville and continue on with their passion to assist the families and children that are already right here.
- Have greater access to community resources for every member
- By facilitating access to diversity and knowledge to its citizens. There is many programs and opportunities for diversity of ideas, and culture, but the majority of the Gainesville residents, other than students and University related personal, do not take advantage of them. Most of the time because they do not know that the opportunity exist, or because they think the programs are only available for certain people, an example is the fact that the Museum of Natural History, provides access to all the pay exhibitions to everyone who has a food stamp card, for free. This is done in order to include everyone, and provide access to knowledge to everyone, regardless of social economic status. Another aspect that I have observe is that there is programs made to address certain problems or needs, but the citizens are not taking advantage of them. In other words providing information and including everyone will encourage more people to take advantage of the opportunities available.
- Something has to be done about GRU. Lower the rate in which we buy electricity...lower our bills and we'll have more money to put back into the community!

- I think it would be impactful if the city would encourage more community between the University of Florida and the city of Gainesville.
- Continue investments in East Gainesville; continue to build partnership between city and university; double down on developing existing urban footprint rather than expanding outward to the east or west.
- The city needs to work with the county and community on a 25 year plan for business growth. Alternative energy use and clean industry practices should be a priority with appeal to businesses through consultation and incentives. Historically we have made almost anything related to businesses a significant hurdle or burden. This plan needs to include technical training for high school students to have a well rounded set of skills and programs for kids that may not necessarily be college bound. The elementary and middle schools should have well funded support for any STEM programs. These programs need to be made known to future potential businesses so that they know that they have the communities support. It should be a priority to plan for the needed infrastructure to support the future growth. This should include an evaluation of existing zoning and roadway planning. While the bus system is good, it causes delays in much of the town and primarily runs on diesel. The buses should be hybrid or PHEV and we should have better solutions to solving the transportation problems we have created by limiting upward growth in concentrated areas and allowing wide spread residential development. I feel that strategic planning for diverse businesses focusing on selling our goods and services to the outside world, will enable us to improve areas such as the east side of the county and preserve the great communities we have.
- I believe that it is important for all Gainesville residents to have equal access to city programs and other services. It could be said that some of those who may be homeless or in low SES communities don't know of the availability of resources out there for them which is what needs to be addressed. I suggest having a community bulletin board located in multiple spots around the city that lists all of the programs and services available. Along with this, I think the city should recruit volunteers to hand out pamphlets while having one-on-one conversations with Gainesville residents to ensure any questions they may have are addressed to what they can engage in with this city
- I believe we should use the Kopper Superfund site as a solar farm. The use of this land to produce clean energy would bring healing to a gaping wound. The land is toxic and unusable for most in its current condition. If you look at this land with google maps you see an unused track.(I believe 140 acres) Imagine row upon row of solar panels shining back and giving back. This could be the beginning of Gainesville becoming an energy diverse city. We could explore, question, and put into practice the switch from non renewable energy. This site could not only be an energy producing site but also an in progress, hands-on, community education/action research site. We could use the land to learn from it. We could put into practice various types of bioremediation to detoxify the land. (Using plants and microbes to pull the toxins from the land) This scar of polluted land has given us the opportunity to grow and heal our community. It also would allow us to put into place best practices for our future. We can't take back what has happened to that land, but through this tragedy we have the opportunity and platform to be an innovative flagship city in our state and country.

- We can get this city OFF the top 10 most segregated cities in the country IF there is enough political courage to rebuff the NIMBY's and the developers and CHANGE OUR ECONOMICALLY SEGREGATED housing pattern using zoning and development standards. It will NEVER get done if the public sector will not use its prerogatives to impel the participation of the entire private sector.
- I believe that the city should do a better job at welcoming it's diverse groups. A city that is invested in its residents (especially UF students) is more likely to encourage people to stay within it . I believe city officials can organize more events on campus to get their voices heard. It will allow people the opportunity to look outside their departments and take in the city a lot more.
- The city should provide more opportunities for students who attend the university. Whether it be greater volunteering opportunities or more discounts at local shops. University students play an important role in the Gainesville community and should have some benefits. Also, we need more parking.
- As a student who was here my first year entirely without a car, it is extremely difficult to navigate through Gainesville with limited bus services, ESPECIALLY on the weekends. It would be nice to expand bus routes as well as service times so students are able to get where they need to be. Additionally, the city should work with UF to broadcast city wide events and programs so we can get involved not only with campus activities but in the city of Gainesville.
- More access to resources to like UF with outside communities
- Use communication tools and events to blur the lines between individuals, businesses, the community and the environment. Educate local businesses and property owners about how our springs and local waterways work, how they are effected by septic tanks, dumping, fertilizer, etc. Get the city, businesses and citizens collaborating to make Gainesville an aware and thinking community, where we are all apart of the same mission, from West to East.
- I would love Gainesville to become a model for renewable energy and water conservation.
- Massive outside the box planning of traffic movement.
- Bringing in other industries to expand jobs.
- Reduce bureaucracy and regulations. Bureaucrats that have been doing the same job for decades (myself included) know every last regulation and are required to enforce them. More flexibility needs to be built in, especially in redevelopment areas, to allow developers to use their land in the way they know will work best, rather than having to meet such strict ideological and aesthetic standards.
- I'd love to see the city be more like the country of Bhutan, generating our own renewable energy and positively impacting the environment, we now have the Biomass plant so we're one step closer to that ideal, but I'd love to see the use of more solar power as well. It would also be nice to see more initiatives that help with pollution clean up and resource management.
- Providing the financial education and tools for residents, students and small business owners so they can set personal and business goals to attain confidence in their financial future.
- Freshwater restoration projects - clean up hogtowne creek and small wetlands - job creation(restoration biologists) recreation opportunities (fishing, small boating, etc), possible tax breaks
- Light rail between eastside and westside - get the cars off the street and let people move around more easily.

- Prevent gentrification by buying land in historic neighborhoods for public housing.
- Offer large tax deductions to worker's co-operatives
- Improve Traffic. Better use of public transportation along with Uber/Lyft and other ride sharing services to help cut down on congestion.
- Lower taxes. My wife and I are seeking new housing because there is little benefit to living within the city limits. The police department needs work on their recent hiring of leadership positions. GPD has taken several steps back in recent years to include losing their accreditation. If you believe what the upper management is telling you on why then you have easily had to wool pulled over your eyes. Grace Market Place is an eyesore for NE Gainesville and we are seeing an increase in registered sex offenders come to Gainesville. The homeless downtown has caused me to avoid that place. I would like to enjoy a meal with family/friends without having to be asked for money. It's a noble to fight homelessness but it seems we only fight in name only...there hasn't been any difference.
- To establish ourselves internationally as a progressive community that protects, preserves, and defends the unique character of our collective home, the people who live here, and the interconnected web of life that sustains us all.
- Work together to defy the current wave of populist fascism at the regional, State, and national levels. Engage citizens locally and reach out to other communities who are doing the same. Defend civil liberties for all, not just the privileged few; protect the natural environment that sustains all life; and promote the collective belief and action required to continue (or not) our representative democracy of the people, by the people and for the people. Strive to be a community in which we educate to advocate and thus participate.
- My biggest idea to put Gainesville on the map as a community model is to create a center for community arts that promotes social justice and public health. Since there is a vibrant theater community, my idea is for the City of Gainesville to support a space for an organization to use performance arts (theater, poetry, comedy, improv, music, dance, etc...) to partner with other issue-based organizations and departments at SF, City of Gainesville and UF (not necessarily the performance departments but departments like: oral history, autism center, various studies in race and ethnicity, health arts and sciences, sociology, justice, history) to use performances to create community awareness and energy around relevant issues. One organization that is already doing this is The Actors' Warehouse but they are too small. With this additional dimension to the Gainesville theater community, we could hold an annual festival (like the Fringe Festival) here in our city.
- More ways to get out - see the world - right now can only go by signing up - using van as a group.
- Less spread out community, closer together for better community/convenience.
- More freedom at Job Corps.
- More freedom at Job Corps centers.
- Like community aspect - coming together. Communication - learn other languages, diversity and culture beyond the university.
- 2) Community Model. Career Source - likes this, don't have in Jacksonville.
- More places like Job Corps.

- Having more community outreach programs.
- More homes for the homeless
- Future planning is the most important to me.
- Strong economy sticks out the most to me because I feel if the economy is strong, then everything root off from that making it better. Well it has already impacted my life in such little time due to the fact it has this Job Corp Center available to help me succeed in the future.
- Start a reading challenge.
- More training/education time with Gainesville Job Corps Center.
- Maybe more metal concerts.
- Jobs, apartments, good quality of money.
- Future planning followed by greater equity. Definitely NOT strong economy since this often relegates other criteria to afterthoughts. Continue with current trajectory as a progressive oasis within Florida; care for the environment long-term and invest in youth - model city.
- 2) Future Planning; 3) Community Model; 4) Economy. Equity - Eastside. I live there and I want the businesses there to thrive. Youth Resource Center at 555 Depot Ave.
- Consistent exercise and social support.
- Get rid of Pine Ridge Apartments NW section, 34th street, instead to give value to Northwood Pine subdivision. Synchronization on 39th and 13th traffic light. Cameras are not for the purposes to monitor accident caused based on changing light (colors).
- 2) Community Model. Expanding solar options.
- More parks (county)
- Elder housing - co-housing with amenities, environment and animals on the premise. Transportation - vans pick up for evening activities for seniors; places for communal eating (not restaurants). Allow pets in more areas/places (i.e. Farmers Market on 34th). Programs for seniors and children to connect with each other.
- To be more inclusive, information, events, services; need more info on local referendums (i.e. Wild Spaces); info with university connections.
- Fund social services, job training, and increase recreation funding for underserved areas. Stop commercial sprawl like Celebration Pointe and fund historic architecture renovation.
- Help with jobs
- Spending money on land acquisition.
- Get industry here (glass factories, robotics, etc.).
- Lower GRU bill
- More helpful to the homeless - too many people in the woods, creating code violations, etc. (near Phoenix).
- More patrol
- Reduce light bill
- More community activities
- Additional police services

- Create a comprehensive program for youth development for natural resource management training and general education and join the national Corps Network by 2020. See <https://www.corpsnetwork.org/> for additional information.
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- Community Land Trust for affordable housing
- Offer incentives to developments that prioritize environmentally friendly practices. LEED certification or similar could provide benefits to the developer such as expedited permitting, reduced fees, etc.
- City employees could be the first in our community to:
 - Have all starting wages consistent with "living wage" for our community. This would reduce local need for housing subsidies, food subsidies, transportation subsidies, safety net health care.
 - Provide two shifts of child care and early education for employees who work evening and night shifts; one shift to cover needs during the parent's work shift, and one shift to cover parent's need to sleep in preparation for next evening or night shift duty. This will reduce child abuse and neglect
 - city example could be an example for county government and for large employers in the community such as UF and hospitals
 - Develop/expand community run internet to ensure access to affordable and fast internet which respects the principles of net neutrality.
 - Reduce the Utility cost and wastefulness. This will increase spending in the community.
 - Require better leadership and or business skills from the people in charge. This will bring down budget cost for Utility.
 - 1. Focus energy and funding for the marginalized citizens in our community (homeless, "at risk youth"). 2. Continue working on developing renewable energy sources, clean air and water for all.
 - Due to redevelopment, much of the "soul" which makes Gainesville an amazing place to live is being lost. Don't get me wrong, I'm in favor of growth and progress. But I don't want to live in a place where cool local businesses are replaced by national chains because they can't afford skyrocketing rents. Perhaps we could require a type of rent control for locals only.
 - Rent control on retail space. Gainesville downtown and other non-mall areas are full of empty retail space because the rent is too high.
 - The city needs to sunset grace marketplace & dignity village. These initiatives were poorly planned and had unintended consequences that increased homelessness and crime in our community. Initially pitched as "the 10 year plan to end homelessness", it instead has increased the number of vagrants and is perpetuating the problem. Government instead should focus on providing essential services, reducing electrical rates to commercial users so that business will expand in our area creating jobs, and letting the Churches that are 501c3 tax exempt provide food and shelter for homeless as it is their job to do charity and help their fellow man.
 - Diversify and grow local economy by supporting job creation in technical and manufacturing areas.

DESIGN SESSION

90+ participants

Q: What goals do my organization and/or I have for the future?

- Improve educational opportunities throughout Gainesville
- Address the digital divide-training and access for every person
- All citizens must have access to the digital environment to succeed
- Housing opportunities in the urban environment
- attract new employers with strong jobs like FedEx
- educate the community about small business opportunities
- Promote compact mixed use development
- Forerunners Coalition: Establish a supreme foundation of student advocacy in Alachua County.
- family with 7 grandkids - want them all to graduate and pursue higher ed
- Reichert House/Bold Program: Creating positive opportunities for at risk males.
- Make Gainesville a better place to live work and play.
- Reduce family poverty (recognize that students are not included) (City Commission)
- Support for local food system - healthy lives from both individuals and government
- Citizen/Parent: Sustainability, Green Space, Community Garden, Wetlands Conservation, Local Food, Livability, Better Community Transit
- Eliminate slum and blight
- Our mission is to promote best practices in peace building to contribute to the promotion of peace and to teach everyone how to peacefully resolve conflict
- Make Gainesville most safe and enjoyable city in the state
- RTS: Public transportation for the community
- City Manager's Office: Improve quality of life for all residents in the City of Gainesville.
- Red Cross:
- Gainesville fire Rescue: everyone working together, citizen centered at all times
- Better distribution of all the good things/events happening in Gainesville
- Reduce house fires
- Improve financial confidence with education (Sun Trust Bank)
- Expand and preserve affordable housing
- Provide economic opportunity to everyone and encourage new businesses to Gainesville. Opportunity to bring new business development to grow the community.
- more integrated Gainesville
- more bike friendly - car free
- Citizen: Broad representative government, NEVER AGAIN to be dominated by any particular interest.
- Hope that GNV's McCrory community garden gets expanded.

- more adaptable city - one that can think on its feet and make changes without waiting for strategic planning
- Provide and maintain recreational natural and cultural programs and facilities
- Implement the master plan for parks, recreation, and culture
- Everybody works, growing business and jobs with a skilled workforce (Career Source)
- opportunities for real time seamless interactions and communications with the city
- place for ongoing conversation about citizen needs and ways to make those real
- Healthier more active communities for EVERYONE.
- Health safety and equity in the built environment (Building Division)
- Improve university and city relations
- breaking down silos and connect common goals to create synergy without duplication of effort
- To improve relationships between people in general.
- Children enter kindergarten socially and emotionally ready (P4G)
- That GNV is known throughout the SE for a vibrant local food system that's inclusive and becomes a "hub" or economic driver for the city. Also that GNV provides food justice and security.
- Energy equity for the citizens of Gainesville to reach best rate for the citizens.
- When people have to choose between medicine, water, and electric.
- Diversify the economy of Gainesville so it isn't as dependent on health care and university ops.
- GRU conserves energy & resources and returns 70% of water to the aquifer. GRU is trying to get teams to use less of its products
- Solving homelessness issue
- Increase opportunities for non-traditional housing opportunities (container housing, etc.)
- better resources for schools - books and technology
- more experiential education and arts ed for youth
- more vocational programs
- more opportunities for disenfranchised
- Better food choices in the schools.
- Sustainability improvements to the city so that people can improve their livelihoods and lower the poverty levels of the city.
- Teach people to have a portfolio of income sources (Career Source)
- Make the City of Gainesville reflective of the community as it relates to jobs
- program similar to Reichert House for girls
- Promote the diverse communities in Gainesville
- Do not sacrifice the feel of small town for new inappropriate growth
- Promote multimodal transportation (Alachua County Comp Plan)
- Driving entrepreneurial community with a focus on startups, job creation and retention of talent.
- To develop a sense of community similar to after the crisis but before the crisis.
- Improve physical mobility to achieve social mobility
- Improvement in schools and new ways to teach subjects. Change some subjects that I am learning right now.

- robust community food center for Gainesville that helps build economic opportunity, business ownership and celebration of food and culture
- For the downtown core to become a vibrant place that attracts locals and out of towners alike.
- Small, affordable, sustainable housing.
- vibrant downtown, walkable, central core - keep this going
- decentralized services and empowered neighborhoods to bring these to our citizens
- More urban gardens for food source and community enhancements
- GNV becomes a place where young people stay and pursue careers/family.
- well supported and nurtured music scene
- Public private alternative funding to create job opportunities
- More local job creation; especially in vocational opportunities.
- How to enhance independent community groups.
- Opportunities from high school to PhD...
- Preserve Gainesville's special standard of citizen engagement in policy making
- empowerment for youth
- embrace the Gainesville "vibe" greenspace, people, collaboration
- pathway through education to many different types and levels of jobs

Q: What are the possibilities for the future of Gainesville?

- To achieve a peaceful community
- Reduce disparity
- Quality housing for all
- Sustainability for the seven generations in the future...
- Downtown to be vibrant like it was back in the day
- More spaces for cars downtown
- Healthy families
- Quality of life (decent incomes)
- Diverse economy
- More respect for the dignity of everyone
- Living in place (like aging in place).
- Economic sustainability
- "Community living" w/ mentally ill living in community w/ others. (Not segregated).
- school children anxious to go to school for learning
- End of Poverty
- Best small city in America.
- Traffic circles-city where people drive with thoughtfulness and mindfulness. Reduce number of accidents. Compete for the best reduction of traffic accidents.
- 100% Recycling rate

- World class parks.
- Improve the schools and create more equal access and opportunities for all students
- Small farming and expanding community gardens
- Adaptability without losing character of the city
- Most fertile entrepreneurial climate in America
- Maker Spaces for entrepreneurship for youth...build and explore ideas, share them
- 100% employment
- Most craft breweries in America
- City needs to incorporate the entire urban area (annex all unincorporated areas in urban services boundary).
- Government at different levels needs to clearly define its role.
- Adopt rapid rehousing model in order to address homeless challenge.
- Provide access to the internet for everybody in public spaces
- The greenest city in the US
- National leader in food security
- Living wages and structure to support entrepreneurship growth
- Creative ways for workforce mobility that we can elevate to the national level.
- Addressing the digital divide to get internet to everybody.
- Best schools in FL
- Holding the Olympics here
- Create a loving environment and supportive community.
- Solidify Gainesville's identity.
- Communities designed for health and wellness for residents.
- Achieve diversity that is ubiquitous.
- Easiest place to start a business
- Model for increasing equity within the community.
- No more house fires
- Become a city that lives within its means while growing sustainably
- Reduction of vehicles/ traffic
- Create true mixed community that uses public/private funding and partnerships.
- Free internet
- Community that works together in all facets ..., a culture of a united front.
- All children reach their potential.
- Global hub of innovation and talent, with resources and opportunities accessible to all.
- Expand and raise quality of sciences taught in school - science, biology, physics and chemistry, etc.
- World class parks
- Be known as the most creative community in the country
- World-class technical systems for seamless access to information and services
- Create better housing, more restaurants and opportunities on Eastside.
- To better integrate the University in our city... town and gown

- Highest percentage of college grads that stay in the community
- Expand cool, hip downtown
- Gainesville as a destination to raise a family
- Be an intellectual city. Be known as an intellectual city.
- School Equity - break the huge gap that exists between schools with regards to resources and support... what is causing this and how do we fix it? Is it geography? Faculty? Administration? Set a goal for our schools rather than having them just set by state legislators...support for special needs - behavior, etc..., hold to standard of UF and how do we connect our students here to the resources and minds at UF, experiential education that goes beyond the classroom and helps connect young people to their passion and the diversity of career opportunities
- Gainesville is supportive community and where people can make their dreams come true
- Get kids at every age doing what they love.
- Local business support and help to ensure local business ownership so that \$ stays here and magnifier effect help to build a resilient and diverse community that is unique and empowers community members to start businesses... not just tech, but also bricks and mortar, cultural., food, and services...
- Ending homelessness
- Managed sustainable growth for the next 50 years. Recognizing long term protection of the environment and cultural diversity as essential to economic success.
- Promote live music venues and art community
- stop boundary inclusion - expand conversation to our fellow municipalities and larger county so there is understanding and connection and learning that passes between our whole larger local community
- Surpass our historic musical heritage.
- Act like a community after a crisis before the crisis
- Elimination of racial disparities
- Adequate funding to fix the identified problems
- Teachers are more valued and help connect students to their interests
- Pattern of development that creates a connected community that mixes housing types, businesses and social groups with a shared sense of community.
- Supportive of family unit--how does Gainesville support the family unit?

Q: What are the big questions that will move us forward?

- The future of Gainesville could be University Ave is lined with high rises and creating a concrete canyon.
- What does GNV want to be?
- How do we make Gainesville more equitable?
- How can we make this the best city for our children and grandchildren?

- How do you harness the brain power at the University of Florida to help address local questions and needs?
- Can we get all of the stakeholders to pull in the same direction?
- What is the legislation/regulation that is holding back vocational schools and other education reform?
- How to get everyone on the same page?
- What are barriers to equity now?
- How do we create opportunities for all
- How to be effectively decentralized?
- How to reach all citizens (with information)?
- How to saturate information equitably throughout the city?
- How can the City work to get young people interested in science and learning (e.g. Cade Museum, and UF partnership)?
- How to get information to citizens the way they receive it best?
- How do we break the traditional land development patterns that have created the many divisions in our community?
- How do we involve all members of the community in the big conversations?
- How to make a citizen feel like they have ownership in the city? (inclusion heard/appreciated)
- How do we grow better not necessarily bigger?
- How do we know what resources or assets that are available? and how to utilize them?
- How to keep the character of the city? (not become Jax, Atlanta, Miami etc.)
- How do you work well with people indifferent fields and disciplines?
- What would happen in community centers?
- What strengths are present in the community and how do we tap into those resources?
- How to have smart & effective growth?
- Grow up not out? How do we create a common vocabulary about how we grow as a community? Are we a college town, a business incubator, or what?
- How do you identify which resources to go to for what?
- How to teach your children well... about each organization and effort of all groups and programs going on in our local community.... localized and personalized civics classes.
- How to not forget where we come from?
- What strengths and weaknesses can we work on to improve ourselves?
- How do you have a healthy community?
- How can we get young people to engage in the community, to vote and participate in the public forums?
- How do we create an inclusive and integrated community?
- How do we break silos - both disciplinary but also cultural, racial, economic... not just talk about it, but actual break barriers?

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN IDEAS

- University and city staff need ambassadors → citizens
- Commission should form a committee by end of year, appoint members
- Identify 17 big ideas to be accomplished over next thousand days, report back big ideas by January 31st
- Community has many ideas that don't fall within plan but should be considered:
 - Need a convention/conference/civic center, locate near downtown and campus
 - Branded overpasses
 - Every bridge to look like quality of helix bridge
 - Themes – arts & recreation, etc.
 - New city hall should enter 21st century in terms of how it looks & feels to citizens
 - A million tree giveaway, conducted on Earth Day
 - Repurpose the Thomas Center
 - Transform back into glory
 - Negotiate long-term annexation plan to include urban services boundary with the county
 - Partner with Apple or Google, a Disney-esque transportation system to travel between campus & downtown
 - True park that connects downtown and campus
 - Unique public transportation to connect and create a safe environment
 - Mobile parking solution for downtown
 - Smart city concept for creating & implementing
 - Celebrate local entrepreneurs on corridor
 - Like Hollywood Walk of Fame
 - Josh Greenberg, Fracture, Infinite Energy, Glaeser, etc.
 - Consider new parking garage and/or parking authority
 - Expand use of new utility infrastructure upgrade ordinance to other areas of town or for public works capital needs
 - Public-private Ambassador
 - Ambassador charged with making projects work
 - Ex: Greenville, SC

ADDITIONAL COMMISSION & STAFF IDEAS

- Launch a Department of Doing to create breakthrough change around the city's business development processes
 - Deploy an online portal for greater accessibility to the process of opening a business in the city, including identifying an allowed location and permits required
 - Implement new technology to electronically process permits and to review and edit plan documents in the field
- Be a connector of local entrepreneurs to local resources
 - GatorNest (UF Entrepreneurship Consulting Project – teams of graduate students providing consulting services for local start-ups, professors with inventions, student businesses, worldwide companies employing UF alumni)
 - GAIN Investor Pitch ShootOut (Annual contest for best business idea, in October which is Gainesville Entrepreneur Month)
 - Support UF in providing seed funding to local start-ups
 - Request UF to focus on business opportunities which are solving local issues or to prioritize funding to start-ups that support the city's strategic priorities
 - Request UF to provide funding to businesses that mirror the demographics of the city – socio-economic, race, ethnicity, gender, age, etc.
- Provide city facilities as a resource for stakeholders to host training, education, and certification programs for entry-level jobs
 - Enhance transportation accessibility by improving trail access between the rail-trail system and neighboring business and residential areas
- Partner with the Chamber and UF to grow or attract international economic prospects who will provide diversity of job opportunities, from entry level to executive level, and who has a shared purpose of improving the community
- Work with UF to remove the fence and gate surrounding east campus
- Facilitate vitality assessments in CRA districts, aiming to identify the unique characteristics of neighborhoods and what they want to preserve and enhance, and develop model for expanding this evaluation and prioritization process to neighborhoods throughout the city
- Develop an application to promote learning about neighborhoods' unique history
- Support the county-wide disparity study and utilize results to make accessibility improvements
- Implement assorted transportation modes to further enhance connectivity, utilizing partnerships with services like Uber, Lyft, BikeShare, Van Pool to bring greater connectivity to the first and last miles of travel for all citizens
- Partner with GRU, PW, and private entities to provide low and no-cost internet access to Gainesville households

- Support the CRA Heartwood project and market it as a model to local developers for providing a greater supply of affordable housing
- Request UF to promote Heartwood as a graduate or professional housing resource
 - Take a similar approach to Power District and Seminary Lane?
- Assess next steps for Dignity Village and the implementation of a community-wide rapid rehousing model
- Evaluate regulatory reform to be more inclusive of tiny houses and retirement living
- Formalize an affordable housing task force to evaluate alternative models to bring to Gainesville
- Utilize city facilities and centers as a resource for UF and other stakeholders to bring visual and performing arts programming into neighborhoods
 - Example – Dance classes in ballet room at Eastside Community Center
 - Communicate this as opportunities for student volunteers and/or applications of faculty research projects
- Host UF art exhibits and performances at the Hippodrome, Downtown Plaza, Thomas Center Galleries
 - UF to have bigger presence in Downtown Arts Festival
 - Include promotion of 352Arts Initiative
- Seek state funding to bring the Safe Routes to School program to Gainesville, which will directly support increased safety and convenience for students in grades K-high school to walk and/or bicycle to/from school
- Partner with UF to provide more permanent (Mobile Outreach Unit) urgent/emergent care medical resources to the east side of Gainesville
- Implement the Vision 2020 Master Plan
- Partner with UF to achieve greater waste diversion
- Expand bike share locations available to public and market it as an amenity to visitors
- Develop additional stormwater management credit basins with incorporation of park facilities surrounding areas with redevelopment opportunities
- Apply for federal funding to support transitioning fleet assets to alternative fuel sources
- Support the revitalization and restoration of stream corridors
- Implement strategies to attract and retain talent in order to create a citizen-centered approach to the operations of local government
- Request UF and SFC to highly encourage and promote project-based learning and application in the community
 - All 16 UF schools to have a fellowship program with the city to address local challenges
 - Project Examples
 - College of Design, Construction & Planning partner with GFR & GPD to overlap GFR hot spots with GPD crime responses for predictive polices, emergency responses [National Institute of Justice real-time crime data challenge in Spring 2017 (predictive analytics)]

- Neighborhood preservation & CRA heritage trail, Proctor Program for Oral Histories, leverage data already collected
- Launch participation in the Police Data Initiative to spur engagement around the implementation of community policing practices and its effectiveness
- Form a collaborative planning body to empower joint communication and planning between the city and UF and to serve in an advisory capacity to both governing bodies
- Create a think-tank environment to connect UF and SFC students, faculty, and civic innovators to address local challenges
 - Launch a Smart Cities Lab & Civic Hall model
 - An open space for identifying local challenges, conducting research, connecting data, and prototyping solutions
- Request UF & SFC to require students and faculty to participate in local civic engagement and community service
- Develop an urban informatics track for UF students
- Test innovative solutions to EMS responses