

## Suffolk Round 1 Engagement Comments

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**Ideas For The Future**

Source	1. What has most changed about Suffolk over the past seven years?
Online	i have only lived in Suffolk for two years but i will say it is a lot of building in concentrated areas i.e North Suffolk which causes a lot of traffic delay which makes no sense.
Online	EVERYTHING
Online	building new construction and complaints about housing/inoperative vehicles/care premises/grass/weeds
Online	Less open land, and a lot more houses.
Online	Increase in commercial and residential buildings
Online	Suffolk is growing so much within the past seven years. More and more developments are coming up as well as new businesses.
Online	Overcrowded roads and too much multi-family development without apparent regard to the MAJOR lack of infrastructure to support it. Keep allowing retail development when there seems to be an over abundance if empty retail space.
Online	Population boom and the amount of development
Online	Economy, housing. I like the new housing and people that are moving into Suffolk.
Online	I’ve been living here 4 years in June I see lots of building going on. I believe there should be schools shopping definitely need a Trader Joe’s Cheddars malls updated.
Online	We have experienced way too much growth as far as rooftops. Route 10 is a terrible area for traffic accidents and yet mor condos and family homes are being constructed. Our hospital cannot handle this growth, nor can our schools and roads.
Online	Too much building of apartments and condos. The city is starting to look like greenbrier area of Chesapeake. If we want to live in the retail setting we will move. Stop the building
Online	Increased development and traffic. Also some great new businesses
Online	Traffic in Northern Suffolk!!!!  Rt 17 continues to worsen.
Online	Traffic and crime
Online	Residential development and destruction of green space. Over crowding in schools and traffic congestion.
Online	Growth in North Suffolk. Shift from single family housing to higher density housing complexes. Violent crimes seem to be up and rising (not just Suffolk, but all of HR).
Online	The amount of houses and apartments.
Online	Harbor view area development
Online	The number of condos and townhouses, loss of rural, green space
Online	Traffic has increased dramatically
Online	More people are moving to this area.
Online	Growth of the Northern Suffolk area.
Online	Development in the Harbour View/ Bennetts Creek area.
Online	The quality of the roads in the southern part of the city have diminished greatly. The number of single family homes has increased a good deal in what was supposed to be agricultural areas of Southern Suffolk.
Online	Residential home building increases.

<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk getting everything and South Suffolk getting nothing. All we got is more housing in the south part of Suffolk, the old part of Suffolk... The original part of Suffolk that's known as downtown. South Suffolk needs more entertainment businesses not more housing!
<b>Online</b>	Population growth and lack of keeping up with it by not building more schools and infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Population and amenities
<b>Online</b>	Addition of too many residences, increased traffic especially on Route 17, increased crime.
<b>Online</b>	Too much development of land.
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Housing
<b>Online</b>	It's much more difficult to get around. Too many apartments and clustered living. Traffic has gotten a lot more congested.
<b>Online</b>	58 Corridor, housing boom, traffic flow upgrades.
<b>Online</b>	Growth in northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Growth in northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Overdevelopment in North Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Not sure, I just moved to town. But it's clearly much nicer than I remember it being from over a decade ago.
<b>Online</b>	The high increase in housing and traffic
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion, crime
<b>Online</b>	Development and traffic
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and loss of farmland/rural quiet
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is approving too many housing developments and apartments to be built without the infrastructure. Traffic is horrible and the schools in Northern Suffolk are outdated and overcrowded. The City is going downhill!
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses and apartments
<b>Online</b>	Houses being built on farm land
<b>Online</b>	Housing has increased
<b>Online</b>	More concrete, less farmland.
	Houses going up everywhere. Apartment complexes going up everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	Substantial Commercial Development
<b>Online</b>	Population growth along with Commercial Development.
<b>Online</b>	Too much traffic. Too many new homes. Way too high water rates
<b>Online</b>	All the farm land is gone
<b>Online</b>	The amount of people, traffic, shootings, and less community activities!
<b>Online</b>	WAY TOO much development in the area! WAY TOO much clearing woods for no reason!! Trees help curb global warming but they are clearing large wooded sections all over Suffolk. For what?!?!? There's a large section on Jackson Road, Copeland Road and Route 58 near Pioneer!
<b>Online</b>	The growth and development of new housing and increasing number of students
<b>Online</b>	The number of community members
<b>Online</b>	Traffic due to all the crazy amounts of condos and apartments going up everywhere.

<b>Online</b>	Hardly anything except small area between police dept on E Washington St to main street, few new places too eat.
<b>Online</b>	Growth With no supporting infrastructure. I.e. schools etc.
<b>Online</b>	More houses are being built, but roads and other attractions have not been considered. Record high automobile accidents. Record high crime rates.
<b>Online</b>	More big business has come to Suffolk (good!). This has led to lots more traffic. Neighborhoods springing up where woods and fields used to be. New solar farms appearing.
<b>Online</b>	There are more apartment buildings, town homes, and housing developments that are being put up on farmland which is causing overcrowding.
<b>Online</b>	Growth of apartments and neighborhoods that have caused congestion and food and the necessities of life becoming less. Not enough roads and proper road maintenance. Also impacting traffic like Kings Fork Road with school buses causing major backups. No building of fire houses, police and the necessary services to be provided once the new housing has been built. Infrastructure is lacking. Taxes going up not down. With all the construction going on, one would think that taxes would at the very least stay flat or go lower. Pandemic shut down hurt small businesses and families but not the big box stores. No competition with Walmart. CRAZY. We can get a Target warehouse but not a store. Too rural. Entertainment for youth is not available or marketed to provide them avenues to let out their energy during shutdown and No socialization. Also required parent to home school. Which in turn has caused crime and acting out has escalated. Wild life now living among the humans because all the woods have been converted to neighborhoods or businesses. The natural habitat has lessened or no longer available. Northern Suffolk was developed heavily and businesses flocked there all because the former mayor lived there and was a real estate agent (conflict of interest). Leaving Southern Suffolk lacking. All we get is warehouses/industrial parks, strip centers and a ridiculous amount of car washes. Did not know there were so many dirty cars in Suffolk. Downtown is getting less and less. Police and the like are leaving to other cities or jobs. Putting stress on those that stay. While expected to give the same service and response time.
<b>Online</b>	Apartments and housing. Too much development.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of apartments and homes that have been built. Suffolks community has grown a lot!
<b>Online</b>	The traffic is horrific. To many industrial buildings going up in already high traffic areas making it worse.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has increased considerably, but infrastructure has not improved accordingly. Violent crime and personal property crimes have also increased at an alarming rate. Housing building has exponential increased and again infrastructure has not kept up.
<b>Online</b>	Violence has increased. Traffic has increased. Higher taxes
<b>Online</b>	Shrinking green space, overdevelopment of multi family dwellings, increased traffic
<b>Online</b>	More people. Mores condos.
<b>Online</b>	The residential growth in terms of more housing and more apartments. The crime seems to also be growing, at least in the downtown area. The Suffok Library has expanded outreach opportunities.

<b>Online</b>	The traffic on 58, Godwin Blvd, and northern Suffolk. Also, the continued expansion of homes without the proper infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Crime, gangs. Road conditions have fallen to the wayside but the amount of people (more tax money) has risen.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of growth, Suffolk has approved more growth without doing anything to the infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Road conditions
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and downtown being overlooked for N. Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Population increase due to increase in multifamily housing units (apartments/condominiums)
<b>Online</b>	Farm land has been built up and it's unfortunate.
<b>Online</b>	Massive residential development. Building new commercial space across from older, vacant commercial space.
<b>Online</b>	New housing developments
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments.
<b>Online</b>	Population because of money greedy politicians in Suffolk!
<b>Online</b>	All the apartment developments.
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses being built
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	The amount of traffic has increased too fast with the current roads unable to keep up. This is especially true in the area around Obici and North Main Street. The flashing yellow left turn arrows need to be discontinued. I have had too many close calls from drivers that did not have the right of way, but ran them anyway.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic, overcrowded schools, more apartments. More housing developments with houses on top of each other. Laughing stock school board.
<b>Online</b>	The addition of hundreds of apartments, duplexes and townhouses. A significant increase in traffic especially tractor trailer traffic on Rt. 58.
<b>Online</b>	A lot of growth and traffic and not enough business. A bedroom community.
<b>Online</b>	The downtown, especially the residential streets off main street look terrible. We have wealthy properties managers that are nothing more than slum lords. Downtown Suffolk around the horse track , oakdale terrace, hill street to all the way to constance road was nice well kept properties. Also the gateway of 58 into our city is disgraceful. The intermodal traffic has destroyed the roads and properties look terrible. Please keep that off of 460. The truck stop at the 460 / 58 exchange needs to be leveled and cleaned up.
<b>Online</b>	Too much new housing!
<b>Online</b>	Too much building.. too much traffic
<b>Online</b>	Housing development. The city needs to grow, but stop producing/approving all these new places to live when the downtown part of Suffolk cannot support the growing population. People of Suffolk especially around the great dismal swamp way, Holland, and rural areas like that live out there for a reason for peace.
<b>Online</b>	New homes

<b>Online</b>	All of these apartments and houses. Nothing is being done with the schools and are overcrowded. They should not allow all of this new construction until the school situation is addressed.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in population, traffic, the number of houses and apartment complexes, and stores.
<b>Online</b>	Poor planning and the quality of life has plummeted.
<b>Online</b>	Over crowded with homes and the same junk food. No expansion on schools or parks. More crime.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion
<b>Online</b>	More Warehouses, more crowded
<b>Online</b>	The number of apartments, storage units, trafic in Northern Suffolk, over cowding in schools, and school bussing issues continue to get worse over the past 7 yrs. New developments with no sidewalks
<b>Online</b>	We have grown too fast and way to much. WAY over developed!
<b>Online</b>	Southwest Suffolk -Increase in Traffic, increase in population/housing, increase in crime
<b>Online</b>	Poorly planned development in the rural portions of the city, without thought to how the city will service these areas.
<b>Online</b>	So many new houses
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartment buildings and increased traffic. Poor infrastructure, inability to accommodate the rapid expansion.
<b>Online</b>	Apartments everywhere - traffic is ridiculous - North Suffolk Schools (NSES, CFC, NRHS) grossly over crowded
<b>Online</b>	More condos/apts
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, we moved from vbeach 14 years ago to get away from gridlock, although not against progress and people moving here, it seems the road building is not keeping up. Should have may a interstate around business 58, and nasemond is getting bad also. Trains constantly stopping on road way on nasemond and wilroy for more then 5 min. What happened to the proposed fly over for that area?
<b>Online</b>	Too much growth of unaffordable housing!
<b>Online</b>	More homes
<b>Online</b>	New construction
	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Population and density growth appears to be much higher. The amount of industrial areas in the Southern area of Suffolk, which also causes the amount of traffic to increase and road wear to incease.
<b>Online</b>	House builders are buying up all the farm land.
<b>Online</b>	More Housing, More People, More Traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk has flourished, expanded, and economically developed attracting homeowners, rental, and businesses while the Southern Suffolk area of communities i.e.,

	Hollywood, Magnolia, East Washington Street, and other areas have become blighted, delapidated, and no attractions for new economic development.
<b>Online</b>	Housing Development.
<b>Online</b>	High density growth, apartments, townhomes, condos as well as a great deal of commercial growth in Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Violence and crime. Too many new apartments.
<b>Online</b>	too many people / cars
<b>Online</b>	Traffic!
<b>Online</b>	The development. There's been a significant increase in the number of apartment complexes which is disappointing. If I wanted to live somewhere like Virginia Beach I wouldn't have moved to Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses and pop up sub divisions have been built
<b>Online</b>	Population
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk has grown in residential, commercial and corporate presence. Traffic is clogged on all major arteries to and through Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Honestly, not much.
<b>Online</b>	More Crime
<b>Online</b>	More crime. More traffic. Water bills crazy. Too many housing subdivisions.
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartment complexes and subdivisions without infrastructure improvements.
<b>Online</b>	The rapid growth of the villages and communities. The residents are discussed with all the rapid growth before looking into the drainage, knowing we live in Hampton Roads surrounded by bodies of water.
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments/condos going up
<b>Online</b>	Too much housing and development that isn't needed or Necessary
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Too much cookie-cutter development too quickly.
<b>Online</b>	It's grown and become more crowded. The land mass is sizable compared to the 7 cities yet, the growth is concentrated to small areas, i.e. North Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	New housing developments and businesses
<b>Online</b>	More people, less services from the city. Inadequate roads and schools. More taxes and nothing from the City to support the increases. The people in positions of authority have attitudes when dealing with the public. People in positions of authority with no practical experience. A College degree does not a good public servant make. The City positions are full of people who have no business in the position.
<b>Online</b>	I've only lived here for the past three years
<b>Online</b>	Industrial and housing growth as well as traffic
<b>Online</b>	a lot more development. Both residential and business
<b>Online</b>	Lots of community developments, not enough restaurants (Smokey bones, P.F.Chang, Bahama Breeze, Aberdeen Barn). We need better restaurants vice fast food. I'm tired of going to Chesapeake or VA Beach for a decent place to eat.
<b>Online</b>	The crazy density of housing going into north Suffolk that the roadways cannot handle.
<b>Online</b>	Over population.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, crime, unsafe



<b>Online</b>	Way too much traffic, so many multi family living units. Why do we need 3 car washes within 3 miles???? Farmland going away rapidly. Harborview is not really suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Population, crime, traffic
<b>Online</b>	Way too much traffic, so many multi family living units. Why do we need 3 car washes within 3 miles???? Farmland going away rapidly. Harborview is not really suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	the mass amount of construction of homes and businesses.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of housing developments.
<b>Online</b>	Increased housing
<b>Online</b>	The significant development is mostly northern Suffolk. Broadband was brought to a few streets in Holland. The majority of rural Holland still has no broadband. It has advanced the quality of life for some. Some people in Holland still is required to use a Franklin phone number 562. But pay taxes in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	More housing is being built.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of new housing developments and some stores and restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	The high volume of homes being built but no stores or entertainment for the many families living and moving to Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	(Based on the perspective of a southern Suffolk resident.)  Our quaint, friendly, safe little town has vanished. Crime, traffic jams, loss of green space, loss of farm land and an over abundance of gas stations and fast food eateries have ruined the living experience.
<b>Online</b>	More families with children have moved Kings Fork area of Suffolk. There have been lots of apartments and single family neighborhoods now. The one thing we are lacking in is shopping restaurants and entertainment venues.
<b>Online</b>	Crime, congestion, houses and apartments all over.
<b>Online</b>	The populatiion and significant amount of houses being built in the downtown area as well as the Northern end. Traffic and congestiion along all of our major highways has increased, school attendance and the need for more middle schools and improved elementary school buildings as well as support with broadband. New business such as Amazon, Massimo, and Ace Hardware have moved warehoused into Suffolk in all areas of our city. The need and increase for our water/sewer system has increased due to the demand.
<b>Online</b>	Unfortunately my beloved trees are disappearing! Seems that wherever there are trees, theyâ€™re cut down to build more houses or apartments!ðŸ˜ž
<b>Online</b>	New housing developments, condominiums, apartment complexes, and industrial parks are going up on former farmlands and fields everywhere. Traffic is getting worse by the day and the roads are showing signs of wear and tear of the increased traffic. There is a gun-related crime nearly every day of the week.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in neighborhoods without significant added infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	More rooftops in downtown Suffolk & Restaurants
<b>Online</b>	The traffic downtown and along the 58 corridor is horrible.
<b>Online</b>	People have moved in, can be a good thing but growth should be managed better. Without good planning, infrastructure can get stressed and quality of life can suffer if not done correctly.
<b>Online</b>	Development of the North



<b>Online</b>	increasing loss of farmland, as more large tracts are sold for housing or commercial use. Increased traffic. Loss of downtown businesses. Greater stresses on public facilities such as water, sewer treatment, police, post office (which is in really bad shape) and others.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Increased housing construction, in the Sentara Obici Hospital area, without adequate action to increase highway expansion.
<b>Online</b>	Significant industrial buildings and multifamily developments
<b>Online</b>	Increase in population
<b>Online</b>	Too many new construction apartments.
<b>Online</b>	The Downtown has restaruants and some life after 900pm. There is a distinct difference between NoSo and SoSo
<b>Online</b>	Retail and housing growth
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and Trains. Nansemond Parkway / Wilroy intersection is horrible. Someone is going to get killed in a head on collision as people do not obey the signals that are out there when a train comes. People wave people to go around them as they don't want to go around and keep traffic flowing. Can the trains come through at non-peak hours?
<b>Online</b>	Crime increases and Crowded roads.
<b>Online</b>	Lots more apartment complexes.
<b>Online</b>	More and more homes (apartments, condos, single-family, etc.) have been built.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has focus on controlled growth. The critical infrastructure of the city has not been updated and maintained to meet the influx of people the city is attracting. The multi-family home situation is out of control. It has hurt the city and will continue to just to boost numbers. The City has denied businesses from coming over signs and designs, but allows thousands of apartments. That translates into lost tax revenue again to simply boost people numbers. Apartments always become run down. After a few years, they are sold to smaller corporations and not maintained. This attracts clientele that is not desirable. Bring in the business, the single-family homes and STOP the mixed developments. Low-Income housing (you call it affordable housing as guise to the public) is deteriorating middle class neighborhoods. There is no question that this is reason for the increased crime rates in the City.
<b>Online</b>	Population and number of cars on the roads. The roads can't seem to handle the traffic now.
<b>Paper</b>	Too many people - the woods are being cut down. Also shootings and killings, it feels unsafe
<b>Online</b>	Outrageous water charges. Not enough is asked for developers to pay upfront and then the taxpayers are required to pay for what the developers should have been required to do in the first place.
<b>Online</b>	growth and development. Traffic in North Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Housing has increased dramatically. Also, shopping option.
<b>Online</b>	There are entirely too many transitional style apartments, too many new neighborhoods introducing new unseen levels of crime. Traffic has increased to the point where oncoming vehicles from certain areas have to wait multiple turns at a stop light to enter main thoroughfares.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and congestion. The volume of traffic increases potential for accidents to occur causing lengthy jams on the few byways in Suffolk; we all know how 58 gets and how secondaries get due to traffic spillover.

<b>Online</b>	Tremendous population growth
<b>Online</b>	Development of farmland
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion. Particularly along the Rt 17 corridor. In my area (Northern growth area) number of housing and shopping developments has increased dramatically.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has increased on 58 and Portsmouth blvd. More apartments/housing areas are being built without roads to support the volume.
<b>Online</b>	More and more people, more traffic, but not more schools, employees, groceries, or amenities.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has gotten worse on Nansemond Pkwy.
<b>Online</b>	Building of condo type housing. Growth in N. Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments and too much traffic
<b>Online</b>	traffic & population increase
<b>Online</b>	condo and retail construction
<b>Online</b>	The amount of residential development sprawling all over the city. Farms and large swaths of land outlying most of downtown Suffolk are disappearing.
<b>Online</b>	Rural housing development
<b>Online</b>	Seems that more businesses are moving into Suffolk (I.e. commercial parks and retail centers) along with more apartments and residential housing. News has shown an increase in crime and Route 58 becomes more congested with each passing year.
<b>Online</b>	More violence
<b>Online</b>	Bridgeport development on 17, and industrial park on 58, and residential on Obici property and along 10.
<b>Online</b>	Multifamily housing (apartments) industrial warehouses, and traffic
<b>Online</b>	growth, primarily the northern end
<b>Online</b>	TRAFFIC!!! Route 17 is really bad at peak times, and even worse when the M&M tunnel is stopped. The redlights on Rt 17 don't appear to have been timed, and exacerbate the problem.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion and losing the beauty of the town with all the construction and taking down of the forest.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding everywhere and Gridlock on the roadways. Huge Tax Increases!
<b>Online</b>	Constant traffic congestion! I've lived here 20 years and the roads infrastructures have not been a priority- too many apartments and developments built yet no entertainment places, no decent shopping places or food places in the southern part of Suffolk! North Suffolk is the only place they put new places!
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments in the Harbourview area and up and down Bridge rd. The traffic is so bad on Bridge rd and when the tunnel has an issue it extends onto Harbourview dr. Loss of businesses in the Harbour view area shopping center with more places being built.
<b>Online</b>	Don't ask if you don't want to know the truth..... Things in Suffolk, Pughsville area, have been a mess and City Council nor other human so-called powers to be will give the support and make the necessary changes that we request. So, actually, racial discrimination against African Americans have increased. Only thing changing in this area are new houses going up and NO DRAINAGE.
<b>Online</b>	More houses, apartments, and restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk - it is great to have more access to businesses and a wide variety of medical practices. Before I had to travel to Chesapeake/Portsmouth.

<b>Online</b>	The city promoting Industrial Development
<b>Online</b>	The growth of housing in Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	The roads have been going to shit since the city took them over. The city does not know how to maintain the roads or even how to clean out a ditch. Most of the roads have higher shoulders than the edge of the road causing water to stand and not run to the ditches. A lot of ditches have trees growing in the bottom of the ditch that are bigger than my legs. Drive way pipes are nearly useless because they are full of dirt. They do not know how to cut the over hanging tree limbs and bushes so they do not hit your car. Why can NC keep their country roads so much better than Suffolk. Suffolk needs to start on the side roads off 13, 32, 58 etc. and do everything that needs to be done on that particular side road from end to end then move to another. (Cut bushes clean out ditches and pipes paving, etc). Many roads are only being held together by pot hole patches. As many city vehicles as Suffolk has riding up and down our roads, they should be reporting any needed road repairs first before the public has to call you about an issue. You all need to spend some money on the west side of the city.
<b>Online</b>	I haven't lived here for 7 years, so I can't say; but traffic and the amount of apartment complexes and new homes is not really a positive for Suffolk. I don't see any improvements to the infrastructure to support the people expected to move out here. I love downtown, but the number of empty storefronts is sad!
<b>Online</b>	T00 much development in areas that should remain rural. There will be no open space left. Changes need to made for the future.
<b>Online</b>	Crime, housing access, development
<b>Online</b>	Congestion in North Suffolk along Rt 17/Bridge Road Corridor; Nasemond Parkway between I664 and Shoulders Hill Road; Pughsville Road.
<b>Online</b>	The crime rate has increased! No police presence! Too many new apartments being built and roads are horrible!
<b>Online</b>	A lot of development in North Suffolk. A lot of housing added in Godwin Blvd corridor.
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments, too much traffic, less police presence
<b>Online</b>	Roads are in need of repair and too many new homes in Southern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Population-traffic
<b>Online</b>	Growth of housing and industrial areas.
<b>Online</b>	Growth
<b>Online</b>	The commercial and residential development.
<b>Online</b>	Too many new housing developments.
<b>Online</b>	Way too much development.
<b>Online</b>	Development of apartment complexes and subdivisions are getting out of control. If you are going to bring more people into the community, there needs to be recreational opportunities and increases in public safety via placing higher values on our police and fire departments.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has gotten worse. Especially in the Northen part. Too many houses & apartments and not enough services to accommodate it.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in traffic and apartments
<b>Online</b>	More houses
<b>Online</b>	Gun violence

<b>Online</b>	More traffic! Red light cameras are needed on route 58 after the bypass ends to get some revenue from the tractor trailers running red lights
<b>Online</b>	Housing growth
<b>Online</b>	More housing and other general development taking from the rural feel of the city
<b>Online</b>	Development
<b>Online</b>	I cant speak for 7 years but I can speak for nearly 3, The ridiculous hike in taxes! The ever worsening of the conditions of the roads. The insane increase of vehicles on said roads.
<b>Online</b>	Increased population in Downtown (South) Suffolk and North Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Development, traffic, reduced farm and crowed schools.
<b>Online</b>	A lot of congestion and not enough road improvement. To many apartments and warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Things are getting cleaned up in the southern part of Suffolk where it wasn't previously
<b>Online</b>	Many agricultural areas have been turned into residential areas.
<b>Online</b>	Additional housing. Increase in traffic
<b>Online</b>	Everything
<b>Online</b>	Way too much crammed in development. Hundreds of ugly cookie cutter houses jammed next to each other.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of residential development and some commercial development as well.
<b>Online</b>	Harbor view has really grown with a lot of shopping choices and restaurants
<b>Online</b>	There are too many people and not enough roads. The city only cares about getting rich off of our discomfort. We don't have the schools are the teachers for what you guys are packing in. If there was a huge disaster emergency and people had to evacuate no one would make it there's only one and a half ways in and out of Suffolk we can't even get home from work we hate it we can't wait to vote again something has to change there's nothing entertainment wise that all goes to Harborview in Suffolk just get condos after condos stuck in the middle of places where there's no room for condos or can the roads handle that. Suffolk has changed because it has become greedy it's no longer working for its citizens
<b>Online</b>	Residential population and increase in Commercial businesses
<b>Online</b>	The influx of residence and the traffic has gotten worse.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of homes and population..
<b>Online</b>	Huge addition of apartments.
<b>Online</b>	Growth. Good and bad. Overloading areas with residential and improper infrastructure. Roads are too congested schools are outdated and not large enough. Variety of companies coming to Suffolk is great though.
<b>Online</b>	We have lived here for the last 3 years and in that time the traffic has increased so much so that driving just to go north main st is a hassle and not to mention the traffic and accidents on 58.
<b>Online</b>	way too much development
<b>Online</b>	Building and traffic.
<b>Online</b>	I can't really answer this, having only recently moved here from years in Virginia Beach, though I know it has grown.
<b>Online</b>	I recently moved to Suffolk, so I don't have any in depth personal knowledge about Suffolk's past. Most of my prior experience involved downtown (stopping to eat while

	passing through) and downtown seems to have changed little. There are few restaurants and shops and plenty of vacancies.
<b>Online</b>	Apartment complexes and huge subdivisions everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	A tremendous increase in traffic on 58, especially truck traffic. The ridiculous number of multi-family developments and cookie-cutter neighborhoods that have been built. In addition to all of the car washes and nail salons.
<b>Online</b>	Huge increase in residential development.
<b>Online</b>	New housing development
<b>Online</b>	It seems to be losing more locally owned businesses and downtown seems to be abandoned from all improvements that it needs.
<b>Online</b>	To many apartments and houses
<b>Online</b>	Become a place to live and shop with expansions in the Harbour view area. Competitive with the other cities around
<b>Online</b>	Too much multifamily construction without regard for infrastructure. Lousy internet in the Northeastern part of the city. No real recreational facilities in Bennett's Creek area... indoor aquatic facility where the high school swim teams could practice would be nice...
<b>Online</b>	Construction and traffic delays
<b>Online</b>	The housing market.
<b>Online</b>	All the houses being built in rural Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Too much new housing! And apartments! Stop building! Let's stay peaceful and not crowded!
<b>Online</b>	More people bringing more traffic. Crime has also increased.
<b>Online</b>	All the people moving in and the city taking away our farm land. Study build houses and apartments but forgetting about how important other things are.
<b>Online</b>	New housing developments have popped up everywhere yet schools and roadways have not been expanded or improved.
<b>Online</b>	Too much growth, traffic and increased crime.
<b>Online</b>	The traffic , the commercialism, building more resident housing. Too much. Not enough open spaces to enjoy.
<b>Online</b>	Definitely the number of neighborhoods and apartments that have been built! Most of all are the water bills!
<b>Online</b>	Increased population, lack of affordable housing.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic! So many lights and new developments it takes forever to get anywhere.
<b>Online</b>	Too many multi family houses in our remaining green spaces.
<b>Online</b>	The development of new neighborhoods the city is more heavily populated and has more traffic congestion.
<b>Online</b>	Influx of people and traffic!
<b>Online</b>	The population and amount of houses allowed by rezoning.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, nationwide chains instead of unique.
<b>Online</b>	Grown
<b>Online</b>	Development in 23435 area code.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing for the children However more black owned businesses have emerged

<b>Online</b>	To many Apartments and neighborhoods without improvements to infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	The growing population but the lack of entertainment options at hand. Movie theatre's, Bowling Alleys, etc.
<b>Online</b>	More houses and apartments expansions into North Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Decline of the school system. Lack of discipline in a vicious cycle where parents don't want get involved deeply enough and don't want their kids to have to live up to expectations and standards. Academic and behavioral standards are being lowered, creating an inevitable death spiral of failure. The school board and superintendents behavior is atrocious and unprofessional. Then there's growth and development. Development is allowed to outpace the investment in proper infrastructure. It comes across as either poor planning or city officials are horribly over their heads.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic and road construction.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in population, traffic and industry along 58 & 17 corridors. Years ago the rural areas of Suffolk is what attracted me but now that is dissolving causing me to consider moving into the country to escape traffic and crowds
<b>Online</b>	More cars and apartments.
<b>Online</b>	The traffic and amount of tractor trailers coming through on 58 has increased tremendously; crime and gang activity has increased
<b>Online</b>	Apartment homes going up. Traffic on 17. Shopping areas in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Only lived in Suffolk 4 years
<b>Online</b>	The amout of traffic and backups
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is crazy. So many new housing developments but no additional grocery or shopping. Destroying all of the beautiful trees and displacing animals.
<b>Online</b>	Crime, over population with apartments and condos
<b>Online</b>	Adding housing on any available land. Too much traffic and constant backups on Bridge Rd.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic/congestion, fewer trees/green space, increased taxes/fees, more empty retail spaces
<b>Online</b>	Expansion
<b>Online</b>	More houses.
<b>Online</b>	The out of control department
<b>Online</b>	To much housing and not enough schools
<b>Online</b>	Large scale development such as apartment complexes and warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Population growth, violent crime
<b>Online</b>	More housing and families.
<b>Online</b>	It has become a horrible nightmare! Taking all our farmland for solar panels, warehouses and apartment complexes.
<b>Online</b>	All the new developments and people.
<b>Online</b>	Population boom in northeast Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Big development in north Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Traffic along 17, 58 and 10/32 is horrible. Apartments being built everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	More people have moved to the area, there has been an increase in housing but we need more schools to accommodate the population.

<b>Online</b>	Too much housing expansion that isn't affordable housing, way too much commercial expansion, no adjustments to roadways
<b>Online</b>	Residential and industrial growth. This has led to a diverse tax base and population.
<b>Online</b>	Over building and Traffic. Crime
<b>Online</b>	There has been an enormous amount of new homes being built but not as many real businesses to increase jobs and local revenue. There is nothing to do in the South/Downtown Suffolk area. No entertainment venues, movies, bowling etc.
<b>Online</b>	Loss of small businesses and shops throughout the downtown Suffolk area. Loss of farmland. Increased rural population. Decreased quality of services in relation to increase of taxes.
<b>Online</b>	Housing development but limited road infrastructure improvements near N Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	The traffic
<b>Online</b>	Increase in traffic and people
<b>Online</b>	The ridiculous amount of condos and apartments being built even though our schools and roads cannot accommodate them.
<b>Online</b>	Too many people
<b>Online</b>	Main st to be updated with new side walks and building fronts.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is a nightmare! Especially the warehouse corridor and route 58 corridor and downtown and bridge road. Route 58 is a nightmare to ride east in the mornings. Zero police presence, road rage every day- like try to drive on 58 toward Chesapeake in the morning! It's a train wreck.
<b>Online</b>	The traffic, number of traffic lights, the density of traffic, new construction and tear down of trees. With regards to the traffic congestion, accidents seem to be happening more and more. The noise level based on traffic and the tearing down of noise/sound barriers ie trees, has increased so much on Route 17, that traffic can be heard in the Harbour View neighborhoods i.e. in the Riverfront. Crime is tied for the number one biggest change, including violent crime and murders. This is a disturbing fact and not just included in all of Hampton Roads, but Suffolk in particular has had such an increase of petty thefts, breaking into cars, and the most disturbing of all, shootings and murders. Car jackings in broad daylight. Other cities in Virginia are taking note of this fact that crime has gone up.
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<b>Online</b>	Housing developments. All city investments going to northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Over development without planning for infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	More crime
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic, slower commutes, loss of big box stores like bed bath and beyond
<b>Online</b>	More houses
<b>Online</b>	Too much approval for building of houses and apartments. Roads and schools are not adequate to handle the influx



<b>Online</b>	Way too many houses being built, especially in rural areas!
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses/apartments.
<b>Online</b>	Too many housing develops with multi- family units being built. Too much clearing of our wooded areas. Too much congestion on roadways.
<b>Online</b>	I see a lot more growth right on the heart of downtown fresh businesses. New housing in some areas looks well as well.
<b>Online</b>	Population growth along Bridge Road.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and new homes
<b>Online</b>	More local tractor trailer traffic !!!!!!! I've lived in Va.Beach with heavy traffic and moved to Rural Suffolk . Va.Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth have LOST their Rural- Country beauty FOREVER !!!!!!!
<b>Online</b>	It has grown and built up to fast.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Suffolkâ€™ especially North Suffolkâ€™ has a huge number of new residences without the infrastructure to support the influx of people.
<b>Online</b>	Development and overcrowding the area
<b>Online</b>	All the new houses and apartments and not enough schools to support them or bus drivers.
<b>Online</b>	Rural areas turned to residential. Farms be divided for homes causing increased wear on roads and no maintenance occurring.
<b>Online</b>	The growth is nice, but need to account for the traffic it generates and the schools
<b>Online</b>	The loss of green spaces. No more trees. Deer and bears with no place to go but neighborhoods. Speed limit reductions that are not followed or enforced.
<b>Online</b>	Less farm land
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses and warehouses are being put up...We CANNOT take all the farm land away
<b>Online</b>	Development on Rt. 58 & horrible traffic brought on by all the 18 wheelers. Daily wrecks!
<b>Online</b>	Growth of apartment housing and school over crowding each year
<b>Online</b>	Downtown is being allowed to loose its charm. Please save it. Too many apartments and houses.
<b>Online</b>	Too much traffic due to out of control building before improving roads to handle increased traffic.
<b>Online</b>	More crime; more gangs; too many stop lights; too many warehouses; too many trucks; Itâ€™s been downhill for the last 10-15 years
<b>Online</b>	Housing market has grown tremendously.
<b>Online</b>	Population
<b>Online</b>	Lots of growth in housing, apartments and townhomes. Limited commercial business growth around the downtown area. Redundancy of businesses instead of new ones (2 Wendyâ€™s, 2 Starbucks, 2 Taco Bellâ€™s, 2 Burger Kings, and soon to be 3 cad washes all really close together.
<b>Online</b>	housing
<b>Online</b>	Increase in houses
	Increase in traffic

	Increase in crime
<b>Online</b>	Too much cluster developments and traffic. When we moved here we rarely saw a car on Shoulders Hill. Now traffic regularly backs up from 17 back past Bennetts Creek Park Road.
<b>Online</b>	Houses are going up in every single field out in the country. Particularly from company A&B homes, one of the owners works for the city and has the inside scoop on properties going up for sale, they should be in jail. Also there is a lack of improvements on roads in the country. We are sick of Suffolk turning into Virginia Beach. Stop developing farm land and ruining our rural areas.
<b>Online</b>	Housing/commercial real estate on every corner!
<b>Online</b>	Amount of restaurants and retail
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	More warehouses
<b>Online</b>	Housing! Starting to congest the area with way too many homes and not enough resources for the people.
<b>Online</b>	The building of multiple condo communities but costs are beyond what a single pe6can afford.
<b>Online</b>	The population increase and the vast amount of new homes. The positivity of Suffolk being a growing city that people desire to be and not just a country farm city.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of housing that is being shoved into places
<b>Online</b>	Only lived here for 4 years, but to me the focus on retail growth in North Suffolk/Harbor View, vs the downtown area. Plenty of need in BOTH areas.
<b>Online</b>	We are losing our local farms to housing developers. That's not good.
<b>Online</b>	Massive high density development especially in previously low density areas. This has resulted in traffic congestion and heavyweight trucks on our roads. At the same time police patrols have been stretched thin. In Northern Suffolk thereâ€™s often just one officer available to handle incidents from College Drive to Chuckatuck. This puts citizens at risk and results in increasing crime in neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	So much growth
<b>Online</b>	More money, time, and resources have been poured into Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	These stupid houses and apartments everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion due to MASSIVE Development of the housing BEFORE development of the road and bridges infrastructure.... THIS IS A BACKWARDS PLANNING PROCESS!
<b>Online</b>	There is no sense of community. The downtown has blighted buildings. The entrances to our west into suffolk looks terrible. We are cramming apartments onto the city and should be rehabbing the the old communities. Put the so called city elite property managers on notice and tell them to clean this mess up.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is horrible on the north side . Too many people. Too many condos and apartments. Wasting our precious natural resources.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk/Bridge Road and Godwin Blvd development.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of housing developments and sheer amount of people trying to use limited facilities-stores, restaurants, roads and schools
<b>Online</b>	Traffic!!
<b>Online</b>	Less personal touch of home

<b>Online</b>	More and more housing developments with little to no change in infrastructure or roads
<b>Online</b>	To much building
<b>Online</b>	Building along Bridge road and Godwin Blvd.
<b>Online</b>	Housing market is growing too fast, roads cannot accommodate traffic.
<b>Online</b>	More housing being built.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of houses that are being allowed to be built in "Rural" Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Forgiens buying all the developments.
<b>Online</b>	The number of residents and construction of housing has tremendously increased over the past seven years. Also, the increased number of enrolled students has been a change in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Amount of apartments
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and crime
<b>Online</b>	There have been more dining restaurants, less affordable housing, and more over-crowded schools.
<b>Online</b>	Development
<b>Online</b>	The growth.
<b>Online</b>	A lot of building of condos and houses with no thinking about schools or traffic in the city.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and congestion are out of control!
<b>Online</b>	Housing development
<b>Online</b>	Violence and Crime
<b>Online</b>	That Suffolk is developing and families are branching out into the area
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and housing ( stop allowing developers to build these cluster house, no where to park)
<b>Online</b>	Excessive growth in north Suffolk and route 10 corridor with no real improvements in adding more routes through Suffolk..
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	The amount of houses being built in rural Suffolk. There are a handful of builders that are buying up farm land and building houses on it taking the farms out of production. The rural roads are in disrepair and cannot handle the traffic that these new houses are putting on them.
<b>Online</b>	Land use/land cover development
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion.
<b>Online</b>	The population!
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Massive additions of high density housing.
<b>Online</b>	Increased taxes on everything.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic and warehouses
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Houses being built
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses being built by housing developers in the rural areas. Taking away the farm land from the farmers who have built Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	The violence
<b>Online</b>	Over development

<b>Online</b>	Deterioration of roads, overbuilding of dwellings ESPECIALLY IN SOUTHSIDE without considering the additional traffic nightmares this will cause, farmland being swallowed up by solar farms and industrial sites
<b>Online</b>	58 corridor and downtown
<b>Online</b>	All of the building strong Harbour View, up 17, the new Amazon and surrounding construction.
<b>Online</b>	The land has been sold to developers that should be used to support agriculture. The city allows builders to utilize land that is deemed agricultural for mini suburbias.
<b>Online</b>	The farm land has depleted a lot and our road quality has also depleted from all the people that have moved here and built the rural parts up.
<b>Online</b>	Development of housing
<b>Online</b>	Over population, too many apartments being built, schools over crowded, more trash
<b>Online</b>	Development and busier (more people)&
<b>Online</b>	I just moved here need up scale stores and shopping centers. always have to go to harbor view or Newport News to shop.
<b>Online</b>	More homes and more people
<b>Online</b>	The roads are becoming increasingly overcrowded. Traffic is becoming a major problem. New developments are going up all around the city with no regard to what that does to the roads and schools. The school system keeps getting worse and worse. Discipline is nonexistent. Teachers are stretched to the limit and leaving in record numbers. (I am a retired SPS teacher.)
<b>Online</b>	Rise in housing primarily apartments and condos.
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses being built on farm land, traffic is out of control, and the school system has deteriorated greatly.
<b>Online</b>	new housing, neighborhoods
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk by far.
<b>Online</b>	The increase of housing options.
<b>Online</b>	The more Apartments and warehouse that have been put up
<b>Online</b>	Housing has increased.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of residences thatâ€™s been added
<b>Online</b>	Population
<b>Online</b>	The constant growing.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic on city roads and population
<b>Online</b>	To many builders building cookie cutter houses. Lose of land
<b>Online</b>	Redevelopment
<b>Online</b>	Housing overdevelopment! Our infrastructure cannot maintain and support this vast volume of people you continuously bring in.
<b>Online</b>	Population and traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Not rural anymore.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of growth with the infrastructure needed to support it.
<b>Online</b>	The housing market has exploded. Resulting in a higher population for the Suffolk area. Traffic is concerning.
<b>Online</b>	More small houses on 1 acre plots and less farm land!

<b>Online</b>	58 has become a trucking lane. Linda Johnson has authorized building on every square inch of grass within the city limits completely ignoring the effects on flow of traffic, quality of life, and infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic
<b>Online</b>	Only been in Suffolk for 1.5 years, so haven't noticed a big change except for crime.
<b>Online</b>	Building up of rural areas. Traffic congestion (even before construction). I've lived in Suffolk off and on since 1991, and just in my commute to Chesapeake I can see in the 21 years a HUGE increase in the number of people who have moved out here. This is not a positive thing in my book.
<b>Online</b>	Commercial development
<b>Online</b>	Development & over Population more then the schools & roads can handle
<b>Online</b>	<p>Increased car traffic and backups. Growth, and housing is great for our city, but traffic flow seems to be an issue.</p> <p>I also think increased crime is a concern. Over the past few years both Covid and some cities seem to have hamstrunged our police force rather than supported them to enforce the laws. Seems that criminals roam the streets when we are asleep and go through neighborhoods for crimes of opportunity ransacking unlocked cars etc on a regular basis. We, both the city and citizens, need to support our law enforcement and retain/recruit talented individuals.</p>
<b>Online</b>	The UDO was implemented to control growth on rural land in the city. Today, creative developers have been allowed to abuse zoning laws to place valuable farmland into mini sub-divisions of homes. Traffic and road infrastructure has not and cannot be maintained. Schools, policing, fire and rescue cannot adequately serve this out of control development. Valuable farm land is being loss to housing and solar farms.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has really become one of the important centers within the larger Hampton Roads community. It is increasingly being seen as a center of commerce and growth within the area, offering an attractive selection of places to live, and things to do.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of people moving into the city and the number of houses being built
<b>Online</b>	Traffic.
<b>Online</b>	The City has become the best place for future growth in the Hampton Roads region.
<b>Online</b>	Neverending building of new multifamily dwellings and commercial properties and the increase in traffic that comes along with it.
<b>Online</b>	Not sure. I've been here for a year.
<b>Online</b>	Growth in industrial and residential properties and growth in the number of people living in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	It's become all city and what's left of the farm land/rural suffolk (aka PEANUTS and other crops) is disappearing.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	traffic, home construction, development
<b>Online</b>	lots of increased development - both residential subdivisions in certain areas of the city and also industrial.
<b>Online</b>	Way to many people and development to much loss of farm land

<b>Online</b>	The most change has been the way our city council treats the rural community and acts as if they don't matter, when in reality the rural folks built Suffolk from the ground up.
<b>Online</b>	Over development leading to overpopulation. The developers continuously build more housing and retail yet we aren't building schools, hospitals, and entertainment options. This leads to an uneducated, sickly and crime filled environment, unfortunately resulting in a very undesirable city to live in.
<b>Online</b>	Housing  Commercial development in designated areas
<b>Online</b>	Too much development taking away land from our farmers.
<b>Online</b>	It's hard to say what has changed the most. There has been an increase in new business development but I also think that crime has increased.
<b>Online</b>	High water rates, too much expansion, and horrible traffic
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk development
<b>Online</b>	A lot of residential construction
<b>Online</b>	The traffic and amount of people both in the downtown area and northern Suffolk area.
<b>Online</b>	Too much rural development
<b>Online</b>	Building houses ever where
<b>Online</b>	Too much building No new schools  Farms being sold to build homes
<b>Online</b>	The traffic is horrible. South Suffolk is becoming another city in itself with all the houses going up.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, back roads falling to pieces, houses popping up everywhere
<b>Online</b>	Building warehouses and houses popping up all over the country areas where fields use to be.
<b>Online</b>	More people and traffic, better city services.
<b>Online</b>	Farmland is being depleted by housing moving to the rural areas of Suffolk. Agriculture is a huge part of Suffolk and Virginia for that matter and we have to stop letting the land go for that reason!
<b>Online</b>	Farm land being lost to developers..
<b>Online</b>	More warehouses/ increased traffic
<b>Online</b>	The most changes seen in our area of Suffolk (Holland) is the amount of land being sold for construction of new houses and/or businesses along with the time consuming project on Hwy 58.
<b>Online</b>	Housing development
<b>Online</b>	The amount of homes being built in Suffolk is ridiculous. Putting homes up on every tenth of an acre in the country has got to stop. The population has grown tremendously but our schools have not. Every single school is over crowded but yet the city does nothing about it. You have shut schools down because they are old then dumped money into them to turn them into a recreation center.
<b>Online</b>	It has become crowded, traffic is horrendous downtown and on all main roads, especially Rt 58. Crime is getting out of control as well.
<b>Online</b>	development on Holland Rd., Development on Godwin Blvd., Development in north Suffolk, Lack of development on Pruden Blvd.

<b>Online</b>	Building and traffic
<b>Online</b>	The lack of infrastructure to keep up with the growing population. As more families have moved in, there should have been more funds put towards the drainage system and broadband internet.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, the city does not have the roadway infrastructure to handle the amount of build out the city is allowing. 58 is only access east and only 3 lanes. Nansemond parkway is only 2 lanes. These roads can not handle the volume of traffic the city is allowing to build.
<b>Online</b>	Development in northern Suffolk, Harbor view area. Enhanced downtown. Loss of a lot of farm land to development.
<b>Online</b>	The population. More people, more diverse cultures.
<b>Online</b>	The building of houses in areas they are in wetlands and disregard for what was adopted in the 2015. I was on the committee.
<b>Online</b>	More people moving to Suffolk and building homes on farmlands.
<b>Online</b>	Housing developments. Sad to see the number of farms and large blocks of trees being turned into subdivisions. Sickening actually. We have only lived here for three years and the housing has grown exponentially. Not necessarily a good thing.
<b>Online</b>	Extreme amount of houses being built in the rural southern part of the city. It got to end! The farm land is disappearing.
<b>Online</b>	Too much growth! Leave farm land alone!!
<b>Online</b>	New houses/congestion on roads
<b>Online</b>	To many houses being built in the holy neck bough. If the udo hasn't changed any i don't see how you can take a 30 acre farm and put 6 houses on it and still have a residue. It's to many loop holes being used that is not intended to be that way and the city is approving everything the builders are asking for without actually checking the rules it seems like. You drive on dutch road or holland corner road and you will see what I'm talking about. And looks like the same thing will be going on at pineview and gates road if it's not checked very closely.
<b>Online</b>	Lack of regard for wetlands in favor of excessive, poorly built neighborhoods and apartments.
<b>Online</b>	The city has lost its country feel. We are expanding too fast for the infrastructure we have.
<b>Online</b>	Farm land being lost to cheap built homes on lots less than .5 acre. Everything happens in N Suffolk - parks, events, etc. Where is funding for the Villages: Driver, Holland, Whaleyville, etc. to have events sponsored by the City of Suffolk...
<b>Online</b>	Heavier traffic
<b>Online</b>	I have lived in Suffolk since birth and I have seen more development in the past few years of absolutely ridiculous things, why is there a publix being built less than a mile from a food lion? Why are there massive apartment complexes being built on rt 10 and 460? Suffolk used to be a lot of farm land and most of us that live here liked that and it's why we lived here. Why is money being spent on these unnecessary projects when it could be spent revitalizing our crumbling downtown area, as downtown has needed a facelift for YEARS.
<b>Online</b>	The development of large industrial warehouses that has increased the number of trucks on our roads. The growth of the Harbor View College Ave. area.
<b>Online</b>	The thing that has changed the most is all the new apartment buildings and housing developments being built on what used to be agricultural land and timber land. This can



	not be allowed to continue in order to preserve Suffolk’s rural appeal. Most people live in Suffolk because they don’t want to live in a big city that is over crowded.
<b>Online</b>	Loss of agricultural land to build apartments and houses.
<b>Online</b>	<p>1) Increase in condo/townhouse/apartments being built w/ over crowding already in schools. People are encouraged to move to Suffolk, but not for what Suffolk actually has to offer, but how close Suffolk is to major highways to go to other cities for food/work/entertainment.</p> <p>2) Increase in killings especially of young people</p> <p>3). Crowded schools w/ increase violence in schools</p> <p>4) Effort to bring downtown back to life, but not a safe feeling in going downtown in the evening.</p> <p>5) Appears to be increased focus on bringing new business to North Suffolk, while old Suffolk lacks the same focus, unless it’s a 7-11 or hamburger joint. No new nice restaurants that are affordable for a family on a moderate income. Nothing for teenagers/young adults to do unless they leave town.</p> <p>6) Roads are in terrible shape, not just route 58. Potholes large enough to knock the front end of a vehicle out of line. Also, roads caving in or tree roots buckling the road, but no improvements made. Suffolk is now the largest warehouse/ distribution center of VA, which is great for tax revenue, but the city has not kept the roads up to meet the traffic demand for the warehouses.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Housing and apartment explosion
<b>Online</b>	Population growth.
<b>Online</b>	Explosive growth that the road system cannot keep up with.
<b>Online</b>	Road maintenance is grossly ineffective, less agriculture considering Suffolk is supposed to be the peanut capital
<b>Online</b>	Too much development - apartments and warehouses. Road maintenance is severely lacking.
<b>Online</b>	We have built way to much way to fast without giving any consideration for how this effects everything around us. Housing being built is cheaply done and there is no thought as to how this effects the waterways and the people who make a living off of them plus all of the wildlife where do they go? We have to remember that we all need Mother Nature to survive there is reason why God made them all, please stop destroying all the land.
<b>Online</b>	In Suffolk there as been an significant increase in sub standard housing, new condos, apartments along with new businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments and houses(ab homes) popping up. Loss of agriculture and woods. Schools have gotten worse, traffic is unbearable.
<b>Online</b>	Home and traffic on pimary roads. 58 and 17
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Roads trying to keep up with Overdevelopment

<b>Online</b>	More houses and less farmland. Back roads are falling apart in southern end.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic increased particularly along the primary roads leading toward downtown such as Rt 58, Rt 10, as well as Rt 17
<b>Online</b>	The building department issuing permits to build houses on land that is not acceptable to build on in High water table area that require engineered or sealed septic systems.
<b>Online</b>	The new growth.
<b>Online</b>	The growth in the North Suffolk area
<b>Online</b>	More housing developments, big industry (Amazon) and other companies are moving into our city. Our rural communities are disappearing as are our farming communities. Our highways have much more traffic and Route 17 in North Suffolk turns into a parking lot at times. I think the city has overbuilt before the infrastructure has been put in place. Small business is being squeezed out and big box stores have taken their place.
<b>Online</b>	I can only address northern Suffolk in this question. Population growth is exploding and unless the city has thought carefully about where they want to go in the future and maintain a good reputation this needs to be worked on. We moved to the area as we didn't want to be in a high traffic area.
<b>Online</b>	There are houses everywhere. There are new shopping/eating areas in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Use to be rural, not anymore. Too much growth, selling of farm land, allowing business growth that turns our land into massive concrete buildings and parking lots. Short changed out children with over crowded schools, lower standards of learning and moral growth. Very sad the direction of growth.
<b>Online</b>	The rezoning of agricultural land to commercial and residential.
<b>Online</b>	The loss of more and more farm land to apartment which is bad for farming community that provides food for the everyone.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and impatient drivers on Route 13 Whaleyville Blvd
<b>Online</b>	Unfortunately, overdevelopment. Worse traffic and crowding.
<b>Online</b>	Weâ€™re turning into Northern Virginia
<b>Online</b>	Built up too fast without regard to infrastructure to handle the traffic. My work commute has gone from 25 minutes to an hour easily in less than 3 years because of road congestion.
<b>Online</b>	To much building. It is beginning to look like New York City.
<b>Online</b>	Too much rapid growth without enough comparable infrastructure development.
<b>Online</b>	Too much development.
<b>Online</b>	Lots and lots of houses being built in rural areas.
<b>Online</b>	The number of new houses being built.
<b>Paper</b>	There are too many people and too many cars in our city. We've lost the small town feeling that made Suffolk so special. Our school board is completely dysfunctional.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of traffic in Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Population growth. More people & traffic
<b>Online</b>	Crime in well to do neighborhoods are out of control.
<b>Online</b>	More development, houses, families, businesses
<b>Online</b>	Different things
<b>Online</b>	The loss of farm land
<b>Online</b>	Population and too many mail and mattress stores. Traffic has gotten worse. No real. Activities for adults or children. Everything good gets built in northern Suffolk.

<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk, particularly route 17 near Shoulder's Hill Rd., has had a massive change. New apartment housing, road construction, and new businesses have caused an increase in traffic. Unfortunately, bridge crossings farther north that are 2-lane cause a bottle-neck that has mad that roads more dangerous. Since funding for new bridges takes many years to raise, the city may need to look towards creating new routes to ease congestion. Other improvements have been welcome. The widening of Nansemond Parkway and the construction of the new Florence Bowser school and Driver section of the Seaboard Coastline trail are a great improvement.
<b>Online</b>	Everything has gone to Northern suffolk and taxes to high
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses/neighborhoods being built.
<b>Online</b>	More housing
<b>Online</b>	Safety
<b>Online</b>	Urban Sprawl
<b>Online</b>	Traffic. All roads are clogged due to poor planning from the city, plus lack of oversight on development.
<b>Online</b>	Growth in North Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Commercial growth
<b>Paper</b>	Truck traffic and taxes
<b>Paper</b>	Tremendous residential development, continued deterioration of our downtown. A network of roads that do not always work, developing a core city center. Developing North end exploding at the expense of the rural city in that borough. Expanding healthcare systems. Only slightly improved shopping areas. Rural Suffolk slipping away. Tractor and trailer trucks hogging all the roads. Cost of living in Suffolk rapidly increasing.
<b>Paper</b>	Too many houses - timber is all cut out! No place for animals or farmland.
<b>Paper</b>	New houses, development, and traffic
<b>Paper</b>	Public safety is my biggest concern. I enjoy the recreational parks and participation the city provides.
<b>Paper</b>	It's expansion has been extraordinary
<b>Paper</b>	As a result of unconstrained commercial and residential development Suffolk has become less attractive as a bedroom community. This is especially important to residents who have moved to North Suffolk for the quality of life. The encroachment of commercial development near upscale residential neighborhoods has had a negative impact on the resasons we moved in the area in the first place. Driving on route 17 for large parts of the day has become a nightmare with stop-and-go driving similar to what urban residents experience during rush-hour in a rural landscape can only be attributed to a desire to grow at any cost.
<b>Online</b>	Construction of homes/apartments on nearly every piece of empty ground. Now adding warehouses near rural homes.
<b>Online</b>	The absolute proliferation of apartment complexes and mixed use building areas to force citizens to pay for this influx of non workers.
<b>Online</b>	There has been so much population growth in North Suffolk area.
<b>Online</b>	dense housing (apartments, dense packed housing areas, etc.) without the infrastructure to handle it
<b>Online</b>	Increased vehicular traffic at the Godwin Blvd exit off 58 continuing down Godwin in both directions.

<b>Online</b>	Too much change and looking more like BIG City than our Country town.
<b>Online</b>	In my opinion and other like minded individuals there is to many pop up or whatever you call it of housing developments
<b>Online</b>	Landscape
<b>Online</b>	Increase in cluster housing, which has created traffic congestion on city roads.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, High density housing, lack of roadways, warehouse's & trailers railers, slow moving trains (Kenyon & Nansmond Pkwy)
<b>Online</b>	Loosing farmland, to much development
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic, growth of high density housing
<b>Online</b>	There are more residential subdivisions but no new services like sidewalks, fiber optics and retail services.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and too much housing
<b>Online</b>	There has been substantial residential and commercial development. It's moved from semi-rural farming and light industry, to much more of a suburban environment. That's actually why I moved here.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk has been overbuilt without a comprehensive plan. There are many empty stores while the land is still being cleared and left vacant.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding
<b>Online</b>	Development of housing and business
<b>Online</b>	Crime has increased. Apartment complexes and gas stations popping up all over the place.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, apartments and homes. Reduced green spaces.
<b>Online</b>	I have seen a lot of warehouse type construction. The Harbour View neighborhood seems less suburban and more industrial, and not in a good way.
<b>Online</b>	-Residential growth/sprawl  -Traffic  -Price of water  -Crime
<b>Online</b>	growth - rooftops and industry - loss of farmland - decreased quality of life
<b>Online</b>	It appears that all change has happened in North Suffolk. Not much downtown to draw interest or money.
<b>Online</b>	The population has increased significantly. Also, the amount of retail has also increased. The ratio of apartments (renters) to single family homes (owners) is becoming unbalanced.
<b>Online</b>	Udo not being followed by planning department
<b>Online</b>	The randomness of development in Northern Suffolk; the lack of planning for the traffic congestion (especially on Bridge Road) in Northern Suffolk; excessive commercial development, especially along the College Drive/Harbour View Blvd. areas
<b>Online</b>	Crowding along College Drive and Bridge Road corridors. Major and negatively impacting the quality of life for area residents and traffic. Haphazard approval of businesses making multiple "stip mall' like vibe instead of a coordinated development that is not only functional but attractive.
<b>Online</b>	Good - More commerce and retail stores, although mostly in north suffolk  Bad - more crime

<b>Online</b>	Too many apartment complexes in Northern Suffolk; congestion on Rt 17 in Northern Suffolk as the road infrastructure is not capable of handling all the new traffic due to all the apartment complexes that were built in the area. Traffic congestion is getting worse every year. Lack of common sense planning is evident at this point in time.
<b>Online</b>	Industrial growth where the warehouses are being built
<b>Online</b>	Roads have not kept up with population growth.
<b>Online</b>	Too much development without improving infrastructure and roads.
<b>Online</b>	It has changed from a somewhat rural area of Hampton Roads to a larger, more upscale (North Suffolk) suburb.
<b>Online</b>	In Northern Suffolk there has been tremendous growth of businesses , medical facilities and housing. This has impacted the traffic in an unfavorable way
<b>Online</b>	Way too many residential projects and way too few infrastructure projects
<b>Online</b>	The failure to take into account the traffic due to theunbridled building of Apartments along Bridge Road (17) in North Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk is seeing rapid growth, which , in my opinion, is too much too fast. Traffic issues are increasing along with this growth.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic, increased apartments, increased warehouses
<b>Online</b>	The lack of police support. The shootings, law violators, etc. have increased over those rears. My vehicle travels are basically limited at my age to Walmart, Harris-Teeter, Kroger, Bayport CU, and Drs. office. The speeding is everywhere. In my neighbor (25 MPH) some have to be going 45MPH and above. Nobody, NOBODY stops at stop signs. The worst speeders are US Mail special delivery drivers, school busses. Don't believe me, set up unmarked car with radar one day, any day, no tickets, just data in Harbour Golf Villages. Its going on everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	CRIME (need more police), Go-cart driving (need more police issuing speeding and moving violation tickets), traffic congestion creating "now normal" hostile driving, loud mouths and loud cars, apartment building
<b>Online</b>	Growth in North Suffolk, both population and architecture, bringing traffic and congestion to old roads and bridges.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of building new shop buildings without putting businesses into the shop buildings that already existed. This leaves several empty "shopping" areas that end up overgrown, neglected and affect the remaining business or two in the building set. Those businesses then leave as well due to lack of customers and has a higher potential for crime in the neighboring housing. One development in my neighborhood has lain mostly vacant for over 7 years with no effort to fill it with businesses. Another tore down woodland areas to leave it as an open field for over 3 years. Meanwhile, less than a mile down the road, more developments are being built that stay empty after construction. The city needs to address this first before adding more developments.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Most of the changes in the Harbour View borough, where I live, have occurred in recent years and are comprised of additional apartments buildings accompanied by inadequate infrastructure investments and inability to attract sufficient business interest to occupy available commercial space (both developed and undeveloped). While and elementary (Northern Shores) and middle (Cherry) school have been built, classroom sizes continue to be unacceptable and the high school situation is untenable for residents of North Suffolk.

	For those reasons, my family continues to choose the private school option and consider alternative communities to move to as we'd expected these problems to have been solved by now when moving to the area in 2010.
<b>Online</b>	I have only lived here for 3 months.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in traffic and congestion.
<b>Online</b>	Destruction of habitat, displacement and destruction of wildlife and fauna, increasing and excessive amounts of entitled, aggressive auto vehicles - personal and business - endangering pedestrians and cyclists. Continued failure to bring in reputable businesses like Whole Foods in North Suffolk, forcing residents into bottom feeders like Food Lion, Harris Teeter and Krogers.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic - Routes 58 & 17, along with 664 are far more crowded, have major backups, and have more aggressive drivers.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding, traffic congestion, removal of too much green space/trees, increase in crime,
<b>Online</b>	The city population is growing at too fast of a pace for the roads, stores, schools and emergency services to keep up
<b>Online</b>	The farmland is disappearing and the commercial development is overwhelming the city with the Infrastructure and traffic load, while Suffolk used to be a great hometown the rural aspect of Suffolk is declining rapidly with development increasing in all sections of the City.
<b>Online</b>	More downtown restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Housing developments built too fast with no thought to infrastructure or quality of life for citizens.
<b>Online</b>	More multi family home building not enough infrastructure to accommodate the rapid growth. Too much traffic over crowded schools
<b>Online</b>	Growth and development.
<b>Online</b>	Over population! The area has grown but the planning for the growth has been poor.
<b>Online</b>	Growth
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Gotten better in spots but terrible in most. Enforce building codes. Please save downtown from ghetto and this is a term meaning junk not race. Behavior not race. Bad looking junk buildings.
<b>Online</b>	in the past 7 years there seems to be more construction of multi-family housing and multi - purpose development. In the north Suffolk area of Bridge road and in the route 10 corridor, the growth seems massive and uncontrolled ,causing severe congestion .
<b>Online</b>	Traffic in the downtown area and on route 17 in North Suffolk is outrageous
<b>Online</b>	The traffic problem in Downtown Suffolk and Rt 17 in North Suffolk. Both places are a nightmare!!!
<b>Online</b>	Too much focus on North Suffolk vs. Downtown Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	too many residential developments and overdevelopment of open space
<b>Online</b>	The population growth in the Northern part of the city.
<b>Online</b>	NO MORE COUNTRY LIVING!!! Too many apartments and housing developments. If I wanted to live in a city I would have built a home in Virginia Beach, Norfolk or Richmond.
<b>Online</b>	To many new developments without new roadways and schools.
<b>Online</b>	We moved here to be in the country now is being dominated by builders

<b>Online</b>	Rapid Development of apartment housing in both North Suffolk and the area surrounding Godwin Blvd.
<b>Online</b>	Increased housing and new development without adequate roads to avoid traffic.
<b>Online</b>	The amount of newly built housing has increased dramatically.
<b>Online</b>	There has been a building explosion
<b>Online</b>	A lot of growth is housing in Northern Suffolk and around the Kings Fork area.
<b>Online</b>	Population
<b>Online</b>	Too many high density homes, apartments, and condos. While this is excellent for the tax revenue, the associated roads and streets are not keeping up which is why Bridge Road is starting to look like Virginia Beach Boulevard.
<b>Online</b>	More housing, stoplights on 58 and warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Population and apartment growth has grown significantly
<b>Online</b>	Houses and people everywhere
<b>Online</b>	Over building of high density housing!
<b>Online</b>	More housing and more people.
<b>Online</b>	Housing; development of warehouses
<b>Online</b>	Increased suburbanization. Need to focus on higher density and affordable housing in core areas with existing infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	An explosion of housing and apartments without infrastructure to support it. It's like any open piece of land in Suffolk is just another option for apartments and houses. Farms being sold and broken up to houses lining country roads. Apartments everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	In Northern Suffolk tons of new houses and even more condo's have come into the area. Yet we are still lacking amenities such as eateries, schools, shops etc.
<b>Online</b>	All of the farm land is being taking from the farmers
<b>Online</b>	Too much development
<b>Online</b>	Too many new homes without upgrading roads. Too many new homes and apartments for Suffolk schools to handle.
<b>Online</b>	Roads and drainage issues not enough parking land being sold off
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses, every where! Less land, too many apartments, too much congestion down Main Street and 58!
<b>Online</b>	1)too much unrestricted growth without the proper infrastructure in place. 2)loss of green space and associated wildlife issues. 3)water bills have become ridiculous.
<b>Online</b>	Overgrowth of homes and apartments
<b>Online</b>	Warehouses
<b>Online</b>	Downtown dying and the realty company slum lords (some call the elite) thrive off section 8 money.
<b>Online</b>	It has become overpopulated in concentrated areas and is becoming less "country" and more city-like. The traffic has become unbearable, which is frustrating to the native people and causing them to sell and run to another, less populated area.
<b>Online</b>	Roads are horrible, too much congestion on 58, schools horrible (great teachers but school board is embarrassment to suffolk, and lack of teachers severely impacting level of education), and crime has soared.
<b>Online</b>	The development within North Suffolk and Downtown Suffolk's small businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Rural development
<b>Online</b>	Traffic



<b>Online</b>	Too much ridiculous growth and no infrastructure to keep up with it.
<b>Online</b>	Housing
<b>Online</b>	Too much growth and overgrowth. Major increase in traffic and over crowding of schools. North Suffolk has become the new greenbrier.
<b>Online</b>	Housing density and traffic congestion on both route 17 and portsmouth blvd/kings highway westbound from 664.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk development
<b>Online</b>	Too many people and housing too close together.
<b>Online</b>	Too much/many new housing developments and not enough schools, community activities such as bowling or skating or even quality grocery stores or restaurants. I moved to Suffolk for the peace and quiet but North Suffolk is being over-developed with no outlet for the people which will spike crime. We are already seeing crime increase.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of development, with focus on high density housing and distribution facilities. This development has resulted in more traffic congestion, pollution, noise and de-forestization. Really question Suffolk planning process that allows large distribution facilities right next to nice neighborhoods. Infrastructure improvements have not kept pace with this development -- roads, hospitals and other services
<b>Online</b>	Population growth, the Amazon warehouse.
<b>Online</b>	There have been a lot more apartments and townhomes built in the area. There are a few new businesses and shopping areas as well.
<b>Online</b>	So many condos and housing developments but schools are not getting any bigger. We r overcrowding Suffolk schools
<b>Online</b>	Increased housing without adequate infrastructure planning and support
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments in north Suffolk! Residents donâ€™t want it.
<b>Online</b>	We've had out of control growth. Soon we will be Northern Virginia instead of Northern Suffolk ðŸ˜€
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and development.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion, especially in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Car break-ins, street beggars, & drug use at parks. Oddly the theft and begging have increased while business are desperate for employees.
<b>Online</b>	Uncontrolled Development in Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Focus on Northern Suffolk/Harborview.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic on Rt17 was bad now it's ridiculous!! Too much high density housing in NE Suffolk!!!!  Infrastructure is not keeping pace with the growth!!!
<b>Online</b>	The development of new homes, which are bringing more families especially to the North Suffolk area and the High school and middle school (John Yeates) will not be able to accommodate new enrollees.
<b>Online</b>	Building of new housing and growth of population
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is much worse and the roads have not kept up with the growth.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic keeps getting worse in North Suffolk, and development continues with virtually no roadway changes. Need to widen the Gidwin Bridge!!!

<b>Online</b>	Traffic with the influx of people
<b>Online</b>	Crowded in north Suffolk. Roads can't accommodate the traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Uncontrolled development in Route 17 corridor
<b>Online</b>	Job growth
<b>Online</b>	Basically North Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	traffic
<b>Online</b>	Excessive growth in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	LOTS of development!
	More horse owners have bought property in Suffolk :)
	Has crime increased? Seems like violence has sadly.
<b>Online</b>	Increased train traffic, lawlessness, development more important than quality of life,
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, more homes. Congestion on Route 17. Lots of clearing (woods, businesses - Shoulders Hill area, as well as Harbourview Blvd and College Drive) and then no construction/building occurring. Lots that have been cleared, just sit.
	Also, seeing a lot of businesses leave or close down in the Harbourview area (Harris Teeter, Bed, Bath & Beyond, OfficeMax, etc.). The deterioration of the shopping center where the Harris Teeter used to be is an absolute eye sore and highly misrepresentative of the standards of Harbourview.
<b>Online</b>	Population/traffic and over development of chains and industrial spaces
<b>Online</b>	Too much building up of rural areas. Too many multi family homes being put up in North Suffolk and not enough schools or roadways to handle it.
<b>Online</b>	Population/traffic and over development of chains and industrial spaces
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk growth
<b>Online</b>	We have better businesses close by. However, the traffic has increased exponentially and crime is up.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk roads need to be widened to prevent the present grid lock.
<b>Online</b>	Significant population increase
<b>Online</b>	Warehouses and truck traffic.
<b>Online</b>	The exponential growth of primarily housing in Northern Suffolk which has brought along unintended crime and shown a bright light on the inadequate infrastructure and support services.
<b>Online</b>	Constant construction of new buildings and homes. I miss seeing the cornfields and wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	More apartments, more people and more stop lights.
<b>Online</b>	Growth of retail outlets in N. Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowded, unnecessary housing developments of all kinds.

<b>Online</b>	Building of dense housing off of College Dr, Harbour View Blvd, Route 17/Bridge Rd that has contributed to major traffic congestion problems. Water/sewage bills are too high compared to other Hampton Rds cities.
<b>Online</b>	Population density has increased and crime has come with it.
<b>Online</b>	Terrible traffic, no thought for schools, infrastructure, resources, etc. Just more and more greed
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk has new communities/living quarters . Kudos to council and developers as they were well planned.
<b>Online</b>	Preserve the parks and trails. Need more!!
<b>Online</b>	Increase in dense housing.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic on 17. Maybe we do need a bridge back where the Kings Hwy bridge was removed.
<b>Online</b>	The massive amount of new homes being built in Driver-Bennetts Creek areas eliminating natural habitats for animals
<b>Online</b>	Too many developers coming in and building and the roads, schools and water are failing. How can Suffolk allow houses to be built so close together? Its a blacktop jungle where there is no where for water to go therefore more flooding. Developers take down too many trees. Too much development.
<b>Online</b>	Too much growth. Train activity that backs up traffic. Highways not meeting demand of traffic.
<b>Online</b>	I've only been a resident of Suffolk for two years, but in that time I see new developments, either in the works or proposed, such as apartment and senior citizen construction, future brewery, and notional idea for a 7-11 convenience store. All of these activities pertain to the Harbour View / Riverfront areas.
<b>Online</b>	Over crowding!! Poor traffic congestion
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, building, roads
<b>Online</b>	So many more people, high density housing, more amenities that are not necessary! how many car washes does one city need? Less pedestrian accessibility. More interest in business and property tax with less focus on schools, roads, parks, trails etc.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, housing developments and decrease of beautiful nature filled areas.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic.....the internet and cable services are still bad and the water bills are ridiculous.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has gotten out of control.
<b>Online</b>	Too much congestion
<b>Online</b>	More warehouses, more abandoned buildings from our county's heritage.
<b>Online</b>	Used to be such a beautiful area, now its becoming over populated with more crime and traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and accidents ! Toooooo many new builds ans no where to find peace. Moved here 16 years ago to escape congestion!
<b>Online</b>	More housing and people coming into the city but nothing to accommodate it, leadership that does not care about its citizens, higher taxes with no support for businesses except warehouses, no new ways to get out of the city if 58 is backed up
<b>Online</b>	Residential and retail development
<b>Online</b>	We have moved away from people driven community growth to business driven. I have lived in Suffolk for 35 years and the change since our most recent mayor took office is disturbing but clear.

<b>Online</b>	<p>High crime making downtown not a safe place to shop or eat after 6:00 pm. People can't even sit on their front porches or eat outside.</p> <p>The massive building of homes in North Suffolk WITHOUT the structure in place to handle the extra traffic, schools, teachers, bus drivers, postal workers, police and fire.</p> <p>We still have to deal with crappy internet, if you want to make a real change install FIOS.</p> <p>The poor wildlife has lost where they live.</p> <p>Suffolk has lost it's way of being a county town, now just chasing the big dollars. \$\$\$\$</p>
<b>Online</b>	To much construction. Citizens do not get enough notice by planning to get involved and planning does not listen to the citizens when thy do speak.
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses being built in what used to be fields or woods. Excessive warehouses and truck traffic on Route 58 between Kenyon Road and Manning Road has caused many accidents. Now you're planning to do the same thing near Nansemond Suffolk Academy. Shame on you!!
<b>Online</b>	Way Too much development & traffic on Rt 17, Northern Suffolk and College Dr. Condos, townhomes. apts are everywhere. Daily back ups on Rt 17. Once nice & rural, now full of buildings, cars, trucks, more red lights, more crime. Yet, you didn't widen the roads.
<b>Online</b>	The overdevelopment. Used to be that the planners were picky about what they chose to do and where they put it. I remember that they distinctly didn't want to become another Virginia Beach. Lately it's changed into "cram as much as you can onto as little as you can and don't worry about where it lands." It's disheartening.
<b>Online</b>	So many more houses and apartment being built. Not enough new recreational opportunities. Too many fast food places and not enough real restaurants. Downtown should be a resturant and entertainment center for old Suffolk. Who is recruiting these to downtown?
<b>Online</b>	Cheap, yet unaffordable housing, traffic, commercial, yet no retail building, traffic, traffic, traffic! More empty eyesore building and businesses (don't blame COVID!).
<b>Online</b>	Growth without thought re consideration for safety of our communities.
<b>Online</b>	The traffic increase on Bridge Rd. (17) and 58, building of residential properties/businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of temporary housing popping up. Apartments aren't a good use of space.
<b>Online</b>	Over housing developments
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is much worse
<b>Online</b>	To many new homes/apartments
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, warehouses, shrinking of farm land, increase in crimes
<b>Online</b>	More houses and no road improvements near housing developments
<b>Online</b>	Increased vehicle traffic & crime

<b>Online</b>	The growth of houses on the Southern Side and not enough restaurants as there are on the Northern Side. The expansion of business, the old shopping Centers are left abandon. What is the plan for them?
<b>Online</b>	Too much new housing, too much traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of new neighborhoods and less farmland
<b>Online</b>	Traffic - there seems to be a traffic jam everywhere you turn. Is this due to the increase in housing? Lack of infrastructure? Or both?
<b>Online</b>	The population and the traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and warehouses (18-wheelers)
<b>Online</b>	Increased residential and commercial growth without improvement in traffic. Traffic has increase due to increased residential housing.
<b>Online</b>	Hundreds of houses being built and new neighbors. New warehouse businesses setting up.
<b>Online</b>	Housing and Traffic. It seems anywhere developers want to build the city lets them. Our city has allowed too many apartments and highly congested housing in Suffolk. We are going to be the next Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake if we keep on allowing more housing developments.
<b>Online</b>	The future is catching up with Suffolk. No matter how much you try to shut out the world, itâ€™s coming. We are a city with city problems and we need city solutions.
<b>Online</b>	Population growth
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion is so much worse. Agricultural land is disappearing! Suffolkâ€™s heritage is being lost!
<b>Online</b>	Developments.
<b>Online</b>	Too many housing developments and new neighborhoods, leading to increased population, leading to overcrowded schools. Suffolk is known for the greatest city in Hampton Roads because of Land, not housing.
<b>Online</b>	Housing divisions in rural areas
<b>Online</b>	It has become less of a rural community and more like Virginia Beach and Portsmouth. Itâ€™s lost it focus as being the rural community people look to as an escape from the hustle & bustle of the city.
<b>Online</b>	Weâ€™ve only lived here 2.5 years. Thereâ€™s been an explosion of new build houses.
<b>Online</b>	More building of houses and many road improvements.
<b>Online</b>	Too much development. We like rural Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Too many developers have come and purchased rural property and then demand resining.
<b>Online</b>	Too much is being built up
<b>Online</b>	Too much additional residential building. Northern Suffolk growth and moving of shopping and medical services to that area instead of being centrally located to city.
<b>Online</b>	Too many fast food and low budget restaurant chains allowing the city to look slummy and poor which attracts that atmospheric attitude. Suffolk is becoming too transient
<b>Online</b>	Housing developments building everywhere. Compact communities shoving hundreds of families on minimum land creating more strain on city infrastructure and resources.
<b>Online</b>	Huge growth, more businesses and housing.
<b>Online</b>	All of the growth has gone to Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Huge four story apartment buildings all over Suffolk especially Belle Harbour.

<b>Online</b>	Substantial new development, particularly in the northern section.
<b>Online</b>	Seemingly unrestricted growth that our area is not built nor ready for. Too much. It also seems the citizens needs and desires are no longer taken into true consideration. We are talking to a solid wall that has already made its decision. That's not ok and it's not the Suffolk I've known. It's been a very noticeable change, and not a good one.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of people, lots of building!
<b>Online</b>	There has been a marked increase in Manufacturing Zoned Property Development.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and not enough space for children in schools.
<b>Online</b>	Extensive growth in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Growth has taken off.

Source	2. Suffolk has seen significant new development since the last plan was adopted. How do you think this has impacted the City?
Online	Terribly. It has caused too much traffic delays.
Online	TOO MANY HUMANS
Online	Work load can't be kept up. Overloaded
Online	The schools are overcrowded, traffic is horrible and our Police, Fire, and Rescue have a hard time keeping up.
Online	It has greatly impacted traffic
Online	As forestated, Suffolk is growing. I think with all of the new businesses and developments coming up, it has helped to increase the city's revenue tremendously.
Online	Too much development for what our roadways can handle. Stuck way too many times with an inability to cross the Nansemond River without a major detour. Older developments needs are being ignored for all the "new" development
Online	Infrastructure is over capacity. Roads, bridges, schools all need dramatic expansion to match
Online	Roads, schools, police and fire. City staff maintaining it all as well. However, I welcome new and more development. That is how taxes are kept low, our economy is growing everywhere. I welcome growth.
Online	I personally am loving the developers now we need competitive contractors landscapers available for residential purposes.
Online	This has not been a good impact for our City!
Online	To much traffics and too much buildings. North Suffolk is getting all the diverted service like broadband while southern rural part is being ignored. Secondly the school board is a group of self serving folks who care more about personal gains than students. Need to find legal way to control
Online	It's hard when you see farms going to development and loads of trees being cut down with the climate issues we are facing. It's also hard to see the traffic issues in these same areas.
Online	See above.
Online	Traffic and crime
Online	Traffic congestion, strain on private business services, and overcrowded schools. Strain on city resources across the board-police to community development.
Online	More Higher Taxes & Overall Prices to fund infrastructure to support the development
Online	Too many houses, not enough businesses including entertainment in areas other than North suffolk, schools overcrowded due to increases building.
Online	Brought in jobs but at the same time hurt the environment and at times created issues with roadways and waterways
Online	Loss of rural green space. We are beginning to look a lot like Chesapeake and Newport News.



<b>Online</b>	Current road layouts can not handle the increased car counts
<b>Online</b>	More revenue! More traffic ! More opportunities!
<b>Online</b>	Increase in traffic and population. Also- since COVID there seems to be an increase in empty storefronts, even though building is still continuing.
<b>Online</b>	With the increase of single-family dwellings in the southern part of the city there has been no improvement to the infrastructure of roads.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic corridors are much more congested.
<b>Online</b>	It is impacted the city by giving everything to the north side and nothing to the south side but more housing and less entertainment. The south side deserves more respect.
<b>Online</b>	More people! See above answer
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	Addition of businesses, industrial park, adds revenue but additional residences add to the increase in traffic and inadequate infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Wildlife has no where to go. Too much traffic and too many people
<b>Online</b>	We grew economically
<b>Online</b>	Brought more businesses and traffic
<b>Online</b>	Very negatively. Doesn't seem Like there is a plan. As if anything goes.
<b>Online</b>	For the better
<b>Online</b>	Left the city unprepared to manage new development and improve aging infrastructure
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<b>Online</b>	Traffic on Bridge Rd/Harbour View Blvd has gotten exponentially worse and creates dangerous driving conditions at times.
<b>Online</b>	More businesses and neighborhoods means more traffic and money flowing into the community. More money for upkeep which shows in the roads and shopping centers.
<b>Online</b>	I'm sure financially the city is thriving due to the new developments but it's causing a traffic nightmare in the downtown area. I love the new look and await more businesses! Wait times at the traffic lights have also grown longer
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. You are out building the road structure and school system, and changing zoning constantly to add more house than current area zoning a. .
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. There needs to be a balance of growth. We don't need any more massive neighborhoods or apartments.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has been horrible. Crime seems to have increased.
<b>Online</b>	The City has lost it's uniqueness.I enjoyed having some feel of country. Slapping up cheap houses and apartment units seems to have increased crime and traffic is horrible.
<b>Online</b>	To many people not enough schools and activities.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic and crowded schools.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic problems on art 17 -northern Suffolk

<b>Online</b>	<p>New development while buildings sit empty and vacant. Let's do more updating on some of those existing properties before we continue to eat up all of our farmland.</p> <p>Also, more housing creates a need for more schools. Are we prepared for that? Perhaps we should focus on better education in our public school system before we bring more kids!</p>
<b>Online</b>	Roads are very crowded, especially during rush hour
<b>Online</b>	The new development has put additional demands on existing infrastructure such as roads and utilities. I hope the resulting additional Higher Taxes & Overall Prices from the new development will be used to improve the infrastructure that we all use and upon which we all rely.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure was not put in place prior therefore rt 58 is a death trap. If only the city could be held liable due to negligence for every single tractor trailer accident. Suffolk is always playing catch up and never gets ahead of its growth. Knowledge of the building of all the warehouses was in place many years ago. The city waited until how many were up and running putting hundreds or more tractor trailers on an already busy road.
<b>Online</b>	Horrible decision! We need less condos and apartments. More things for our families to do and have fun in downtown!
<b>Online</b>	Too many people and too much traffic! If Suffolk is going to grow in numbers we need infrastructure to deal with the growing population.
<b>Online</b>	It ruins the country part of our town!! The rest of Suffolk has way too many new developments going up with no new schools being built!
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Overcrowded classrooms, fewer bus routes, longer travel time to and from school on buses because of zoning and districting for schools.
<b>Online</b>	It has caused more traffic in the area and overcrowding at schools
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk was a small town type city. Now it has grown way to much and become over populated.
<b>Online</b>	Where?
<b>Online</b>	School ratings have suffered with overcrowding. Roadways are packed.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in traffic and crime.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, more road construction, more neighborhoods built, more tension and conflict between social groups, racial groups, and political groups.
<b>Online</b>	Poorly, with all the apartment buildings and such going up it has ruined the small town feel of Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Mentioned above.
	Possible more jobs.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding on the roads and in schools.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, more time waiting in traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Horribly. Too much traffic on 58.

<b>Online</b>	I keep hearing that the city needs increased Higher Taxes & Overall Prices year after year, but I do not see a reciprocal visible spending in terms of quality of life improvements. Building particularly in North Suffolk has gotten out of control, while downtown has shown no signs of being revived. It's both disappointing and a bit embarrassing as a resident of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	See above answers
<b>Online</b>	Both positively and negatively. There needs to be a better balance. Infrastructure like roads and schools have been unable to keep up with the growth.
<b>Online</b>	Made the schools overcrowded
<b>Online</b>	There needs to be improved infrastructure to accommodate the growth! Let's also try to add sidewalks throughout neighborhoods and around town.
<b>Online</b>	crowding of schools, high volume of traffic.  Don't get me wrong, expansion can be good for the city, but we have to consider the infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Poorly. I am all for growth, but we need roads, schools, etc for the growth. Rt 58 is horrible.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively, need better infrastructure before you keep growing.
<b>Online</b>	Deviating
<b>Online</b>	Too many apartments/condos/housing in general without enough emphasis on schools and infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	Loss of community connections. Infrastructure maxing out - highways, schools, water, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Terribly. You are running your farmers out by letting developers build houses on every inch of land available that is zoned agricultural.
<b>Online</b>	Bridge Rd traffic volumes, school overcrowding, loss of rural feel that drew us to the area, more like any other Hampton roads city, lost unique identity
<b>Online</b>	Way too crowded and not enough shopping
<b>Online</b>	Yes.
<b>Online</b>	The city currently Sucks because of the dumbasses in office.
<b>Online</b>	It's made it way more crowded since you added all the developments but did not expand the roads. They are still one or two lanes when we need two or three lanes in some cases.
<b>Online</b>	The city's infrastructure is stress
<b>Online</b>	I like new businesses and more development but the water bills are still ridiculous - why aren't developers paying more because we can't sustain the schools
<b>Online</b>	It has not been for the good. I received the card in the mail about the June 1st Community Outreach Meeting. The rezoning is very distressing. Route 460 cannot handle any more truck traffic. Crashes seem to be a regular occurrence. The new apartment buildings that are being built are going up too fast with not the best inspections (i.e. water leaks and electrical panels). The infrastructure has not kept up.
<b>Online</b>	Terribly. Roads and schools are overwhelmed. Why the city continues on this path is beyond my comprehension.

<b>Online</b>	It has overcrowded our schools and our roads. Our infrastructure has not improved fast enough to accommodate the increase in population. Increased crime, especially Harborview.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, crime, more people and not a lot of new retail.
<b>Online</b>	It is no secret that North Suffolk has been the focus. The route 10 corridor is seeing healthy and nice development. However the interstate exits will increasingly become unsafe if not addressed and monies appropriated through the developers now.
<b>Online</b>	In the northern part it has impacted us with more traffic, more construction, more frustrations, and loss of that rural feel I loved so much.
<b>Online</b>	Caused more congestion on all roadways.. and crowded schools
<b>Online</b>	Terrible the roads cannot support the growing population of Suffolk from Portsmouth blvd to the 58 bypass
<b>Online</b>	The schools and roads can't handle the growth
<b>Online</b>	Horribly. Schools are inefficient to support this growth and same for the roads!
<b>Online</b>	I think Suffolk is losing it's family appeal with all the apartments and traffic. I think the increase in the transient population from apartments has increased the crime rate along with traffic. Regular trips to the stores are getting longer and longer. I'm glad to see an increase in businesses such as Amazon and others.
<b>Online</b>	Gridlock ttraffic,traffic, crime,and urban sprawl.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing geared toward family entertainment for those of us that spent 500,000 or more to build in Suffolk, we don't want more nail salons and car washes in the downtown area
<b>Online</b>	Terribly
<b>Online</b>	More houses, more people, less schools or entertainment venues
<b>Online</b>	Not enough stuff for the residents of Suffolk, we still have to venture out of the city for good shopping and food
<b>Online</b>	Increased trafic, over crowded schools, and increased issues with school transportation
<b>Online</b>	Horribly! I can not express how disappointed I am with the grown and the impact on our schools that are already over crowded.
<b>Online</b>	Southwest Suffolk-New housing/apartment developments have increased the amount of traffic and accidents. We have enough nail salons, car washes, fast food places!
<b>Online</b>	Roads and police presence in rural areas is completely lacking. I am sure north Suffolk is well served, but southern Suffolk is almost completely ignored. This can be seen by police response times and overall lack of road maintenance.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic. More people. Crowded schools.
<b>Online</b>	Decreased morale and failing education system. Increased violence and crime rates in and out of schools
<b>Online</b>	NEGATIVELY - Suffolk did not plan to grow the infrastructure to go along with this significant growth (roads and schools).
<b>Online</b>	Good for the economy

<b>Online</b>	Negatively! Too much traffic, infrastructure is not in place to handle the growth. The city has put the cart before the horse and was not prepared for the repercussions of the rapid growth.
<b>Online</b>	Need more shopping,eating place, movie theater, bowling alley
<b>Online</b>	58 does not seem sufficient for coming and going out of Southern Suffolk. We need more options as well as better highway patrolling. It often feels dangerous with speeding and aggressive drivers who seem to be undeterred by speed limits.  When there is an accident, in addition to potential tragedy, there's great inconvenience and frustration for those who need to be somewhere on time.
<b>Online</b>	There is likely very few ways this has not had in impact some good and some bad. New development equals the bigger stores/restaurants "the people" like to have. New development means more taxes paid, it means more jobs. However, the consequences to such great growth in the past 7 years are infrastructure failure. Amid staffing shortages, the busy roads are being damaged at a higher rate than can be maintained. Main Street is virtually at a standstill amid lunch hour and rush hour. It was simply not meant for the amount of developments that surround it. The increase in development has led to higher population, and still understaffed police to respond, leading to likely higher crime numbers, and longer response times. I would sum it up by saying the development that has occurred has led to some of Suffolk's largest growing pains. Soon the schools will suffer if they aren't already. I have a child entering COS schools in less than 2 years and I'd be lying if I said I wasn't considering moving to a neighboring County for a better learning experience for my child.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. All the new houses going up in rural Suffolk. The roads are in the worst shape ever and the schools are over crowded.
<b>Online</b>	Causing the roadways to be too busy and probably overcrowding in the schools.
<b>Online</b>	It has impacted the city financially with no support to the established middle-class residents that made the changes possible. What type of entertainment is accessible to families living in the southern area of Suffolk?
<b>Online</b>	Poorly, the traffic in our downtown and surrounding area has become a nightmare. our schools and stores have become over crowded as well, i feel Suffolk is loosing the small town feel it once had.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic and strain on aging school buildings
<b>Online</b>	Horribly. The schools are way overcrowded to handle the new growth.
<b>Online</b>	roads are worse, taxes are higher
<b>Online</b>	In a complete negative way. I live in North Suffolk and the schools are over crowded and the traffic is horrible. My daughters teacher is overwhelmed with the amount of kids in her class. So therefore, the quality is not what it should be.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic which is a negative. Before you know it we'll be like Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	Too much ,over crowding already over crowded areas
<b>Online</b>	Population
<b>Online</b>	The growth has been managed well. We just need adequate roads to connect the city and handle diverted traffic flow in emergencies.

<b>Online</b>	Lots of development with no upgraded infrastructure. Especially in South Suffolk. There's a definite negative impact when your road is actually crumbling from the traffic.
<b>Online</b>	I haven't seen anything new in Downtown Suffolk. Just alot of traffic on Holland Road which is understandable and hopefully helps flow of traffic in the future.
<b>Online</b>	Schools are crumbling. Check out the trailers. Filled with bugs. I am disappointed in all the development, yet no target and 7 nail salons and crappy places I will never go to.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk roadways are at capacity and need improvements immediately the widening of the bypass to add additional lane in each direction.  Adding turn lanes to route 460 corridor right and left turn lanes. Developing a comprehensive transportation plan to deal with all the truck traffic that has come with all the warehouses that have been built. Updating all inner changes on the 58 bypass to add additional turn lanes
<b>Online</b>	Over crowding. Homes were mandated at least two lots (120 x 60) each lot. Now only a two story home can be built as they have allowed developers to gubble up the land and put a house on one lot. Double money for the developers. Also the Special Commissioner is selling land cheaper and raising the land value following the sale causing the military to pay three times as much for a home in the blighted communities. Resub for military.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic!!!
<b>Online</b>	Horribly . Too much traffic, more crime .
<b>Online</b>	Getting better but need more restruants in west Suffolk. Not fast food.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure hasnâ€™t kept up with development - too much traffic and insufficient sewage systems leads to water pollution.
<b>Online</b>	Itâ€™s made the city less desirable to people who originally moved to Suffolk to escape the âœœrat raceâœœ of Norfolk or the Va Beach areas
<b>Online</b>	The influx of people in the area has created a need for better accredited school systems within the area and educational/recreational programs for the area youth. There is also a need for better traffic options/ widening roads within the area.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic jams throughout the City. The little âœœStrip Mallsâœœ do not bring in big business, just small shops who close their doors after a year or two leaving vacant buildings throughout the City.
<b>Online</b>	Loss of unique identity of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	A LOT more traffic. Especially on 10 and 17. Can sit in traffic for hours during really busy times of day.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has been greatly impacted. It's time to make sure that our roads can handled the increase of traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Too much development is centered around and crawling out of north Suffolk. Suffolk is a huge city with lots of space. Development needs to take place in other areas as well and not concentrated in one locality.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, overcrowded schools, overcrowded restaurants, overworked police and fire departments, etc., etc., etc.
<b>Online</b>	Crowded schools, traffic issues

<b>Online</b>	Negativelyâ€¦ what are you doing for lower financial level folks to live? What are farmers going to do if you take all the land?
<b>Online</b>	The city was/is not prepared for it. In 10 years it has grown by over 10,000 citizens and until recently no roads have been widened to accommodate the extra traffic. And that road expansion is a nightmare with all of the tractor trailers. Too little and way too late
<b>Online</b>	Negativelyâ€¦ what are you doing for lower financial level folks to live? What are farmers going to do if you take all the land?
<b>Online</b>	It's impacted the city of Suffolk a lot. It's like Every contractor and Business prospector found out Suffolk has the more land than any city in Virginia and the cost of housing/taxes is cheaper.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. The schools are over crowded, traffic is terrible and there is not enough room to comfortably accommodate everyone. We are losing what makes this city great and are slowly becoming overly congested.
<b>Online</b>	Too many multi-family units in some areas
<b>Online</b>	This development has help some parts of suffolk, Mostly the northern Suffolk area.
<b>Online</b>	There are more people moving to Suffolk from adjacent areas looking for a quieter place to live.
<b>Online</b>	The city has become more diverse.
<b>Online</b>	I think it is great to build so many homes for families, continuing to provide additional grocery stores but what about real retail shops and places for our kids and families to go for entertainment. With all these families moving to Suffolk there needs to be a skating ring, bowling alley, something fun for the kids. With all the new homes, the city of Suffolk would get good revenue if there was entertainment.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. The Mayor, council, and city management chose revenue at the cost of the residents quality of living. Roadways, parking and schools should have been planned in advance of the helter-skelter building frenzy.
<b>Online</b>	With the building of new communityâ€™s has brought more people to the city building the population
<b>Online</b>	Not positive as there are still not any good restaurants, activities for youth, shopping, and adult entertainment.
<b>Online</b>	We have allowed new development but have not increased commercial and entertainment and restaurants to keep up with the housing demand in the downtown/ Godwin, Pruden area. Businesses still cant support the demand and people are taking their dollars outside of Suffolk. Also, there is a strain on our water and sewer system when homes are built with no real plan for demand and education
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™m a NATIVE Suffollian and the â€œsmall town feelâ€™ is no more.
<b>Online</b>	I think the destruction of rural properties and the increase in violence have made Suffolk a less desirable place to live.
<b>Online</b>	The city created zones without really following through and stepping aside when challenged
<b>Online</b>	Very well
<b>Online</b>	Far more congested highways with no significant plan to help



<b>Online</b>	I have mixed reviews. We are building for new residents, but not including good infrastructure plans. I think the Amazon is going to be a long term mistake. I am concerned once they get up to full capacity, they will pull employees from the local businesses. Those businesses may find it hard to find employees and I am afraid we will have a closing of many small businesses surrounding Amazon due to the pull of employees from them. I have heard the average time of employment at Amazon facilities such as this is 6 months. So my concern is there is a pulling of employees from local businesses, many of those small ones will close, then when employees at Amazon want to move on, there will be fewer small businesses to go back to.
<b>Online</b>	Improved economy
<b>Online</b>	In terms of the loss of essential farmland, badly.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Negatively, food stores unable to keep a sufficient supply on shelves, overabundance of similar food facilities, very few facilities available to teenagers to enjoy. Need more Police Officers and unmarked vehicles to enforce laws. Crime has increased also.
<b>Online</b>	I think Suffolk is a growing City so it should be anticipated. I feel the growth is positive. I like living in Suffolk and I'm glad others are able and to as well.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding the area in general. Roads not equipped for the added traffic, causing more accidents. Increased wait time everywhere; restaurants, traffic lights, stores etc.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure (roads, utilities, schools.etc..) is not prepared.
<b>Online</b>	I beleive in focusing on inner and working outward. The strip between McDonalds, Motel, Gas Station, and Service station need a significant uplift. These businesses are slowing the progress of the town (minus McDonalds). The area needs an uplift
<b>Online</b>	It has impacted the city well, people are starting to recognize Suffolk as a "City" and a place to shop and live not just a "country" area where nobody or nothing exists.
<b>Online</b>	Population has been increased. People are moving to Suffolk from the more populated cities.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. More people and more traffic but the roads can't handle it, and people in downtown Suffolk need free or inexpensive things for our children and young adults.
<b>Online</b>	Busier roads, more businesses have come such as Aldi.
<b>Online</b>	It is creating more highway congestion, and need for road repairs.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has focus on controlled growth. The critical infrastructure of the city has not been updated and maintained to meet the influx of people the city is attracting. Public safety, schools and business taxes are lacking. The City should strive to dominate the commercial market and bring solid Higher Taxes & Overall Prices in. Schools are overcrowded and being ruined by the "mixing/bussing kids across the city". The idea is even out demographics, but a lot of schools are very uneven and in the reverse of the intent. The is causing racial disparities in schools that parents would desire to send their children. The multi-family home situation is out of control. It has hurt the city and will continue to just to boost numbers. The City has denied businesses from coming over signs and designs, but allows thousands of apartments. That translates into lost taxes again to simply boost people numbers. Apartments always become run down. After a few years, they are sold to smaller corporations and not maintained. This attracts clientele that is not desirable. Bring in the business, the single-family homes and STOP the mixed developments. Low-Income housing (you call it affordable housing as guise to the public)

	is deteriorating middle class neighborhoods. There is no question that this is reason for the increased crime rates in the City.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion. Roads can't handle amount of traffic, especially the back roads.
<b>Paper</b>	Too many people! All the trees and land is gone!
<b>Online</b>	Too much infrastructure costs are being put on the public. The developers should pay the true costs
<b>Online</b>	City still changes its plans to meet developer's needs and wishes. Wetlands and riverfronts are torn up to accommodate developers.
<b>Online</b>	The overall growth has increased.
<b>Online</b>	It has created a negative impact overall. Suffolk has become overcrowded without the infrastructure to support it. Too many vehicles entering the same areas and bottlenecks are imminent. With 58 and Nansemond Parkway the primary routes to downtown, 1 accident can shut down the interstate and backup rural routes such as Nansemond Parkway.
<b>Online</b>	Existing infrastructure not able to accommodate or support growth in both residential and business. City needs to prioritize those infrastructure needed to keep its citizens safe and not affecting quality of life. I believe Suffolk should control development such that it doesn't exceed the capacity of infrastructure needs of its citizens.
<b>Online</b>	It's wonderful to see the growth, but significant investment in infrastructure is needed to support and sustain the growth (more schools, buses and teachers to reduce overcrowding), improved roads and a more direct connection between north and south Suffolk. More sidewalks, especially in north Suffolk to improve walkability of the area, as examples.
<b>Online</b>	Choices for where to buy products, opportunities for small local businesses, loss of farmland for local farmers and crops, increase on roads and not enough repairs
<b>Online</b>	Development is fine but I think it has run ahead of infrastructure; particularly road and school capacities. Growth has not been well planned. If done properly (maybe slower) the multi-use developments are a good idea. I also believe the city should make affordable housing a priority.
<b>Online</b>	It has had a negative impact on traffic
<b>Online</b>	A LOT more traffic. Especially on 10 and 17. Can sit in traffic for hours during really busy times of day.
<b>Online</b>	Generally positive. I am concerned about the loss of green space, however.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively
<b>Online</b>	negatively
<b>Online</b>	Not necessarily for the better. Yes, Suffolk needed more retail options to keep residents buying local; however, the expansion has been haphazard, and in some cases (i.e. the Godwin corridor and Route 58 corridor) reckless.
<b>Online</b>	More people have moved to Suffolk, but Suffolk's infrastructure has not been improved to ease Suffolk's growing pains. It seems like the city will always have to play catch up with the amount of growth occurring.
<b>Online</b>	Roads, schools and shopping facilities are overcrowded.

<b>Online</b>	Has caused a greater need for infrastructure improvements (e.g. water, sewer, gas). Appears these increase cost are being given to the tax payer citizens (real estate tax, water) instead of to the businesses causing this increase in residents.
<b>Online</b>	Schools in disrepair. Mobile units have no security.
<b>Online</b>	Try driving 17 on a Friday afternoon&#x2013; we&#x2019;ve adapted by going to lunch, rather than dinner
<b>Online</b>	Population increases resulting in heavy traffic conditions and school overcrowding
<b>Online</b>	severe traffic issues due to roadways not keeping up with growth
<b>Online</b>	The roads should have been fixed as the developments are added, not waiting until after and traffic has been made worse. And given today's gas prices, it makes travel that much worse.
<b>Online</b>	congestion, congestion and housing developments everywhere
<b>Online</b>	The impact is extensive, the growth is overwhelming. Dosen't seem to have been planned well. Too much Traffic on small back roads, gridlock on the highways. Highway improvements are too little too late. Crime is soaring. Increased Traffic Accidents. Shopping centers are crowded, grocery stores are crowded. Too much density of Housing!
<b>Online</b>	Negatively! Roads and traffic have suffered greatly!
<b>Online</b>	The development is being crammed into Harbourview and turning it into a commercial center in the northern area. The downtown is becoming more crime ridden.
<b>Online</b>	Who adopted the last plan without letting Pughsville know? New houses are being constructed and city officials' palms are being greased with payments, under cover, and a deaf ear is turned about our concerns. THERE IS NO DRAINAGE. When we speak up, we are shut down. BIBLE STATES, "THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULNESS THEREOF, THE WORLD AND THEY THAT DWELL THEREIN." Now, orange, green and blue flags are running along what is supposed to be ditches. Are all of the city plans in writing for us to peruse, so that we can know what is going on? I cannot speak for all of Suffolk. These surveys do not ask the "TRUE" questions to residences and our needs. Why can't we get done what Suffolk is promising us, but their words become a hiss and a byword. The last thing a man has is his word. But we are on the backburner and Suffolk is waiting for us to burnout. There is no leadership, no counselor, and no character in our leadership, no integrity, deception of rules, false information, no follow through with requests. All of our suggestions and requests stay in a graveyard policy. There is misappropriation of everything by the city and dislocated labor. Why is this titled "Ideas for the Future?" Suffolk officials will do what they want anyway. The impact is pleasing to the city because they are running everything. The city is enjoying the toys that are in their toy chest. It is the most wonderful time of the year for city officials. BIBLE STATES,  "IF YOU GAIN THIS WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE YOUR OWN SOUL, WHAT WILL IT PROFIT YOU?"
<b>Online</b>	It has been good but we still need more entertainment type of businesses like movie theaters, bowling etc.
<b>Online</b>	With new businesses comes population; with population comes the building of new homes, schools, and more businesses which means our spending is staying in Suffolk instead of other cities.

<b>Online</b>	it has had a very positive impact on Suffolk as well as Hampton roads
<b>Online</b>	The schools are overcrowded. The roads have not kept up with increased traffic. John Yeates Middle school is still overcrowded and falling apart; nothing has changed since 2010, except the parking lot got paved. The newer Florence Bowser School is already at capacity.
<b>Online</b>	I donâ€™t see anything positive about it.
<b>Online</b>	See above...what about restoring/re-utilizing some of the empty store fronts downtown? Traffic gets worse every day!
<b>Online</b>	Roads are over crowded. Looks like road maintainence is lacking. More schools, police and services along with higher taxes.
<b>Online</b>	Displacement of natural spaces and resources.
<b>Online</b>	Increased construction in North Suffolk, without the increase of roads, drainage etc.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively!! No one is fixing roads around here!
<b>Online</b>	Shoulder's Hill Road has too much traffic for a two lane road.
<b>Online</b>	In a very negative way.
<b>Online</b>	Too many new neighbors and too little service from the city.
<b>Online</b>	Made the city worse
<b>Online</b>	They haven't planned for connecting neighbourhoods through walking or biking trails. Nor have they planned commensurate green space.
<b>Online</b>	Development has been too fast. The infrastructure need to keep up with and stay ahead of the development. In other words don't keep putting in new Housing developments and apartments without widening roads.
<b>Online</b>	With growth comes with higher taxes, loss of Natural landscape, and the need to make continual improvements to growing developments. There is also job growth and higher property values that will also have to make a cost of living in suffolk higher than before.
<b>Online</b>	Too many houses, but the infrastructure hasn't kept up. If we wanted to live in the "city" we'd move there. Roads can't handle the traffic. It's impossible to go downtown at mid day through early evening. Schools are already at max capacity along the route 10 corridor, but they keep adding homes. The answer is not bussing them to LHS, the answer is stop piling them on top of each other. When the Obici /VDOT property came available it would have been a perfect place for a city park like portsmouth has, with boat access to the river.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively.  Trees are being cut down, the place is ugly. Driving down Main St now looks like driving down Armory Blvd in Franklin, or Virginia Beach Blvd.  We moved here because we thought Suffolk wouldn't turn into Va Beach. But you have.
<b>Online</b>	Too much housing and fast food restaurants, not enough recreational areas or healthy eating establishments. We need more schools to meet the uncontrolled housing growth that has been allowed, old schools need repairs, and class sizes need to be minimized to lessen the strain on our teachers.

<b>Online</b>	Business wise the city has done well with bringing in large corporations but it has not done well the school situation. They are crowded & struggling with the teaching.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic and longer lines
<b>Online</b>	Bad
<b>Online</b>	It's a new Opportunity
<b>Online</b>	More people, more taxes, more schools to build and still residents like me in South Suffolk with rising taxes, no kids in the school system and no city services except for trash collection. We've been here over 20 years and nothing has changed for us except higher taxes
<b>Online</b>	Not enough roadway changes and/or upkeep.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic! Too busy and school over crowding
<b>Online</b>	Yes! Definitely added houses, traffic, businesses. The roads and school sizes have not kept up with the increased volume of people
<b>Online</b>	All the new development has brought nothing more than increased traffic to the already horribly maintained roads! Closing down the main thoroughfare to one lane? Does anyone who makes these decisions have to sit in the traffic they created or have to drive along side unruly, inconsiderate drivers to get to their destination on a daily basis?
<b>Online</b>	The impact is a need for a comprehensive plan to increase the quality of life for residents in the downtown areas of Suffolk. Better shopping, more dining, recreational activities that will entice residents to spend dollars locally versus other areas in Hampton Roads with recreational activities for both children and adults.
<b>Online</b>	Negative, the over crowded with out a plan... schools are out dated and northern suffolk has ..... farm roads.. in northern suffolk can't keep up with traffic needs.
<b>Online</b>	Too much congestion on our roads. More accidents than I've ever seen before. I'm glad we are changing and evolving but stop building apartments. The schools are overcrowded as it is. Fights break out daily. Honestly the downtown side has zero to do for the youth and families together. We have to drive 30 plus minutes to do anything and that isn't always possible. Kids would stop getting into so much trouble if there were things to do. Take pride in downtown. Show downtown some love.
<b>Online</b>	I live in the southern portion, so I haven't seen much development
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Too much traffic. Crowded schools. Too many new homes, apartments, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Badly
<b>Online</b>	Excessive Housing development means increased infrastructure which means higher real estate taxes. I live in very rural Suffolk, my taxes have increased almost every year to pay for city services I do not get. We get nothing out here except trash collection and we have to pay for that.
<b>Online</b>	Growth. Traffic on Main Street has increased significantly.
<b>Online</b>	Benefits greatly in my opinion

<b>Online</b>	I think it's ruining the city all your packing in our condos and calling them affordable single-family homes and not only are they not affordable single family homes we cannot handle the population on these roads schools etcetera but you already know this. The sad thing is where you're trying to build up around obici when there's an emergency and an ambulance coming through and people are on the overpass the ambulance cannot get by people's lives should not be at risk because you guys didn't plan well and you put too many people in one area everyday the exit backed up onto the Interstate dangerous and ridiculous and it doesn't have to be that way y'all are greedy and it might be your family member stuck in that ambulance that can't get through one day.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic and congestion
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	Over crowded schools, Homes being built right on top of each other.  Flooding issues.  Increased crime.  Increased traffic.  Taking away the community small town feeling.
<b>Online</b>	Far too many new housing developments without enough increase in school sizes.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowded with no elbow room.
<b>Online</b>	More people means more traffic, the appeal of Suffolk was the country feel an escape from the city! We moved out her from VB and now It is starting to feel to congested just like Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	too much traffic, worsening schools, old shopping and living areas getting run down
<b>Online</b>	More revenue? Definitely more traffic. More strain on emergency depts and schools.
<b>Online</b>	Just looking at newer developed areas of the city, I know that it has opened up lots of opportunity for residential and commercial growth. Of course, growth also brings strains on resources and infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	I don't know.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is horrendous, particularly on Rt 10 and 58.
<b>Online</b>	It has overcrowded our schools and our roads. It has taken away the rural, small town feel of the city.
<b>Online</b>	Added many additional students to already overcrowded schools and significant increases in traffic.
<b>Online</b>	It has overgrown our small downtown city

<b>Online</b>	More traffic obviously. More important is the influx of drivers on residential roads, which in small neighborhoods is a dangerous game. Traffic calming measures such as speed bumps could greatly help the community where kids play in the street daily. (Saratoga area, mason ave to kilby). that entire area is full of young children who play daily in the road, new home development has increased pedestrian traffic as well as dog walking and more children playing in the streets and surrounding lawns. Cars race up and down the road daily and some traffic calming measures are needed before someone is hit by a vehicle. I'm sure several neighborhoods of suffolk have the same problem. We want a city where children are allowed to play in their yards without fear of a wreckless driver coming through. Especially when it could be solved with current stop sign repair, Speed bumps, speed limits, police presence, etc. At the end of the day, we want the downtown to thrive with all of suffolk. Creating a safe environment in crime ridden neighborhoods would also help suffolk as a whole. We are only as good as our worst parts of town.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is congested and schools are overcrowded
<b>Online</b>	It's becoming on the level of the neighboring cities
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding has lead to higher crime. People are paying so much more for less services. Traffic is horrible... lights not timed, speed limits are treated like suggestions and not enforced. Insufficient police, fire, EMS for the sheer number of residents, if something happens on I-664 Bridge Road is totally gridlock. Trains block both Shoulders Hill and Nansemond Parkway for upwards of an hour. If we could afford to leave Suffolk, we would!
<b>Online</b>	Dining , shopping, and entertainment needs to match the growth.
<b>Online</b>	More people live in the city and more resources need to be provided. Such as libraries, entertainment ect..
<b>Online</b>	Not good because the roads are in horrible shape.
<b>Online</b>	Horrible! When do you plan to build new schools with all the housing going up non stop! Suffolk is nothing like it was when I was growing up and graduated from nansemond river. Now my children go to John yeates and river. It's crowded and the city just keeps approving more building. Yall should be Ashamed! You should have built more schools long before approving so many housing development.
<b>Online</b>	We need better road infrastructure and more police/programs to offset crime.
<b>Online</b>	It has made our roads horrible, we have nothing new and exciting in the Downtown area of Suffolk nor do we have enough Schools to support the people.
<b>Online</b>	The roadways are over crowded as are the schools and the public safety. Our police force is severely lacking in personnel.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and crime has increased like I never imagined. Long trains that hold up traffic and everyone blames someone else for the headache of blocking traffic for extended periods. We are losing our quiet bedroom community feel, too many apartments, car washes, destruction of beautiful trees and landscape, which is changing the fabric of why citizens loved Suffolk so much!
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, infiltration of commercialism, stores and residential housing.
<b>Online</b>	The new walking trails are nice but we need more activities for the young ppl that does know how to behave! Don't let a few bad apples ruin their fun! Get a handle on them instead of shutting everything down!



<b>Online</b>	More traffic, overcrowded schools and infrastructure that isn't keeping up.
<b>Online</b>	Building condos wherever they fit makes suffolk lose it's small country charm so many of us love. They are brutal to see.
<b>Online</b>	Too many people in small areas create terrible traffic jams.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure unable to handle the traffic load.
<b>Online</b>	Its made our 100 smallest town a terrible place to live. The faster I can sell my house and move to north carolina the better. As a 20 year resident and city of suffolk tax payer I think our city is money drunk and needs to stop destroying our town.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure is being strained as new development is occurring without first preparing roads and sewer and water and electric.
<b>Online</b>	Less small town charm, development has been lopsided seeing dramatic growth in the north and decreases in the west
<b>Online</b>	That brewery and NOTHING for the children to do !
<b>Online</b>	Traffic gridlock
<b>Online</b>	Where is the new developments at? Downtown Suffolk is sick of seeing car washes at every corner.
<b>Online</b>	More people more need for more to do and places to go and shop and enjoy
<b>Online</b>	Well planned growth is good. That's not what we have. Suffolk has the most open land in the region and wins some development by default. That won't last forever. Here in Suffolk, for decades, development has been allowed to outpace the investment in proper infrastructure. It comes across as either poor planning or city officials are horribly over their heads.
<b>Online</b>	See above.
<b>Online</b>	Created infrastructure increase to meet demands which had to be paid for by both increase in property values which increased taxes to residents. My house has tripled in value in 20 years, ridiculous. I feel the public school system is not keeping pace with increase of population. The city police department is currently operating below manning requirements which jeopardizes the safety of its citizens.
<b>Online</b>	It brought more people and more cars but we need more lanes.
<b>Online</b>	The high density residential apartment complexes are too many and have brought crime from portsmouth. Better to have planned complexes with lower density and single family or the tax base is going to move away. Schools are overcrowded even the new ones in northern suffolk like Colnel Fred Cherry.
<b>Online</b>	I miss the farms and open spaces in North Suffolk. To much traffic
<b>Online</b>	More apartment complexes and less room for family growth. Becoming too transitional. Most families moved here for the quiet, not it is gone.
<b>Online</b>	Roads and schools have become over crowded
<b>Online</b>	Growth is good, but the infrastructure is not in place to support it. From ambulance wait times, sewage treatment spills that shut down watermen, or now "normal" traffic delays, the services aren't up to par.

<b>Online</b>	Poorly. There are many empty retail/office spaces while green/trred ares are being cleared to build new retail/office space. There's encroachment between types of zoning districts meaning homeowners/residents qualified of life isnâ€™t considered or protected.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively
<b>Online</b>	More homes, growing the population.
<b>Online</b>	In very negative ways, roads, schools, hospitals are all over capacity. These are not only a inconvenience but have safety concerns.
<b>Online</b>	Itâ€™s disheartening that we havenâ€™t put more into our schools and continue to allow new neighborhoods and apartments to go up everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic nightmare. It is destroying the rural atmosphere that brought me to Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	We need more than tax collection from new businesses to fund schools, infrastructure, and Corey services, including raises for current city/state employees to ensure retention.
<b>Online</b>	Family needs are more important.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is awful and crime is growing and our taxes are through the roof!
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. So much traffic and no outlet for it. 17 is backed up all the way to 164 during rush hour.
<b>Online</b>	The northeast is overpopulated, and yet apartment complexes continue go up. We are developing a crisis that will need to be addressed immediately by cutting off new projects and pushing them south to Nansemond River Parkway.
<b>Online</b>	Development happened with not much infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	over crowded schools and traffic along 17.
<b>Online</b>	It has made Suffolk unlivable. Too much traffic over crowded schools
<b>Online</b>	Itâ€™s traffic flow is overwhelming in downtown Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic and population with no adjustment via the city
<b>Online</b>	A larger and more diverse tax base, more diverse and affluent population  But: more traffic and increased housing cost
<b>Online</b>	Too much building. Too many kids and not enough schools to handle. Large classroom size. Negative affects on education.
<b>Online</b>	It is too congested, created a lot of traffic
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Although the development is aimed toward larger businesses/warehousing it has not added to any of the small businesses or the quality or environment or life in the area.
<b>Online</b>	Significant impact but limited amenities still exist - less than three gas stations, limited food and grocery stores in N Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Build the infrastructure first. Roads are over crowded as well as the schools.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively you have a lot of people with nothing to do or places to go so they spend money outside of the city
<b>Online</b>	Horribly. Have you sat in traffic on 58, Wilroy, or Route 17? I plan in and extra 30-40 minutes for my 10 min commute each day.

<b>Online</b>	Horribly. If we wanted a town like that, we could have moved to one of the surrounding cities. I miss the quaint country town I grew up in and now I want to move.
<b>Online</b>	Good.
<b>Online</b>	More people and more taxes! water bills are crazy!!!! WTF is going on with the School board is an absolute shitshow-Gordon was a bad hire ! what has he done besides cause chaos and deviseness?
<b>Online</b>	I think the citizens feel that they are not "in the know" relating to new construction, large projects like the Amazon distribution center which adds to the frustration that the city was not prepared to handle the growth with regards to the roads/infrastructure and traffic. It has had a negative impact with all of the apartments too. Lower cost housing brings more traffic and unfortunately, crime.
<b>Online</b>	Bring economic development to downtown and holland.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively, at least I'm northern Suffolk. Tons of new development in areas where traffic was already bad without road improvements.
<b>Online</b>	There doesn't appear to be a concise vision
<b>Online</b>	A slow down would be helpful. The roads are heavily impacted and the improvements and road expansion plans need the time to catch up.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	Traffic! Congestion! One fender bender on a busy road or highway and we are at a standstill! Roads are not equipped to handle the added cars from all the new residents. People moved here for the country /small-town vibe. But now it's like any other place..
<b>Online</b>	Pushing farmers out and making the rural areas less rural. It's awful!
<b>Online</b>	It's the worst. We don't need anymore housing when there are no new restaurants and things to do. The city will be overcrowded and everyone will have to go to other cities to enjoy themselves. Plus, everyone likes Suffolk because it used to not be crowded like the other cities but it's getting worse.
<b>Online</b>	The new development and congestion has a negative impact on our rural quality of life. Too many houses, too many cars, too many people.
<b>Online</b>	I think it has made it grow significantly and we need to also remember to help adapt to more traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Very poorly. There has been major growth and all the city has done to prove their roads is add stoplights to promote traffic jams.
<b>Online</b>	I think it impacted Suffolk in a negative way. There are too many homes being built with little to no resources for the residents such as stores and activities for adults and children.
<b>Online</b>	Calling Suffolk a "city"; Technically you are correct, but our image should ALWAYS be rural Suffolk. The big peanut growers are disappearing; ask the Birdsong. With the Williams families leaving, we no longer see cattle and sheep grazing and the big irrigation systems running .
<b>Online</b>	City roads, streets, schools, etc. can not handle the overflow of all the new housing developments, apartments, etc. and it seems this was not taken into consideration when building.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and crime

<b>Online</b>	I believe the overall impact at this time is negative because the influx of new residents has outstripped the pace of infrastructure expansion and development. At our home in North Suffolk, we have noticed significant increases in traffic, unavailability or increase in expense of resources, and crime. While new businesses, especially restaurants, have entered the area, many are chain type restaurants that don't add much to the quality or diversity of offerings in our area. Our schools are overcrowded, and students are suffering as a result. I don't think that expansion is inherently a bad thing, but population expansion without the infrastructure to support it is a recipe for disaster.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic picked up big time
<b>Online</b>	Too much traffic and congestion, not enough schools.
<b>Online</b>	Too much new development and nothing to protect rural areas. Money being spent to in Northern Suffolk and South Western Suffolk suffers especially with road and storm water systems.
<b>Online</b>	New schools are already at capacity. They keep building housing for younger people and the schools are packed
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure can't keep up. Lighting engineering needs to figure out how to control traffic flow. Lights that are too short in places. Too long in others. Drive around and sit at some of these lights.
<b>Online</b>	Less farm land, which has lasting impacts on our immediate community and larger.
<b>Online</b>	Too much traffic
<b>Online</b>	Created terrible traffic situations on 58. These roads can not handle this!
<b>Online</b>	The city needs to stop selling the land to build apartments and bringing in more residents into an area that has not been proactive about reinforcing infrastructure and schools to meet the demand of new residents and businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Terrible roads. Too much traffic. Too much stopped traffic. Schools not keeping up. Police are not able to do their job.
<b>Online</b>	See answer #1.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Although development is here to stay, as a lifetime resident no benefit has come because of this. Taxes continue to go up; water rates are through the roof. HOAs have become autonomous duplicating what local government should be enforcing.
<b>Online</b>	Development has impacted the city in a positive way and plenty of growth potential is evident.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding in schools. We need a new high school in N Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	The school system has suffered. The schools are overcrowded and the policy of not sending kids to the closest schools has created a serious strain on the transportation system. I offer see parents waiting at the elementary bus stop past 5:00 for their kids to get home. We experienced the same and decided to send our son to private school. Traffic can also get pretty bad, especially if there is any kind of incident or work on 58. Need a new connection between Godwin Blvd and Nansemond Parkway near driver.

<b>Online</b>	Housing. Suffolk has seen a great explosion of housing development in the past several years. Everywhere you look there are either single family homes or apartment buildings, or a mix being constructed on every available plot of land. However, the schools, the shopping, and the roads have not been changed to accommodate the amount of people that will be living in these homes. I moved to Suffolk in 2002 when my youngest son was in the 5th grade. He attended Elephants Fork Elementary and his classes were held in a trailer. Since then a few schools have been built, however, there is still not enough classrooms to accommodate all the students. Furthermore, there is not enough teachers to teach all the students. The roads are so congested with traffic. Rt 58 is a nightmare to drive during rush hour, with or without the construction. Main street starting from Rt 10 into town is becoming so congested, it is hard to get in and out of the businesses along that road.
<b>Online</b>	More jobs  Terrible traffic  Increase in need for entertainment, more grocery stores, improved roadways, more schools
<b>Online</b>	Hurts the City... lack of updated infrastructure, more load on Schools, major traffic issues.
<b>Online</b>	It is ruining the city. I was born and raised here and am currently looking to move away from Suffolk because of the constant development. Stop developing rural areas. Also improve the roads and school systems. Suffolk has been too worried about developments that they have forgot about improving infrastructure for current residents.
<b>Online</b>	Too much too fast. The infrastructure is not in place to keep up with new development. We need police, fire, schools, hospitals, road improvements. None of this has happened just more and more houses and buildings.
<b>Online</b>	Made it an even better city to reside in
<b>Online</b>	Good
<b>Online</b>	More warehouses
<b>Online</b>	Too many people not enough resources so Every other city around us gets all the money for entertainment, shopping, decent restaurants etc.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	More traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™m sure it has increased revenue in the city, However, there has been a significant increase in traffic and a lack of readily available resources.
<b>Online</b>	Mostly good impact however the building of apartment complexes seems excessive particularly since they are generally not affordable.
<b>Online</b>	Added too much traffic
<b>Online</b>	Again, positively for North Suffolk, not as positive near downtown.
<b>Online</b>	We are losing our local farms. Farming is very expensive and the property taxes are sending our farmers to the poor farm. Why?
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic and congestion not to mention wear and tear on our roads and vehicles!

<b>Online</b>	It is over crowded, there is significant loss of nature. It is on its way to looking like Mercury Blvd in Hampton
<b>Online</b>	It has caused division in the city. More resources and development are going to Northern Suffolk than any other parts of the city
<b>Online</b>	More traffic. Crowded, failing schools with tired staff. Poorer roads. Increased crime without enough officers.
<b>Online</b>	Gridlock and traffic congestion almost everywhere... just horrible during rush hour morning and evening and even during the hours in between .... if you ask me there was NO THOUGHT GIVEN TO THE PLANNING... ONLY TO THE GREED OF DEVELOPMENT AT ALL COSTS.
<b>Online</b>	Terribly. Get two blocks off main street and tell me what you think. There is no sense of pride for these properties. Shameful.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively.
<b>Online</b>	Less attention has been given to affordable housing for the poor.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. You can't drive down Rt.10 from kings fork to Main Street with any kind of ease. So many wrecks
<b>Online</b>	For the ones that love this area, we are becoming very frustrated. Growth is necessary & wanted. Planned growth would be appreciated. Seems like so many time the cart is put before the wheel and we, as citizens are the ones that are impacted with growing struggles
<b>Online</b>	The city is less rural and urban, leaving little to no land for farming.
<b>Online</b>	Badly
<b>Online</b>	Horrible. Traffic is horrible
<b>Online</b>	Hopefully increasing businesses in downtown Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Again roads cannot accommodate traffic resulting from Housing growth
<b>Online</b>	Development? Do you mean housing?
<b>Online</b>	It has negativity impacted the City. Grocery stores can't keep up with demand, the roads and schools are busting at the seams. There MUST be a cap placed on this growth as the infrastructure can't maintain it.
<b>Online</b>	Great ! Give the opportunity for current residents to update upgrade or make changes to their land to upkeep the city with new developments . Examples grants to help homeowners instead of taking equity (loans) out to keep them updated
<b>Online</b>	The significant new development since the last plan was adopted has had an impact on the City by the increased number of traffic/vehicles. This increase in numbers and the slow, gradual plan for infrastructure has caused numerous and prohibitable accidents, some even fatal.
<b>Online</b>	Some negative and some positive all the apartments and car washes and big chain business bring down Suffolk's be your own and support local vibe
<b>Online</b>	Yes. More unlivable wage jobs
<b>Online</b>	It hasn't really helped anything. There are more car washes. More luxury apartments and neighborhoods. The commute from Suffolk to other cities to work is worse because of this. There aren't any activities or entertainment.

<b>Online</b>	Made Suffolk more inviting
<b>Online</b>	Negatively in regards to schools.
<b>Online</b>	A lot of traffic and over-crowding of schools and businesses.
<b>Online</b>	It is quickly destroying Suffolk and turning it into another overpopulated mess!
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion (especially route 17) has been adversely impacted.
<b>Online</b>	Haven't seen anything new
<b>Online</b>	I think itâ€™s great and itâ€™s causing families to think about moving to the area from Va Beach/ Chesapeake area
<b>Online</b>	It has its advantages. However the city needs to address issues, such as over crowding schools, traffic, entertainment before carving out all these developments.
<b>Online</b>	It has changed the overall feel and continuity of the balance. Greed has been the driver of this excessive growth putting strain on the landscape and utilities.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Negatively!!!
<b>Online</b>	Poorly. School overcrowding. Not enough green space to support family life.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure doesn't support the growth. Roads, schools, etc.
<b>Online</b>	I see a lot more traffic and a lot less green space..
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	Certainly negativity for rush hour traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Too much traffic.....Suffolk has lost its rural charm.
<b>Online</b>	It has sucked Suffolk isn't ready for itnon
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	New developments but the roads arenâ€™t suitable for the new population
<b>Online</b>	It is negatively impacting us. This is a known farming community and too many farms are being purchased and approved for houses. The roads canâ€™t take it. The schools canâ€™t take the influx of children. It all needs to be stopped immediately!
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowded roadways
<b>Online</b>	Poorly. Not enough roads or schools.
<b>Online</b>	This has negatively impacted the quality of life in Suffolk with increased traffic on inadequate roadways. The quality of life for the citizens has diminished in favor of the almighty dollar.
<b>Online</b>	Hardship on infrastructure, not enough green spaces but great revenue and services
<b>Online</b>	I suppose the city benefits overall but the traffic is frustrating and significantly underplanned.
<b>Online</b>	The city is allowing too much growth and development when our schools and roads canâ€™t support.
<b>Online</b>	This created a lot of pressure on our roads and land and this has really ruined our city.
<b>Online</b>	Crowding. Litter.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic increased, more delays, more over crowded schools, more crime, less want to move here for peace and quite now that it's becoming like Virginia Beach minus the beach.



<b>Online</b>	More income for city, more traffic because the roads weren't made for the number of people
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is congested all over the city
<b>Online</b>	I think it has made the city less desirable. People that have lived in Suffolk for many many years have always enjoyed the small town and country setting. People move out here for what they perceive to be a small town/country setting and find out that it is no different from where they moved from. Suffolk needs to keep the rural agricultural areas rural agricultural areas. People that live in these areas do not desire to become part of a subdivision of urban sprawl. Suffolk has been a farming community for hundreds of years. Leave the rural areas alone. Farmers are losing their farmland to developers. A line has to be drawn and stuck with.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic jams, crowded schools, crime/theft and increased property taxes.
<b>Online</b>	We have way too many warehouses and strip malls.
<b>Online</b>	more traffic - the roads can not handle it. Over crowded schools
<b>Online</b>	It has become pretty congested.
<b>Online</b>	The City has been subjected to a spike in juveniles crime because of lack of activities.
<b>Online</b>	I feel bringing all these people here is starting to over crowd not enough business to keep up
<b>Online</b>	It has given citizens more local jobs but at the expense of traffic, loss of land and affected wildlife and the country feel of certain areas of Suffolk, and over-crowded certain schools with no short-term solutions.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	So much traffic
<b>Online</b>	That depends on your perspective. We moved to Suffolk to get away from city, congestion, and everyday hustle and bustle, and to own a more affordable piece of property. We were willing to drive the distance for the peace and quiet. Now the city is becoming like every other city in the area and is losing some of its more attractive qualities.
<b>Online</b>	More headaches due to travel time and congested roads
<b>Online</b>	Too many people
<b>Online</b>	More traffic which causes more accidents and higher taxes
<b>Online</b>	Negatively! Infrastructure, mainly safety and roadways cannot support this daily volume. Too many people on poor roads (i.e. condition and size). City expansion is beneficial when it is done appropriately, such as expanding and improving infrastructure before increasing population size drastically. Roads, public safety, and the school system cannot function at even half capacity because of this overwhelming expansion you all have approved and pushed for.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. The city seems to have no vision for holistic growth. Schools are bursting at the seams but council accepts ridiculous estimates from builders saying they are nominal added numbers to school. Roads are not expanded to accommodate the population surge. Commercial infrastructure like stores, gas stations, entertainment etc are not meeting the capacity needs of the expanded city.

<b>Online</b>	The amount of housing development is not supporting the addition of schools needed. Living here with nothing to do still takes us out of Suffolk to spend our money.
<b>Online</b>	Poorly. If the goal was to make North Suffolk an undesirable place to live, I think you have succeeded. Bridge Road between College Drive and Bennett's Pasture Road is a nightmare and I avoid it at as much as possible.
<b>Online</b>	Again, this has caused significant traffic increase. I think the new development is too concentrated. Suffolk is one of the largest cities relative to land mass. I don't understand why they don't spread these new homes and businesses out more.
<b>Online</b>	It has brought in more city folk that speed up and down the country roads.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Very little of it has benefitted western/southern Suffolk. With all the building of cookie cutter housing developments, there is still NOTHING to do in Suffolk except go to the movies...in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic congestion
<b>Online</b>	In old downtown, so little new development there.
<b>Online</b>	Personally, I moved out to the country to GET AWAY from people. Unfortunately, I now have 12+ new homes built just down my street. Not what I signed on for, and not sure how long I'll stay.
<b>Online</b>	Residential development
<b>Online</b>	Caused too much congestion & traffic is a nightmare "Everywhere"
<b>Online</b>	I believe the traffic has been the most impactful along the Bridge Road corridor. Especially regarding BridgePort to Shoulder's Hill Road with the new apartments and neighborhoods, and the traffic lights and patterns that do not appear to be timed for peak traffic flow.
<b>Online</b>	Development in rural areas has been poorly regulated and tax revenue seems to have taken precedent over rural ag areas. There has never been any real effort to protect a "green line" in Suffolk. No funding available has always been the excuse, but what is being allowed now to divide farm property is disgraceful.
<b>Online</b>	The schools are packed and falling apart. The roads are insufficient.
<b>Online</b>	It has been very positive. The overall character of the community hasn't changed, but there are many more opportunities for dining, shopping and other activities. These will follow where people want to live
<b>Online</b>	The traffic is terrible and the schools are overcrowded
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is a nightmare.
<b>Online</b>	The infrastructure and School system has been challenged. But instead of following the lead of our surrounding cities and shutting down development, the City needs to use the Comprehensive Plan as an opportunity to address the issues while the development community is engaged and ready to be a part of the solution.
<b>Online</b>	Terribly. Moved from Chesapeake to Suffolk to escape urban crawl but guess it followed us.
<b>Online</b>	The homes are great but what about downtown. We have two historic districts and run down buildings between them?

<b>Online</b>	Positively and has been bringing new residents to Suffolk. However, the roads havenâ€™t been updated/expanded to allow for smooth and manageable traffic flows.
<b>Online</b>	Itâ€™s destroying the community  The roads are terrible  The schools are terrible and over crowded as it is  Itâ€™s not bringing any actual economy to Suffolk, just the land profit for selling it
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, violence, and need for more schools.
<b>Online</b>	traffic, more difficult to get professional services and home services (ie landscaping, dentistry, optometry, doctors appts--these services don't seem to be increasing commensurate with the population explosion)
<b>Online</b>	negatively - while the focus on economic development is appreciated, the increased busyness of the city is not. Suffolk, particularly southern Suffolk, once felt more rural, there is now building everywhere, and what people came to the city to get, people are considering leaving the city to get elsewhere (open space, and a rural feel). I understand that growth is necessary and change is necessary, but let's do it in a way that is at least interesting. More cookie cutter homes thrown up quickly, jammed together, and large retailers are not it.  All while most roads are not being improved, and some schools are overcrowded. Let's invest in infrastructure if we are intent on bringing what the people want (more houses) - which by the way, some of us don't want. Or if we do, how about an investment in a variety of housing, including low income. I'm hearing of new subdivisions all of the time in the 400 - 600 k, what about the 200 k.
<b>Online</b>	Made it way over crowd
<b>Online</b>	It has caused major traffic congestion and in turn has nothing for our community but ruin beautiful farm land and robbed it's citizens of our country lifestyle.
<b>Online</b>	Yes! The population has greatly increased, resulting in heavily overpopulated schools and hospitals in Suffolk. This in turn decreases the education our children receive, and decreases the quality of care given in healthcare facilities due to overdevelopment bringing in mass amounts of population.
<b>Online</b>	There is a need for supporting infrastructure to handle the extra transportation and housing.  It has brought more visibility to Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	It has turned Suffolk into a highly populated area much like va beach, Chesapeake etc. bad for traffic and losing land to developments.

<b>Online</b>	I think it has benefited the city with increasing tax revenues. I think more funds should be allocated to our public school system. As a Suffolk resident, I choose to pay for private school because after touring the elementary Suffolk Public School we were zoned for, it was not maintained well and did not leave me with a feeling of wanting to send my children there. New apartments are being built to bring in more people but the school systems need attention physically and with achieving accreditation. The Kings Fork High School reputation is that it's dangerous and undesirable.
<b>Online</b>	Too much expansion resulting in terrible traffic, over crowded schools and increased crime with police shortage.
<b>Online</b>	Mostly excellent change in northern areas, bringing economic activity
<b>Online</b>	Too much construction. Concerned about infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	It has definitely increased traffic and transportation issues. It's also allowed for growth with larger businesses, chains, stores coming in to the area. New businesses have increased as well.
<b>Online</b>	It is taking away farms and overwhelming the roads and schools
<b>Online</b>	Over crowded schools
<b>Online</b>	Over crowding in schools
	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	It is the worst possible thing that could have happened to the city.
<b>Online</b>	Flooded with people
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has increased and public services are getting busy
<b>Online</b>	Higer taxes, residential development does not raise enough tax money to support the services they use . Water rates are the highest in the region,
<b>Online</b>	Although it brings in more tax revenue it doesn't help when the housing is being built at a much higher rate than all the other Accommodations like doctors or the hospital or even stores I've been here all my life and to say it's gotten bad is an understatement
<b>Online</b>	It hasn't done anything but hurt it, roads suck, people moving out here buying 1 acre thinking they own 100 acres, overall it sucks to live here.
<b>Online</b>	It has definitely impacted the city negatively, we've definitely seen an increase in accidents, as well as a negative influence on children Andy oh good adults. M
<b>Online</b>	Surely the new developments are brining in more revenue for the City; however, the land taken away for these developments (again as in our Holland area) has put a great strain on the farmers trying to make a living and trying to keep Suffolk, at least the western portion, a farming community.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding our city
<b>Online</b>	There are too many people and cars on the roads for the infrastructure in place. The development has exceeded the resources of our city. My 4 mile road has had at least 10 new houses built on it in the last 3 years. Nearby roads have had an increase of new construction which increased the traffic on our road, however there have not been any

	improvements to our road. It is very narrow and in bad shape. (Dutch Rd). Other roads are seeing the same issues.
<b>Online</b>	Growth in tax base due to manufacturing and warehousing.
<b>Online</b>	In a very negative way. Wetlands. Are being destroyed leaving no outlet for flood control and wildlife sanctuary. Suffolk is for farms and that too is being eliminated.
<b>Online</b>	The development has been in pockets only , with a large concentration in Northern Suffolk. Suffolk will need to expand many roadways in order to keep up with the increased volume of traffic.
<b>Online</b>	It is nice to have added new business along main and rte 10 but the roadway infrastructure is not there to handle the development.
<b>Online</b>	A lot more traffic. Holland Road traffic is getting heavier and heavier and I am hoping road upgrades near the industrial centers will help. A lot more people. Agriculture is important and it would be a shame to loose the rural character of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	There are too many semis on the road. Lack of foresight and planning on the part of city council.
<b>Online</b>	You have not required developers to up grad roads before the building is allowed, police and mainly fire protection has been completely forgotten. You can't even drive a car down most of these new developments not to mention an rescue or fire vehicles!
<b>Online</b>	In a bad way.
<b>Online</b>	Too many people and not enough infrastructure. Downtown is a scary mess! No entertainment for all the people coming to all the housing being built. Not enough grocery stores or restaurants to support the people.
<b>Online</b>	Over crowding our schools and back roads, which are in horrible shape! Seems the city only sees the amount of property tax they can collect instead of the quality of life in the rural area! There people moving out he from other areas of the country, that want to change our way of living to their way of living! We've lived here all our lives and they should respect that and try to fit in. Lot of unfriendly people!
<b>Online</b>	Terrible traffic and poor infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Need more infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	To much traffic and the roads will not handle it. In the holy neck bough the roads are a complete mess. They repair all the time but if they would actually clear the pipes that cross under the roads and drain the water to the ditches to go to the swamps it would dry the soil under the roads and it wouldn't deteriorate the asphalt. They need to open the ditches to the swamps like the state used to do and the water can exit correctly.
<b>Online</b>	A massive negative environmental impact had occurred. Plus rapid building without infrastructure has created a nightmare for traffic
<b>Online</b>	Itâ€™s really heartbreaking to those who have been citizens for decades. The city management is solely focused on revenue.
<b>Online</b>	poorly thought out and quickly done - what is new plan...
<b>Online</b>	More revenue for the city of Suffolk, which means no impact.

<b>Online</b>	Horribly. Added traffic, added cost, overflow of people, and unnecessary businesses that provide practically no benefit to any residents, for example: having two Taco Bell™s 5 miles apart or having 3 Wendy™s throughout the city.
<b>Online</b>	The biggest impact has been on the roads and the flow of traffic from one section of the city to another.
<b>Online</b>	Very negatively, the traffic has already gotten substantially worse and half of the apartment complexes aren't even finished yet.
<b>Online</b>	It has made traffic horrible during mornings and evenings, and also changed the scenery from beautiful farm lands and woods to mediocre developments in some areas.
<b>Online</b>	More income for the city in taxes.  Increase need for schools to accommodate young families moving into the community.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of traffic issues
<b>Online</b>	City need to keep infrastructure ahead of development. Trying to catch up is like z Holland Rd and Rt 17 in North Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Although there are new opportunities for entertainment, heavy traffic during and not during rush hour has taken the charm away from the city.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively, too much traffic, overcrowded schools, ineffective use of land
<b>Online</b>	Made it worse. More traffic. Crowded schools.
<b>Online</b>	All we have gotten is more traffic, I haven't seen any parks added for people to enjoy fishing, kayaking or dog parks.
<b>Online</b>	A definite increase in unwanted in crime, traffic, longer lines in grocery, department stores, restaurants and gas stations. And heaven help there isn't a wreck on the north bound 664 or the Monitor Merrimac!!! I moved to Suffolk 42 years ago to get away from the crime, hustle and bustle of Portsmouth.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively, has ruined the small town I grew up in.
<b>Online</b>	Positive
<b>Online</b>	Excessive traffic
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic in north Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Too much traffic on roads that cannot handle it.
<b>Online</b>	Development has proceeded ahead of road expansion and improvements.
<b>Online</b>	In the southern part of the City it has taken productive farmland out of production.
<b>Online</b>	I think it has made affordable housing less available for our first-time home buyers.
<b>Online</b>	I think it has made people want to the rural areas since they have access to the other cities
<b>Online</b>	This has really impacted our roads, our schools, our law enforcement capabilities as the population expands so quickly. We do have a lot more conveniences closer to more people which is a good thing. Our land values have increased but our taxes have remained reasonable.

<b>Online</b>	New development in north Suffolk has negatively impacted the area. Suffolk is allowing too many apartment developments. Traffic on Bridge Road rt. 17 is AWFUL. Many accidents. It has brought crime to the area. (Car jacking on Shoulders hill road, criminal acts in the area of college dr.) Many folks that have lived in this community have seen changes and they are not seen in a positive light.
<b>Online</b>	The city is flooded with people but not enough schools, restaurants, or grocery stores.
<b>Online</b>	The choices made to become a distribution city is not bring high end, diverse jobs to our community. I do not understand why there is not more diversity in the types of businesses sought, technology, high income jobs.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively
<b>Online</b>	It has made Suffolk too crowded and the apartments being built are the main problem but the number of houses being built is bad too.
<b>Online</b>	One sided. EVERYTHING ON NORTH SIDE. South side could use some grocery stores and "fast foods" We can still be a farming environment.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively.
<b>Online</b>	Only in a negative way to our quality of life.
<b>Online</b>	Horribly for those that live here, i'm sure great for the city pockets
<b>Online</b>	It has made Suffolk a hectic mess. Traffic is awful. Especially for senior citizens.
<b>Online</b>	Congested roads and more traffic
<b>Online</b>	It has negatively affected all aspects of life in suffolk, from congestion to crowded schools and resources.
<b>Online</b>	don't know
<b>Online</b>	Too many people without the infrastructure to handle them.
<b>Paper</b>	It has been too much too fast, especially with residential development. There are too many apartments and other developments that allow developers to take advantage of good people who need an affordable place to live. We've seen a rise in crime as a result of people coming from Ports and Norfolk. Our schools are overwhelmed and we aren't bringing in enough businesses to sustain this over development.
<b>Online</b>	More people live in Suffolk, but the restaurants and shopping are limited. We have to go to other cities for shopping.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, road construction and inadequate design for increased volume
<b>Online</b>	The more you build, the higher the crime rate, road rage and traffic!
<b>Online</b>	In some ways I feel as it has hurt the city. No activities or venues for young adults, nothing honestly to do. Young folks are driving else where. Also the schools are getting near capacity. All focus on north end and not focus on southern end.
<b>Online</b>	Yes
<b>Online</b>	I think it is building up to fast and getting to conjested
<b>Online</b>	Grown too fast taking away from being rural and no relief in vehicle or property tax. And no help on water bills.



<b>Online</b>	<p>While it is easy to lament the building of new apartments where there once were fields and beautiful natural scenery, it would be helpful to know if this increased city revenue or if it was just a way for a private investor to make money.</p> <p>Also, it is unclear if the new Amazon warehouse facility created more revenue or just brought more people into the area seeking jobs. It seems like more money will need to be spent on facilitating a larger population than was gained by building that warehouse; not to mention the traffic it brought with it.</p>
<b>Online</b>	To many homes
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowded!!!
<b>Online</b>	More students in schools not enough space in schools.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic in Suffolk is Horrible!
<b>Online</b>	The population grew faster than the city expected. Schools are crowded as are roads and neighborhoods. There's also a lack of affordable housing.
<b>Online</b>	For The better
<b>Online</b>	increased tax base
<b>Paper</b>	Destroying our roads and taxing us to fix what shipping companies are benefitting from
<b>Paper</b>	Commercial warehouses have changed the look of our city and unfortunately affected our quality of life. Northern Suffolk developments have been more positive and offer a more city feel to living. A larger population has affected our rural areas, often pitting farmers against homeowners.
<b>Paper</b>	Too much too fast. Not prepared for the expansion in rural areas - ex. Houses on 32 - no intent from just before Roundtree road - NC - no waterlines land does park - but houses being built, ditches not clean out for water drainage.
<b>Paper</b>	The growth of Suffolk over the past seven years has been tremendous providing jobs and opportunities and increased property value
<b>Paper</b>	I think it has impacted the City well. More and more private businesses are beginning to show and that does well for the community feel of Suffolk
<b>Paper</b>	I'm sure that the city has increase in population and the city coffers have benefitted from the increased tax revenue that comes from a growing population. If you broaden your scope and include the residents of Suffolk, I believe that the mushrooming growth of the city has had a negative impact on the quality of life for many of the residents
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is definitely worse. We need another east/west road option. 58 on the way east has too many accidents and no other way around it. Schools are over crowded. Grocery store inventory can't seem to be able to keep up with demand.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively.
<b>Online</b>	I think it's great that Suffolk is becoming a city of attraction, but I think we need more options when it comes to internet/cable providers, restaurants, entertainment, and places to stay open later to accommodate the growth (No Suffolk area)

<b>Online</b>	The City Council wants to increase tax revenue by allowing dense housing, but you are only getting taxes from property because we have turned into a bedroom community for Norfolk and Hampton Roads. The roads and other city services (police, firemen) are not keeping pace with the number of people moving into the area. There has to be a better balance than just Build, Build, Build.
<b>Online</b>	I thought increased development would result in decreased tax rates and utility fees for the citizens but the opposite has happened.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has been horrible, more and more auto accidents, roads aren't being maintained, schools have declined, crime has increased.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding of areas and roads
<b>Online</b>	Negatively west Suffolk just a land of warehouses no real plan for road maintenance reactive to issues not proactive all about the tax money to send to north suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Tremendous traffic congestion. Losing the home town feel and safety.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively, failure to support roadway systems, over congested roadways, Bridge Road is a nightmare, 58 is deadly, police non existent.
<b>Online</b>	Need to improve roads and schools to meet demands
<b>Online</b>	Poorly... increased strain on roads , increased traffic difficult to get thru downtown, haven't drawn additional shops, restaurants ; strain on schools
<b>Online</b>	The new development has only reached certain parts of Suffolk, Downtown and Harborview. We need more development in other parts of town.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively
<b>Online</b>	There has been some traffic increase, but it's mostly been well handled. Really, what has happened is that it's much less necessary to leave North Suffolk to get things done. Real estate costs have gone up, but that's everywhere.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk sees overbuilding, while the residents of Downtown Suffolk still have limited shopping and dining options
<b>Online</b>	Removing lots of agricultural land for development. No farms ,no food.
<b>Online</b>	Increased crime
<b>Online</b>	Pros - job opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods.  Cons - not enough police presence for the population increase.
<b>Online</b>	While Public Works has been very responsive to issues in our neighborhood, I feel public safety is becoming an issue. Shootings and reckless driving are rising.
<b>Online</b>	I am not a fan of the industrial development. It brings too many tractor trailers onto Harbour View Blvd, which I would prefer was more residential
<b>Online</b>	Growth is good, but roads and law enforcement need to be thought of and installed in advance or at least keep pace with it.
<b>Online</b>	crowded roadways, inadequate infrastructure, increased revenue, increased demand for services
<b>Online</b>	Growing too quickly in North Suffolk. Not enough infra to support. (new traffic lights don't count as infrastructure)

<b>Online</b>	It has impacted the city greatly but I would caution the idea that all new commercial multi-family development is a good idea. The balance is becoming a problem. Almost all new residential development is multi family. We need more single family home neighborhoods and quality schools. I'm not sure I've seen the city build any schools to go along with the expansive development. That promotes over burdened infrastructure and poor schools. Substandard schools = substandard neighborhoods in the long run.
<b>Online</b>	To much farm land being destroyed
<b>Online</b>	Again, northern Suffolk is turning into a conglomeration of random, ill thought out development. Anything goes. As long as the city gets revenue from building permits and taxes, projects are approved. It seems as though anyone can build anything anywhere. Our neighborhood USED to be quite lovely and spacious throughout. That is no longer the case.
<b>Online</b>	It seems the City seems to grant approval for excessive developments in North Suffolk area influenced more by the businesses than by the residents and the users.
<b>Online</b>	Gaining population and more traffic
<b>Online</b>	Too many empty strip malls and shopping complexes in Northern Suffolk. Some areas look abandoned with overgrown brush yet more and more shopping complexes are being built with no tenets. Worried about the city granting permits for a gas station and tire store right in the middle of a residential neighborhood. That indicates to me that the city doesn't care about the residents, they only care about getting in tax dollars. The 7-11 and tire store that is slated for the Masters is the dumbest idea this city has ever allowed to happen. All residents of Harbour View agree, the city really took a hit in respect when we heard what you approved to move into the Masters.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic.
<b>Online</b>	We are making the same mistakes that the other big cities in the area have made.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively.....due to developments, we have increased traffic on narrow two lane roads that 10yrs -15 yrs ago were barely adequate for the traffic then. Traffic has drastically increased both with commuters and tractor trailer traffic and only noted improvement is the current project in the Holland Rd area, which I don't understand how that project is helping due to its four lane highway on both ends. Rt17 needs to have second bridges built across the Nansemond River and Chuckatuck Creek to get rid of the bottlenecks that occur there on a daily basis.
<b>Online</b>	It has facilitated the change to a more upscale suburb.
<b>Online</b>	The roads in northern Suffolk are not equipped for the increase in traffic
<b>Online</b>	Should change the logo to Suffolk Sucks
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic jams and lack of infrastructure to accommodate the growth. Fire Stations, Schools, Police, Safe Roads, and lack of options for cable or WiFi driving significant increase in cost. Stupid plans like 7-11s across the street and four others within 1 mile with a plan to build another really great plan. Putting an out door bar a performance site right behind homes in an established neighborhood. we can go on. All you see is \$ signs for taxes . Time to think about security and access for the families of the communities

<b>Online</b>	Impacts include traffic problems because the road infrastructure wasn't improved prior to all the expansion. And the city seems to have little to no regard for preserving green space. There has to be a balance to maintain an area's attractiveness.
<b>Online</b>	Need better internet access. Need better roadways and traffic patterns. Slow down apartment, condos, and townhouse construction . Better regulations for solar farms
<b>Online</b>	With this new development, why are not taxes decreased? I saw an article in the paper taxes had not been increased. It didn't mention the city raised home values. Dosen't that raise taxes on home owners?
<b>Online</b>	Development seems to attract the people I worked hard to avoid. I live in Harbour View. Saved all my life for a nice house. Now that I have one, City Council/Mr. Ward/HOA Pres. are OK with building a restaurant, extended stay facility and 7-11 out my back patio door. Disgusted. Suffolk looking like Virginia Beach--not a compliment.
<b>Online</b>	Increased revenue and congestion
<b>Online</b>	The city has not put in a lot of forethought to improve infrastructure to support the growth of the city ahead of building new homes and businesses. It feels like those upgrades come as an afterthought only due to it becoming a problem a few years later. This includes things like traffic management, utilities, road maintenance, etc. This makes the citizens frustrated with the set up without seeing any improvement for a decade or more.
<b>Online</b>	We don't have enough business to help counter act taxes. Taxes are two high. Especially for people on a fixed income.H
<b>Online</b>	Increase in high occupancy residences (apartments) putting high strain in inadequate roadways and schools. Investments in infrastructure, including schools, seem to lag occupancy increases and commercial development has also lagged woefully in North Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	I live in a fairly new single family detached residential development with walking and biking trails and green space. It is very livable nice to have options for outdoor recreation.
<b>Online</b>	I am sure tax revenue has increased
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Suffolk has raced to please those who chase big profits at the expense and danger to its residents, rather than building an balanced ecosystem that respects carbon footprint, pedestrians and cyclist (example: Suffolk hasnt the intelligence to know the signs on Harbour View Blvd scream incompetence and only ensures there will be deaths and injury as result of extreme favoritism to their rural vehicle mindsets. I have lost count of the number of parents pushing babies in near miss situations. Suffolk has failed to build ASPHALT trails along HWY 17 east and west of Harbour View, but permits, encourages rapid business and residential growth fueling angry raging drivers). Local communities are over run with wild life displaced from their (now destroyed) habitats - hungry, starving - destined to be murdered by 'animal control' personnel or killed by self-focused auto vehicle operators.
<b>Online</b>	There is greater density in housing, which means more affordable options. Unfortunately, that development has not been evenly distributed between the northern and central parts of the city. Everything "nice" has gone to the north, leading to more crowded roads. People who live downtown are more often traveling to the Route 17 corridor to shop and

	dine. This is leading to a greater divide between the populations, as the mentality becomes that everything downtown/central is of lesser quality - poorer shopping, poorer dining options, and a "lesser quality" population...and I live downtown! We get mattress stores, cellphone stores, and fast food. NoSu gets big box stores, cute shops, and independent restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Impacted the city negatively causing overcrowding, traffic congestion, increase in crime, no longer the sense of safety and security that prompted my return to the city.
<b>Online</b>	Crime has increased  Traffic is terrible  Increased new business coming into the city
<b>Online</b>	I believe it had brought the City an increase in revenue, but has also brought thousands of tractor trailer traffic, and little to none improvements to the existing infrastructure. The City was developed on Agriculture and local businesses, now big name corporations have taken control and are high prioritized for development while every year what Suffolk was is becoming nothing but a rear view mirror
<b>Online</b>	More businesses in N. SUFFOLK. Too many new apartments in Southern SUFFOLK but, no increase in roads. Too much traffic. Limited options to move around the city. Repair Kimberly Bridge.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Uncontrolled increase in traffic. Route 17 a parking lot almost a daily event.
<b>Online</b>	Impact Poorly. Excessive crime and traffic. Hasn't done anything to control tax increases of this he residents.
<b>Online</b>	We are living in exciting times! We are a busy community! New development has definitely positively impacted economic growth for the city. Our population and businesses that support our economy are booming, and our citizens are able to take advantage of opportunities that we have never had within reach. This is all great news! The biggest negative impact that I see from this growth is that traffic has really increased as well causing multiple issues - which is really no news to anyone. It just needs to be addressed. A new bridge over the river in Chucatuck would be greatly beneficial. :-)
<b>Online</b>	Too much traffic. Too many fast food restaurants going in and the places to shop for needed items such as clothes and shoes are gone. We have to travel out of Suffolk to shop. The growth has led to over populated schools. The police force we hear is down 30-40 officers.
<b>Online</b>	There are many more homes all over the city. We take care of the people with schools and services. There are quite a few areas set aside for warehouse complexes. I wonder if continuing to intersperse these throughout the city is a smart idea. Will we regret it down the road like we regret the sale of our lakes?

<b>Online</b>	<p>How was it adopted ? We met for downtown ideas and itâ€™s not better. Please help! Save our old historic neighborhoods. Bring upscale business back with grants. Get rid of the junk ! Support sushi aka with a block that attracts customers not runs them off. Support the wine shop with better street parking so we can run in. Need police on street so itâ€™s safe !!!!! You know what needs to be done. Itâ€™s all been discussed. Save the old bank building. Bring in a boutique hotel it will be full.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The rapid development is adversely affecting the Suffolk area. The road congestion is intolerable and there seems to be no thought as to where these people will go to school or be treated for medical services. Schools have been replaced but no new schools have been added to handle this growth in housing. The main hospital is not able to keep up with the health needs of the community. Suffolk has put the "cart before the horse" Also the growth in the N.Suffolk area has boomed out of control while the downtown area is becoming dismal and sad .</p> <p>The western development along 58 has caused a dangerous nightmare of traffic issues ,bringing large warehouses and trucks. Buffers of green space to help the look of the approach to Suffolk from the west are non-existent. And it seems this is about to be quietly happening along the 460 /pitchkettle area .Not the look we want for our visitors approaching our city.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Too many housing developments and not enough road and school development to keep up</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>How was it adopted ? We met for downtown ideas and itâ€™s not better. Please help! Save our old historic neighborhoods. Bring upscale business back with grants. Get rid of the junk ! Support sushi aka with a block that attracts customers not runs them off. Support the wine shop with better street parking so we can run in. Need police on street so itâ€™s safe !!!!! You know what needs to be done. Itâ€™s all been discussed. Save the old bank building. Bring in a boutique hotel it will be full.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>It has impacted the overcrowding the schools and the traffic on the roadways. Backups on the roadways.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Increase in traffic and an influx of housing.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>new developments, especially multifamily apartments, etc. have resulted in overcrowding of schools and horrific traffic on overcrowded roads</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The new developments has been welcomed due to the new business but has put a strain on the schools and transit because of increased traffic.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>In the negative. City planners, mayor and city council are interested in one thing only. \$\$\$\$\$\$ from tax revenue.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Horrible, bad planning on city's part. Need new and larger schools, John Yeates needs redone, schools are becoming over crowded and teachers are leaving to go to va beach and chesapeake with better pay and benefits</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More traffic and I donâ€™t like it</p>

<b>Online</b>	By taking away the green space and farm land, the results of overcrowding roads, schools, demand on retail outlets is taking a toll on the current residents. The farm land here is beautiful to see but also beneficial to the city. Please consider keeping more land undeveloped.
<b>Online</b>	Our roadways are in need of major work and have not kept up with other development.
<b>Online</b>	This has taken away some of the natural beauty of our community and its wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	I think there will be more congested streets
<b>Online</b>	Traffic jams, overcrowded schools and loss of natural habitat.
<b>Online</b>	Not enough upgrades in roads, traffic
<b>Online</b>	Too much too fast and not enough concentration on streets and Roads. Nansemond Parkway from Shoulders Hill Road to Rt 58 has way too much traffic now and with Amazon trucks using it, this will become a nightmare to drive. We need a parallel road to Nansemond Parkway on the other side of the the railroad tracks to get to Rte 58 that will be cheaper to build because it will skirt the overpasses over the train tracks.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure is not always in place as development takes place (housing/schools in northern Suffolk).
<b>Online</b>	Population growth has outgrown business
<b>Online</b>	Back roads in the city are more crowded than theyâ€™ve ever been and in worse shape than ever. Literally crumbling.
<b>Online</b>	In negative ways. Traffic, overcrowding in schools, no sense of community.
<b>Online</b>	Not enough roadways to accommodate all the people/traffic. Could cause a lot of safety concerns if not corrected.
<b>Online</b>	Terrible traffic without advanced foresight to build the road/expand the roads
<b>Online</b>	Indicates Need for more bike and walking options around and to downtown.
<b>Online</b>	It has impacted the city in a negative way. We are losing that small town feel. People live in Suffolk for the rural, slow pace of life. If we wanted to live in Chesapeake we would move there.
<b>Online</b>	Roads are not ready for the mass amounts of new residents coming in. Traffic is becoming a real problem in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	I think all this development are killing the reason people move to Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Inability to plan travel for appointments due to excessive and poorly planned for traffic
<b>Online</b>	Too many new homes without upgrading roads. Too many new homes and apartments for Suffolk schools to handle.
<b>Online</b>	It's bad
<b>Online</b>	Absolutely terrible
<b>Online</b>	No longer the quiet rural community many people settled in.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Traffic horrific; environmental decline as wildlife is driven away; substandard communities bring crime, less concern for property and undesirables moving into neighborhoods, safety concerns, and did I say crime.
<b>Online</b>	More traffic
<b>Online</b>	58 corridor and now 460 gateway to suffolk is a truck terminal.



<b>Online</b>	It has been AWFUL! While we appreciate the new shopping and dining options, the constant multi-family developments, as well as the overbuilt single-family developments, has overpopulated the area and taken away from all the great things that Suffolk represented.
<b>Online</b>	For the better!
<b>Online</b>	The roads can't handle the traffic
<b>Online</b>	Traffic
<b>Online</b>	It stinks. Too many people. Traffic is absolutely ridiculous!
<b>Online</b>	Road congestion
<b>Online</b>	See above - too much overgrowth and ridiculous traffic. And steadily building more.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion. As well as significant deforestation in north east Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding of schools and roads.
<b>Online</b>	Roadways to support growth
<b>Online</b>	I want to move further out. I moved here to be away from the hustle and bustle. I don't mind driving 20 minutes to get groceries or a RX.
<b>Online</b>	Powder keg. Stuffing houses on top of houses without addressing the issues I mentioned above. Slow down growth until you build more schools and something for these kids to do.
<b>Online</b>	Overall desirability of living in Suffolk has declined, especially in Harbour View area (see above). Longer term Suffolk will have difficulty attracting new residents, especially professionals
<b>Online</b>	Inadequate transportation infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	There is more traffic in the area. I think we need to change the roads a bit so that there is less backup on 17 and Portsmouth blvd going onto Nansemond and Shoulders Hill Road.
<b>Online</b>	I think it has done well to bring In More business, however the schools are overcrowded
<b>Online</b>	Negative impact on services i.e roads traffic school all have not kept pace for citizens throughout the city
<b>Online</b>	Negatively! You can't get down Bridge road or Nansemond parkway in the afternoons. It's ridiculous. No more apartment or housing developments. Leave Suffolk more rural compared to others cities. That's our best asset. Natural beauty, not apartments.
<b>Online</b>	In a negative way. We have lost a lot of quality of life. Along with the crazy traffic that dictates when we leave our house we also have an increase in accidents and crime.
<b>Online</b>	Driving down quality of life.
<b>Online</b>	Development is outpacing infrastructure and needs to be slowed.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic & overcrowded schools. Seems like the infrastructure should've been built to support the development prior to the development.
<b>Online</b>	Probably good for the Tax Revenue. Negative impact on Traffic and overall quality of life in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk actually looks like multiple cities under one Government. Harborview Area, Obici Hospital Area, Old Downtown and the rural areas.

<b>Online</b>	We have seen the opening of many new businesses which provides more access to things within the area. In regards to new home developments, it needs to be in consideration to update the North Suffolk High school and John Yeates Middles school to accommodate the new number of kids attending schools.
<b>Online</b>	Just population growth and everything that comes with it
<b>Online</b>	The roads arenâ€™t adequate. Taxes are going up even though there are more people/businesses that are paying.
<b>Online</b>	Brought wat more traffic than the roads can handle.
<b>Online</b>	Good lâ€™m bringing more businesses, newer medical facilities. Bad in that itâ€™s taking away the rural quietness and charm.
<b>Online</b>	Too much development in one area.  Strains roads, etc
<b>Online</b>	Negatively due to poor infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	Positive, more housing choice, more retail, more jobs
<b>Online</b>	I think all the high density housing will negatively impact the schools.
<b>Online</b>	negatively
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. The growth in Northern Suffolk is too much, too fast. It it overwhelming the citizens who lived here before all of this growth. Quality of life is decaying and yet this doesn't seem to matter to the City.
<b>Online</b>	Has brought more diversity to the city along with more traffic and heavier traveled roads
<b>Online</b>	It has negatively impacted the infrastructure that is not sufficient to handle the growth. Tractor trailers are everywhere, ignoring no thru trucks on Nansemond Pkwy which will need maintenance at the expense of Suffolk residence.
<b>Online</b>	It feels as though the City hasnâ€™t kept up with the growth. What I mean here is that growth is talked about/approved, and in some cases begin (lot/wood clearing), but then gets put on hold for more âœgrowthâœ (lot/wood clearing) in another area.
<b>Online</b>	It has made it worse for commutes to and from Suffolk. Over populated schools
<b>Online</b>	Over population negatively effecting schools and roads!
<b>Online</b>	More tax revenue
<b>Online</b>	The development doesn't appear to be planned well, as the road infrastructure has not been maintained to keep pace with the additional traffic. Traffic signals aren't synced, leading to unnecessary traffic, and accidents are increasing. The Godwin Bridge is a bottleneck, the Kings Highway Bridge was never replaced, 460 and 58 are getting destroyed by heavy truck traffic. 460 desperately needs a median and 58 is nearly impassable due to accidents and building.
<b>Online</b>	There are too many vehicles on the roads morning, noon and late evening. Present roads cannot handle the traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Failing to build infrastructure such as highways until they are way overcrowded. Also allowing commercial development too close to established neighborhoods such as the New Realm brewpub and new hotel on Harbourview Blvd, as well as the 7-11 and tire store on Champion Way. This is very unfair to very nice established quiet neighborhoods where property values will be very negatively impacted. .

<b>Online</b>	Horrible, the schools can't handle what they already had llet alone all the vinyl villages going up.
<b>Online</b>	I feel it has had a significant negative impact as it has not been well managed in terms of putting the cart (housing) before the horse (infrastructure and support services).
<b>Online</b>	Yes, it has impacted the city, and I am not convinced the impact is good for the city and definitely not good for the environment. I think the impact has definitely created more financial revenue for the city.
<b>Online</b>	To much traffic
<b>Online</b>	In some ways good with new residences, restaurants, etc. However, some of it was not properly planned.
<b>Online</b>	Increased traffic
<b>Online</b>	Extremely dangerous traffic, over crowded highways.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, traffic, and more traffic! And if there are issues at MMT or James River Bridge, can be almost impossible to get around.
<b>Online</b>	Overwhelming the infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Terribly. It is no longer a place I want to live
<b>Online</b>	It has helped to attract new residents and a younger demographic. The next challenge is to ensure that there are things that will keep them and their resources (not all) in the area. Bike friendly communities, nature trails, excellent schools, exercise parks, upgraded retail (not competing with Norfolk or Va Beach), upgraded golf courses. Create that stay at home most of the hours of the weekend environment. Go to other Hampton roads communities for that specialty shop (a comedy club, specialty retail or specialty restaurant)
<b>Online</b>	Preserve the parks and trails. Need more!!
<b>Online</b>	While we need housing, I don't think the added cars on our small roads was taken into consideration.
<b>Online</b>	Our Blue Ribbon school has at least 4 trailer classrooms in the back. Hard to enhance school safety when many access doors are needed. Growth without infrastructure is poor planning. Also, the recreation/weight center in downtown Suffolk is awesome but we need more than one weight training center.
<b>Online</b>	All the new development has done is created additional revenue for the City but then costs the Taxpayers even more and the traffic on Nansemond Pkwy as well as Bridge Road is ridiculous. A 10 minute drive from Harbour View Blvd to Bennett's Pasture Rd now takes 25+ minutes in the morning and evening commutes.
<b>Online</b>	not for the best. Too much development in housing and not enough in recreational facilities and outdoor. Revitalize downtown.
<b>Online</b>	Like more parks and walkways. It's given everyone safe places to exercise, meet others and enjoy nature!
	So much growth is limiting where animals have to live so we are getting more roaming into our neighborhoods.

<b>Online</b>	The establishment of reputable businesses to a community can be a positive inhibitor to the the local economy. I don't think I've lived in the area long enough to provide a more, detailed answer. However, I would hope the impact has been positive.
<b>Online</b>	Poorly school crowding traffic congestion
<b>Online</b>	Negatively in North Suffolk.  Roads & schools are overcrowded, people are frustrated.
<b>Online</b>	See above; increased traffic both in North Suffolk and downtown Suffolk. Push for new retail property has caused existing property to go down hill (old Harris Teeter building in N Suffolk), more crowded schools. Loss of the "country" feel .
<b>Online</b>	The area by Regal theater looks horrible! The shops that were previously there are all gone and many of the new business are in the newer shops leaving the other area looking abandoned.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively.....the traffic is horrible. NANSEMOND Pkwy is always backed up especially if 58 is backed up
<b>Online</b>	Too many people and too many cars. The schools are over crowded.
<b>Online</b>	It has destroyed the city
<b>Online</b>	It's politicians wanting to find more ways to collect taxes to pay for an awful amount of services for a few needy downtown citizens and to support a bloated, COLLAPSING school system. And it's making your constituents hate you and wonder how many ballots you had to stuff to get elected.
<b>Online</b>	Terrible. There has been a huge increase in crime and makes us not feel safe to live here anymore.
<b>Online</b>	It will make it like the Beach ! Done with Surprising suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Horribly, there is nothing to offer the citizens in the downtown area, only the people of North suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Negatively! Overcrowded schools with not enough teachers and staff who are severely overworked and underpaid. Extreme traffic especially on 17 and 58. Destruction of trees (natural resources and habitat for wildlife that contributes to the global climate crisis)
<b>Online</b>	Some good much bad. Our schools are rated as some of the lowest in the country yet we approve dense building projects that create new students and traffic without the infrastructure to support it.
<b>Online</b>	In the worse way possible, high crime, murders, robbery, car jackings, car being broken into. Kids can't get to school because there are not enough bus drivers.  It feels like everything is North Suffolk, why not try cleaning up and working on downtown and South Suffolk.  Drive around all the new subdivisions, the houses are so crammed in on tiny lots with nowhere to park so everyone parks on the street. No way a fire truck could even get through if needed.

	Add child care places that have reasonable rates so people can afford to work.
<b>Online</b>	Route 10 over crowded and also 58.
<b>Online</b>	Yes in a VERY negative way!!!
<b>Online</b>	Terrible traffic, expensive homes close together, no trees or woods left. More accidents, more red lights, traffic jams. It's terrible planning in North Suffolk. James River Bridge back ups. You over built and it will never be as nice and as safe for families. The new homes are not affordable. On small lots, close to each other.
<b>Online</b>	Poorly. It's been uneven in how it's been handed out, and without much thought in how it's been arranged. And as usual? Affordable housing and sustainable business bringing jobs that can allow families to live and grow here are not to be found. Hard industry right next to established subdivisions. All the desired retail in the furthest corner of the city, and nothing but vape shops and car washes for the rest. Warehouses upon warehouses, even though most of them sit empty. Do the planners even look at these things or do they just rubber stamp blindly?
<b>Online</b>	It always seems the locals support the new developments with their tax dollars for infrastructure and educational needs. Roads never get ahead of development, we can do better.
<b>Online</b>	Very negatively! Growth continues without the infrastructure for it, not enough first responders, schools, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Terrible traffic, poor roads, limited places to shop or take your family on outings. Dangerous roads with many fatalities. When this happens there are only a couple ways in and out of western Suffolk. And both are not acceptable.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk does not have the infrastructure to support all the development that has occurred over the past 7-10 years.
<b>Online</b>	The new retail options aren't that good and the infrastructure isn't able to handle the growth. The 58/Godwin exit was updated a few years ago and it's backed up everyday. Just a parking lot on 58. And those new apartments near the old Lowes isn't going to help.
<b>Online</b>	For the worse
<b>Online</b>	Traffic has increased beyond road capacity, improvements and planning
<b>Online</b>	Traffic increased without the updating the roads ad infrastructure (Bridge road)
<b>Online</b>	I have not see many positive impacts. Many of the reasons I moved out to Suffolk have started dwindling.
<b>Online</b>	Made the roads worse, School impacted
<b>Online</b>	Negatively: traffic management doesn't seem to  have been a planning factor in areas with the  largest/fastest growth
<b>Online</b>	Vastly, the infrastructure is failing. The lack of room/planning for road expansions has fell by the way side. All of our roads should be expanded now, don't wait for a business or neighborhood to be built, expand the roads first.

<b>Online</b>	Schools are overcrowded, roads are over congested. Its always been busy downtown mid day, but now its busy everywhere. Land is rezoned to boost revenue instead of quality of life.
<b>Online</b>	New schools need to be built to support all of the new neighborhoods being built.
<b>Online</b>	Again, traffic! However, I will say it seems our poorer areas have seen no improvement. Instead we have allowed our pristine land to be developed and the poorer areas to erode.
<b>Online</b>	The city has mostly been focus on building up North Suffolk. Downtown Suffolk has challenging because of area and crime.The historical district of the infrastructure feels tight and unsafe.The traffic isnâ€™t supporting the increase of population.
<b>Online</b>	I'm not sure the growth that I have experienced is a good long-term solution. The continued growth of North Suffolk will run out of room eventually and the intermodal warehousing around 460 and 58 will never bring the jobs that Suffolk really needs.
<b>Online</b>	It has made travel a nightmare. It would seem to me that improvements to road would come first before building hundreds of home and apartments in a very small area.
<b>Online</b>	Other than more houses, I don't see anything new.
<b>Online</b>	Heavy traffic everywhere, level D signal systems, overly crowded schools, less new outdoor space is being added to allow us places to go and things to do.
<b>Online</b>	Growth is good. The problem is that we are trying to control it like a small town. City Council is a joke. We need people who are knowledgeable about city processes to be involved. Thereâ€™s no reason the UDO hasnâ€™t been updated except for the incompetence of city leaders and staff. Council meetings are dysfunctional and embarrassing. Just watch the recent brewery CUP debacle if you need an example.
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™m concerned about the traffic in North Suffolk on Bridge Road and Shoulders Hill
<b>Online</b>	I feel the City has put most of its emphasis on Northern Suffolk. Central Suffolk had grown in housing, but not stores and entertainment.
<b>Online</b>	Retail Development has been concentrated in the northern end. The rest of the city lacks many services.
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. Too much congestion.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is horrible, any day and time, seven days a week. Accidents occur daily in Southern Suffolk. Rural areas are not being updated, tearing up our vehicles. Reports have been made to fix pot holes and clean out ditches, which is a part of what we pay for in our taxes and nothing is being accomplished!!!!!! Poor!!!!!!
<b>Online</b>	We are building a lot of houses without the community infrastructure to support the new neighborhoods
<b>Online</b>	Too much too fast. Houses are being built in clusters. Not something you want to see in the country. Developers love it as they can pretend to care about the environment when in reality itâ€™s cheaper for them build as much as they can on as little a lot space as they can. Most of their open space is wetlands, so this is an opportunity for you them to build more than they would have because they canâ€™t build on wetlands anyway. Crammed up housing gives the appearance of row houses, not great to look at and it has no place in Suffolk.

<b>Online</b>	<p>I think the quality of all the new houses has declined. So has the lot size. When houses are crammed together it changes the feel to a more negative one.</p> <p>Also, I do not think services like internet have kept up. At least not yet.</p>
<b>Online</b>	It has had a positive effect on traffic. Better access to businesses and better roads.
<b>Online</b>	A lot of traffic and a lot of trucks. We need better infrastructure, streets, schools, emergency services, and more law enforcement.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic in south Suffolk is horrendous. Too many people and not enough schools.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowded, traffic, wildlife being forced out of their homes
<b>Online</b>	Not enough medical services in the downtown area, not northern Suffolk. Obici Sentara is often full with no emergency room space or regular room space to handle patient needs. This is even when the emergency room volume is not overwhelming.
<b>Online</b>	More crime has come to the city because of the new housing developments and the low budget/quality businesses. Too many car washes and low budget food stores. Too little family oriented businesses
<b>Online</b>	More traffic, over crowded schools, no large retail development in downtown, outdated infrastructure. So in short, negatively with no forethought to preplanning.
<b>Online</b>	I think growth is good. Some roads and intersections are not able to handle it well. There are also major intersections that are impacted by flooding and I'm wondering if there are any plans to address them.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk has suffered greatly. We have more crime, fewer successful businesses, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is horrendous along Route 17, and it is often compounded by frequent accidents in one of the many tunnels. During rush hours it is now difficult to exit my community. I've noticed an influx of northerners moving south to escape New York after they profit from the lucrative sale of their real estate there.
<b>Online</b>	The roadway system has not changed substantially at all to meet this development. It is critically underdeveloped for our current level of growth.
<b>Online</b>	Extremely negatively. The infrastructure is not in place. The roads cannot handle the masses. The first responders are stretched thin. Infill development has been allowed to happen when it shouldn't which is causing significant safety issues with traffic. The already struggling school system is becoming even further bogged down.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of traffic
<b>Online</b>	Positively for the most part.
<b>Online</b>	Poorly
<b>Online</b>	Financially, it has been profitable for the City.
<b>Online</b>	I believe it is good in central areas and near transportation while maintaining the rural areas in the South and West.



Source	3. What are the greatest opportunities for Suffolk looking out over five, ten, or twenty years? What new municipal services, businesses, etc. would you like to see in Suffolk?
Online	Downtown area needs to be revamped. A lot of houses in the downtown area looks awful. Most cities work on their downtown areas for revenue it needs an uplift.
Online	A BIODOME
Online	n/a
Online	Entertainment venues such as movies, bowling, skating, etc is needed closer to the southern/downtown part of the City.
Online	Increased infrastructure, I think before we bring in anything else new we have to address the traffic issues.
Online	
Online	There are great opportunities for jobs as well as for the opportunities to open new businesses. i would like to see a Home Goods or a Hobby Lobby closer to us here in Suffolk.
Online	Need sewers and underground utilities in the older developments of North Suffolk (i.e. Sleepy Lake). Need regular drainage ditch maintenance in the half of the neighborhood that doesn't have storm drains that get "street swept" seemingly once a month. PLEASE leave a bit of our rural feel. Route 17 is turning into Kempsville Road...
Online	More new schools. No child should have a classroom in a trailer. Schools need to be build with future capacity in mind. New schools should not be at capacity as soon as they open.  A splash pad or fitness trail with equipment stations (similar to mount trashmore loop)
Online	More water way opportunities on the nansemond river or Bennett's creek would be nice. Restaurants over looking the water. Parks. I would like to see more environmental services and responders, to keep our waterways clean. It would also be nice to have something along 58 to bring tourist in. Raceway, festival grounds, concert venue, local sports. It would also be nice to see downtown revitalized.
Online	Trader Joe's Cheddars meat markets
Online	I would like to see some manufacturing not just warehouses and containers!
Online	Less buildings condos.
Online	The new businesses has been a plus :) I'd love to see another brewery or places that are family friendly to hang out. I'd like to see less apartments/multi-family housing because I think they contribute highly to the traffic problem. I would love to see public property and fun things to do at the TCC site.
Online	Take advantage of the waterfront property in Northern Suffolk. Waterfront Restaurants, marina, and more.
Online	Anything that can deal with the traffic and crime

<b>Online</b>	Opportunity-space and redevelopment potential (more like a need to redevelop) Specialty businesses, attractions, stay and play concepts, no new services just fix what we have.
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™d like to see our storm water / sewer issues downtown resolved - itâ€™s a health and environmental hazard. Education - how do we do the best that we can for our children? Nurture them to reach their potential. Need better internet service to be able to support the migration away from office environments. Police officer hiring needs to stay a priority - maybe compensation needs to significantly increase to attract the right people.
<b>Online</b>	Stop ignoring central suffolk we have been begging for less houses and more things for us.
<b>Online</b>	More DIY businesses, craft vendors, farmers markets, clean water systems. Community give back/clean up days, internet for all, affordable housing for all
<b>Online</b>	Create designated open space to preserve land and protect from development.
<b>Online</b>	More LGBT city involvement. More big box retailers to keep from having to travel outside the city. More roadways. Crime reduction plans
<b>Online</b>	More people respecting the various cultures that are moving to this area! Some of the places still are not welcoming to people who are not thier kind!
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see better traffic control in the Northern Suffolk area. I am appreciative of the new businesses in the area but am concerned about the pace and scope of the growth.
<b>Online</b>	Community gardens, allow backyard chickens in residential areas for increased sustainability and self sufficiency for residents.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	A better variety of chain restaurants in the downtown area. Internet along with fire hydrants in the southern part of the city would also be a big improvement.
<b>Online</b>	Opportunities include tourist destination, festival venues, rural vacation meca with horse back riding tours, historical sites, waterfront activities, farming life, etc. New municipal services needed are bus service to and from rural areas into town, senior services, large public community pool at the Whaleyville Community Center.
<b>Online</b>	Would love to see more entertainment such as movie theaters and other things that the citizens of Suffolk could interact with on the south side not having to drive 20-30 minutes to the north side.
<b>Online</b>	Less fast food more sit down restaurants. Target or Home Depot. Give us choices!
<b>Online</b>	Trader Joeâ€™s, Whole Foods, Costco
<b>Online</b>	Add police officers (stations), fire personnel (stations), build more schools, strengthen municipal infrastructure, recreational facilities, and stop bringing in additional people.
<b>Online</b>	More small businesses
<b>Online</b>	Recreational activities
<b>Online</b>	Would love to see Harbour View with more chain restaurants \$\$\$
<b>Online</b>	Retail shopping to include restaurants and boutique type stores. Thereâ€™s enough chain stores and restaurants. A place where people want to spend money and residents enjoy shopping. Less hotels, nail salons and gas stations

<b>Online</b>	<p>More parks, sidewalks near schools (specifically Lakeland high school and Forest Glen MS), a long course swimming pool, movie theater in the downtown area.</p> <p>Downtown revitalization- maybe provide grants for small businesses to revitalize them which will also help grow small businesses downtown!</p> <p>Continue growing the eastern seaboard trail with parks or picnic areas along it.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Take advantage of clean energy. Recognize that the world is changing and planning for change results in the best outcome. Suffolk could use a town center similar to what we see in VB, Chesapeake, or Hampton</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would like to see something done about the rising cost of water. FIOS should also be expanded to Suffolk to provide faster, more reliable residential internet. Curbside collection of green waste should also be made available.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>With as much land as we have available, I would love to see a park with a fitness trail with marked distances and calisthenics stations somewhere. An outdoor amphitheater would be nice. And a bowling alley would be great.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Downtown Suffolk most definitely could use some family entertainment such as a bowling alley, gaming arcade or skating rink</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We have the traffics and population over growth. We need grocery stores in between harbourview and down town suffolk. Beige road area has Kroger, HT and food lion. If you donâ€™t shop early fresh fruits veggies other items are depleted. Iâ€™d also like to see more retail as opposed to housing in the northern end of suffolk. Down town suffolk is a hazardous drive. We currently only have walmart and kohls for clothing for example. A super Target would be nice.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Business is the best opportunity. Making Suffolk a great community. More businesses in downtown corridor. Target, entertainment venue</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More parks. I'd like to see more internet providers.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The City needs to put money forth on updating the schools and building new schools in areas that are overcrowded- North Suffolk! It would be wonderful to have a recreation center in North Suffolk. Please; no more businesses or restaurants. North Suffolk has more than ample medical, food and retail establishments. Slow down and stop being greedy!!!!!!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Stop building houses and apartments. Instead how about something to do in south Suffolk</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More paved walking/biking paths in safer areas. A Target or other larger store to alleviate an over crowded Walmart (downtown). More shopping/dining in central Suffolk. A sportsplex with turf fields (similar to Princess Anne Sports Complex or Warhill).</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>A new middle and high school in Northern Suffolk</p> <p>Target and Trader Joeâ€™s in the same area</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Instead of more gas stations and housing, letâ€™s have some wholesome family entertainment. Bowling, cinema, etc. we have to drive elsewhere for those type of activities.</p>

<b>Online</b>	I think new businesses will take care of themselves. They will build near residential development. Suffolk municipal services are already robust
<b>Online</b>	Godwin Boulevard should be widened to four lanes with a median (or at minimum a center turn lane) from Reids Ferry to Isle of Wight County. We should build the replacement Kings Highway Bridge across the Nansemond River to speed access to the western part of Chesapeake. Route 58 from the Chesapeake line to the Southampton County line needs to be improved - better pavement, fewer traffic lights. I realize some of this work is underway, but 58 cannot handle the traffic of today, much less tomorrow. It would be nice to see Brady's Marina re-open as a city-owned park/boat ramp. Downtown should be revitalized to increase its appeal to residents and tourists, as many of the businesses there are closed. Imagine a bustling downtown with more restaurants and lodging choices; that would draw me and my family there for sure.
<b>Online</b>	A sports complex. The city should look into buying out SYAA add to it and make much needed improvements. Unlike the property on Sleepy Hole Road, the roads can somewhat handle the extra traffic as well as have local business to supposed the extra influx of people.
<b>Online</b>	Bowling alley or movie theater in downtown
<b>Online</b>	More upscale restaurants in downtown area, homeless issues downtown relieved, more shopping opportunities downtown-
<b>Online</b>	Keep the rural rural and grow the denser parts of the city! The growth is beyond the infrastructure and needs to slow down so the roads and school capacity can catch up!
<b>Online</b>	New schools or redistricting to have kids closer to their homes and schools. There is no reason why it should take longer for my elementary school kids to get to their zoned school when Chesapeake Schools and other Suffolk schools are closer
<b>Online</b>	An updated community center with indoor pool, play area, theatre, cafe, gym like the Kroc center in Norfolk. A concert venue, bowling alley or indoor amusement with different activities including places like a movie theatre for tweens and teens. No more mattress, nail or car washs
<b>Online</b>	New schools or rezone. Why should my daughter go to kings fork when Nansomond is closer?
<b>Online</b>	More outlet stores to shop. Maybe off Godwin Blvd. Close off Main Street for vendors and local people to sell their crafts, etc
<b>Online</b>	Better roadways, more walkable and biking paths between communities. More attention paid to schools
<b>Online</b>	More restaurants, more outdoor places for entertainment. Make the public feel safe again going to downtown.

<b>Online</b>	Greatest opportunities: Encouraging large business and corporations to come to Suffolk, to offer employment opportunities and to increase our tax base. With the expanding tax base, I would like to see services more equally offered to central and southern Suffolk, both in the communities and in the schools. FIX THE KING'S HWY BRIDGE. Invest time and money into solving racial issues and income disparity that continue to make Suffolk the butt of jokes with Virginians. Improve services and opportunities to the lower income areas.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk will need more dine in restaurants, schools, medical facilities, and gas stations to keep up with all the apartments being built
<b>Online</b>	Roads/over passes/by passes to help traffic flow. Road widening or feeder lanes.  Make education better across the board so that all have the same opportunities in life. Encourage trade schools because all students are college material.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building apartments and neighborhoods. Most people live here to have a country atmosphere. NO more car washes, mattress stores and gas stations. Enough is enough. Build schools. NoW, build schools now to help the already overcrowding. There is no room in our schools with all the housing developments. Put our children first. Update schools, update parks, build a splash pad. The huge lot cleared across from pioneer....make it a middle and high school! So that holland area would have all 3 in one spot. Again...STOP building apartments!
<b>Online</b>	Things to do! Trails, movie theatre, A TARGET!! Skating rink, shopping
<b>Online</b>	No more businesses along 58. The industrial buildings and now the Royal Farms. Now the road work on top of all the new construction. It's too much.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk should have done more to focus its efforts on building up and selling itself as an outdoor recreational area (camping, fishing, boating, biking, etc.) as a complement to those activities that Virginia Beach and Williamsburg offer. Instead we seem to be very confused as to who we are, a bedroom community, a warehouse/ industrial park area, a farming community. We really don't have a clear identity and I think that would have better served us as a community.
<b>Online</b>	We need more entertainment. Movie theaters, bowling alleys, roller skating rink, rec center, clothing stores, skate/surf shops
<b>Online</b>	An amphitheater-type entertainment venue for concerts and other performances. Group/family entertainment spaces like a trampoline park, escape room, arcade, go karts, bowling alley, batting cages, etc. Waterfront entertainment venue in North Suffolk. Go green and support similar programs.
<b>Online</b>	Another high school , maybe another middle school. Godwin bridge expansion

<b>Online</b>	<p>Suffolk is prime for expansion. It is the largest city, land mass wise in the common wealth. Expansion of parks and public access to the fresh water ov the lakes here. More schools are needed. Would be great to have another elementary school in south near whalleyville. A movie theater/entertainment in downtown area. Target anc also more sit down restaurants in downtown.</p> <p>The abandoned baseball field across from airport can be a wonderful park/splash pad/picnic area to watch the skydivers.</p>
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	<p>Slow growth somewhat and let the roads catch up. Use the old VDot space as a park and keep it green.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Would like to see more restaurants and places to shop in the downtown/southern end of the city. We are tired of warehouses!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>NONE STOP Raising taxes, not taking care of roads ,and flooding our schools</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Fill all the empty buildings sitting in the downtown area with businesses, not housing</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Creating a dynamic downtown district. Re-inventing a place people want to go with things to do and see.</p> <p>Allow for permanent murals on building, and business and home owners to paint their property with bright welcoming colors.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We could use better restaurant's, more shopping in southern Suffolk instead of putting EVERYTHING in northern Suffolk.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Investment in broadband, develop strong sense of place to attract business and improve reputation, build Suffolk as a "brand" people want, invest in protecting natural spaces, add rec centers</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More retail shopping and restaurants</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Something for kids of all ages.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Internet for rural Suffolk like yesterday! Better schools and more teacher accountability not having a superintendent that try's to hide things. Everyone on the school board needs removed. Need things for the kids to do like a sports plex call VB for advice they have their shit together.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>New schools! The schools are way over crowded where the kids have to go outside in the elements to get to class and risk their safety out there too.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More farms</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Need a community center/ activities in north suffolk</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Thank you for continuing the plans for the new library. Also, the moving of the park from behind the courthouse to West Washington is good. Please continue to work on the downtown area.</p> <p>Additional activities for school age children are needed. Too many are getting into trouble.</p>

<b>Online</b>	Bring back farm land. Most of us moved out here to get away from Va Beach and Chesapeake traffic only to have it right in our backyard again. A real size Target would be nice.
<b>Online</b>	A public boat ramp in central Suffolk. Recreation venues for families... bowling alleys, skating rinks, movie theaters, putt- putt, good restaurants... in central Suffolk, not in Harborview.
<b>Online</b>	We need more schools to support the influx of new families and also new a popular retail. We need more small businesses also. Traffic engineering needs to be proactive with road infrastructure. Downtown needs a ton of rehab and attractions before you lose it.
<b>Online</b>	The public school system in this country is a problem, however, speaking with new young families coming from Va Beach and Chesapeake, they extremely concerned with the schools. Suffolk schools do not have a good reputation. It is well known the unsafe behaviors that is allowed at our Middle and High schools. Those who can afford send their kids to private schools or home schooling. Schools have to be fixed.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see less emphasis on commercial and residential development and instead focus on green areas, parks, walking/biking trails, fitness areas, making the city more friendly for people who want to be physically active and enjoy the outdoors. Bike lanes, community splash pads for kids in summer, recreation centers...things that will unite our community.
<b>Online</b>	Recreational spots for teens and families
<b>Online</b>	i would like to see Suffolk remain what it is rural. Soon this place will turn into the next Portsmouth, VA beach, and Norfolk. Noisy and no peace. But in reality put some better restaurants in southern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	We need to invest in schools. And we need a Target
<b>Online</b>	I wish it was back to more country than seeing these houses and apartments being built on any piece of empty land.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more restaurants and other shopping stores in Central Suffolk. Northern Suffolk has become over crowded. I think that our parks could use some major upgrades, especially Sleepy Hole Park. I would love to see more of a water view and water sport activities, and walking trails. I would also like to see Nansemond Parkway widened, along with turning lanes at Wilroy due to the train. I would also like to see better street lighting and cameras to help decrease crimes.
<b>Online</b>	We have plenty. Invest and revitalize run down areas, there are numerous areas.
<b>Online</b>	High end shopping. Family driven entertainment. Add to schools and parks. Less apartments. Also bring back individual mail boxes to homes.
<b>Online</b>	The old Frederick College land needs to be developed for recreation.
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment venues (i.e. movie theater, skating rink, etc), large city park, finishing seaboard walkway, building new schools and community centers
<b>Online</b>	I would love to see maybe a mall, more stuff on the south side of Suffolk. More decent restaurants, maybe a movie theater. More stuff for us in the rural area to go too.



<b>Online</b>	Invest in you schools. Top schools will keep Sufflokk desirable, and lead to increase property values/taxes. For every apartment complex and housing development there needs to be a plan upfront for schools and transportation and funding to execute the plan. Add more green ways. I live within waking and biking distance to multiple restaurants and store, but there is limited sidewalks available.
<b>Online</b>	If anything, some entertainment for our teens, skating, movies, things of that nature.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Southwest Suffolk-I would like to see entertainment buildings built. There is nothing to do in Suffolk, you have to drive out of town to do anything. Something for the kids to do and stay out of trouble.</p> <p>And build more schools or update the current ones. All of them are overcrowded while houses/apartments are still being built.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Some "smart"planning in high density residential areas with forethought to roads and commute times. The rural areas of the city need police stations to cut down on response times. Rural areas also need more tax payer supported amenities such as libraries and community centers.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Would love to see a way to gather all our yard waste and make affordable compost for city residents like Newport News does. This is especially important with the way that our food supply chain has messed up.</p> <p>Also move our property taxes to a different time. Right before Christmas is the absolute worst time for them.</p> <p>Also more stuff to do. Every time I see something fun to do itâ€™s in va beach or chesapeake. Our own bowling alley, rock climbing wall, putt-putt, axe throwing etc.</p> <p>Iâ€™m sure schools could be better. I havenâ€™t had to deal with them since I started homeschooling but that does effect property values.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Slow the growth and get back to the rural appeal people desperately seek. Improve schools and Law enforcement
<b>Online</b>	Make roads better - one lane road through to NRHS is horrible and dangerous - will be 100x worse when Amazon opens. Build another N.Suffolk HS - make additions to your gem of a school NSES stat! Give N.Suffolk some entertainment venues or something.
<b>Online</b>	We desperately need a sports complex on the N side. Our little league pays to maintain the fields etc while all of our surrounding cities have nicer facilities and the city maintains them. We are the highest income based city league in our district with the lowest quality fields and hard working volunteers. We pay the same registration fees they all do but the leagues expenses are much higher.

<b>Online</b>	Nasemond needs to be 4 lanes from route 58 on. Don't let construction along nasemond till that's done. The entrance to 58 from wilroy is a joke, with such a short runway
<b>Online</b>	Need something other than Walmart here! Everybody says we don't have enough people, which is bull. Back in the 70's we had way more shopping opportunities than we do now and way less people! We already have lots of vacant stores and strip malls here, quit building more! Fix our homeless problem! A permanent shelter for the homeless, more affordable housing for the elderly and disabled and low income working class. Make all of these new apartments have at least 10% affordable housing! Also fix downtown! Look at Smithfield and other small towns.
<b>Online</b>	Theater and bowling alley more places to shop, more eating places
<b>Online</b>	Parks, community farming, anything that improves the safety and well-being of families.
<b>Online</b>	I would love to see Suffolk take a deep breathe and slow down on development over the next five years. Focus on what we have to make it it best it can be. Clean up the roads, compensation studies for employees, they have and density studies for the schools. In order to bring the best to Suffolk lets make Suffolk the best. Its like adding on to a 100 year old farm house, you should probably make sure it doesn't need a new foundation before you remodel. In the next 10 years, tie up loose ends of development and areas they are in limbo, focus on preserving the farm land that we have left. I'm not saying to prohibit all development but maybe consider stricter subdivision ordinances that preserve more agricultural areas. Offering things to local farmers to encourage them to grow and sell locally even more. Then in 15 years we should really be able to dig in and see what would benefit the City.
<b>Online</b>	Need some new restaurants on the 58 corridor.
<b>Online</b>	More Retail, Restaurants and Entertainment. (TJ Maxx, Marshals, The Home Store, Ross or Gabes) Seafood or Texas Roadhouse. Skating Rink, More Parks and Trails, Movies.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunities are recreational/entertainment for seniors 55 and older and not day activities at a community center. Additional senior citizen communities for seniors who are living longer but unable to live in their homes. Municipal services that would help residents that want businesses are SBA grants and loans that are lucrative to help businesses prosper and not fail. Businesses that bring entertainment across the board with diversity and location.
<b>Online</b>	more restaurants, in the southside of Suffolk. and businesses/City sponsored events based around entertainment/activities for families & children.
<b>Online</b>	Great location for Industrial growth / port support growth along our major corridors
<b>Online</b>	More schools!!!!
<b>Online</b>	more green space, less apartments
<b>Online</b>	More shopping. And we need options for cable and internet. I am now paying \$300 a month with Spectrum. This is ridiculous and I am getting ready to cancel the cable with them because I cannot afford it any longer. They do not budge on their pricing when I call and complain. They basically say take it or leave it.
<b>Online</b>	

<b>Online</b>	Too many warehouses and in refto the 58 corridor it is a major gateway to i95/i85 corridor it shouldn't be blocked up with that cluster of retail
<b>Online</b>	Please bring more housing, jobs, roads/ highways, family engagement activities, public transportation
<b>Online</b>	Schools are the greatest opportunity for Suffolk. If we prioritized great school facilities to match the stellar job done by educators inside those buildings we would have the best schools in Hampton Roads and be the most desirable city to live in. We need to connect North Suffolk to Central and Southern Suffolk with additional arteries like a replacement to the Kings Hwy bridge connection to Godwin Blvd. corridor.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more responsible expansion. Not just expansion for its own sake. Personally, I would just be happy if the city took care of what it's supposed to be doing, rather than adding new services.
<b>Online</b>	Something for children and teens to do and I'm talking about the Down town Suffolk area not Harbour View area. The park behind Kroger needs maintenance now for over 1 year.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see a better euthanasia rate for Suffolk. Animal control doesn't rescue. They contain and kill. Where is the new library? MM is a horror. Where are the new schools?
<b>Online</b>	New cancer center treatment facility here in the downtown area of Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk could be a great city in Hampton Roads if they were taking care of the residents and not cater to the developers. Lots of communities still have no dessert shops and stores in them. Years ago everyone had a mom and pop local store, post office, library, thriving businesses. Money is Suffolk's middle name. They will sale their mom's if they got a good price for her.
<b>Online</b>	Need a homelss shelter. Too many stories of people living out fo tents, etc....
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment, literally anything that isnâ€™t bars or more housing . But keep it to the northern end . And keep the southern end country like it is now, no more housing we need the farm land to stay farm land . and leave downtown alone
<b>Online</b>	Restruants like North Suffolk has on Godwin area. New parks for kids and dogs. Better roads. Lower taxes.
<b>Online</b>	Cultivate a sense of place. Keep lots of green spaces and water access points! Bring in or keep existing local businesses that make Suffolk feel unique. Be leaders in environmentally friendly development! Require green building processes, runoff protection, living shorelines, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk desperately needs entertainment options for all people and places to go for relaxation (beautiful parks, fishing, kayaking) those types of venues will bring growth to the city. Yet, it must be strategically placed as not to burden the people who live in the area. We should capitalize on what makes Suffolk special and unique and not try to turn it into Va beach or Norfolk with business on every corner which only brings crime. Beautiful land and parks should be the focus. The people and aesthetics of the areas should be the focus. It will pay off in the long run. People want beautiful areas to live and work in.
<b>Online</b>	More retail stores and new business in the western end of Suffolk.

<b>Online</b>	In lieu of small little inadequate shops why not plan for large shopping malls and bring in some big money big businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Would like to see more retail opportunities along Godwin Boulevard and the Downtown area
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see less new and more focus on existing businesses and communities
<b>Online</b>	more city parks or outdoor spaces and venues.
<b>Online</b>	More decent restaurants vice fast food. (P.F. Chang, Smokey Bones, Bahama Breeze, Aberdeen Barn).
<b>Online</b>	Well placed developments with roadways that can handle the traffic it produces. Any development needs to be spread throughout the city and not concentrated in any one area.
<b>Online</b>	More retail and restaurants in the "older" Suffolk area. Everything seems to be going on in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Movies downtown , bowling downtown, something for kids to do without travelingâ€¦  Donâ€™t forget southern suffolk for all the hoopla of Harborviewâ€¦ we donâ€™t live there! Itâ€™s a different city!
<b>Online</b>	Other than retail shops in the northern end of Suffolk, there is absolutely nothing for entertainment. Especially the downtown area
<b>Online</b>	Movies downtown , bowling downtown, something for kids to do without travelingâ€¦  Donâ€™t forget southern suffolk for all the hoopla of Harborviewâ€¦ we donâ€™t live there! Itâ€™s a different city!
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunity for Suffolk is to make sure the building/construction is done in a manner that it doesn't bring crowdedness/crime to our great city. Crime being the greatest of the 2 concerns. Secondly the City of Suffolk needs to make sure the contractors/city is taking care to make sure the water drainage is addressed when contractors build new construction in established communities. I moved here in 2007 and never had drainage problem until 2020 when new construction started in our neighborhood. The city put in a long ditch in a quick effort to solve the problem, but now we have a ditch that overflows when it rains and even worse attracts bugs and flies because it takes days to drain. The city should've put underground drainage pipes so the water could flow beneath the ground thereby ending the flies and ditches that hold water,
<b>Online</b>	We need more support for our local businesses. With that support we will be able to provide more jobs. We also need to provide more schools within the city. We donâ€™t have enough schools to accommodate the huge influx of people. Nor do we have enough educational programs, staff and support in the schools to help our children reach their potential.
<b>Online</b>	More family entertainment is needed. More specialty stores like Trader Joeâ€™s would be great!

<b>Online</b>	Broadband for all Suffolk residents . No matter if they live downtown , or live on Gates road.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk should consider opening more restaurants and food places. Build or maintain parks and green areas. Have more activities for the community and bring more businesses to downtown. Open a cinema cafe, arcade and places for younger people to enjoy.
<b>Online</b>	Casino, more of a variety of restaurants, clothing stores, social gathering spots (sports lounge, cigar lounge)
<b>Online</b>	Retail stores (Target, Ross, At Home, bath and body)  Family and kids entertainment  More restaurants
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk should reserve its agriculture sector.  Before building anything else, do a thorough study of roadways, parking and commuting.  Give the old-town citizens some entertainment such as the movie theater that was promised, a few nice upscale dining restaurants on Main Street or close by and reserve more safe public green space.  Improve lighting downtown and in public spaces. Insist local businesses do the same.  Capitalize on the waterfront area for everyone to use.  Deny additional gas stations and fast food.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more restaurants and places to entertain in the Kings Fork Area.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Urban planning, entertainment venues, shopping and food
<b>Online</b>	The opportunity to be a more diverse and inclusive community of people that can offer a different cultural experience from what we are used to. W should be looking to extend services that are creative and innovative such as a conference center at least two more larger hotels, restaurants that cater to families and a downtown area that is live during the day and night. Young people with children are moving into these homes and they want great schools and entertainment. If they have to go to Chesapeake or another city what's the benefit of living here
<b>Online</b>	Young people see no opportunities to work so they move away (like I did) but I missed the "small town" feel I grew up with. Safe entertainment for young people. Get rid of some of the MANY neighborhoods that are old and dilapidated and neglected by the city.

<b>Online</b>	Not that it's going to happen but I would like to see stringent limitations placed on the development of new housing projects. Communication between city government and its citizens needs to improve: the local newspaper sometimes does not do an adequate job in making civic matters known to the public. Unless you know exactly under which heading you are supposed to look on the city's website, it is not easy to see what the city is doing or planning.
<b>Online</b>	Public internet supplied by the city paid for as collective especially in areas with no or low internet. Fix and upgrade public sewage so there are not leaks every year. Blocking further development that is for 55+ and support for low and mixed income communities. Public bus access on main roads. Electric charging stations in public areas. Possible investment in nuclear power to support a growing community.
<b>Online</b>	More recreational places in downtown Suffolk, a movie theater or bowling alley.
<b>Online</b>	Growth from the ports
<b>Online</b>	Would like to see better planned growth. Not so many people packed into such small spaces. Also, trees. When there is new building going on, the owners remove all old standing trees. With a little bit of planning, they could preserve some of the old growth trees.
<b>Online</b>	Development of urban center in the North
<b>Online</b>	Public transportation, especially out into the less densely populated areas where people have no choice about driving into town.
<b>Online</b>	Additional dining facilities  Whole Foods market
<b>Online</b>	20 years ago, new home buyers were promised a theatre, bowling alley, public swimming pool, etc. These, and other facilities were never provided. Planning means nothing but great vision with no intent to fulfill promises. Need: Dairy Queen, recreation facilities, facilities for use by caregivers who help disabled people, parks, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Continued revitalization of the Downtown area. Landowners who don't want to invest in their properties are holding it back. TCC property and Industrial growth on rt460 and rt58
<b>Online</b>	We need a new way to communicate with the local government. Regular town hall meetings for each district. Community board to help filter issues.
<b>Online</b>	Redevelopment of existing properties and cleaning up downtown. Mainstreet coming into Kimberly bridge has so much potential and it looks horrible.
<b>Online</b>	1) Firestone (Downtown), Removal of the Cherry Apartment Complex and re-build of affordable townhomes or duplex (Look at WW2 Apartment Complexes in NoVA) we want that look. Clean up of housing in Lakeside that are rentals 4) Elementary School Downtown with Library; 5) Repave of roads in vicinity of Kroger, the Mean Green and the Gas Station, 5) Removal of "poorly kept" homes with replacement options of new Habitat for Humanity Homes

<b>Online</b>	More opportunities for continued retail growth on Harbour View Blvd. The current shopping center (the old Harris Teeter and movie theater center) on Harbour View Blvd. appears to be being neglected and it is so new. It is way too new to already be old. Too often cities neglect areas when others start to grow and unfortunately this appears to be the case on Harbour View blvd. Now that College Drive is getting more retail shops and things have been growing off Bridge road; Harbour View current retail, and new retail growth has stopped and is being neglected as prime retail. This needs to not be the case if the businesses that have invested in the area on Harbour View are to stay, and for the homes off Harbour View are to keep their value.
<b>Online</b>	Target Store, Sportsplex for recreational sports.
<b>Online</b>	Local downtown movie theater, arcade, park (with security) , large pool/ skating rink.
<b>Online</b>	A lively downtown: allow for the strip of businesses along Main Street facing the river (Japanese steakhouse, Valvoline express care etc) to be turned into a pedestrian area with outside restaurants and coffee shops having outside seating facing the water. Verizon Fios is really needed as competition to Spectrum. The monopoly Spectrum has allows them to provide horrible service at premium price. Cheaper water. Lidl in downtown Suffolk. Better public transportation for the elderly.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	More and more people are moving to Suffolk but conducting their retail and restaurant spending outside of Suffolk. We need to attract more anchor stores in the downtown (west 58) side of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	The City is doing well with the intermodal programs and bringing in those businesses. I believe we should continue to focus on this. We need SCHOOLS, fire stations and police precincts; better roadways and REDUCED water costs to citizens. Not raising taxes, but raining water and sewer annually isn't working. We are not dumb and see what you are doing. Go after the commercial taxes and eliminate personal property taxes. You are taxing your citizens out of food, shelter and cash. Pursue new and bigger restaurants, venues and stores. These will attract tax dollars.
<b>Online</b>	More and better restaurants and retail stores.
<b>Paper</b>	None.
<b>Online</b>	More attention to the buffers between residential areas and businesses
<b>Online</b>	It would be nice to see some quality of life investments rather than meeting developer wishes.
<b>Online</b>	Parks (with basketball courts available), recreation centers, outdoor events (festivals, runs 5k 8k).
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to Invite more businesses to the city. Imagine suffolk with high rise buildings, a proper network of businesses outside of retail that can help support the city through Jobs and taxes.



<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Improve quality of education- ensure schools have capacity for itâ€™s students, ensure enough school bus drivers and most of all keep any type of critical race theory out of the curriculum. Ensure free and fair elections by removal of Dominion voting machines, reduce in person absentee vote (45 days) down to Election Day only, revamp absentee vote by mail to just those citizens located away from Suffolk and others due to medical reasons &amp; eliminate permanent mail in ballot status.</p> <p>Expand medical facilities at Obici, itâ€™s the biggest medical center for much of western Tidewater and northern NC, assess attrition of police, fire and EMT to maintain alignment with forecasted growth.</p> <p>More parks and recreation is always a good thing and brings the community together- really looking forward to downtown park development. We need more parks out in western and southern areas of Suffolk.</p> <p>We need more opportunities for our youth to grow and keep them out of trouble.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>More corporate jobs, continued efforts to attract restaurants and stores to improve variety and keep dollars in Suffolk, continued attraction of medical providers/services especially as senior housing continues to grow</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Jobs, community events, housing choices as opportunities</p> <p>More restaurants needed, more banks, more ATMs, public parks, museums, movie theater (drive in)</p> <p>We desperately need an updated post office or expansion, satellite offices in businesses</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I would like to see greater emphasis on replacing older schools (e.g., John Yeates MS). I think that's much more important (and a greater need) than replacing the library. I would like Suffolk to continue encouraging businesses that provide well paying, quality jobs that allow employees to enjoy a sense of dignity and community. Amazon is a great example.</p> <p>Continue the emphasis on revitalizing downtown (e.g., attracting retail, dining, arts and entertainment). Greater emphasis on public art and pocket parks/gathering places downtown (the festival area is a good idea).</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>a better selection of restaurants and shopping. Cheesecake factory, Costco ect</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Increase in business downtown, not focused on North Suffolk. Add satellite office space in North Suffolk for municipal services like social services.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Looking forward to Tractor Supply on Nansemond Pkwy/Shoulders Hill.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>More upscale shopping in central Suffolk.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I would like to see Suffolk no further from the small city vibe than it already is.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>municipal services: educational outreach seminars on keeping the environment liveable</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I believe that expansion and construction should pause in order to get the infrastructure dialed in.</p>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Suffolk has an opportunity to clean up and revitalize downtown, with the new library coming and businesses seeking to invest there, why not start now? Downtown Suffolk is the core of the entire city, if the core is weak or rotten, how does one expect the other areas of Suffolk to survive?</p> <p>Since Suffolk is the geographical center of Hampton Roads, Suffolk needs to exploit their position and see about having more amazing corporations investing in its domain.</p> <p>It would be nice to have a really good coffee shop though, the ones that already exist are not satisfactory.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Super Market on 32 near the Carolina line.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I would like to see the abandoned railroad that runs from downtown Suffolk through Holland to downtown Franklin to be converted to a walking/hiking/horse trail. Should be gravel and modeled after the existing Tobacco Heritage Trail which is the same rail road line. Could also connect to the seaboard trail at some point.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I want some stuff added to the downtown area vs northern Suffolk.help the schools.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>A Minimal growth plan would be novel!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Suffolk should look into developing the TCC site off of Bridge rd and College Dr. This would be an ideal site for a Town Center type of development with mixed use occupancies and luxury living</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Increase infrastructure, schools, fire &amp; rescue and roadways</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Suffolk needs to take better advantage of the amazing waterfront it has in Northern Suffolk. Why so many apartments? Where are the piers and restaurants, etc.? Being so centrally located, Northern Suffolk has tremendous potential, but what we see from Harbour View is that Suffolk seems to focus more on downtown with downtown music events, etc. For us in Northern Suffolk downtown is too far away to travel - I can get to Norfolk and Newport News faster.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>more green spaces</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>If Suffolk can Develop a Good Plan for Residential Housing with large lots and reasonable home sizing. Develop Nice Parks and Boatramps on our rivers. Improve the traffic lights to accommodate all the traffic. Mostly cut the High Taxes... High Water Bills. Do something about Spectrum's Monopoly!!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Anything new in the southern part would be nice, the only new thing we get are apartments and condos!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Six or seven years ago we asked about a fire station in the northern area and we were told it was in the planning. Nothing has changed except that there are hundreds of more apartments and two nursing homes that are utilizing more of the few resources we have. The only station for northern Suffolk is covering a vast area and times of response are increasing. With all the revenue coming in from businesses and apartments there should be enough monies to build another fire station.</p>

<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunity would be the project FOR DRAINAGE IN PUGHSVILLE to take place. This should have been done years ago, but their greatest opportunity is to continue to take the African-Americans' properties. Bible says, "THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBORS' HOUSE....." Would like to see the DRAINAGE PROJECT TAKE PLACE. But the city is constantly keeping up their practices of "keep them dumb and you can lead them." Meaning the people asking for help. So, Mayor Duman is sticking to that message and his slogan is for his own self-aggrandizement, "when other's can't (Mike Duman holding the community back and not allowing us our rights and privileges); the Du-Man Can," (he will execute and do whatever he pleases. He uses his own powers and rights). Powers in the hands of a jester is destruction.
<b>Online</b>	More entertainment type businesses.
<b>Online</b>	I hope that municipal buildings such as courts would branch out to North Suffolk. I find driving more than 20 minutes to such buildings is too much. I wish for more postal drive-thru drop boxes and more recreational and social opportunities for teenagers other than school.
<b>Online</b>	To provide more land for Industrial Development
<b>Online</b>	It would be wonderful if the schools were updated and built before more new residences are built. Let's make sure that these 2 lane roads like Driver Lane and Sleepy Hole can handle the traffic before building. We will need to increase Fire and Police services to care for these larger residential areas.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to find a way to reduce long time residence taxes and put more of the burden on new residents and the working people. Retired people and people on fixed income can not stand all these tax increases.
<b>Online</b>	New small businesses moving into our downtown area.
<b>Online</b>	We should take time to look to the future and conserve part of what we love about suffolk. Everybody coming to suffolk adores open space, clean air and blue skies.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in recycling services (plastics 3-7, etc.)  Investment into more and better parks.  More green and natural spaces.  Invest more in rural Suffolk community centers.  More schools.  Decrease crime.
<b>Online</b>	Satellite municipal buildings in North Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	If things continue the way they are there will be no opportunities!
<b>Online</b>	More commercial and industrial development should be encouraged to increase the tax base and offer relief to homeowners. There should be increased density in the current urban development zones to reduce pressure for development in outlying agricultural areas, which should be preserved.

<b>Online</b>	<p>I would like too see significant investment directed towards revitalizing our historic downtown.</p> <p>That would include saving and restoring our 3 anchor buildings, the old hotel, professional building and the old National bank building.</p> <p>We also need a permanent facility for our homeless population.</p> <p>In addition, people move to Suffolk to enjoy the open spaces and beautiful countryside. The city seems to continue to ruin that with industrial rezoning that is too close to established communities.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>NONE!!</p> <p>Please no more Public work facilities. Do some work. Why does it take four people and one truck to watch one tractor clean ditches. Someone is not watching.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Less construction</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Green space, trails, sidewalks in older neighbourhoods. Plan for expanded traffic issues. Also lack of locally owned restaurants.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Get more small grocery stores on the southside of Suffolk(Lidil, Aldi).</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I'd like to see continued growth in the parks department and recreation centers.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Internet for the rural areas, competition for spectrum.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Mass transit. Light rail connecting with points East and West.</p> <p>Hopefully city-wide broadband (wired, not 5G) will be available at every home soon.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>A movie theater downtown as was planned at the old Obici complex. Healthier restaurants options, no more fast food! More entertainment options such as mini-golf, escape rooms, etc. Increased support of our first responders (police, fire, etc.) as they are essential to a safe and flourishing City!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Building a new high school and some other schools. We need a large sports complex to reach out to other cities so we can have some great events like Va. Beach etc.. Improving the road conditions such as a crossing on Kings Highway at the Nansemond River. When the tunnels and route 58 have problems the traffic is awful. It takes hours to get from one area to another. We need a cleaner &amp; safer downtown inorder to bring people to the since newly proposed library &amp; festival park.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Iâ€™m grateful for the Publix. We need more indoor activities for kids in the lower Suffolk area. As of now, to do anything fun we have to drive to north Suffolk or Chesapeake</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We need something for our kids and young adults to keep them out of trouble.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More mentor programs for the kids free lunches</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Red light cameras for increased revenue and some recognition of southern end residents and their needs. We can't even get drainage ditches cleaned out despite numerous requests</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Public transportation into late evening hours due to lack of taxi, Uber and Lyft availability.</p>

<b>Online</b>	More ways to enjoy nature like the Seaboard trail and focus on family fitness and recreation, restaurants that offer more for diet restrictions
<b>Online</b>	Would like to see some more restaurants and shopping downtown and western Suffolk. Would also like to see activities. It would be nice to not have to go to other cities for activity based businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Do it the right thing by the residents! Maintain the roads! Reduce tax rate!
<b>Online</b>	Department stores (Target), movie theater, recreational park for large sponsored events, Kids entertainment center.
<b>Online</b>	Light rail to Norfolk, music venues, major sport splex
<b>Online</b>	<p>These are ideas for the downtown side. North Suffolk has more than enough. This side of Suffolk is severely lacking.</p> <p>CITY GOES SOLAR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Longhorn Steakhouse</li> <li>2. Movie theater</li> <li>3. Roller skating rink</li> <li>4. Pet smart</li> <li>5. Target</li> <li>6. Home Depot</li> <li>7. Ross</li> <li>8. TJ Max</li> <li>9. Ulta</li> <li>10. Bowling Alley</li> <li>11. Camping area for tents and RVs KOA</li> <li>12. Spa</li> <li>13. Wine bar and restaurant with stage and open mic nights for up and coming talent</li> <li>14. Drive In movie theater</li> <li>12. Community Garden</li> <li>13. Create a Suffolk Time Capsule</li> <li>14. Add on to the YMCA and make the basketball gym bigger so parents can sit in there</li> <li>15. Mini golf course</li> <li>16. Grocery store in whaleyville area</li> <li>17. Host a spring festival in May in addition to peanut fest. Make downtown Suffolk family friendly.</li> <li>18. Upscale shopping like Neiman Marcus.</li> <li>19. STOP BUILDING ALL THE WAREHOUSES</li> <li>20. An indoor and outdoor gun range</li> <li>21. Kayaking tours and rentals</li> <li>22. BBQ and ball with the police and firemen/women event. Get people out there to talk with our police and have fun with them</li> <li>23. Big sister/brother programs to help youth</li> <li>24. Fishing competitions</li> <li>25. Candy shop</li> <li>26. Basketball courts on Godwin or 460 area. Not in the heart of downtown</li> <li>27. Bed, Bath &amp; Beyond</li> </ol>

- 28. Dicks Sporting Goods Store
- 29. Olive Garden
- 30. Buffalo Wild Wings
- 31. Christmas Shop
- 32. Another School
- 33. Another large upscale hotel
- 34. Arcade
- 35. Dave and Busters
- 36. Book Store
- 37. Dairy Queen
- 38. Popeyes
- 39. BRING VDOT BACK
- 40. FIX OUR ROADS
- 41. Athletic Store with apparel, weights, workout equipment you can buy, etc.
- 42. Trampoline park
- 43. Paintball
- 44. Funville
- 45. Ice Skating Rink
- 46. Pottery making classes
- 47. Paint and Wine nights
- 48. Top Golf
- 49. Bass Pro Shops
- 50. Outlet shopping center

Our slogan is surprising Suffolk. The surprise about downtown is how boring and lame it is. I understand that

<b>Online</b>	I want to see the Suffolk News Herald to go back to covering more news every week instead of only covering a couple of days with old information
<b>Online</b>	Negatively. There is not necessarily infrastructure to support the increased population due to development of land into multi family dwellings.
<b>Online</b>	More restaurants. More open spaces for youth recreation.
<b>Online</b>	For the populace to move away
<b>Online</b>	There is very little to do here, especially in the South and West. We have a little dining, nothing special really. We have NO entertainment venues except for the Fine Arts Center, the concerts at Constance and the once a year Peanut Fest. Shopping is limited unless your in the north end of town.
<b>Online</b>	School improvement, opportunities for more parks, specifically athletic fields for soccer and baseball. I think the city should invest in these as other municipalities have and partner with an entity for use by city and private youth organizations.
<b>Online</b>	More restruants and shopping in harborveiw though grown there is a lot of empty space like old Harris teeter area shopping center

<b>Online</b>	Parks outdoor entertainment anything--but mattress and Loan and condos and apartment anything we will take anything
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see the abandoned rail road from downtown Suffolk through Holland and on to downtown Franklin turned into a gravel trail for hiking, biking, and horse riding.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has the opportunity to make downtown suffolk a real destination. Smithfield has a vibrant downtown for visitors and that is what Suffolk needs
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more community schools.  A fair distribution of retail stores in other parts of the City, not just Northern Suffolk..  Controlled growth. Too many developments. Too many apartments.
<b>Online</b>	Would love to see a Trader Joe’s and a Hobby Lobby come to the North Suffolk area.  I would also love to see something like the VIBE district in VA Beach come to the north Suffolk area. There are so many standalone buildings with huge blank walls. It would be so cool to see murals painted on those walls. It would be a unique opportunity out here.
<b>Online</b>	We need more dog parks. Barnes and noble would be nice. MORE schools or bigger buildings. My kid had 26 students in her first grade class, that’s ridiculous, what are we going to do if we keep making houses and no new schools??? Suffolk needs their own water system. Why should we be handcuffed to another city or company for basic needs that we can handle and make more jobs for?
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has great potential for nature inspired activities, instead of using every square inch of land for buildings how about walking trails, parks, things for people to do.
<b>Online</b>	preserve the rural character
<b>Online</b>	Greatest opportunity would be recreational tourism. Maybe Agri tourism.  I would like to see Improved parks, recreation centers, and libraries.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see encouragement of the development of downtown into a vibrant area with more restaurants and entertainment like other cities with nice, historic downtowns.
<b>Online</b>	I think the downtown area could be vastly improved. More restaurants and shops need to be encouraged and/or incentivised to open there and current restaurants and shops need to have better hours for locals. Some businesses have really odd hours, including no weekend hours. How do they do enough business to stay open? My husband and I went to explore shortly after we moved to Suffolk and we were disappointed that so many places were closed. Suffolk needs to take a page out of the books of other small towns around Virginia and North Carolina, but not so much in the touristy way. There are lots of fun shops in various towns but they have overpriced knick knacks, etc. that offer very little for the day to day needs of locals. There is much improvement to be made for spending nice evenings downtown, too. There are a number of buildings that need cosmetic attention.
<b>Online</b>	No new car washes, cell phone stores, or mattress stores. Decent entertainment/leisure opportunities in central Suffolk (movie theater, bowling alley, roller skating rink- anything of that nature)
<b>Online</b>	Put more emphasis on the historic significance of the city. Rebuild the Kings Highway Bridge!



<b>Online</b>	NEW/ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS especially high school. Traffic improvements in Nansemond Parkway/Wilroy Road area.
<b>Online</b>	Something for children. Bowling, skating, movies, etc.
<b>Online</b>	The housing is great. I believe an increase in families will allow suffolk to thrive for the foreseeable future. More development in the single-family housing area would allow a great transition for families who come to suffolk for future jobs.
<b>Online</b>	More things for the children to participate in  More entertainment downtown
<b>Online</b>	Needs entertainment venues (arcades, sports, bowling, night clubs, etc,). We all travel to the other cities for entertainment
<b>Online</b>	Stop the uncontrolled growth in the NE part of the city! Build several indoor aquatic facility and recreational centers in Bennett's Creek. Lobby for at least 2 more post offices in the North end of the city...Driver Station PO was meant for 1976 Bennett's Creek, not 2022 Bennett's Creek. No more corporate or residential construction on the North end! Quit trying to retrofit infrastructure you didn't plan for so didn't build!
<b>Online</b>	More robust library and parks and rec affordable activities. More cohesive merchant seasonal draw. Think Smithfield weekly email that announces what's going on.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs build a town center. Where shopping, dining, entertainment ,work and living take place.  More business with more opportunities for economic growth, providing jobs for families.
<b>Online</b>	More entertainment
<b>Online</b>	Invest in our children and not the city pockets and taxes! How does portsmouth, a little crap hole, provide so many programs for the youth and suffolk does barely anything. You can't even help little leagues that have been established for 50+ years
<b>Online</b>	Connection to the metro area (I.e. metro rail like the TIDE) using older rail lines, or alongside interstates like DC.
<b>Online</b>	New Schools, Movie Theater, bowling, new Restaurants its so much we are lacking but yall keep bringing more people and we don't have enough law inforcement to patrol all these people
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment, improved shopping areas to keep the kids out of trouble. Schools updated and smaller kid to teacher ratio. More public safety. Less industrial development taking over the farm land.
<b>Online</b>	Need a Barnes and nobles bookstore. Need a JCPenney. DMV location in the harborview area. YMCA in the Harborview area. More parks .
<b>Online</b>	I would love more than anything for you to find a better cable/WiFi service provider! Please get rid of Spectrum! Someone also needs to monitor the water bills here! They are ridiculous and weâ€™re thinking about moving out of Suffolk because of it!
<b>Online</b>	1. Shelter for homeless  2. Plan that addresses lack of affordable and livable housing for low income and middle income households

<b>Online</b>	Parks and open green space. More community centers with pools. Schools without trailers outside. Less congested roads.
<b>Online</b>	We need public meeting spaces. The libraries need meeting rooms. We need recreation facilities in all parts of the city to bring people together and know their neighbors.
<b>Online</b>	There needs to more opportunities for family fun( movies, bowling, skating,) non of which currently exist. There also needs to be more areas to shop. shopping dollars are currently spent in Chesapeake and Hampton.
<b>Online</b>	Family activity centers. Movie theater. Family restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Our best opportunities are to STOP building housing in cities that cant support the traffic or people. We've built enough! Stop destroying our woods and farm land. Best business and service this city could provide is better management of our resources like land and taxes money. Wow the new trucks and equipment city of suffolk has...its ridiculous!
<b>Online</b>	Replace the second bridge for an alternate route when 58 is stopped. Better recreation facilities. We tried to sign up for an event and not even the main office could figure out how to. Make the town more attractive by putting building rules on new business builds, maybe all brick exterior? Have a dedicated nightlife area for music, bars and events. We have a lot of land. We could make more than one and away from homes.
<b>Online</b>	Expand services into the western part
<b>Online</b>	More things in DOWNTOWN SUFFOLK AND WE NEED SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN TO DO!
<b>Online</b>	Cancer center!!
<b>Online</b>	More kid friendly options. Top tier libraries that invites people of all ages. More entertainment. More outdoor activities (zoo, put put, basketball / splash pads). Itâ€™s awful having to drive to neighboring cities to do anything fun.
<b>Online</b>	Indoor aquatics center
<b>Online</b>	Fight for state and federal funds for infrastructure. Preserve open spaces for recreation. Northern Suffolk is missing recreation space in a big way. Better developed roadways, bike trails, and logical systems of traffic management are sorely needed.
<b>Online</b>	Bring more big business to Suffolk, use taxes to help pay for better schools. Schools need LOTS of work. School buildings need work, especially in southern half of city, teacher salaries are terrible so we are losing teachers, we need more services and activities for students, parenting support, good childcare, encourage arts, deal with embedded racism and support diversity, improve police training, recruitment and retention, park activities for families, attract Trader Joes, Whole Foods, Wegmans, movie theater, Topgolf, other activities. Encourage business to capitalize on water views, rather than putting malls in front of water views. Build more plazas or other community gathering areas.
<b>Online</b>	Ensure the buildup of downtown is done correctly the first time, failure will setback any future and cause loss of value paid for by taxpayer dollars; we donâ€™t need to norfolkalize downtown Suffolk! The warehouse buildup along 58 and planned port 460 will cause increase in truck traffic to an already heavy volume corridor during rush hour traffic periods; ensure traffic upgrades are completed such that impact to communities are minimized. Hopeful that high tech business will call Suffolk home, city needs more parks and recreation.
<b>Online</b>	More shopping like target, Marshallâ€™s and Ross in downtown Suffolk. Entertaining like a bowling alley near Godwin and more updated restaurants and breweries near downtown Suffolk

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I would like to see less warehouses and more businesses- places to eat and Target are suggestions</p> <p>Parks on the southern end, please</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We need a community center in Northern Suffolk like the Kroc center in Norfolk with a large pool,theater and meeting spaces. Maybe at Bennets Creek Park or near 17. With all of the waterways in the area, have kayaking and a water trail system in Northern Suffolk maybe with a nature center.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>As someone moving to Suffolk from the Charlotte area I see a lack of shopping. Suffolk downtown could be such a cute place. It needs to keep the small town feel but the stores need to be filled. We need an updated Walmart. The Walmart parking lot is a nightmare to park and the inside is 20 years behind other Walmarts. We need a craft store like hobby lobby, a book store, a pet smart and better parking. It's all worthless if there's no parking. Rural King needs to be built here. It would make the farming community happy. Since I've lived here I've had to shop at Amazon for most items and online for clothing.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Would love to see a new road feeding Decoys restaurant and relieve speeding traffic thru neighborhoods. The kids have plenty of opportunities to work but I don't need any new services</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Grocery (please). Shopping but no more small shops that have little to no use. Everyone goes to greenbrier to shop. Please no more storage units. Please.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Downtown needs new business like northern Suffolk</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Fix the infrastructure and slow growth. People come to Suffolk because it's still not as busy as Hampton or Norfolk, but it seems that Suffolk is trying to become a busier city like Hampton or Norfolk.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Involve and inform the public. The process does not seem transparent. It is difficult to find information. Make the website more user friendly. Create a resident liason office that communicates concerns and can mediate between the city/development office and neighborhood residents.</p> <p>As far as new businesses, any real shopping I do in Virginia Beach or Newport News/Williamsburg, and sadly online. Most of the quality shops have been driven out of Suffolk. There's mainly discount shops and fast casual restaurants. Maybe that's because retail leases are so expensive. Understood that Covid didn't help.</p> <p>Another thing Suffolk lacks is bike paths, or even share the road signage. Cyclists should not be sharing walking paths, they need separate lines. What I'm suggesting is paths that go to a destination such as from North Suffolk to Smithfield or downtown Suffolk. Serious cyclists would use these.</p>

<b>Online</b>	Quit expanding until the roads, schools, public safety and infrastructure are improved to exceed the current demand by 125%.
<b>Online</b>	Wegmans and Home Depot. Some new non chain restaurants. We have enough Wendy's and Taco Bell's. We have enough car washes too. A pet store would be great. We need these closer to downtown Suffolk instead of northern Suffolk. We could use a bowling alley and a movie theater
<b>Online</b>	Nothing new just do better. The rural roads are a mess, ditches do not move water, tree limbs out in the road.
<b>Online</b>	I would really like to see improvements in our sports complex's. Not just on the downtown side, but in northern Suffolk as well. Bennett's Creek PopWarner football and cheer are in desperate need of a new concession stand. Why are we not putting football and baseball fields at the new schools we are building?!
<b>Online</b>	Save the farms!!! Require 1acre minimum home sites and stop building apartments. Invest in public schools over trucking warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Build all schools needed for replacement, WITH ROOM FOR GROWTH.
<b>Online</b>	Splash Pad  Public boat dock  Updated Tennis complex
<b>Online</b>	Clean it up! You have an opportunity to set guidelines on people using their property as trash dumps! So do it.
<b>Online</b>	Brewery, dog parks, playgrounds, more restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Municipal Services - find a way to obtain cheaper water. Continue the recycling program and educate citizens on better recycling processes. Make remaining TCC area into a large park with an inlet / boat ramp. Businesses - more wineries and breweries!
<b>Online</b>	Responsible development
<b>Online</b>	Improvement to route 17 to to further enhance development along Bridge road. New wider bridges and improvements to intersections at harbor view blvd.
<b>Online</b>	Farms!!!
<b>Online</b>	Let's do something another old buildings in downtown Suffolk and bring it back to life. Build more elementary, middle and high schools.
<b>Online</b>	Fiber internet
<b>Online</b>	Grow our quality of life. We need recreational opportunities: connecting bike and walking trails, nature trails, continuing our arts center. Also: we need lots more affordable housing and we need to address the great need for a homeless shelter
<b>Online</b>	Stop the building. I don't see any opportunity. No real higher paying jobs available here. Probably no space available for a larger company to come in and the transportation system couldn't handle it anyway.
<b>Online</b>	Movie theaters, bowling alley something to do in the Downtown Suffolk area currently you have to go all the way to Northern Suffolk to eat somewhere other than fast food restaurants or rent a venue for social events

<b>Online</b>	High speed internet availability through ALL of the rule farmland/ag and outlying area that has been ignored for anything including basic cable services.
<b>Online</b>	Road infrastructure, walking trails, more amenities and entertainment in N Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Better sidewalks and bike paths. Better public transport. Larger parks.make the city walkable and rideable. Not just in north Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Return to the HRT system, more restaurants and shopping in downtown area downtown revitalization
<b>Online</b>	No more. Keep our farm land.
<b>Online</b>	Focus more on NATURE! Stop stripping the city of all of its natural resources for piss poor shopping centers and "entertainment." So sick of small strip malls with trash mattress and cell phone stores. Focus in nature trails and parks and other outdoor recreational activities.
<b>Online</b>	Movie theaters and other stores by main st
<b>Online</b>	More retail less warehouses along route 58. All these houses and apartments going up but schools are not. north Suffolk needs a high school.
<b>Online</b>	High-speed internet access has always been a problem - there is only one service provider in North Suffolk, for years this has been the case. More biking paths would be nice and a marina would also be great. Higher end clothes shopping stores and non-franchised fine dining options would be nice.
<b>Online</b>	What is the city doing to rejuvenate downtown business
<b>Online</b>	I grew up in Virginia Beach and remember the excellent city recreation centers. I don't know of anything analogous here
<b>Online</b>	More green space A upscale park
<b>Online</b>	Less chain restaurants, increase in healthy eating options and food stores
<b>Online</b>	Activities for families/teens, make Suffolk a place that people will seek to travel to from other cities. Right now there is almost nothing in Suffolk that will bring citizens from surrounding cities. Turn the old VDOT land off of Main Street into a park with a boat ramp. Bennett's creek boat ramp is getting too busy and the southern area of Suffolk could use something like that.
<b>Online</b>	Multiple High speed internet choices multi sports complex children. Stop the approval of the building. Better roads that are not congested
<b>Online</b>	Keep the businesses in downtown! We would love to see farmers succeed so they can feed the world!
<b>Online</b>	Keep the farm land and build things where other businesses are located that do not succeed.
<b>Online</b>	We need more police presence on our roadways and in our neighborhoods. We also need more parks and recreation. Bicycle and walking trails.
<b>Online</b>	More places for young kids and teenagers. As I see a lot of development for adults and good for families , I think what suffolk lacks in downtown is a bowling alley , movie theater , arcade , thing of this nature to keep kids occupied and out of the streets.
<b>Online</b>	Planning for growth while maintaining the rural pleasures of the area.

<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more activities for adults and youth such as skating rinks, movie theater, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Coming across the Elizabeth River to Suffolk should give everyone a desire to escape to nature by discovering our lakes (what's left) by kayaking trails and docks, park & private walkways , bicycling groups, added walking trails, added dock restaurants , fishing tournaments , summer camps for ALL ages, shuffleboard courts and tournaments (all ages), more Equestrian centers & competitions , Rodeo opportunities and PROMOTE the Great Dismal Swamp !!!!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Opportunities....  New Services.....  Suffolk has lost its hometown charm with all the building its been doing.
<b>Online</b>	More green space use of prime real estate waterfront. Family friendly areas to enjoy
<b>Online</b>	I hope we could see some competitors to current monopolies in our area. We only have one internet provider, one electricity provider, one water provider, and their respective monopolies mean we just have to accept whatever prices they provide or lose access to a necessary resource. I would also, in North Suffolk especially, like to see more one-off restaurants from casual to formal. Finally, as residences expand, we are losing lots of green space. I hope that some parks or natural areas may be designed or preserved to maintain some natural areas amidst the expansion.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building homes and warehouses and get useful stores that we haven't seen in Suffolk before
<b>Online</b>	More schools and rural parks
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to remain mostly green and protect the remaining timber and farm land. That is what truly makes Suffolk great.
<b>Online</b>	I want to see a senior community in North Suffolk that is single story ranchers. Senior communities have two story houses, no 60 yr old wants to climb stairs. We have been looking and can't find .
<b>Online</b>	Not another Starbucks. Finish storm drain improvement i. Windwood Forest. The dead end street on Camellia has not been upgraded and is the last part of the neighborhood that floods. A high school in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Preserving farm land should be a top priority!
<b>Online</b>	It's already big enough but I will tolerate a Krispy Kreme donut shop and maybe a sporting good shop that sells clothes, guns, ammo and University of Alabama gear.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see WiFi service extended west to Franklin/Southampton County line and south to Gates County. Would like to see a library branch in the Holy Neck area. I'd like to see a TJ Maxx, Home Depot & a Kohls in downtown near Walmart.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see better and more schools and less congestion traffic wise.
<b>Online</b>	Oh my gosh what dont we want. In downtown we need restaurants. NICE grocery stores. Places we can walk safely at night on Washington st. WE NEED a homeless shelter!

<b>Online</b>	The city really needs a usable boat ramp. The best option would be at the old TCC site, Sleepy hole park, or even the old radio station site on Sleepy Hole Rd. The current ramp at BC park is a sad excuse for a ramp for a city with this much waterfront real estate and wealth.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building warehouses; Kimberly bridge area could be turned into a mini river walk (allow local area restaurants to have access to prime real estate instead of the gas station, tire care, old loan). It's hideous downtown. Start policing the city better. Flush out the gangs and get tougher on crime. More roundabouts instead of stop lights!!! Use Germany as an example when it comes to traffic management.
<b>Online</b>	An amphitheater for concerts and festivals is a great opportunity to generate income. Creating a vibrant Town Center like the one in VA Beach would be an extravagant addition. Adding businesses like Target, Marshall's, Harley Davidson, TJ Max, Home Goods, Auto Zone and Best Buy would be great. The HRT system is needed to support transportation needs.
<b>Online</b>	New high school
<b>Online</b>	Recruit new commercial growth near downtown on Pruden or Godwin. Need a large pet supply store, Target, larger grocery store like Super Kroger/Wegmans/Whole Foods, Home Depot, Michael's/Hobby Lobby, and Costco. There should also be recruitment of more restaurants instead of fast food chains. City needs to increase fire and police forces to keep up with growing and aging population. City also send children to the closest school to improve bus routes. Consider building recreation centers like Virginia Beach - athletic courts, gyms, pools, summer and day camps, exercise classes, multimedia centers for kids.
<b>Online</b>	Over the years to come, I would like to see less new housing being built. We do not want to become Norfolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, or Newport News. We need to continue to revitalize our downtown area and attract (and support) small businesses. We do need to attract more business to the Suffolk area but no more gas stations, nail salons, car washes, or fast food. Crime has been on the rise in Suffolk also, we need a larger police force to patrol the downtown areas. The schools: We need to get the School Board to work with the City Council on improving our schools. The superintendent keeps asking for more and more money, however, improvements are not being seen. There are schools without hot water, there are schools with sinkholes, and there are trailers being used instead of classrooms. There has to be a way Suffolk City Council can hold the superintendent and the School Board accountable for the conditions of the schools.
<b>Online</b>	More grocery stores, entertainment venues, variety of family oriented restaurants ect..  Please do something with the roads.
<b>Online</b>	NO MORE APARTMENT HOUSING, NO MORE DEVELOPMENTS IN NorthEast Suffolk! Maybe some good food places, a fast food or two, that's it.
<b>Online</b>	Better funding and support for our police department. Our crime rate is higher than I've ever seen now.
<b>Online</b>	Slow down and do things correctly. Build new schools, improve roads, hire more police, raise the pay for teachers and police. Fix that before adding more houses.



<b>Online</b>	<p>Stadium</p> <p>Drive in movie</p> <p>Recreational venue on water</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We should look at Suffolk as being the destination instead of just where new housing is available</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Resteraunts</p> <p>Godwin Blvd expansion</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Some type of entertainment center, movies , skating, bowling arcade something for our families to do so we donâ€™t have to always go 30 mins away from the downtown area to enjoy things.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Movie theater. Nice restaurants. More parks</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would love to see a variety of grocery stores and department stores in the downtown area so that we arenâ€™t forced to travel to the Harborview area or neighboring cities. I would also like to see a new high school built in the northern Suffolk area.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Would like to see the two halves of Suffolk become one. The same types of oppourtunities for the downtown area. Also entertainment for the youth. Movies, bowling alley, recreation center.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would like to see a community center for kids and families to have summer activities, events, after school activities, activities for seniors. A place to learn skills.</p> <p>To include a community garden. The influx in prices on food is making it difficult for families to afford food. It would nice to have a community garden for those to access fresh grown foods and to be given an oppourtunity to learnt to grow and harvest their own foods if they wish.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More competition with internet providers, focus on crime prevention, retail growth, townhome &amp; condo homes instead of apartments, easier to get around (sync traffic signals).</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Target in downtown Suffolk. Anything but Walmart. More Police!!!! I don't enjoy the drive by shootings in downtown and the West Jericho and Hollywood neighborhoods.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The greatest oppourtunity for Suffolk is to maintain the rural nature of our city. New developments should not be approved without input from residents and Improved road improvements and maintenance. If the city council does not rein in development our quality of life will continue to decrease and the rural charm and legacy of our area will be destroyed.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Parks, open fields, farms, lakes, nature paths,</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More activities and entertainment for children. Mostly in the inner city parts of the city</p>

<b>Online</b>	<p>An event venue.</p> <p>A public square or plaza for regular outdoor concerts or events.</p> <p>A community garden or orchard.</p> <p>A winery.</p> <p>Clothing stores.</p> <p>Movie theater.</p> <p>Dance studio.</p> <p>Easy access to efficient public transit.</p> <p>Crosswalks, Streetlights, Sidewalks with ramps, and Bike lanes along routes that connect residential areas to commerce and would reduce unnecessary traffic.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Infrastructure improvement to BRIDGES AND CHOKE POINTS WHERE TRAFFIC IS FORCED TO MERGE...</p> <p>traffic snarls cause accidents and road rage... expensive accidents, injury, loss of life all can be alleviated with thoughtful planning BEFORE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We should be leveraging our history and downtown with music, small business and food. Take look at the neighboring Smithfield and the marketing for downtown that takes place. Wake Up and get some talent that can get things moving.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>How about slow the building down?</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Affordable housing units and a faith-based homeless shelter along the lines of Union Mission and Peninsula Rescue Mission.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We need more dining and shopping options. No more mattress stores or nail salons.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Movie theater, things for the kids. We have one nice park, lets grow the other parks.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Less large commercial buildings, more individual farming landowners stables skating rink kid friendly</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>How about putting things in other areas than North Suffolk?</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Build the the kings highway bridge back. Improve our roads</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We would love to see more pedestrian/bike connections from Godwin to downtown.</p> <p>A public Splash park near downtown (Lake Meade?) would be amazing.</p> <p>Still holding hope for a downtown area movie theater.</p>

<b>Online</b>	Would like to see more economic growth in southern area™s of Suffolk, we have multiple grocery stores , car washes, restaurants in downtown Suffolk but nothing in southern areas of Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Shopping downtown. No increase in shopping opportunities downtown in the past 20 years.  Target!  Petsmart/Petco  Barnes and Noble  Nice large shopping area to bring people in.
<b>Online</b>	None! Stop the madness. There are more warehouses and major chains, Target and Amazon for example. The history of Suffolk is being lost in greed.
<b>Online</b>	More African American owned restaurants in north Suffolk harbor view area . More healthy options for restaurants
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunities for Suffolk over five, ten or twenty years are business opportunities due to the increase population, positive growth in real estate/rental properties and recognition as being one of the fastest growing cities in Virginia.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunity loss is lacking stuff for the younger population
<b>Online</b>	More resources for disabled people, not just elderly.
<b>Online</b>	We need more schools, entertainment and community centers. A strip mall or a mall in general. Late night entertainment. People shouldn™t have to travel 30-45 minutes.
<b>Online</b>	Having more "blank spaces" Suffolk has the opportunity to truly create a landscape to be sought after, by residents and businesses. Both are looking for well maintained areas with thought through travel ease and unique shops and dining. There are many areas in Suffolk with much potential and a need to be brought up to date . The eye sores of the city need to be addressed
<b>Online</b>	Say YES to New Realm Brewing. The protest of the "no growth-ers" in Harbour View is ridiculous. You are loosing out to all the other cities as folks drive to Norfolk, Newport News, Virginia Beach & Portsmouth to other breweries. We need another grocery store in Northern Suffolk. Need to build a large multi-sport complex in Northern Suffolk for kids™ sports. Also losing out to other cities on this. Partner w/ Gov. Youngkin & build a Charter School here.
<b>Online</b>	Need more schools and improve the road™s and more businesses and restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	None! Y™all have done enough damage already !
<b>Online</b>	Road expansion to improve congestion as well as southern development to spread out housing a bit. More neighborhoods and less apartments and townhouse developments.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see things for children 0-17 to do! Suffolk has nothing, the play ground behind Kroger is the only thing and half of that is falling apart.
<b>Online</b>	In the norfth Suffolk area, I would like to see fiber optic cables ran so Suffolk have more cable/internet provider options (Verizon). I would also like to see North Suffolk get more attractions like shopping(Chesapeake Square need to turn into a outlet),grocery stores(Publix/Wegmans), restaurants, and better adult entertainment (sport bars, jazz

	restaurant, and more night life), family entertainment (better movie theaters, concert venues, etc)
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment for the youth. Sit down dining, ditches cleaned out. Stop ignoring the southern & western part of Suffolk.  Food desert in southern end.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk does not get its appropriate share of new stores, restaurants, etc. A car wash on every corner? Or medical facility? All the apartments will give affordable housing and increased crime.
<b>Online</b>	New road lights and street lights
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	More schools, leading school program that are competitive and success-driven, more farmers markets, etc
<b>Online</b>	Better roads, schools, better mass transit.
<b>Online</b>	I think Suffolk can develop into the community with the small town feeling where people want to raise families. I would like to see more small, local businesses rather than chain retail. I also think an increased presence for the arts would be wonderful!  Swim lessons through parks and recreation would be appreciated. Maybe add some wildflowers or benches along the walking trails. I would love to see something similar to Bluebird Gap Farm in Suffolk! Maybe more outdoor activities like zip lining. I love all of the farms where you can pick fresh produce. Maybe offer classes on canning, gardening. More festivals and street fairs to showcase local businesses, farmers, artists, and craftsmen.
<b>Online</b>	Texas de Brazil needs a new location. Harborview may suit it.
<b>Online</b>	Somehow break tv/data monopoly by Charter
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to attract attract more Manufacturing and help small businesses succeed.
<b>Online</b>	None leave Suffolk as it is
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment, Sports
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see Suffolk stay true to the agricultural industry
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see people stand up for the farmers that built this city. I would like to see the housing builders stopped. I would like to see the corruption in the city offices stopped and the people involved removed from their positions.
<b>Online</b>	More fun and leisure venues and less apartments, houses and warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see a few more stores like Target, Trader Joe™s and more support for the family owned businesses as well.
<b>Online</b>	Improve and expand the roadways, but do the work at night! We don't need car washes and fast food joints and we don't need more apartment buildings and McMansions. Stop cutting down all the trees and getting rid of farmland in favor of things that are going to end up turning into slums. The greatest opportunity for Suffolk is to pay attention to the quality of life for the citizens especially in Southside, and stop chasing the dollar.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk will get to a point of maintaining, not much more land to develop

<b>Online</b>	<p>Opportunities are gonna kill it. Just a future Chesapeake Square Mall waiting to happen. Look at the older Harbour View Movie theatre and nearby empty stores.</p> <p>I'd like to see more parks and land preservation; more consideration for wildlife/habitats.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More agricultural support. A few nice restaurants. Less drug stores and mattress stores.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would like to see the houses, and distribution building to slow down being built and stop taking over farm land.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Id like to keep this place sane! At this rate itâ€™ll be worse than Virginia Beach in 5-10 years. Iâ€™d like to see native plants replacing the terrible landscaping around here. Iâ€™d like to see better use of land for conservation. Iâ€™d like to less round up used on the curbs and more frequent lawn care services. Maintaining the medians and road sides would help bring the value up. Things are so expensive in north Suffolk but it looks like trash. Development of shopping centers and condos is ruining the area. Weâ€™ll have to leave Virginia at the rate your trashing this city.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Grow with new schools, parks, businesses, and save areas for hiking, trails, or just nature, the bears and deer need to stay in some undeveloped areas and leave them alone</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Better roads and detour options, more focus on small businesses and agriculture as well as keeping it green and not tearing down all the trees.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Something for our Youth and some different Dine In restaurants in the Southern side of Suffolk</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Slow down on the growth. The city cannot handle it. Instead of building cookie cutter developments, build some entertainment venues so we donâ€™t have to travel to other cities.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Infrastructure development (SIDEWALKS, public transit, better roads, walking bridges, SIDEWALKS) and also more jobs and parks/family entertainment</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Would like to see something for our children, like a movie theater or bowling alley</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>recreation centers, aquatic center</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Transportation hub expansion projects.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Redevelopment of downtown to include luxury apartments, rehad of dilapidated homes, and more grocery stores to accommodate the influx of new residents. There seems to be a food shortage at many of the grocery stores in Suffolk. So, many families spend their money in neighboring areas.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More things for the children or family events</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Iâ€™d actually not like to see any new businesses or housing. Iâ€™d like the recycling service to continue.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Entertainment to downtown</p> <p>More high schools/middle schools</p> <p>More shopping venues in downtown</p> <p>More High speed internet options</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Wider roads. New entertainment maybe bowling alley.</p>

<b>Online</b>	I don't want more services. We live mostly off the grid except electric and trash and love it this way. If I need something, my car isn't broken. I can drive there.
<b>Online</b>	New restaurants are needed as well as something fun for kids and families examples movie theater, skating rinks, retail stores
<b>Online</b>	Road work, ditch cutting in country, better cell service
<b>Online</b>	Keeping developers out and keeping it family oriented. With more development will need more schools.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunity is to be able to halt this overwhelming expansion and maintain what makes Suffolk....Suffolk. Let's not lose the appeal our City has, we are not Virginia Beach nor do we want to be.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to increase entertainment, dining and quality retail to support the population growth WITHIN the city. We most often cross the tunnel to Hampton or Norfolk for dining and entertainment. Particularly outside of Harborview, there is very little to do. Driving from the border with Chesapeake on Nansemond parkway there is literally nothing all the way to/thru town except D'erylz. A new Tractor Supply and 7-11 don't help that situation much. Surveying residents about what they travel out of town for would probably help narrow some of the choices. Ice rink? Bowling Alley? Movies? Interesting places to dine? If we are going to develop the land, there is more quality and tax revenue to be had by installing other than housing. The schools are overcrowded and outdated and the city will end up imploding continuing as it is unchecked and short sighted.
<b>Online</b>	Need several boat ramps and access to the rivers. Entertainment venues to keep money or bring money in Suffolk. Green places for garden plots, allowing chicken in home spaces like Chesapeake does. More walking trails that connect to areas of entertainment/gathering sites like Reston. I am stating location for you to research what they have.
<b>Online</b>	Stop developing new residential and businesses and develop the infrastructure to support it. The City of Suffolk created the problem because you focused on growth without the supporting infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs healthier restaurant choices throughout the city. A cigar lounge would be nice as well. More bike lanes through the city. Offer water activities on the beautiful lakes and rivers in the city. offer a "Friday at Sunsets" venue on the river next to the Hilton. Need better schools. No child should have to get educated in mobile homes. Need to address increased traffic on 58 east/west bound. the downtown area needs a makeover. the awnings on the shops across from the court building need to be refreshed.
<b>Online</b>	Greatest opportunities for Suffolk would be to embrace the land and it's offerings, the farmers and their skills, and offer crop and livestock yields to other urban areas who cannot grow and harvest!
<b>Online</b>	Bring in activities...a bowling alley, a skating rink, dining cruises. QUIT BUILDING HOMES!!!!
<b>Online</b>	More restaurants downtown. Batting cages or indoor baseball facility. Gun range
<b>Online</b>	Bring more business to old downtown and revive the area. There is nothing there so end up driving to Smithfield on nice Saturday for farmers market and walk down Main Street.

<b>Online</b>	We need to be smart about growth. I know there were efforts to do this 20+ years ago, but from where I sit I don't see the results. We as a city have a lot of land, but that does not mean that we need to take out all the trees and develop it. It seems that No. Suffolk gets all the boutique and retail construction and western Suffolk gets the industrial crap. 18-wheelers on 58 do not contribute to smooth traffic flow, and contribute exponentially to my commuting frustrations. I would be happy if all the industrial and retail construction and development stopped at CenterPoint.
<b>Online</b>	A dog park in Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Need entertainment for children, teens & adults
<b>Online</b>	I love seeing the large corporations and existing businesses expanding into our area with good paying jobs that support our tax base and bring in and employ talented people to Suffolk. That is a huge win for us.
<b>Online</b>	To attract businesses that generate a tax revenue instead of lusting after residential real estate revenue. Our biggest danger is to allow the Woke wave affecting our nation to continue alienating parents and teaching children things that should be reserved for family. The "three Rs" served this nation for generations and now we are morphing into indoctrination centers in our schools and children are not able to be successful in STEM areas because of the emphasis placed on an extremely liberal agenda in education. Suffolk must be a local government and school system that gets back to what the American people want for their kids. They are not the governments children at any level.
<b>Online</b>	There needs to be activities for children and young adults- movies, bowling alley, etc.
<b>Online</b>	To build on the positive aspects of the City's prosperity. To begin to address some of the things that are holding back, or building resistance to the City's growth. Transportation needs to be addressed in particular corridors.
<b>Online</b>	Reviving the downtown area, outdoor recreation space, and improving infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	We need better shopping and entertainment options in the southern corridor. With traffic in mind.
<b>Online</b>	Due to our location and available land near transportation hubs, we are best positioned to address the growing logistical/warehousing needs of the region. New business and residential growth are certainly available to Suffolk but that requires a Comprehensive Plan for new development that you can depend on.
<b>Online</b>	None
<b>Online</b>	Revitalize downtown. Or continue to. Turn it into old town Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Greatest opportunities for Suffolk over the next decade is to bring in upscale dining experiences and family friendly entertainment so that families stay and spend money in Suffolk instead of having to go to Norfolk or Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	Yâ€™all sold the lakes and now have to pay Norfolk and Portsmouth for access. Fix up what we have already instead of creating more and more.
<b>Online</b>	More spots kids can hang out at.
<b>Online</b>	More EV charging stations, more routes or widening of bridges on Bridge Rd (rte 17) given increasing backup as the only alternative to MMBT to get to and from peninsula. Public transportation along bridge road and downtown suffolk.



<b>Online</b>	<p>increased green space, investment in small businesses to occupy open retail spaces that already exist. There are lots of opportunities to invest in the building and infrastructure that already exist to attract new small businesses to the area. Instead, it seems the emphasis is on new and chain retailers, which are not at all attractive. Let's bring things to our area that don't exist elsewhere - small independent shops, increased parks (and let's take care of the parks we have, like resurfacing tennis courts at Howard Mast so they are playable!), partnering with organizations to bring more to the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, more independent owned restaurants, etc</p> <p>Let's invest in what we already have here!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>None we need farms to work and your taking them all to put up houses and apartments</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would say not so much building me but using/ remodeling the old buildings downtown that have so much history and character, rather than building new high tech gaudy buildings that in essence will fail.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The greatest opportunities would be taking advantage of developments that are already standing and utilize them verses continuing to build new developments leaving the outdated ones as eyesores and safety hazards. I would like to see MULTIPLE new schools, an additional hospital or simply an addition to OBICI. I would like to see less places like car washes and drug stores.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Controlled growth that includes forestation / tree management and affordable and market rate homes.</p> <p>A few additional parks.</p> <p>Continued support and programs for senior citizens including for example, equipment and programs such as tai chi.</p> <p>A Whole Foods or Wegman's grocery store in Suffolk.</p> <p>A few more businesses.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Wawa</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Overall reduction in crime. Revitalization of the Downtown area (I avoid this area due to feeling unsafe and poorly maintained properties). Increase in school funding. It would be nice to have more quality restaurants to choose from in other areas of the city rather than having to travel to northern Suffolk or other neighboring cities. It is nice having farmers markets to attend also.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Lower water rates. I am considering leaving Suffolk if these water rates remain the highest in the 7 cities. No more expansion without providing entertainment and youth activities for those of us still here. More people have been added to Suffolk, resulting in more tax dollars but no more services and high water rates remain.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Schools in Northern Suffolk/Bridge Rd area. Target in Suffolk (missed opportunity on Godwin, now more apartments being built).</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Need a lot more to support the new residents being built</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Improve traffic flow in the ever changing densely packed Northern Suffolk. There is also a need for more sidewalks, bike paths, and other means of exercise throughout the city.</p>

	There are some areas of Suffolk that are very dangerous to walk or ride a bike on because there is no shoulder and also no sidewalk. It would be nice to have a variety of grocery stores in Northern Suffolk such as a Trader Joe's, Wegmans, Publix, and there is existing infrastructure that these stores could move in to. It would also be nice to have one or two entertainment venues in both downtown and Northern Suffolk that would enhance a sense of community. It would be great to continue to develop the downtown area and make it family friendly and safer in the evenings. There is so much opportunity for growth in the Main St/Washington St corridor that would benefit from city funded projects.
<b>Online</b>	None
<b>Online</b>	The ones we have to there jobs
<b>Online</b>	More restaurants
<b>Online</b>	None. We have enough.
<b>Online</b>	More new schools
<b>Online</b>	Internet for the country areas. The public works has too much area to each district. The services go too long without being addressed. Ditching is not maintained and roads are embarrassing. The southwest is disregarded for the higher tax based northern areas. You would never see roads looking that bad in the north .
<b>Online</b>	More green space, keep the farmers in business , it's called peanut city for a reason. More commerical and industrial business to help with paying for infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Better public works all around they have not grown the department to keep up with demand for instance try calling them and getting a human on the phone.
<b>Online</b>	Fix the roads and stop developing all the country..
<b>Online</b>	I do not think there is a municipality that Suffolk does not have that in the next five, ten, or twenty years will serve Suffolk well. I think Suffolk had every thing it needed before developers started buying all the land.
<b>Online</b>	While we want to see Suffolk grow, and we enjoy the shopping and dining in Northern Suffolk, we would like to see the western part of Suffolk remain for agricultural purposes. Downtown is seeing new businesses and growth and we also would like to see the downtown area more developed. While we have some retail downtown (Walmart being the biggest), it would be beneficial to the people living in our area to see more growth downtown so as not to have to drive to Northern Suffolk for our shopping.
<b>Online</b>	Keep Suffolk rural, let farmers keep more of their land.
<b>Online</b>	Something in southern Suffolk for our children to do. The city is worried about building up northern Suffolk and not concerned about southern suffolk
<b>Online</b>	More entertainment like bowling, movies etc in central Suffolk. Better shopping besides Walmart and Belk in central Suffolk. A grocery store in Holland would be great.
<b>Online</b>	More warehousing transportation opportunities to take advantage of the Ports.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see a moratorium on all construction, both residential and industrial.
<b>Online</b>	They will need to expand more opportunities for children to include more pools, outdoor basketball and volleyball areas and other forms of recreation. They also need to develop an outdoor amphitheater or other area to allow for more outdoor music opportunities.
<b>Online</b>	Stop the rural development, rural roads are not built to handle the current development. The city needs recreation opportunities access to the whole city not just downtown.

<b>Online</b>	Continue to upgrade Suffolk's parks and recreational opportunities. In particular, Lone Star Lake park needs significant investment in trails and other facilities- it could be a showplace. I would like to see our parks be so good that people from the other Hampton Roads Communities come to visit. Also, more focus on the Dismal Swamp is needed. I would love to see a large visitor center that includes a museum near Washington Ditch. Lots of opportunities exist at Dismal Swamp, for example boat tours out to Lake Drummond, horseback riding, etc. Villages within our city need to be helped. For example, would love to see Holland revived- Mom and pop type businesses like places to eat, perhaps a bed and breakfast. Working with VDACS to perhaps bring a small slaughter plant to Suffolk would be a boom for Suffolk Agriculture.
<b>Online</b>	More police, more traffic control.
<b>Online</b>	stop letting people build in southern Suffolk with no regard for roads protection and not allowing any input on what's being done!
<b>Online</b>	Nothing comes to mind
<b>Online</b>	Movie theater! What happened to Cinema Cafe coming to Suffolk? That would be perfect. More Chick-fil-a, one on the west side.
<b>Online</b>	City has purchased property, Bradys marina. What I have heard is that they don't have the money to fix it and open it back to the public! We need access to the river, other than northern Suffolk. Seems that northern Suffolk gets more than the rest of Suffolk, especially the rural southern part of the city!
<b>Online</b>	Pay our police officers more and respect them! Stop building, we need to preserve land for farming.
<b>Online</b>	Improve schools, reduce taxes, improve safety
<b>Online</b>	To get housing under control in the rural areas so farmers and hunters can enjoy the way of life they are use to. If you want more housing put them in town.
<b>Online</b>	Greatest opportunity is preventing city management from double dipping in real estate.
<b>Online</b>	services offered by City especially to rural areas are limited. No internet, and poor presentation at Holland Community House in Holland by City Manager and his crew. He looked disgusted just to be there and was rude to crowd. What if that had been an informal interview for his continuing stay in Suffolk. Large crowd attended from the small Holland Village. They could not give answers and were not knowledgeable of areas in the Holy Neck Burrough. No one presented did their homework on the area they were discussing. Poor presentation, reflected poorly on City Council as well, since Holy Neck Burrough Councilman stated very poorly re: internet info.
<b>Online</b>	More opportunities for small businesses.  More dining facilities  More community outreaches
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see downtown revitalized. More effort to replenish and sell these empty buildings as opposed to building in other places
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see the downtown area revitalization continue with more quality housing development in that area to encourage more economic investment in the downtown area. I would like to see Suffolk grow to where folks in Norfolk and Virginia Beach would want to come here as opposed to us always going there.

<b>Online</b>	There needs to be more non chain restaurants to eat at, thereâ€™s gonna have to be new schools to handle the amount of people that are going to be filling these new developments, there will also need to be more medical services for the same reason.
<b>Online</b>	I would hope to see Suffolk stay rural. There are plenty of businesses to accommodate the people who have been living here for all these years. Suffolk is a treasure that needs to be saved.
<b>Online</b>	Stop taking farmland for apartments.  Give â€œold Suffolkâ€ same attention for development in businesses and entertainment as giving North Suffolk, other than the planned outdoor venue downtown.
<b>Online</b>	I only see headaches trying to leave my neighborhood
<b>Online</b>	Smart growth. Balance with jobs and recreational opportunities. Schools secured. Decent Internet in rural areas.
<b>Online</b>	The more land/water that can be turned into parks and trails or used for public recreation the better.
<b>Online</b>	Less warehouses and less houses taking up farm land
<b>Online</b>	Less warehouses and apartments. Better use of prime real estate - we need things to draw people to our city to spend money but then they need to go home to one of the other cities.
<b>Online</b>	I would possibly like to see maybe some local breweries if we must build something they could have picnic areas with them and small dog parks as well. Other than that I feel like we have built enough, Suffolk being country is what made it special you guys ruining it.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunity for "you the city" is the super increase tax revenues! It's what you wanted another Virginia Beach, but way better than a Portsmouth! With all the new growth a deffinite decrease in property taxes!!!
<b>Online</b>	None, infrastructure cannot support more development/schools are overcrowded and non accredited. Possibly more youth centers downtown to help lower the crime rate.
<b>Online</b>	Modernize the 58 bypass road intersections.
<b>Online</b>	Rebuild Kingâ€™s highway bridge
<b>Online</b>	Rebuild kings highway bridge  Fix malfunctioning railroad crossing on nansemond parkway near shoulders hill
<b>Online</b>	Fix the back roads
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has the opportunity to become more than a bedroom community with modest commuter housing providing a tax base that cannot support even educating the children moving into our community. We need to provide more to our citizens than inexpensive housing.
<b>Online</b>	The entire city, meaning every road with a house on it should be connected to high-speed internet.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more small multi-family in North Suffolk that would allow for more affordable housing,

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We need to focus on North Suffolk. It is growing area and if you continue to develop and attract more people, we need to bring more options to the city. We need more attractions and entertainment. We need more upscale grocery stores (Publix, Wegmans, Fresh Market). We need more fine dining and standard restaurants, (Ruth Chris, CAVA, Bonefish Grill, Jason Deli, MISSION BBQ, Fridays, Yard House, etc) so people don't have to commute so far enjoy good food and laughs.. We need better adult and family friendly entertainment. (Upscale movie theatres, apex gaming, escape rooms, parks to listen to live bands, and places where festivals can be held (wine fest, carnivals, etc). Also, nice adult lounges to listen to music and dance. Also, things that are in the area need to stay open later. This area shuts down at 8/9pm. Why? South Suffolk stores, restaurants, and fast food places stay open late. North Suffolk needs to be the same. If you want to bring more money and people to Suffolk, you have to bring attractions as well. Why is the parking Lot where AMC movie theatre is off Harbour View rundown and deserted??? Publix or Wegmans should be there as another grocery store to accommodate the new homes/apartments coming. It use to be a nice shopping center and now it's an eye sore. The owner barely keeps up with the landscaping now. So much room for opportunities there. Chesapeake square mall needs to be knocked down and turn into an outlet mall for Suffolk residents the closer outlets are Williamsburg and Norfolk (the other side). Nothing in our area within a few miles.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We have the opportunity to become one of the leading communities in the Tidewater area. We just have to be careful not to grow too fast and outstrip our resources. We need better roads to handle the increase traffic in many areas. I would hope that we learn from the mistakes of our neighbors. We must have strict law enforcement for all our citizens. We cannot allow unlawful protestors take over our streets, sidewalks and businesses. We need open communication between our elected officials and our citizens. We MUST NOT become a sanctuary city.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Would like to see more recreational facilities for families in Suffolk. A facility that provides swimming, basket ball courts, baseball fields, racquetball courts, classes for young and adults. This type of facility would let residents purchase "general admissions" or "memberships". Not all families have the financial means to buy an annual membership for each person in the family and having a general admission would be an affordable way for folks to be able to use the center. Since Suffolk has many water access areas building nature centers that would have classes and/or camps that have reasonable fees for all and provide education and opportunities for many folks.</p> <p>Looking at Suffolk rec centers they are just located in schools and don't provide enough for the community.</p> <p>I came from northern Virginia and Fairfax county has provided a lot of recreational opportunities for children, families and adults. Maybe city of Suffolk needs to look into Fairfax county's model and what they have provided in their parks and recreational facilities. I think there is a lot of opportunity to bring these kinds of things to all areas of Suffolk.</p>

<b>Online</b>	The only opportunities seems like if you want to buy a new home or rent a new apartment. Our city needs more schools, restaurants, grocery stores, and entertainment. We are are the only city in the 7 cities with no mall, bowling alley, trampoline park, or skating rink. And the movie theater we have seems to be going under.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see thought given to why people live in Suffolk. For me it is my birthplace. I love the rural nature of the town I grew up in. If I wanted "city" life I would have moved to Va Beach. I wish our neighborhood were safe so my grandchildren can ride their bikes without fear being harmed. I would like to stop dumbing down and start holding everyone accountable for their actions. We all have opportunities in life, it is up to each person whether or not they take advantage of them. Teach that to our children instead of poor me.
<b>Online</b>	Would like to see more value placed on agricultural goods and services. Suffolk still has a lot of rural land and communities and is unique in Hampton roads that way and can lead the 757 in providing agricultural goods and services to the greater area. The farmer's market expanding to Wednesdays as well as Saturdays is a good start which just began this summer.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see farming preserved for future generations and a way of life that Suffolk is known for protected with less houses and apartments being allowed to be built.
<b>Online</b>	BJ'S, SAMS, COSTCO
<b>Online</b>	The opportunity is to embrace suffolk history and culture. Not pave over every last inch. This is not a long term well thought out "comprehensive plan". The shiny and new will be left within 10 years. You will lose tax payers. Focus on what suffolk has long been known for. It's agriculture. It's businesses. Production. Of course there is growth, but it needs to be done wisely. You WILL lose your people. Our public schools are already sub-par. You will cripple them beyond repair if you continue with the "infill" and rapid growth approach.
<b>Online</b>	We NEED less government not more!
<b>Online</b>	Build nothing else except roadways, get the crime under control, we are turning into another Portsmouth!
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more affordable apartments for seniors and I don't mean section 8 ones. I mean ones that dont take your whole social security check and still be decent.
<b>Online</b>	Fiber optic cable and high speed internet service is needed
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has enough business. We need to strictly restrict new businesses, such as warehouses, and ban any more high occupancy apartments and neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	Let have controlled growth in rural areas. No more farms being divided into little lots with lots of houses.  Have more parks, walking lanes
<b>Online</b>	I'd like to see citywide wifi and and farms that prosper without the city making it harder for them.
<b>Paper</b>	A chance to slow rampant, out-of-control population growth and curb rising taxes and water fees. New schools are desperately needed as well and no more apartments, mattress stores, car washes, phone stores, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Additional walking trails, investing in the sports outlets
<b>Online</b>	Better communication with leadership and city council officials

<b>Online</b>	Honestly, I don't see any. I see the City more excited about opening Breweries which in the long term causes more harm. I would like for the City to focus more on opening more police stations, better resources for police officers, invest in better technology and have a zero tolerance on crime.
<b>Online</b>	Venues for younger people to have something to do and not drive to other cities. Another high school on south end. Some of the backroads in suffolk need attention and focus on.
<b>Online</b>	lâ€™m bowling alley in Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Stop building new buildings and take care of what you have already
<b>Online</b>	Movie theater. Bowling alley. Decent outdoor shopping and restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Mostly, I would like to see increased funding for schools; even at the expense of higher taxes. I would like to see more restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Boat ramp, restaurants more things to do instead of homes
<b>Online</b>	Instead of another industrial park or apartment's, a town center or outlet mall should be built. There is not any good place to shop or eat in the downtown to the west area . NO MORE HOUSES & APARTMENTS!!
<b>Online</b>	Movie theater, drive in theater, more free family events,
<b>Online</b>	More places for the younger population. Skating rink, movie theater, better food places, cleaner dog park, shopping stores, birthing centers, better apartment complexes
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk greatest asset is the Farmers. However farm land is being lost at an alarming rate due to new houses, developments, and warehouses. I think our city only cares about real estate and personal property taxes! Every new home, housing development, or warehouse spell tax dollars.
<b>Online</b>	The rural areas need access to city services and the internet. Our kids canâ€™t be competitive when there is no access to the internet except through cellular service.
<b>Online</b>	take advantage of nearby ports
<b>Paper</b>	Commuter train from Holland to each town and Portsmouth Navy Yard
<b>Paper</b>	More services for olde people that they can afford - a few grocery stores in rural areas.
<b>Paper</b>	Recreation for the kids, better paying jobs
<b>Paper</b>	More private owned restaurants and businesses
<b>Paper</b>	I strongly urge the city government and planning commission to pause and begin to try and bring some balance between business growth and multi-family development and the transportation needs of the community. Also, Suffolk needs to determine what it wants to be. Based on current development, Suffolk is viewed by its planners as thousands of acres of undeveloped land on which apartments, shopping centers and industrial buildings can be placed without meaningful thought given to what the residents of Suffolk desire.
<b>Online</b>	There are no entertainment type activities in southern Suffolk. Movies, putt putt, etc. We have fast food & car washes covered. Have to travel to Chesapeake, VB or Norfolk to do activities.
<b>Online</b>	Not what you people are planning. All you see is more tax dollars to spend. I want no new services that I will have to spend my money on 4 or 5 additional families that don't work.



<b>Online</b>	<p>We need to focus on North Suffolk. It is growing area that is the surrounded by Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and not far from the peninsula;and if you continue to develop and attract more people, we need to bring more options to the city. An immediate priority is fiber optics/broadband. With the population growth, our internet/ cell service is horrible. Having only one internet provider is unacceptable. Spectrum cable is price gouging because they are our ONLY option for internet and their services are horrible. We need options like Verizon, Cox cable, etc. We need more attractions and entertainment. We need more upscale grocery stores (Publix, Wegmans, and the Fresh Market). We need more fine dining and standard restaurants, (Ruth Chris, CAVA, Bonefish Grill, Jason Deli, MISSION BBQ, Fridays, Yard House, etc) so people donâ€™t have to commute so far to enjoy good food and laughs.. We need better adult and family friendly entertainment. (Upscale movie theatres, apex gaming, escape rooms, parks to listen to live bands, and places where festivals can be held (wine fest, carnivals, comedy shows, etc). Also, nice adult lounges to listen to music and dance. Also, things that are in the area need to stay open later. This area shuts down at 8/9pm. Why? Downtown Suffolk stores, restaurants, and fast food places stay open late. North Suffolk needs to be the same. If you want to bring more money and people to Suffolk, you have to bring attractions as well. Why is the parking Lot where Regal movie theatre is off Harbour View rundown and deserted???</p> <p>Publix or Wegmans should be there as another grocery store to accommodate the new homes/apartments coming along with more restaurants/shops (Home Goods, Marshallâ€™s, Hobby Lobby, The At Home Store, etc)</p> <p>It use to be a nice shopping center and now itâ€™s an eye sore. The owner barely keeps up with the landscaping and itâ€™s terrible . So much room for opportunities there, especially being across the street from a golf course and million dollar homes. Regal needs a complete renovation. They need IMAX/Dolby cinema upgrade, new reclining seats, and it needs to be turned into movie, bowling alley, bar, and dine in movie with good food.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The Oakland/Chuckatuck/Eclipse area needs a police department so we don't rely on a Sheriff to do a City's police function. Sheriffs are for counties, which Suffolk is not. If these outlying areas pay city taxes, then we deserve city amenities. In addition, there needs to be better roads to get people around greater Suffolk. The Kings Hwy Bridge is a waste of money if they dump into over crowded single-lane, 35 MPR roads on both ends. The 5-Mile Road idea 30% design review is a big waste of money if you don't first solve the other roads first (4-lane Hwy 17 and Route 10 first or do a bypass around Route 10).</p> <p>The opportunity is to limit dense building until the infrastructure is in place or at least funded.</p> <p>The City Council is on a fast pace to be the next Norfolk, but we need to do that responsibly or we will only be a passthrough and not a destination.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Increased activity venues for the youth in old Town, a movie theater and a shopping varieties</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Need to look at the detriment to our Agriculture that this growth is doing. The Peanut Capital won't have land to grow peanuts or any other crop from that matter. Don't forget about the roots!!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Better roads less warehouses and a casino</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>No new businesses capitalize on what founded Suffolk. Farming and keep the land open</p>

<b>Online</b>	More restaurants. Perhaps a store for shopping other than Belk.
<b>Online</b>	Growth, but controlled
<b>Online</b>	, REC facilities, bike paths ,OPEN SPACES-PARKS, farmers market , movie theater
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more retail, grocery stores and gas stations along Nansemond Parkway and Driver, I currently live in a food desert and spend most of my money in Chesapeake.
<b>Online</b>	Less housing. More infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	<p>As Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Newport News grow, we'll become increasingly attractive as somewhere to live for people that work in those areas. We should focus on higher-end retail and restaraunts in North Suffolk, as it's fast becoming a bedroom community for the rest of the region. To keep this growing, we need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transit links with the rest of Hampton Roads (Discontinuing HRT and going it alone was a huge mistake)</li> <li>2. Parks and recreation in the North Suffolk area</li> <li>3. Accompanying infrastructure, police and fire services</li> <li>4. Another high-speed internet provider</li> </ol>
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk needs a movie theater. North Suffolk needs a theater with dressing rooms to attract both traveling and local theater and dance productions. Create a better recycling plan for the city.
<b>Online</b>	Less people
<b>Online</b>	Dog parks, public library features, more city parks and recreational activities. Public school funding
<b>Online</b>	A large ice arena should be built. The demand for ice hockey and figure skating is high.
<b>Online</b>	Please do not put a casino or stadium in Suffolk. We need to find ways to increase visitors to our area. Maybe expand the rail trail and add restaurants, cafes, pet play areas, playgrounds, bike paths, etc. along the way. Having the trail shaded with trees would be nice, too.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more high end retail and non-chain restaurants. No more chains or gas stations in Harbour View. Would like more walkability and improved sidewalks along Harbour View Blvd. there are several sections where no sidewalk exists at all which makes it dangerous for walkers and runners.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Bike trails, parks, reduce crime!</p> <p>Make it the safest place to live in the state... family-friendly, community-feel and the best school system.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Increased and improved communication from City Hall, higher quality retail establishments, emphasis and action on a cleaner city, constant emphasis on improving educational programs and facilities - develop a plan and stay with it - support of cultural activities for all
<b>Online</b>	Food choices and open areas.

<b>Online</b>	Quality education will attract the mixture of socioeconomic activity the city is striving for. New schools coupled with all the new residential development will be crucial. It may increase taxes but will be imperative moving forward for healthy communities and attracting the professional families Suffolk is looking to attract. It's not just about the businesses. It's about the schools and quality single family home development to strengthen the tax base and economic development of the city. Remember, apartment dwellers don't pay the taxes of single family dwellers and their community involvement is low.
<b>Online</b>	Better roads
<b>Online</b>	BE PURPOSEFUL ABOUT AND MINDFUL OF DEVELOPMENT THAT RESONATES WITH THE AREA TO BE DEVELOPED. (Example: Wanting to build a 7-11 and tire store on Harbour View Blvd. in an area that is used for a child care center and medical offices. There's a 7-11 only a mile away from where the other is proposed!)
<b>Online</b>	Recreational centers like VA Beach City  Common sports arena
<b>Online</b>	There is tremendous potential in downtown Suffolk. However, the city has to carefully approve the businesses. More bars, lounges and even additional restaurants will not attract new people and families.
<b>Online</b>	Less chain restaurants would be ideal. Tax break opportunities for mom and pop restaurants to want to come to Northern Suffolk, making it a restaurant destination like Norfolk and Virginia Beach have.  Entice Target to build in Northern Suffolk area off of College Dr, Chesapeake Square is dead, entice Target to come here.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk continues to grow nicely. More & larger roads will be needed to handle the continual growth
<b>Online</b>	Controlled growth.
<b>Online</b>	None until infrastructure and roads are improved to handle the increased traffic.
<b>Online</b>	We need more and better dining and shopping options. Wegman's or Trader Joe's would make Suffolk a more desirable area to live and work. The quality of public schools is key.
<b>Online</b>	Maybe an upscale grocery store in northern area. Also better restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	Providing safe and secure schools, Improved infrastructures that can serve the community not crush them.
<b>Online</b>	Better internet access
<b>Online</b>	Roads! Virginia has the worst roads in the country as far as I am concerned. I Worked at NN Shipbuilding and traveled to Idaho twice, for three years each time. Each time I traveled a different route to and from. You want an example, on College Drive opposite Chic Filet there is a significant hole in the road in the tire path. It has been there for about two months. WHY! Virginia is the only state I experienced with thousands of manholes, everywhere, many of which are in the tires path below the roads surface. NEVER have I seen any work at these bumps.

<b>Online</b>	<p>I had and need peace and quiet and for my home to retain its value. You can't build that. Go away.</p> <p>Build away from Riverfront housing area.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Growth along Rte 17 between I-664 and the James River Bridge. Upscale restaurants and activity venues</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Would like to see a higher variety of stores. Many of the businesses are of the same type, such as vape shops, nail salons, and electronics repair shops. Small businesses catering to a wide variety of clientele would be better, such as hobby shops, craft shops, retro video game arcade, etc. The post office is also fairly remote from this area. An additional office more centrally located would be useful.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would like to see more competition between service providers. For example, Spectrum needs comparable competition in the internet service provider space.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Have bus service run out further for people in the country part of the city. I would like to see book stores. More restaurants other than fast food. Steakhouses and more commerce on route 58 further out of town. Am Amtrak station. If possible a commercial airport. More activities for the youth.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Schools - any community's long term viability and vibrancy depends on young families settling down and connecting closely with the community on a generational basis. Having excellent schools is a top driver for this success as evidenced by desirable communities across Hampton Roads and the United States. We also need a community sports complex similar to what is found in places like Williamsburg or Northern Virginia. There is land available for such a development (e.g. where the new Amazon Fulfillment Center now sits was a prime location, no pun intended) but resources have not appeared to have been directed this way. The impression is that the community planning is short-sighted and lacks a real strategic vision or business acumen to execute. It also gives the impression that Suffolk sees North Suffolk as a cash cow - fill it with apartments and do little else.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Continuing to develop bike trails, sidewalks, greenspace, parks etc...</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More reasonably priced restaurants and more green spaces left green. It would also be great to fix current infrastructure for our roads before loading up on more buildings.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Remove and replace those who put fast growth and maximum profit over the development of walk-able, low auto traffic, civilized infrastructure. REPLACE the TREES. BUILD ASPHALT greenways from one end of N.Suffolk to the other and well into Portsmouth. Bring in respectable, carbon and earth friendly, easy to walk to businesses. Remove and replace those who are not formally educated and *experienced* in planning and managing large, green, low carbon environments.</p>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>With its vast land and natural resources, Suffolk could have some nice housing developments in ALL parts of the city that offer amenities such as pool, soccer fields, play spaces, gazebos, etc. Create affordable multi-family housing, but require functional green spaces so people can congregate outdoors. It is time to open up some of the southern "green" spaces to create job hubs in manufacturing and warehousing. Put these AWAY from the central district. Do NOT put a warehouse complex on 460 right as you come into town!!! That space should let those coming into town know what we value. Don't clog our main arteries with trucks! I'd like to see a Whole Foods, Trader Joes, Wegmans, or other decent grocery store. We desperately need quality restaurants downtown. Our downtown children need recreation options...a movie theater, sports facility, Dave &amp; Busters type arcade. With rising gas prices, establish a "Fun Bus" that circles between downtown and Harborview, giving teenagers a way to get to shopping and movies. They won't ride a commuter type bus that has multiple stops. When we hosted exchange students, there was no place for them to go to meet other teens.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Improving roadways and highways to catch up with the current population before continuing to build more single family and multi-dwelling residential development in Northern Suffolk, Driver, and Sleepy Hole areas. The current infrastructure is inadequate. New businesses I would like to see is Dave and Busters or some other type of establishment that's interactive for families. No more car washes.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We need to expand our infrastructe to support the homes and businesses. Stop building warehouses, retail stores are needed more than warehouses and care washes!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Instead of residential neighborhoods in areas zoned for Businesses such as Godwin Blvd to start producing restaurants and shopping centers like Dicks sporting goods, TJ max, Home Depot, etc. What business want to be behind a neighborhood, street frontage and access is a main priority for big businesses.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Movie theater, skating and other positive activities for children. Community pools parks. Safer schools. More low income housing, increased social services. Bring all communities together.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Restrained development. People live here for the quality of life they enjoy. Citizens are given very little opportunity to voice their opinions. Five minutes before City Council with concerns that are never addressed. Developers are given a time every Friday for the city to help with their planning and to voice their opinions if they so choose. Citizens have little opportunity to speak and are ignored.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We need to focus on slowing the growth and preserving the rural charm of this city. We do not need more chains businesses. Less car washes.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Establishing a balance between preserving Suffolk's history, farming communities and natural resources including green spaces, rivers and lakes while growing is key to keeping the quality of life healthy for Suffolk's citizens. We do not want to become another exampmple of urban sprawl. Suffolk should be a destination for folks to enjoy a life of quality not quantity. The historic downtown area should be a safe and art filled destination with boutique stores, tasty restaurants and a vibrant performing arts center. Preservation of our downtown and many historic villages and waterways is as important as the growth of North Suffolk and Route 10. All areas of Suffolk could benefit from more quality restaurants and locally owned eaterys. Would love to see a Total Wine, Fresh Market, TJMaxx and Trader Joe's in the Route 10/Central Suffolk area.</p>

<b>Online</b>	Would love to see the city add more parks and rec. Area's to walk and exercise. Do more events such as the outdoor movie events. Events geared towards families. Bring shopping back to the area! Improve the roads so we don't have the constant traffic jams in Harbourview, route 58, Whaleyville. Would like to see taxes changed to another month besides December. This adds a lot of strain to families in December.
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™d like to see businesses concentrated in areas set aside of them. Iâ€™d like to see us take advantage of the beautiful environment with more healthy recreation for our citizens. More beautiful green spaces.
<b>Online</b>	More shops. Better not chain shops. Promote local. Like pnut store. Please help downtown with more police and enforcement and get the downtown shining again. Get rid of panhandlers.
<b>Online</b>	Obviously ,with the growth pattern ,more schools will be needed ,another or an expanded hospital. our roads are not equipped to handle the traffic now much less when these housing projects are completed and occupied. Suffolk officials and citizens need to be cognizant of our green space .Unlike many of our neighbors who no longer have any, we need to understand THAT GREENSPACE ADDS TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN A CITY ! We have a beautiful river that needs to be protected .The city needs to be sure to have more parks along it as well as accessible boat ramps for the citizens to be able to enjoy the beauty .We do not want the urban sprawl that has ruined VA Beach, Chesapeake and Hampton.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown needs a "higher end" grocery store. All the new stores are out in North Suffolk which is 25 minutes away because of the traffic
<b>Online</b>	I would like larger retail and grocery stores in the downtown vicinity. I would like to see Route 17 enlarged to three lanes at least Northbound towards Isle of Wight. Downtown Suffolk is missing a great downtown opportunity on Main St. Why are the rents so high so that no one will rent the spaces.
<b>Online</b>	Better restaurants and grocery stores!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to focus on QUALITY OF LIFE not quantity of people. Our schools MUST improve. New schools must be built to end overcrowding and teachers must be fairly compensated to reduce turnover. Good teachers must be rewarded so they will stay and not go to other districts with higher pay. The youth, who are the future of the city, need attention. More activities with positive opportunities and guidance need to be available i.e. the Boys & Girls Club at JFK Middle School. Our downtown area has potential to be a charming and thriving small town but only if residents feel safe. Inner city crime must be reduced.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunities will be for new businesses to come to the area to support the growth. I would like to see better Wi-Fi and cable services.
<b>Online</b>	Absolutely ZERO opportunities. High crime. No police presence. Suffolk has become a city wide slum.
<b>Online</b>	None,
<b>Online</b>	Suffix, most people who live here what it to state a country community the people that are building here want to make it into another Virginia Beach which is totally wrong
<b>Online</b>	Less fast food establishments and more locally owned businesses to support.



<b>Online</b>	Improve roads and bridges to reduce traffic, preserve green spaces and do not let the housing developments clear entire wooded areas. I moved to suffolk from out of state, losing green spaces harms the beauty and the draw of the area.
<b>Online</b>	Concentration on better infrastructure for the increased population (schools, fire and police support, expansion & maintenance of roadways, internet services). Preservation of green space and wildlife and well as taking better care of our waterways. Businesses that are focused on indoor and outdoor activities for all ages would be a huge draw for community members and tourists.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see something done about the train that stops and blocks the road on Nansemond Parkway near Shoulders Hill Road as well as Nansemond & Wilroy.
<b>Online</b>	I'd like to see improvement in the school buildings. John Yeates is overcrowded and needs repair and expansion. It was bad when my children attended in 2006- 2008. Building a school in the Harbour View area helped only a little, since more houses have been and are being built in JY's area.
<b>Online</b>	Sidewalks around all subdivisions, and more styles in housing, not just 2 story cracker boxes, sidewalk for Bennett's pasture to connect to the trail in driver.
<b>Online</b>	More restaurants of all types except no more Burger Kings or Tractor Supplys. The Kings Highway Bridge completed. The stop lights on Rte 58 in the new industrial section (Holland?) to be synched up so traffic doesn't slow, come to a stop at every light. Or else build a bypass around this section of businesses.
<b>Online</b>	I look forward to the rails to trails expanding throughout the city. I think a large outdoor venue (think concerts/shows) should be in the plans. I'd like to see more locally owned businesses in the boroughs (ex. Church Street, Smithfield).
<b>Online</b>	We need more grocery stores and big names like Target and TJ Maxx
<b>Online</b>	Limit growth to some degree in agricultural areas. Suffolk can grow but growth is outpacing resources.
<b>Online</b>	Please please no more warehouses!!! The truck traffic is highly dangerous. It make this a community no one would want to live in!
<b>Online</b>	Additional schools, Restaurants and Retail Stores. (Texas Roadhouse, Golden Corral would do well in Central Suffolk. Also a Seafood Restaurant would be nice and if it was on Main Street with the water ways behind it, that would be a plus. TJ Maxx, Ross and Gabes would also be good retail stores for Downtown/Central Suffolk. North Suffolk has enough places, we need more on this end.
<b>Online</b>	Housing developments in NS and SS-proper and move that industrial/warehouse stuff outside of the city's core growth area
<b>Online</b>	Ways to increase residency downtown. New, larger main library. Parks that take advantage of the water in the city. Look to maintain rural areas in Suffolk as much as possible, even close to downtown and northern Suffolk. Plan for compete streets, not just for cars to drive through Suffolk as fast as possible.
<b>Online</b>	Stop apartment and neighborhood development. Focus available fund on our roads and schools. Get the infrastructure up to speed.



<b>Online</b>	More schools are needed. Definitely in need of more amenities such as shopping, restaurants. Especially restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	More farmers
<b>Online</b>	Stop all development now. Allow infrastructure to catch up.
<b>Online</b>	New schools
<b>Online</b>	A sit down family restaurant instead of fast food and the same fast food places within 5 miles of each other especially in the southern part
<b>Online</b>	Not sure
<b>Online</b>	Due to the answers in question 1 and 2 we are looking into relocating. Get the water issues under control.
<b>Online</b>	First responder expansion, less homes and apartments or top citizens will not be drawn to Suffolk, improved roads, fine dining, upper scaled neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	More restaurants in the southern side ie: Airport area
<b>Online</b>	Stop building apartments in open land clean up downtown.
<b>Online</b>	We would love to see more dining and entertainment venues. We definitely do not need more household dwellings, especially since there are so few options of places for them to go, within the city limits, to entertain themselves.
<b>Online</b>	Build infrastructure to support all the warehouses and businesses trying to build, focus on programs that may help decrease crime, activities intended for teenagers.
<b>Online</b>	Our family would like to see more biking and hiking trails through rural and northern parts of the city vs. those that solely exist within the Great Dismal Swamp.
<b>Online</b>	Trader Joe's and Whole Foods
<b>Online</b>	Stop the growth. How many apartments, car washes, and storage facilities does one city need???
<b>Online</b>	Ease growth, build better parks. How many miles of shore land and no adequate boat ramps. Fix the roads and expand th for the future, not for the present.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see a hobby lobby and a Whole Foods or Wegmans or Trader Joe's.
<b>Online</b>	Road improvements as the housing developments spring up.
<b>Online</b>	Need a high school in north suffolk
<b>Online</b>	None. Stop putting things so close together that you can't grow a tree. How are you going to compensate us when it floods? The water has to go somewhere and you are cutting down all the trees. The roots suck up the trees.
<b>Online</b>	Steady Mass transit that connects to the other 6 cities, light rail type since busses move as slow as traffic. Bowling alley, skating, better parks, BETTER ROADS (too much traffic on two lane roads) in North Suffolk. Closer municipal services with extended hours. More transit for disabled/elderly individuals.
<b>Online</b>	Suspend future development until infrastructure and services significantly improved. Need more police and hospital services in Northern Suffolk, as well as better shopping including grocery stores (eg Wegman's). Need to improve community involvement / opportunities for feedback from residential communities well before decisions made!!

<b>Online</b>	I would like to see zoning and development changes that reduces car traffic. For example, connect the bike path by Pughsville Road to Creekside Elementary and continue it up to the shopping center. More mixed used zoning like downtown and Bridgeport. Make sure these developments have essentials like groceries.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see a Whole Foods, Wegmans, or Trader Joes in the North Suffolk area. We need an good retail space similar to Shortpump mall in Richmond. We need more restaurants in North Suffolk to attract people to this area, and maybe even an entertainment venue like a jump-park or theater. In five or ten years I hope that Suffolk is maximizing its green space and doesn't become over-developed. I don't want it to have that congested feel like Virginia Beach does. Hopefully we continue to more bring big employers into the area as well. We also need to make some needed updates to our local schools and expand transit.
<b>Online</b>	Target. We want a target. And another Chick-fil-A on Holland area. And let people have hens so they can have their own eggs! We can't be sustainable without poultry.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk land resources are attractive but great lack of planning for infrastructure supports is of great concern
<b>Online</b>	Invest in infrastructure and our police department because we're going to need it due to all the crap apartments that are being built.
<b>Online</b>	I would just like the powers to be not be so consumed with getting tax dollars and learn to live within their means as we taxpayers have to do.
<b>Online</b>	Better school systems.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs more restaurants that are not part of larger chains. A Menards would be awesome if they ever expand to the east.
<b>Online</b>	Refurbished tennis courts at Bennetts Creek Park, grocery stores (Whole Foods, Publix, Trader Joes), and as Chesapeake Square implodes, a Target. So much land is devoted to seedy, rundown shopping centers. Instead of cutting down more trees, why can't these be repurposed for future businesses?
<b>Online</b>	Don't become another Chesapeake or Virginia Beach. Stay true to your roots and embrace thoughtful and controlled growth.
<b>Online</b>	Old Downtown needs redevelopment. It has many beautiful historic buildings that need saving and new businesses need an incentive to invest.
<b>Online</b>	Grow the infrastructure, fire, police, roads, schools!!!
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see John Yeates Middle School be rebuilt. The school is old and will not hold the number of new students.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see the finishing of whatever the project at Bridge Rd and Shoulders Hill Rd because it has been some type of repair within 50 yds of the intersection for 10 years
<b>Online</b>	Need to get everyone on city sewer. For the sake of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
<b>Online</b>	Trader Joe's would be nice. More smaller businesses. More public schools.
<b>Online</b>	Spread out development to include more areas. Roads need work. Schools also.
<b>Online</b>	Rein in the development
<b>Online</b>	Opportunities for more economic development.
<b>Online</b>	Some high end shopping would be nice. We seem to be in a shopping and grocery desert.

<b>Online</b>	restaurants, youth baseball fields
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunity would be to slow down all of this excessive growth and review the lack of infrastructure that is needed to support it. If someone wants to build anything in Suffolk, I'm not sure the City is even capable of saying "No." The citizens are in a constant battle with the City to preserve their homes and their land and yet somehow, the City claim it represents us. Living here should not be a daily battle. You have empty business fronts that can't be filled and yet the City keeps allowing more store fronts to be put in. Growth of a City is not a bad thing, however what is occurring now is reckless.
<b>Online</b>	Keep some of Suffolk rural and connected to its agriculture roots. Please consider adding more horse friendly areas, trails, multi-use areas that are close to home. Please consider an equestrian park that can provide a place for other agriculture related activities, such as 4-H, pony club, rodeo, fairs/Peanut Fest, etc  Please improve schools!
<b>Online</b>	The greatest opportunity would be to protect the environment and quality of life for its constituents. Developers are tearing up the environment at a pace that makes my head spin. They're getting richer for sure and residents are paying the price.
<b>Online</b>	We could absolutely benefit from a Town Center of some kind. Restaurants, shopping and residential.  We would LOVE to see more independent, small businesses come to suffolk (coffee shops, restaurants, bakery, brewery, etc.). Why we continue to get mail salons and Mexican restaurants is beyond me.
<b>Online</b>	Improve roads and schools, educational programs invest in the arts and not in industry
<b>Online</b>	None
<b>Online</b>	Better cell service. Recreational areas for Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Please invest in our infrastructure before continuing to build!!
<b>Online</b>	The City of Suffolk has never been ahead of the "power curve" for many years.
<b>Online</b>	Improved police protection.  Much better planned development.
<b>Online</b>	You need to examine public / private programs that adequately provide infrastructure improvements when approving any and all building or CUPs, etc. I'm not talking about "proffers". Proffers have been shown to be inadequate in Suffolk. I'm talking about ongoing involvement with visibility on who is responsible for what 10, 20, 30 years into the future. Developers come in put up 250 apartments and say that it won't impact schools and maybe in years 1-5 it doesn't but starting in year 6 and going out to year 20 it has a huge impact, but those developers are long gone and the residents/ tax payers are left holding the bag. You keep approving types of residential housing with little to no additional food stores / restaurants / entertainment / recreation facilities. People, especially teens and twenty somethings get bored and crime is going thru the roof.
<b>Online</b>	Regarding Northern Suffolk, I believe business growth is inevitable. It's not a bad thing, but perhaps Suffolk should reconsider building additional 7-11's, car washes, or grocery stores.
<b>Online</b>	DMV, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and bike trails.

<b>Online</b>	Being able to deal with the growth and effectively plan for traffic and quality of life.
<b>Online</b>	Improvement of recycling services
<b>Online</b>	More police precincts, police officers, more Women's shelters, grocery stores in Southern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Before it is too late, don't create additional dense housing areas. Need to widen roads to handle what's happening now. Work on filling up vacant storefronts that are empty before building more like the vacant places in Harbourview. A Trader Joe's would be nice. Trampoline type entertainment/kid friendly activities, ninja warrior obstacle course (Higher Vision Studios in VaBeach). Activity fields for soccer, baseball, etc. New school buildings to handle the growing communities.
<b>Online</b>	Less residential density. Better roads, drainage, schools. More entertainment and parks.
<b>Online</b>	Less. I hate the direction the city is moving in
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk offered more than Spectrum internet service  (Northern Suffolk) - Continue to improve school system (should be the best in Hampton roads)  Bike friendly communities, nature trails, excellent schools, exercise parks, upgraded retail (not competing with Norfolk or Va Beach), upgraded golf courses. Create that stay at home most of the hours of the weekend environment. Go to other Hampton roads communities for that specialty shop (a comedy club, specialty retail or specialty restaurant)
<b>Online</b>	Preserve the parks and trails. Need more!!
<b>Online</b>	This area needs more sidewalks and trails for biking. Also, we need more parks and places that encourage sports for our youth. Tennis courts and basketball courts with lights. Recreation areas for families that connect.....Sleepy Hole part is only safely gotten to by car. People need to be able to bike to it; it needs to connect to the Seaboard trail in Driver. Nansemond parkway is coming along, but we need some restaurants and grocery stores along it. The train crossing near to Shoulders Hills Road needs much improvement with an overpass.
<b>Online</b>	Trader Joe's and Whole Foods would be awesome. Please continue our bike trails. Linking the bike trails with other cities would make us more marketable to families who enjoy healthy living.
<b>Online</b>	Would love to see a Publix or Trade Joe's in the Bennett's Creek - Harbour View area. Need more affordable restaurants
<b>Online</b>	Slow down development. Offer more entertaining ventures and small local businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Bring in more of the arts. Gatherings to get people more involved. Taking care of the train traffic back up. Please, please, please give us other options than Spectrum!!!! Revitalization of the downtown Suffolk area.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see more services focused on health and physical fitness. For instance, a business such as a Planet Fitness, YMCA, etc. in North Suffolk near and/or adjacent to the Harbour View / Riverfront areas.
<b>Online</b>	New schools for high or new middle for Bennets Creek pasture... wider roads more lanes

<b>Online</b>	Downtown.  Put some money down there.
<b>Online</b>	More parks, public spaces that are usable. More sidewalks. More schools, child oriented resources. Can we please support the libraries? Better internet access both in rural areas and Spectrum only zones.
<b>Online</b>	Would love to see a whole foods or trader joes in the area where Harris Teeter was on Harborview blvd.
<b>Online</b>	We need entertainment venues and chain restaurants. We also need shopping other than Walmart and Belk
<b>Online</b>	Increased parks and leisure areas, more often street sweeping, mosquito sprays
<b>Online</b>	None, you have too many now. Suffolk is heavily congested and now you're trying to destroy it.
<b>Online</b>	To get elections right so that politicians actually fear the people instead of running over them. I don't want ANY more govt in Suffolk. Y'all need to CHILL and get out of the way of the people of Suffolk. Stop making it so hard for small businesses to start up!
<b>Online</b>	None. We have enough. If we need something that's not in Suffolk, we don't have to travel far. We do NOT need more subdivisions!
<b>Online</b>	None - its being completely ruined
<b>Online</b>	I think suffolk is a nice place some days but some days I am very frustrated with the fact that we have very little to offer us here in downtown, especially on the Holland road corridor, I am hoping there will be more incentive to businesses to appeal to the people in that area with the new 3rd lane being built
<b>Online</b>	New restaurants, schools, food & career services for citizens
<b>Online</b>	Reign in the development teams and create more oversight. It's obvious that our Mayor has many members of council in his pocket and they do whatever he wants. Decisions are being made by people who are lining their pockets from developers, land owners, and others.
<b>Online</b>	Get crime under control, without that nothing matters except changing the name from Suffolk to mini Detroit.  BRING IN FIOS.  NO MORE, car washes, mattress stores or phone stores. Try to entice businesses that would benefit the city.  Small engine repair is desperately needed.  Some type of entertainment for kids, skate parks, city swimming pool, parks. Also bring in entertainment for adults, somewhere to dance, go carts, boat rides on the river.
<b>Online</b>	To preserve our past and what we us to consider a comfortable place to live.
<b>Online</b>	Just slow the growth and let the area catch it's breath. It would be nice if there were more entertaining things for the youth around the downtown area. How about a bowling alley or movie theater???

<b>Online</b>	The only opportunity left is to widen Rt 17 and stop building. Have conservation and wildlife and marshes protected.
<b>Online</b>	<p>We need to reinvest in downtown. We have a historical jewelry on our midst and it's going to disappear if someone doesn't wake up and do something.</p> <p>We need to STOP OVERDEVELOPING CORRIDORS THAT HAVE HIT CAPACITY. Refer the Army Corps of Engineers most recent decree on Rt. 460 if there are any further questions.</p> <p>We need to stop putting everything in Northern Suffolk and recognize that Western Tidewater and Northern North Carolina are markets that are starving for the basics. Affordable housing. NOT multi-family townhouses that will end up bought up by slum landlords. Decent retail. We have essentially created food deserts in some of the most productive farmland on the coast. And jobs that aren't service jobs or warehouse jobs, but good paying career paths that families can grow with.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Planned growth has to be the answer. We don't want to be small strip shopping center expansion up and down each major highway. Planned communities with walking trails, community pool, parks and other amenities is good growth.
<b>Online</b>	Shopping other than Walmart! Retail stores. Also need services and shelter for the homeless. With the influx of people that the growth is bringing, you have to be ready to deal with the negative, not just the positive! There needs to be incentives for landlords to have affordable housing. It's not just non working people, it's elderly, handicapped, and working people that just can't afford the housing prices! Need better transportation. All these warehouses and "jobs" here but unless you have a car, you can't get to many of them. Many new jobs at these warehouses start with midnight shift, and there is no transportation for them!
<b>Online</b>	More upscale restaurants, shopping, entertainment venues, family friendly, parks & NOT creating more Industrial areas that would further clog our roads and create major hazards not only for the families in our communities, but also the wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	Indoor recreational facilities similar to Va Beach Field House,
<b>Online</b>	Better schools. Better retail. No more mattress or cell phone stores. We need better restaurants near downtown. No more apartments or warehouses near 58/460. Warehouses and apartments are turning Suffolk into a pit stop. These are not long term investments in the community.
<b>Online</b>	Shopping store outlets and popular stores
<b>Online</b>	Expand recycling. Raise the level of services. Businesses to service residents- not industrial
<b>Online</b>	Longhorn steakhouse
<b>Online</b>	More parks, more tourist or entertainment opportunities, I'd love to see more historical buildings and areas protected
<b>Online</b>	Any non industrial services something for the people to do. Maybe get on the casino train like the other major cities
<b>Online</b>	<p>With the explosive growth in the Chuckatuck</p> <p>Borough and Harbourview area, reliable public</p>

	<p>transit (rail) should be expanded to these areas.</p> <p>I want to be able to hop on a train near Obisi Hospital and ride it into Downtown Norfolk, where I work.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Workers and support structure as well, city workers, fire fighters, police (racial profiling, systemic racism, assuming guilty due to skin color are all areas of policing, serve and protect the community). The Operation Building on Route 13, was a great plan. Any new buildings, should be developed in the less populated areas of the city, reduces traffic in the city limits, provide transportation to workers that may fill the positions, but need time to obtain valuable/reliable transportation.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We've got a good start on getting reliable internet to the country, but we must make an effort to get it everywhere. Cable competition for Spectrum would be good for getting costs down. We should use the VDOT property to put in a nice city park with boat ramp access to the Nansemond with parking for vehicles with trailers. I was disappointed we didn't use the Obici property or some of the Hillpoint property for this. Something like Portsmouth city park. There are so many apartments going up on Rt.10 and 460, a place for kids to play and families to enjoy the outside would be a good idea. Unfortunately, it seems the dollar is more important than quality of life.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Wegmans and Trader Joe's grocery stores would be welcomed. A recreational center would be nice.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Better internet would help with businesses and education. That internet should be available to all 4 corners of the City not just North Suffolk.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would love to see the Cinema Cafe movie theater to be built up as it was said to be coming. There needs to be P.F. Chang's. A skating ring and bowling alley. More roadway's.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We need to continue to build our school systems to compete with surrounding localities. The schools are what drive people out of Suffolk or deter them from coming in the first place. Suffolk is not competing with Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, and as real estate prices continue to increase, Suffolk needs to be that alternative community. However, we will never be an attractive alternative if our schools, especially in the downtown area, continue to rank at the bottom of the list.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Suffolk needs a multifaceted venue that can utilize green space and attract revenue from all over. The old TCC site would make for a great place to have and amphitheater with multiuse building or marina. This area would offer limited traffic on the main roads of Suffolk.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Downtown people needs something to do. It seems that all of the focus is on North Suffolk. It's as if we are 2 separate cities.</p> <p>- Request the Suffolk News-Herald print 1 paper, rather than a North Suffolk and a Suffolk paper. That adds to the feeling of separate cities.</p>



	<p>- Bring a movie theater to Downtown.</p> <p>- Dredge the canal behind the Hilton so that we can use the kayak launch without having to drag the boat through the mud.</p> <p>- Support Downtown business on Main St better. I'd love to see a quaint coffee shop, restaurants, art stores. They seem to get taxed out of existence. Empty storefronts are not fun to stroll by. We should have a nice, peaceful walk through Downtown.</p>
<b>Online</b>	We need to promote more agricultural areas for our residents. We need new parks, multiuse trails that allow horseback riding, and more green space.
<b>Online</b>	<p>1. A commitment to downtown revitalization that makes hard decisions and executes them. Most of the residential streets near the square should be demolished bc of blight but the city won't do it. No one will come downtown if it's not safe, and IT'S NOT SAFE. This is a 5 year project.</p> <p>2. Infrastructure must be enhanced. Bridge Rd is not big enough to support current traffic much less future development. This is a 10 year project.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Space and opportunities. We need to focus on North Suffolk. It is growing area and if you continue to develop and attract more people, we need to bring more options to the city. We need more attractions and entertainment. We need more upscale grocery stores (Publix, Wegmans, Fresh Market). We need more fine dining and standard restaurants, (Ruth Chris, CAVA, Bonefish Grill, Jason Deli, MISSION BBQ, Fridays, Yard House, etc) so people don't have to commute so far enjoy good food and laughs.. We need better adult and family friendly entertainment. (Upscale movie theatres, apex gaming, escape rooms, parks to listen to live bands, and places where festivals can be held (wine fest, carnivals, comedy shows, etc). Also, nice adult lounges to listen to music and dance. Also, things that are in the area need to stay open later. This area shuts down at 8/9pm. Why? South Suffolk stores, restaurants, and fast food places stay open late. North Suffolk needs to be the same. If you want to bring more money and people to Suffolk, you have to bring attractions as well. Why is the parking Lot where AMC movie theatre is off Harbour View rundown and deserted??? Publix or Wegmans should be there as another grocery store to accommodate the new homes/apartments coming. It use to be a nice shopping center and now it's an eye sore. The owner barely keeps up with the landscaping down. So much room for opportunities there.</p>
<b>Online</b>	I would love to see more variety of retail stores and entertainment options.
<b>Online</b>	Higher end retailers. Better internet services. Enhanced recycling and green energy.
<b>Online</b>	Stay small and charming. Don't try to be Chesapeake.
<b>Online</b>	Support our farmers. Generations of farmers who continue to take over operations to continue the family traditions to preserve to lands that their forefathers created.
<b>Online</b>	Expanded public transit. More sidewalks and paths in between neighborhoods. Grocery stores in gas stations between Bridge Road and highway 58 through the Sleepy Hole, Driver, and Nansemond River corridor. High School in Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see downtown revitalized. There's no place to shop there and scary at night. We only have three real places to shop, Lowes, Walmart and Belk unless your in the market for a mattress, cell phone or title loan. I would like to see one quality brewery like The Big Ugly in Chesapeake or Wasserhund Brewery in Va Beach. Just one. I would like to

	see more developments focused on providing farmette and county estates with acreage or a lot of trees providing privacy. That is why most people relocate to Suffolk. They want to fell like they are in the country.
<b>Online</b>	Better quality and speed of internet. Iâ€™d love to see small business move into the downtown area. Redone downtown area. Our community of Whaleyville needs attention. Some updating and refurbishing.
<b>Online</b>	Better access to internet in the country. More business development in Whaleyville. Do some beautification in downtown Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Improve downtown to be more like Smithfield, pedestrian friendly, and unique shopping and dining experiences.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has no entertainment value, nothing is south Suffolk, at all.
<b>Online</b>	How about you leave it as it is.
<b>Online</b>	More offered closer to downtown Suffolk for youth and family entertainment and shopping.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to see quality number one. Quality food stores, quality shopping, quality community engagement. This will bring wholesomeness and a quality mindset. People should feel good about where they live. I have no kids but I would like to see more kid friendly and family opportunities. The best thing I have seen thats daily and consistent in south Suffolk, is the YMCA and the Suffolk Arts Center. Thatâ€™s all we have. And maybe Krogerâ€™s. Where is a Trader Joeâ€™s? Firestone? Where is an Olive Garden or a Cracker Barrel or something of the like? Where is a Marshallâ€™s or TJ Max even? A Petco? Just a little quality and instead of subs, fried chicken, car washes and tire shops
<b>Online</b>	To be a leader in recreation, a family city, a destination for local markets and supportive of local agriculture and farms. More entertainment venues for young adult and families. More retail in downtown like target. Perhaps a water splash pad for children at a new park. A park across from the Suffolk Executive Airport.
<b>Online</b>	Because Suffolk is the fastest growing city in Tidewater and housing is more affordable than our sister cities, the potential to increase the tax base as well as attract higher end grocery stores and businesses is there. IF there is SMART development to maintain historic charm and not allow us to just be full of mega-warehouses and solar panel farms, we must preserve our green and water spaces.
<b>Online</b>	We need better grocery stores and we need to make better use of our historic and charming downtown area.
<b>Online</b>	I'd like you to stop the four story apartments, which by 2045 should be ghettos much like NY and Ca. We have no need to stack people up, as we have more land than any other city in Va. So what is the benefit to established citizens? None...Do you people even understand scale and square footage? Someone needs to get out into the field and use a tape mesaure and string to try and visualize the outcome of these greedy plans, and stop dealing with computer virtual vapors!  Who exactly is benefiting besides a few builders and their investors, and isn't it time to follow the bank accounts of the people making the decisions to allow this nonsensical use

	of land. We are witnesses to pure greed, for example; houses to close near the restaurant Decoys (route 17); condos shoved to close together behind Food Lion (route 17); etc; etc;
<b>Online</b>	I am happy with the current municipal services offered in Suffolk. I would prefer the city found a way to drastically reduce water costs versus offering something new. I would like to see any business that offers jobs that pay well and that is relatively clean/non-polluting. With the recent passage of the port 460 project, there is no need for a single additional space in the city that does warehousing and/or a large volume of trucks. The spaces we have designated for that now should be filled up first. We are going to end up with vast, unattractive and largely abandoned and run-down warehousing districts that businesses are using as tax write-offs if we are not extremely careful with what we approve from here on out.
<b>Online</b>	AGRICULTURE. This is the most long lasting, sustainable, and profitable direction for the city to focus on. It's also what we have long been known for. Don't snuff it out! Quick developments will and do crumble. The people WILL leave. Bring in agriculture trades. Skilled labor training and schools that have programs to incorporate back into Suffolk business. Organic farming incentives. Ag-tourism. Be the best train the best. Our soils have historically been incredibly unique. Embrace that and attract that.
	Fixing the public school systems
<b>Online</b>	More Public Works services in the Agricultural Zoned areas; like scheduled ditch and drainage way cleaning and road repaving.
<b>Online</b>	Better Police and Fire services. More schools for a these homes your building. Better roads to handle all the traffic that has been caused from over building..
<b>Online</b>	Reinforce our schools by hiring teaching staff and supporting the diverse needs of the schools and students. Build public safety! Crime is TOO high.
<b>Online</b>	Hoping for better housing opportunities near the bypass and resposible growth.

Source	4. What are the greatest strengths in Suffolk? What do you like best about the City or your community?
Online	Suffolk is know for Southern Hospitality from what i have observed it is very family oriented and that should not be taken away.
Online	PEANUTS.
Online	Smoother to address concerns when individuals call in
Online	I grew up in Suffolk and have watched it change over the years. I have always loved the feeling of it not being like Virginia Beach. I like the hometown feeling Suffolk has had in the past and hope that it can get back to that.
Online	Financially sound.
Online	Suffolk's greatest strengths involve the growth potential for developers. I like the fact that here in Suffolk I get to work for the City. I'm learning new things that I didn't know about Suffolk.
Online	Love the rural, out in the country feel that used to be here. Love that I live in a walkable neighborhood, know my neighbors and don't feel like our houses are almost touching.
Online	Small town country vibe
Online	Growth, developments, city hall in a convent location. I love being near a fire station.
Online	Community convenient to almost everything
Online	We have beautiful backroads and lakes. However, all the growth is infringing on the beautiful countryside!
Online	Itâ€™s rural charm which is being destroyed
Online	Suffolk is very close to most of Hampton Roads even though itâ€™s not perceived that way. We have the best access to the peninsula being between the JRB and the MMBT.
Online	I like and work in Harbourview, which is awesome. Not many can say they have a 2 mile commute.
Online	Suffolk seems to be strong at ignoring traffic and crime while still having that small country town feel. Oh and pretty strong at taxing us without providing services to justify what we pay.
Online	The local feel and the country atmosphere. The availability to grow within the confines of the limitations set.
Online	Mix of country and city, old and new. Maintaining that juxtaposition is interesting. How can we better use our water frontage?  Specialize Suffolkâ€™s Boroughs to differentiate and make each their own attraction?
Online	Coming together when we need to.
Online	Friendliness of neighbors, able to attract a variety of people for living and jobs
Online	The rural feel in comparison to other Hampton roads communities.
Online	Small town feel with lower taxes compared to other cities.
Online	Beautiful land marks! Beautiful areas !
Online	Quieter, less traffic, more affordability, nice sense of community than adjacent cities.
Online	Parks and libraries events and activities

<b>Online</b>	I really like the rural area that we live in. I hope the city does something to slow the growth of the single-family homes and help keep this area mostly agriculture
<b>Online</b>	Historic district on and around Main St. Street fairs, and restaurants in the downtown area. Appreciation for the Arts at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, Suffolk Art Gallery and other venues. Rural communities still feel like rural communities. The Great Dismal Swamp is an amazing environmental natural resource. I rarely go to North Suffolk but appreciate the variety of business available, however I'm not in favor of more business growth, more green space and better traffic flow needed in the north.
<b>Online</b>	I do not like how uppity the north side has gotten. The south side is more family oriented and user friendly. I like to keep it that way but transition the whole city of Suffolk to that way.  Have more affordable housing! With the way the economy is today, people cannot afford these high dollar apartments that the city of Suffolk seems to keep building.
<b>Online</b>	Not sure right now. City is crazy with everything going on.
<b>Online</b>	Suburban with lots of amenities
<b>Online</b>	Beautiful land but it's being taken away for houses and apartments. Not much left to like.
<b>Online</b>	We are losing our greatest strength. Small town feel
<b>Online</b>	The unity
<b>Online</b>	So much potential
<b>Online</b>	Open Space & Parks
<b>Online</b>	Small town living
<b>Online</b>	Land and northern Suffolk is the central hub to Hampton roads
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<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is convenient to most areas of Hampton Roads.
<b>Online</b>	We've got potential to have a great city center and new, clean communities to hold fairs and carnivals.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is home so it's already the best but the potential for greater is there. I like how the mayor and city officials are considering new businesses here
<b>Online</b>	I used to love the small town feel. I do love my neighborhood off of shoulders hill. We bought here because it is zoned rural residential, you keep changing by rezoning. Please don't make our city a large metropolitan area.
<b>Online</b>	The space. We don't need to fill up every square inch.
<b>Online</b>	I used to love the quiet which is slowly dissipating from the semi trucks and increased traffic.
<b>Online</b>	I can't really answer this. I have been so upset about all the building. My vision is to sell my home and get out of Suffolk. The water fees are too high and the City seems to continue to rubber stamp all of these new developments, stores, and restaurants that detract from the uniqueness of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Location is ideal. It provides a country life within a convenient distance of other major cities. (Although the rural areas of Suffolk are beginning to be over developed)
<b>Online</b>	My neighborhood is great

<b>Online</b>	About my community, it is rural but for how long? Houses are being built everywhere!
<b>Online</b>	Good mix of commercial businesses nearby ( northern Suffolk). City services are very dependable
<b>Online</b>	The small-town feel and quiet. I'm glad we are not as built up as Chesapeake. However, that's coming. We are not far behind Chesapeake in how busy we are, with all the development that is occurring. Perhaps the loss of the small-town feel, through all the development, is inevitable?
<b>Online</b>	Sadly after living here over 45 years the things that were best of Suffolk are long gone. This city has become nothing but "western greenbrier"
<b>Online</b>	Farmers market
<b>Online</b>	I love that the downtown area still has a community that speaks when you see them, waves as they pass, and are generally good people who care about their community!
<b>Online</b>	Our diversity! We are a very large city, land wise and need to maintain our unusual personality in different regions!
<b>Online</b>	Open areas, 3 libraries, the park behind farm fresh, community events
<b>Online</b>	It use to be how quiet it was, but now I'm looking at moving further out do to way to many condos and apartments going up.
<b>Online</b>	Few city events. Like the parade, car show, etc
<b>Online</b>	Strong military presence. Geographically superior location to other areas of Hampton roads.
<b>Online</b>	Great farm land that should stay farm land for years to come.
<b>Online</b>	Warm, friendly, family oriented people.
<b>Online</b>	I liked the small town feel of Suffolk and that is it's greatest strength. It is a place to go if you don't want to be sitting in traffic all day and dealing with all the problems associated with big city life.
<b>Online</b>	Great place to raise a family.
<b>Online</b>	It used to be a smaller community. It has lost strength in numbers. Keep the farms.
<b>Online</b>	Most people know eachother. Suffolk is a family. Most of us grew up here and never left home " "
<b>Online</b>	I liked when it was less traffic.
<b>Online</b>	I liked the fact that we were a small town on the edge of some more densely populated, traffic clogged areas.
<b>Online</b>	Still deciding
<b>Online</b>	Great educators and schools. Lots of community events. Several parks with trails. Downtown revitalization. Holiday Lights at Sleepy Hole.
<b>Online</b>	Quietness , people. Safety
<b>Online</b>	The rural feel but being close to amenities. The Library is fantastic with programs. Can't wait for the new facility!
<b>Online</b>	I love that I live in a neighborhood with mature trees and water access. I like nature.
<b>Online</b>	I love my house in the country away from town. Suffolk still has some small town feelings left.

<b>Online</b>	Right now nothing, a lot of decisions are being made without consequences to the roadways and schools.
<b>Online</b>	I used to love no traffic. Affordable taxes. Good schools. Now I'm wanting to move out of Suffolk. Suffolk leaders are doing a horrible job
<b>Online</b>	People obviously want to live here but new comers will not stay if there there consumer needs are not met and the entertainment is limited
<b>Online</b>	People are always a communities greatest strength. I like that there are still people who care about their community and making it better for everyone.
<b>Online</b>	We once liked the small town feel but that is fading fast.
<b>Online</b>	Diverse people, centrally located to a variety of amenities (north Suffolk), rural/suburban identity, feels more like a small town than other cities
<b>Online</b>	A lot of land. People are extremely friendly.
<b>Online</b>	Southern roots, but it's all ruining that.
<b>Online</b>	There was before it all turned it into a little Chesapeake.
<b>Online</b>	I like that it still has a suburban/rural feeling to it.
<b>Online</b>	We had strengths.  We sold our water to Norfolk / Portsmouth .  We are selling farms for multi family housing.
<b>Online</b>	The neighborhoods
<b>Online</b>	When I moved here, I really liked the small-town feel, but that is going away.  I like the arts, but the Historic Landmarks Commission hinders any neat ideas. Murals and beautification downtown would be lovely. Let property owners fix their buildings even if it means not using original type materials (Baker Funeral Home).
<b>Online</b>	The country feel but still close enough to drive to what you need from the city.
<b>Online</b>	The wide Open Space & Parkss of the country. Rural neighborhoods with large lots but close enough to develop good relationships with your neighbors. Walking and biking trails. The rich Suffolk history. Small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has a strong financial base and room for improvement. I love downtown but it's fading away fast. North suffolk is just an extension of the western branch area, which is good, but the core has a lot to offer and is forgotten about.
<b>Online</b>	We have beautiful Parks and natural areas that are not leveraged for tourism. Sports is a big deal with alot of parents. We should invest in a central sports area. SYAA cartys that load. We should fill up hotels with summer and fall tournaments.
<b>Online</b>	I have always loved the small town rural feel, but we've lost that here in Northern Suffolk where every bit of Open Space & Parks is used for more development. I do love the history of Suffolk. I LOVE the tours the city supports and would like to see more of those. I think one of the best assests is the land and using that to foster our community with, as i said above, parks, Open Space & Parks, walking trails, historical areas.



<b>Online</b>	Nothing great comes to mind
<b>Online</b>	Taking land and building homes/industrial complex's. It was the peacefulness.
<b>Online</b>	I used to say the space but that is quickly disappearing
<b>Online</b>	It is where I am from and home
<b>Online</b>	I think Suffolk's greatest asset is its land. I think the parks' access to water is great for people like myself who enjoy the outdoors. I like that we have more housing communities for families and less apartments than other cities. I like Central Suffolk because it's not overcrowded, close to highways, and has a Suburban and Rural feel all at the same time.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing anymore.
<b>Online</b>	Quiet communities. Great mix of cultures and  Ethnicities.
<b>Online</b>	Land
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel
<b>Online</b>	The rural area, peaceful
<b>Online</b>	I have been in Suffolk my entire life and have always valued a tight knit community where everyone knows your name and your children. It's not that way anymore. We have gotten too big.
<b>Online</b>	Southwest Suffolk-The beauty of Suffolk  South Suffolk has potential to be great.
<b>Online</b>	If Suffolk were not where I grew up and where most of my family lived, I would have no interest at all in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	I liked that it was quiet and not crowded.
<b>Online</b>	Rural appeal. Community engagement of late to change the direction the city was headed.
<b>Online</b>	Quiet communities. Great mix of cultures and  Ethnicities.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing at this point - cant wait to move out of this over populated "used to be a nice place to live" city.
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel, opportunity to grow
<b>Online</b>	It's still better than Virginia Beach, so far.
<b>Online</b>	What's left of the hometown feeling; the connections. There is so much land here that could be used for something enjoyable such as flea markets, weekends events.
<b>Online</b>	Need to work on less crime
<b>Online</b>	I appreciate the small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	I'd say Suffolk's greatest strength is location. Easy travel to the mountains or ocean. I used to say it's the Country right outside of the big City, but that seems to be fading quicker than light. Many people come to Suffolk to "get away" well if we keep developing at this exponential rate soon people will be moving to places like Isle of Wight, or Courtland to "get away". Our location is key, but we shouldn't take it for granted.
<b>Online</b>	Not much anymore.

<b>Online</b>	Has a lot of Rural Areas for Country Living if all the trees aren't cut down. Need to consider our wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strengths of Suffolk are economic development, community disparities among white and blacks, and channeling CDBG and other earmarked funds to communities not of color. I live in Northern Suffolk so I am able to enjoy less crime, access to nice venues for entertainment, fine dining, and shopping.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has been a great place to live, I love the community feeling that is Suffolk, I would hate to see the sense of community/ Small town feel die because of overcrowding in our city.
<b>Online</b>	It's balance between rural and urban. The two growth areas are important in preserving our rural land, Open Space & Parks and environmentally sensitive land.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing right now.
<b>Online</b>	area
<b>Online</b>	Not really sure, honestly.
<b>Online</b>	Overall the area isn't too big and populated yet. As of now it still has a somewhat small town feel compared to the cities east of us. Please stop trying to change that.
<b>Online</b>	Lack of parking downtown
<b>Online</b>	Lower cost of living
<b>Online</b>	I love the size of our city. We are big enough to have what we need and easily reach larger metropolitan venues quickly but small enough that neighbors know each other and the pace of life feels comfortable.
<b>Online</b>	I like the sense of community. It's a city with a very small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	I can't really say anything, our family goes out of Suffolk to do everything. Nothing for children here to do and no updated Restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	I am not sure. A friend recently called it an armpit. And I thought, why do I actually live here.
<b>Online</b>	The people!!! Police, fire and rescue.  We have a great opportunity to bring more people in with better quality businesses
<b>Online</b>	I like the way Suffolk used to be. Everyone cared for each other. They didn't mind helping each other. Now, it's every man for himself. God did not instill this into them. They got away from their roots, The God Fearing Community and country.
<b>Online</b>	It is a large city... most people are friendly...it is growing for sure
<b>Online</b>	I like the country to live on. Going to other parts for whatever I need then being able to have quiet nights .
<b>Online</b>	Different Festival.
<b>Online</b>	The different feels of downtown, north Suffolk, and rural Suffolk. I like that they feel unique and have their own things to offer the city. Great public parks!
<b>Online</b>	The beauty of the land, nature, environment.
<b>Online</b>	More bang for your buck in regards to housing
<b>Online</b>	Space and rural living. Once we were a community of farms and land. Now we have cheaply built houses crammed in to shabbily built neighborhoods.

<b>Online</b>	Just about everything you need can already be found in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Rural and small town vibe.
<b>Online</b>	I like the small town feel of downtown, nice restaurants and shops.
<b>Online</b>	Great housing .
<b>Online</b>	Large housing lot sizes...that is what Suffolk should concentrate on. Bringing in people who like to not look at their neighbors through their windows.
<b>Online</b>	The things I liked best were the days when there wasn't a car wash, convenience store and drug store on every corner.
<b>Online</b>	Not much anymore!  Parks are nice but farms and forests are going away . Before Covid - loved suffolk parks and rec, donâ€™t know if they survived.
<b>Online</b>	I used to love the small town feel. Now itâ€™s just another typical city with no character
<b>Online</b>	Price if homes, access to adjoining cites like Hampton, Norfolk, Newport New, Chesapeake, Va. Beach and Carolina with a 30-minute time frame.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is very family oriented and encourages the participants of its constituents. There is always a variety of activities and events available to the public.
<b>Online</b>	Beautiful area  Good people  Good private schools
<b>Online</b>	Rural area.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk's greatest strength is that it provides community living and is a nice quiet place to raise a family.
<b>Online</b>	Nature. The city seems to work hard to maintain the natural surroundings of the area. Most subdivisions have lots of land and house packages where you can enjoy the greenery of the area. It has the feel of a suburb.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strengths is Suffolk for the most part is peaceful and quiet. I enjoy living in my neighborhood as folks get along for the most part. I enjoy the country living.
<b>Online</b>	Stress free commuting is gone. Safety is gone. The home-town feel is gone.  **** Taxes are still reasonable so that is something.  Note: Shopping, dining and entertainment all rate a zero on the south end. It is a 45 minute drive from lower Suffolk to a movie theater, bowling or a shopping mall. It just depends where your live. This is why I feel that these amenities should be available in/near old downtown.
<b>Online</b>	One of Suffolk's greatest strengths is open ness. There so much room for so much especially in the Kings Fork area
<b>Online</b>	Presently none

<b>Online</b>	Farming and industry and the large amount of available land. I appreciate the transparency of our Police department and the new approach that our new chief of Police brings, I think we have great City services with our Fire and Rescue, Public Works and Public Utilities.
<b>Online</b>	Still some small town feel left. I live in Northern Suffolk and the shopping and eateries are amazing!
<b>Online</b>	Nearly everything we need can be found within our city limits. The people are generally warm and friendly. We have a good number of city parks and they are well-maintained.
<b>Online</b>	Recreation facilities development and upkeep. Farmers market improvements and programs
<b>Online</b>	Community, small town.
<b>Online</b>	Proximity to ports
<b>Online</b>	Space and being closer to I-95.
<b>Online</b>	Parks
<b>Online</b>	It is a historic city with much potential for development of the arts and for beautification. If economic growth is the only consideration, those goals are likely to be ignored. It's possible to have responsible economic growth without sacrificing other important things.
<b>Online</b>	None.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing special. A place to live with good neighbors.
<b>Online</b>	It continues to feel like a small town place even as more people move here. I like being able to experience rural, suburban and urban all in one city.
<b>Online</b>	The people
<b>Online</b>	Our beautiful natural resources, and balance between rural/city appeal.
<b>Online</b>	We are a diverse community that still goes to church. Capitalize on our communities faith. Work on improvement of our school capacity with additional elementary school and middle school downtown
<b>Online</b>	It still has a hometown feel.
<b>Online</b>	Smaller town vibe. However, this will get lost if we continue to grow at high rates.
<b>Online</b>	Peanut factory, history, forest. Hiking trails (but we need parking)
<b>Online</b>	Love downtown and the restaurants and shops there.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Housing with beautiful scenery.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has a long a way to go. We can do better. Our strength is the availability of land to grow. Use it wisely. Update infrastructure BEFORE you "boom" the area.
<b>Online</b>	Still has the country feel, and not that far from bigger cities. People are friendly
<b>Paper</b>	It used to feel safe, but it doesn't anymore
<b>Online</b>	Rural and open spaces
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has a great location in the region and state.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk has a middle class vibe. Avoid low income housing, and increase corporate interest.
<b>Online</b>	The fact that Suffolk is remote and still not overwhelmingly saturated with population.

<b>Online</b>	It's not the big Virginia Beach type of city life; we enjoy the rural environment of Suffolk. Our citizens are friendly and we need to keep it that way
<b>Online</b>	Small town charm without the small town limitations
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel in areas, closeness of businesses with in driving distance
<b>Online</b>	The small town feel (especially downtown and in the rural areas/villages). I appreciate having a Comp Plan that protects rural communities and encourages growth downtown.
<b>Online</b>	The great people in the area
<b>Online</b>	Small town, need to keep that feel while increasing the growth.
<b>Online</b>	People are friendly
<b>Online</b>	Friendly small town atmosphere. Responsive city workers. Open space and farms. Excellent city council. Excellent police force.
<b>Online</b>	A strength would be our older, established neighborhoods where people still know each other. I like being in my neighborhood best.
<b>Online</b>	I used to think it was a great place to be: relatively close to things but not congested... but now the north end is congested
<b>Online</b>	Our greatest strengths used to be open spaces and low taxes. Now...?
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is nestled in a perfect area between Virginia Beach, Richmond, and beyond. Other than being a strategic location, Suffolk has the Great Dismal Swamp as its backyard, quick access to the Chesapeake Bay through the Nansemond River, abundant history involving Native Americans, wars, industry, etc, Ruritan, the nationwide service organization, was founded here too! There are so many golden nuggets here, that there is not enough room to list them all!
<b>Online</b>	The quiet rural setting, the animals, the birds, the parks, the lakes and the people.
<b>Online</b>	I like that I live in the country. If it wasn't for my job location I would relocate to another county that doesn't over tax their citizens. I don't mind paying taxes since nothing come free, but our taxes are the highest in the Hampton roads area. Doesn't make sense given all of the big businesses coming to Suffolk. But our mayor owns a business (conflict of interest) so doesn't surprise me we don't tax the businesses instead of it's citizens.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Great fire, emts and police; great public works service., and libraries . Pubic schools abysmal!
<b>Online</b>	Its a developing area that if done right can be a destination spot
<b>Online</b>	location
<b>Online</b>	Harbour View is an amazing community, centrally located, providing easy access to the Peninsula, Norfolk, and beyond. We love living and working here.
<b>Online</b>	not sure how to answer this but I will mention the public works department, roads & mosquito control
<b>Online</b>	I used to smell Honeysuckle and Peanuts in Suffolk. Now we Smell The Dump!!! We have a Wonderful Agacurchal Community Lets put down a Green Line to Keep it, save it from Over Development!!
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk used to be great but they have lost sight of improving the city for residents and only focus on their tax revenue.

<b>Online</b>	Quality businesses. More large businesses.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strengths is what Suffolk wants to do for self-aggrandizement. They do not vindicate the reputation of the stalwart soldiers who have kept their hands on the plow. I know these are not the days of horse and buggy, but there is no diplomacy in any of these changes being made. The city officials are basking and relishing in the fact that they full control in what they want to do with our community. BUT GOD SITS HIGH AND LOOKS LOW. GOD is not respecter of character. I loved my community before the city officials corrupted it and caused lots of grief, stripping us or trying to strip us of our dignity. BIBLE, "BE NOT DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED, WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP." Apparently, Suffolk knows that there are GOD-FEARING PEOPLE ON HIS SIDE. So, if we must leave camp, this battle is not ours, the ones who are fighting for what is right, IT'S THE LORD'S.
<b>Online</b>	Home town feel.
<b>Online</b>	I cannot speak for anywhere other than North Suffolk. I love the growth I am seeing despite the fact that I prefer the "small town" feel that my neighborhood has.
<b>Online</b>	Overall, Suffolk is a safe community, but with all the growth comes the need for extra police presence. At least in Northern Suffolk, I can say that there are activities for children (sports and the like).
<b>Online</b>	The rural area. People are moving out here to get out of the city and making Suffolk just like where they moved from.
<b>Online</b>	My community is QUIET! i'd like it to stay that way...I LOVE downtown, I love small business Saturday and supporting small businesses. Do something to encourage more small businesses in the downtown area. Suffolk is still pretty safe, unlike so many other areas of Hampton Roads...that's why we live here. We want it to stay that way!
<b>Online</b>	Love the small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	The quiet and peace.
<b>Online</b>	I liked the fact that Suffolk USED to care about it's citizens! I like country living and that is being taken from us due to big rigs, truck stops and truck drivers tearing up our roads and neighborhoods!
<b>Online</b>	The current Comprehensive Plan provides areas in the urban development zones for development.
<b>Online</b>	The people who care about our town and want to be proud of it again. My roots are very deep here and we have a rich history and beautiful land area.
<b>Online</b>	The country life. Don't lose it.
<b>Online</b>	Aldi's and Publix coming in.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is a large city with many potential future opportunities. I love the nature Suffolk has within.
<b>Online</b>	The best thing was when we were a small community. Now we are getting too big and I fear, losing the small town feel
<b>Online</b>	I'm so disgusted with the number of new housing, that I see nothing very positive. We're going to need to destroy yet more forest just to build a new high school soon.

<b>Online</b>	I love the variety Suffolk offers from rural areas to Northern Suffolk shopping and restaurants, but I would like to see more restaurant and entertainment options in the downtown area beyond fast food.
<b>Online</b>	Since the city was more of a rural area it still has some of the rural feel to it. It is not overcrowded yet but it is getting that way.
<b>Online</b>	Safety. We chose to live so far from the base (military family) for the safety
<b>Online</b>	We know how to come together when need be
<b>Online</b>	The community
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk is favored and Suffolk city is forgotten except when tax time rolls around
<b>Online</b>	Water access... Still some "country" left... Police funding...
<b>Online</b>	Near interstate for travel outside of the area or to get to larger cities for specialized healthcare
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk had a good mix of green space, parks, recreation, as well as development. Our city workers are dedicated and hard working.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing really! If I knew taxes in this city were as high as they are, I would have moved elsewhere!
<b>Online</b>	People are willing to support festivals and sponsored events.
<b>Online</b>	Tight knit community, best value homes and close to major cities and work.
<b>Online</b>	Well I live on the downtown side and we don't get much love here so I'm not sure.
<b>Online</b>	How so many citizens can talk together so easily
<b>Online</b>	The agricultural community, heritage, and traditions are great strengths but could easily be lost. Most areas in 757 area code have long lost these assets. What I like best about my community is the rural roots (being able to live an agricultural based life) and support shared to one another.
<b>Online</b>	The people
<b>Online</b>	The fact that I can't afford to move
<b>Online</b>	My community?? I can drive down my 8-mile road at any time and rarely see anyone outside their home! As for my wife and I, we spend 80 to 90 percent of our time and consumer dollars outside of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Housing costs are cheaper than elsewhere in some respects.
<b>Online</b>	Communication
<b>Online</b>	We're we're falling apart I can't see one strength. Ready to run
<b>Online</b>	The diversity of having both suburbs, and rural areas. I like my area because I have wide open spaces and very few neighbors.
<b>Online</b>	Love the small town feel. You speak to a real person at City Hall, people are kind and Suffolk is definitely somewhere I am proud to live
<b>Online</b>	I love Suffolk for the diversity of the population. I love the small town feeling.  My community is established and we have great yard space.
<b>Online</b>	Parks and recs is the absolute best in Suffolk. Everything they do is phenomenal. The libraries we have a fantastic as well.
<b>Online</b>	The small town feel! And slowly it's being sold to developers for big city appeal.
<b>Online</b>	the parks are nice



<b>Online</b>	It's beauty.
<b>Online</b>	I think Suffolk has more soul than the 1960s plus suburban sprawl of Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	I'm not sure about greatest strengths, again because I haven't lived in Suffolk long enough, but I like what I've seen about community events and events at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts. My husband and I look forward to attending events.
<b>Online</b>	Honestly, can't think of many. And my family has been here since 1747. The infrastructure has not kept up with the massive growth. Natural features such as the Dismal Swamp and Nansemond River, and the area history are the best things about Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	The strengths are rural living. Country roads with crops growing in fields and cows grazing. Wide open spaces. Walking trails and lakes to fish in.
<b>Online</b>	Moved to downtown area 20 years ago from Newport News. Enjoyed quite/slight rural feel of area. Unchecked growth is turning area into what we moved away from in Newport News.
<b>Online</b>	New work opportunities
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has beauty on its side. There's plenty of space to grow but we must keep eco friendly in mind. The many nature trails and lakes are great. Suffolk is the largest city in virginia when it comes to land size. It's time we become more than a "pass-through" town.
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel
<b>Online</b>	Family environment and great living areas
<b>Online</b>	There are no longer great things about living in Not So Surprising Suffolk...it's like living in VA Beach without the beach or recreation centers! It is crowded, noisy, overburdened with traffic and people while the infrastructure and internet service remain much the same as when we moved here in 1987!
<b>Online</b>	Quiet rural areas with commerce nearby.
<b>Online</b>	Greatest strength is its space.
<b>Online</b>	None. I think suffolk is money hungry and could care less about the people living here. Planning on moving in near future
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel, slower pace. There is a palpable community feel here that other local cities do not have.
<b>Online</b>	The thing I liked best is the land...other than that it's not alot in downtown Suffolk...people have to drive to VB, Cheasapeak, Northern Suffolk for anything fun or good to eat....
<b>Online</b>	The farms and green spaces. But they are being sold out to industrial and housing developers without improvement to the infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Our greatest strengths of Suffolk are the opportunities for growth in our downtown region, the rec centers, new businesses that will attract people from neighboring cities.
<b>Online</b>	Quality of shops , grocery stores in the area
<b>Online</b>	The strengths in Suffolk are how family oriented it is! You could walk into a local establishment and feel like family because more than likely you are or your families are very close!
<b>Online</b>	Leadership is approachable
	Small enough we can still work towards some solutions

<b>Online</b>	We loved the tight community and charm. That seems to be fading. Our long term goal is now to leave.
<b>Online</b>	We have many lakes and large tracts of park space. We need to create more parks and natural areas to off set the latest developments.
<b>Online</b>	Many areas of the city are not developed. There are unlimited opportunities to streamline the vision of the build efficiency into the system
<b>Online</b>	It use to be somewhat of a small town but no longer has that appeal.
<b>Online</b>	The people that actually are long term residents are the towns great strength, and we are selling our houses and leaving in LARGE numbers. We are the real workers and the folks that make suffolk what it is.. and we will relocate to a town like our lost little suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Weather, no jet noise
<b>Online</b>	Multicultural and diversity of citizens
<b>Online</b>	The kid events at the North Suffolk library and Bennetts Creek Park.
<b>Online</b>	I am considering moving there is not one thing postive for my 4 children to do. Besides the library
<b>Online</b>	The lakes that are own by other cities.. rural living.
<b>Online</b>	The space at hand.
<b>Online</b>	Recreation Department and Parks
<b>Online</b>	It's a convenient place to live, but I don't live like a "Suffolkian". North Suffolk is too far from downtown. The south and west of the city are even further removed. How can we bring this huge land mass together cohesive?
	The greatest strengths are open space and opportunity.
<b>Online</b>	Lone Star Lakes, kayak ramp at Sleepy Hole, dog parks, walking trails. Natural beauty in Suffolk is great.
<b>Online</b>	Low crime and friendliness of Suffolk is strengths
<b>Online</b>	It's upcoming development.
<b>Online</b>	Good accessibility to businesses. Lots of Medical in area.
<b>Online</b>	It's a cute small town that could attract tourist as a stop off. Look at small towns like Belmont NC, Rock Hill SC down town, Boone NC. Use the cemetery and the planters peanut to draw people in for photos and shopping.
<b>Online</b>	I like the police and fire support
<b>Online</b>	We liked the quiet, family environment but that is changing to transitional. The trail is nice but even that is being bombarded with new housing.
<b>Online</b>	Still has a hometown feel
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is a huge city with a small town feel. Neighbors that wave to each other, places to enjoy the outdoors, and a general sense of community.
<b>Online</b>	It's large, it's diverse (people, land, etc), there are long-term residents with historical knowledge and experience as well as new residents with fresh ideas from other areas.
<b>Online</b>	The small town atmosphere. Current expansion is killing that.
<b>Online</b>	Whaleyville is quiet, which is good but it's growing and we have very little near us

<b>Online</b>	It is not a Norfolk, Va beach. People come to get away from the city not for it to build up around them. And we that grew up here also want it to stay that way
<b>Online</b>	I love the people, their are so many of us who grew up here, moved away, and now have come back to raise are own families here.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk still has undeveloped land that needs to be preserved. Our strength and appeal is rural communities.
<b>Online</b>	Resilience of citizens
<b>Online</b>	Small Town vibe
<b>Online</b>	I fail to see any. Everywhere I look I see run-down housing, trash dumps where there is actually no dumping allowed....Suffolk has nothing to offer its community as a whole.
<b>Online</b>	We like that our neighborhood is closed to random traffic, but decoys is killing that. So much random traffic getting lost in the neighborhood. Need more signs for decoys directing people.
<b>Online</b>	Our friendly diversity. Overall low crime, but seems to be rising some.
<b>Online</b>	Its people
<b>Online</b>	City services including: parks and rec, public works, police/fire/emt) are excellent.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Nothing to like now. You have turned into Chesapeake west.
<b>Online</b>	Low crime rate compared to other cities
<b>Online</b>	We have land and at this point nature and still some rural character. Development now is easy: preservation is the challenge
<b>Online</b>	Honestly I only enjoy my neighborhood. But Iâ€™m sure that will be ruined by additional building nearby if thatâ€™s what city council allows to happen or the powers downtown decide.
<b>Online</b>	The crime rate appears to be significantly lower than in other Hampton Roads cities.
<b>Online</b>	That it is mostly agricultural and farming, it is what puts food on the table of millions of Americans. Although increased population increases the coffers and the savings accounts of public officials, it does not do what land does
<b>Online</b>	HOA, police and fire and city management
<b>Online</b>	Not much right now. The foresight of our elected leaders is abysmal. We are 20 to 40 years behind on our infrastructure. Our water prices are way too high.
<b>Online</b>	Not much anymore. Itâ€™s just another congested crime ridden area and any actual improvements always tend to go to Northern Suffolk (where the money is)
<b>Online</b>	Need updates to community
<b>Online</b>	Not much- it has gotten worse- schools worse- school board an absolute joke- destroying agriculture for another warehouse. Downtown has no real value to go there- or for business to invest.
<b>Online</b>	Diversification of businesses, conveniently located businesses. The city services such as police, fire and garbage pick-up, etc. The police are friendly, accessible and are great assets in our community. City services are easy and well-managed. The fact that we have an airport is also nice! I love the golf course, outdoor parks and recreation, and Suffolk is centrally located and it's easy to get to other cities.

<b>Online</b>	Rural, well it used to be .
<b>Online</b>	I love the northern Suffolk area for it's central location. Easy access to interstates to all of Hampton roads.
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk has grown into such a beautiful area. Suffolk continues to offer small town charm while evolving to meet the needs of our current times.
<b>Online</b>	Available land
<b>Online</b>	Nothing anymore
<b>Online</b>	The rural areas and farmers. Planters is a huge part of Suffolk and it's history, push out the peanut farmers and it won't stay open!
<b>Online</b>	The little bit of farm land that still exist.
<b>Online</b>	Our greatest strength is the our natural resources, such as Great Dismal Swamp, Nansemond River and our lakes. I like the small towns and rural quality in Southern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	I think we have a strong core of people who care about the city and the small town feel is still in the community its as we continue to grow.
<b>Online</b>	Our Waterways, YMCAs, Parks, both Art Centers, You- pick-it fields, celebrating the Peanut Festival, ADD a Swamp Festival...being able to see horses graze in a field. Soon we will be celebrating a "Suffolk Warehouse Queen".
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk was once a city by the people, for the people. I don't see this anymore. There's nothing much to like about Suffolk anymore.
<b>Online</b>	Really don't see strengths
<b>Online</b>	Our community is diverse, conscientious, and caring, for the most part. I think Suffolk has a place for everyone's rural, urban, different income levels, etc.
<b>Online</b>	It's got a little country feel left in it.
<b>Online</b>	The fact that is is rural on many places but still has the great amenities within 15 or 30 minutes of most places in the city.
<b>Online</b>	I like the variety that surrounds us and everything being close
<b>Online</b>	The school system is pretty good. Please bring back cursive instruction. People are very civic minded and volunteer. Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts is nice.
<b>Online</b>	I love Holland....it's still small, peaceful and quiet. Let's keep it that way
<b>Online</b>	Used to be the rural atmosphere. Unfortunately, that is quickly disappearing. I like living out in the country.
<b>Online</b>	My neighbors are great. The north Suffolk is really starting to feel like Virginia Beach though
<b>Online</b>	Our small town charm we are loosing with nothing to replace.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	It has a little bit of everything (country life, city life, close proximity to other cities)
<b>Online</b>	Opportunity for growth and development is a definite strength. The city is quiet and reserved but downtown could use some cleaning and sprucing up.
<b>Online</b>	More commercial businesses
<b>Online</b>	Still feels like a small community but it is relatively close to everything and included in many of the Hampton Roads projects.

<b>Online</b>	We are a large community, but a downhome community. I love the "country" feel of Suffolk. I moved here in 2002 and have always said, I feel like I am home and can't imagine living anywhere else. However, over the years and as I have watched housing community after housing community go up, my feelings have started to change.
<b>Online</b>	I love living in the rural area. #country life
<b>Online</b>	I used to feel like it was more rural... now it's way too suburban..Suburban... almost leaning toward Urban. NOT why we bought Herr in 2001.
<b>Online</b>	The strengths of the past are being dwindled every year. We used to have a quiet country city, now we have constant development and high crime.
<b>Online</b>	Still lots of rural areas in Suffolk so it doesn't feel like a huge city yet close to larger cities like Virginia Beach and Norfolk.
<b>Online</b>	Sense of family. Growing but still quaint
<b>Online</b>	Currently just location
<b>Online</b>	Gateway in/out of Hampton Roads
<b>Online</b>	The crime rate is significantly lower than other areas and it is pretty quiet which is huge with small children
<b>Online</b>	Everything is easy to get to.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is quiet and safe. The city is working to be recognized as a modern and growing city.
<b>Online</b>	Large outreach
<b>Online</b>	Focus on renovating, improving and growing retail in & around downtown. Feels like there are two communities- north Suffolk & downtown with different priorities.
<b>Online</b>	It's small town appeal. Mostly clean streets (except Mount Horeb - bunch of nasty people keep leaving their food wrappers all over that street and it attracts wild animals) We have a nice community here for the most part if the police could clean up the riff-raff it would be much better, I think we need more police presence.
<b>Online</b>	I live in the village of Eclipse. We have a strong sense of history and community here. We cherish our watermen history. There have been continued attacks against our right to determine if, when and where any growth will occur. This is very troubling for our community. Our village MUST be recognized as a protected historic community and watermen's working port.
<b>Online</b>	I do like the few nature paths. I moved to Suffolk years ago because it was rural but still close enough to get to anything major.
<b>Online</b>	It is still somewhat rural. I would like for it to stay as rural as possible
<b>Online</b>	Parks, libraries, festivals and markets, local history, small businesses. Outdoor activities. Less crime than some other local cities.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strengths are the size of our city that lets us spread our WITHOUT CUTTING DOWN EVERY SINGLE TREE AND GREEN BELT... beautiful water ways .... and the most unique aspect that is just being discounted and ignored by the city planners ARE the 5 precious historical villages of ECLIPSE/CRITTENDEN , DRIVER, CHUCKATUCK, WHALEYVILLE, AND HOLLAND.... Plus the waterman heritage on our waterways that is daily being encroached and polluted through development and illegal measures along the Chesapeake bay and tributaries. The communities should have a say in what is planned for development in their villages ~ that has not been the case in the past!

<b>Online</b>	Our natural resources. Lone Star Lakes is the best kept secret and under utilized asset. We should have a world class apmplitheatre and museums honoring our Indian heritage, farmers and peanut industry.
<b>Online</b>	I used to love it because itâ€™s quiet. Now I have to leave an extra 15 min early to make it to work in time . All the building and traffic makes me want to leave.
<b>Online</b>	Citizens who have spent their entire lives living, working, raising their families and worshipping in Suffolk has created a strong, loyal community.
<b>Online</b>	Despite the increase in size, youâ€™re able to still know your neighbors
<b>Online</b>	We like being in the "country" don't take it away from us.
<b>Online</b>	There is a variety of historical places and family activities, yet is becoming more and more less personal and fast pace. Slow down a littl
<b>Online</b>	We are still rural but that wonâ€™t last long
<b>Online</b>	I appreciate the Library, Parks, tourism departments for connecting people together and being great Suffolk ambassadors. The Streets and Sanitation employees are heroes.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is a beautiful city but literally no entertainment or descent shopping; sadly We go out of Suffolk for all shopping and entertainment.
<b>Online</b>	Openness. Farm based. Historical
<b>Online</b>	There is so much negative going on right now that it far out weighs anything positive.
<b>Online</b>	The personal property taxes not high as Portsmouth . Encouraging the city to keep them low . Also one water bill not 2 bills like Portsmouth .
<b>Online</b>	Some of the greatest strengths in Suffolk is the history of the city as well as the arts and culture. I like the small time feel of such a large land wise city. Suffolk is such a wonderful city settle in and call home.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk but it need to be redone/ refreshed badly
<b>Online</b>	Access to interstates?
<b>Online</b>	In comparison to surrounding areas, that the land is preserved in some areas. As far as strengths I think for the most part our law enforcement does well.
<b>Online</b>	Potential! Lots of land that can be utilized for specialty and upscale shopping and dining that will bring in revenue from all surrounding areas. We do not need another Walmart or Pizza Hut, that will not bring in revenue
<b>Online</b>	The down home feel. I can generally raise my kids the way I want without too much encroachment from the larger city problems.
<b>Online</b>	I live in a great neighborhood. But the cost of mortgage payments and the cost of living make it harder to keep up though.
<b>Online</b>	The people are our strongest asset
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is a beautiful growing city however the pace of growth has changed a lot of what I love about living hear for the past 15 years.
<b>Online</b>	I can't say anything good about Suffolk because all my friends and family do everything out of Suffolk because there is nothing to do at all as a family. (We do not live in Northern Suffolk)
<b>Online</b>	I like that itâ€™s room for development opportunities

<b>Online</b>	Love the quiet rural communities. Getting better with the inclusion of all races in government And on city boards
<b>Online</b>	I liked it 25-30 years ago because Bennetts Creek was awesome and very unique. Now its like Virginia Beach with traffic, houses and apartments, nothing special. Same old box stores and traffic traffic traffic. We can thank L.Johnson Charles Parr and the likes for development before roads and schools
<b>Online</b>	Police
<b>Online</b>	Not a whole lot lately!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Rural and urban
<b>Online</b>	Cheaper area to live in the Seven cities area. More bang for your dollars.
<b>Online</b>	Very neighborly. Nice parks, trails, and libraries.
<b>Online</b>	Diversity of communities throughout the area.
<b>Online</b>	The rural aspects
<b>Online</b>	Plenty of open space.
<b>Online</b>	I did like less traffic and all now you. Ring in all these outsiders and more violence has occurred
<b>Online</b>	Country atmosphere
<b>Online</b>	The agricultural history
<b>Online</b>	In rural Suffolk I enjoy the open fields and the farming that occurs in them. Especially in October when the farmers dig the peanuts. The smell is everything good with this city since we are known for farming and peanuts.
<b>Online</b>	The peacefulness is a great strength
<b>Online</b>	The heart of the community (the people) work together and want the same things. Leaders should listen.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strength in Suffolk lie with its citizens. What I like best about Suffolk is that the law-abiding citizens have good values and look out for each other.
<b>Online</b>	Services
<b>Online</b>	What's left and the land before greed eats it up.
<b>Online</b>	Agricultural. We are the peanut city but soon you won't be able to grow peanuts.
<b>Online</b>	I liked the farmland and the small community that we had in the southern park of Suffolk now it is being built up and ruining what we grew up in and love.
<b>Online</b>	The wild life. The natural beauty. This city needs to maintain the beauty it has and stop trying to turn it into greenbrier.
<b>Online</b>	It still has green areas if you leave them alone. In my older neighborhood we try to do things as a community, we put on our own small neighborhood parades and cookouts and get together.
<b>Online</b>	It's not as busy as other cities in Hampton Roads so it feels more homey.
<b>Online</b>	Community I'm in nice newly development
<b>Online</b>	I do love that we have a lot to offer BUT if you don't live on the Harborview side then it's a good 35 minute drive from the Holland side of Suffolk just to be able to do some descent shopping and eat at a diner restaurant.



<b>Online</b>	For 40 years I have lived out in the country surrounded by farmland. I do not want to be surrounded by houses. I do not want to loose the Suffolk that I love.
<b>Online</b>	Water, farms, access to NN, Hampton, South Suffollj, Portsmouth and Chesapeake. Lower cost of living than VB. Safety.
<b>Online</b>	Country living.
<b>Online</b>	water ways
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk strengths have changed from family friendly to another city where rudeness prevails. Too much growth - too fast. I can't say that I care too much for Suffolk anymore. I tend to do my business in Franklin as much as possible.
<b>Online</b>	I like that it's quiet and enjoy the farm land and openness
<b>Online</b>	I think the multi-generational families here are one of Suffolk's greatest assets. I like the fishing communities and lack of interstate running through my area.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has nice parks and trails
<b>Online</b>	Historically the greatest strength has been its peacefulness.
<b>Online</b>	I enjoy being a Suffolk resident however the amount of construction residential and commerical that is starting to crowd our rural areas is a bit much. If I wanted to live in the city I would have choose too.
<b>Online</b>	The community if they stop building.
<b>Online</b>	The environment.
<b>Online</b>	Convenience is a large factor for the appeal in the City of Suffolk. We can still have rural areas without compromising the ability to be near town centers etc.
<b>Online</b>	I'm consistently impressed with the Library and Parks and Recreation. These departments are head and shoulders above Hampton Roads peers as it comes to programming and accessibility. Always so proud of the offerings.
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel. Low taxes.
<b>Online</b>	At this point, the greatest strength is that Suffolk resident ability to live through the incompetent City Planners work.
<b>Online</b>	pretty affordable to live compared to surrounding cities.
<b>Online</b>	Strengths in Suffolk are helping the community and decreasing the homeless population! We start here and and then offer our products and services to outer lying areas in Hampton roads
<b>Online</b>	I have not got a clue...I don't understand why people are still moving here...and then bringing their problems and city expectations with them. I like living in the "country" ...love the sound of trucks on the 58 {{sarcasm}}. I enjoy supporting the small businesses that still try to make a living in this city....too bad the City does not feel the same.
<b>Online</b>	Friendliness. I like the rural feel and seeing wildlife in my neighborhood. I would hate for Suffolk to get to crowded.
<b>Online</b>	Community was welcoming when we moved here.
<b>Online</b>	I like that I live in the middle of almost 14 acres and can't see my nearest neighbor. It's what I moved out here for, the peace and quiet and isolation, but with amenities close enough by to live well. I feel very safe in Suffolk, and in my location, and this includes during the COVID lockdown in 2020. The way things are going, however, my prediction is that there will be more housing developments out my way in the next five years (NOT desirable!).

<b>Online</b>	Close to neighboring cities
<b>Online</b>	The Countryâ€™, but itâ€™s being destroyed & the wildlife is suffering horribly.
<b>Online</b>	Our citizens are one of our greatest strengths. We also seem to be doing a great job in planning, but that is a double edge sword playing catch up with traffic and our current capacity and roads. I love living here as it still feels like country living yet we have all the conveniences close by. People are friendly and helpful and I do feel safe here.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is a relatively safe place to live, our schools are newer and not as outdated as some communities, our police department does an excellent job dealing with the thankless job of policing today and we still have some rural areas to enjoy seeing livestock, wild animals, rivers, and lakes. Stop trying to house Tidewater in the country.
<b>Online</b>	I like the rural areas- letâ€™s leave them.
<b>Online</b>	Good quality of life, good access to the large region.
<b>Online</b>	Friendly people and small town feel
<b>Online</b>	Balance of country and city life.
<b>Online</b>	I live and work in the City and believe it has the best of all things.
<b>Online</b>	3 years ago when we moved here it was the rural nature of Suffolk but that is rapidly disappearing. I love my small neighborhood but fear it will soon be surrounded by multifamily dwellings and even more traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Small town near larger cities.
<b>Online</b>	I love the wide open space of rural living in Suffolk but would like to have entertainment options in Suffolk so that I donâ€™t have to drive to Norfolk or Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	. The city canâ€™t even maintain workers in city hall or the police department. The cityâ€™s greatest strength is turning a blind ear and eye to whatâ€™s going on
<b>Online</b>	the farmland, rural residential 1 acre lots, preserved nature, several lakes and reservoirs as well as riverfront property
<b>Online</b>	the small town feel!  But it's starting to fell less so.....
<b>Online</b>	It use to be the peace and quite but now itâ€™s to crowded and way to much traffic
<b>Online</b>	Suffolks greatest strength is the old families that have been here for hundreds of years.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strengths in Suffolk right now would be the fact that there are still a few undeveloped areas. I like the fact that I can live in the undeveloped â€œcountryâ€ side and not be in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the overpopulated city.
<b>Online</b>	Housing and the land.  Small town / city / rural living options -- your choice.  Clean water ways.
<b>Online</b>	Our agricultural community
<b>Online</b>	Our beautiful scenery. I love our farmland, waterways, and marshlands. I was also thoroughly impressed of Mayor Duman's presentation at the State of the City. It makes me proud to be a Suffolk resident!
<b>Online</b>	Home town feeling with residents.

<b>Online</b>	Community
<b>Online</b>	I used to like itâ€™s urban feel. That is all gone. I will be moving out of Suffolk to less populated area. I will of course develop my farm land
<b>Online</b>	I work in the downtown area and live in the Northern area and love parts of both. I love how close I am to other parts of Hampton Roads and how convenient it is to get around, but also love how quite and peaceful parts of Suffolk are.
<b>Online</b>	I'm actually considering moving out of Suffolk due to the recent trend of development.
<b>Online</b>	Country living but thatâ€™s going away
<b>Online</b>	Country living but wonâ€™t last with the way things are headed
<b>Online</b>	I liked it before all these houses started popping up around me.
<b>Online</b>	Used to like the rural areas but that is changing fast!
<b>Online</b>	Our open country, the lakes and rivers.
<b>Online</b>	Good people, public safety departments are doing a good job, they need to be supported
<b>Online</b>	Nothing
<b>Online</b>	The rural areas of Suffolk are the greatest strength of Suffolk. The rural areas of Suffolk have the greatest sense of community as well serve the rest of the nations.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has great volunteers, which we are a part of for cleaning up the road, and the new leadership in that area has greatly improved this department. We would like to see it to continue to grow and more volunteers sign up.
<b>Online</b>	Rural & farm area
<b>Online</b>	The country living. That we used to have. Allowing home to be built in every field in Suffolk is destroying our local farmers
<b>Online</b>	I used to love the small hometown feel of Suffolk but now it just feels crowded. It is becoming less country which is not a good thing.
<b>Online</b>	Rural areas not along potential commercial avenues.
<b>Online</b>	I like the fact that Suffolk used to be quiet beautiful farm and woodland. The strength of our leadership is only money oriented.
<b>Online</b>	The school system has improved tremendously under the current leadership. There also are so many good people here that are very supportive of innovation.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strength is being ruined by development. Suffolk is a farming community and the rural development has hurt that.
<b>Online</b>	The rural character of much of the city. I think the downtown area, however, is also a strength of our city. Would love to see more of the old homes restored. I think it would be great to see downtown resemble Edenton, NC in terms of old housing, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Large area, large space for people to move in to.
<b>Online</b>	we have undeveloped land that need no protection from most services . but just not paying attention to your own rules!
<b>Online</b>	The farmland, and the openness in south and west Suffolk. It has been country for generations and should stay that way in my opinion. I mean after all we are supposed to be the peanut capital of Virginia
<b>Online</b>	We live in a rural area which I love. Just hope it can stay that way. It was the reason we moved here.

<b>Online</b>	I'm 65 years old, lived here all my life! Born here, but there's not much I like here anymore! If could move away, I would!!
<b>Online</b>	Get out of downtown and notice the beauty of agriculture!
<b>Online</b>	Open land/farms, proximity
<b>Online</b>	I like to hunt with dogs and as of now we can still do that in the holy neck area but again housing is putting a burden on that also. We have been able to do this for many many years and it's my hope that we will be able to continue for my grandchildren to enjoy as i have.
<b>Online</b>	I like the small town feel. Stop marketing ourselves to become another VA Beach town center or the like. We can drive there if we want to.
<b>Online</b>	Strengths are Mayor and City Council responses, strong police force, strong fire department attention to rural community, strong leadership in the elementary and middle schools
<b>Online</b>	Accessibility to the other cities in Hampton roads
<b>Online</b>	I live in Whaleyville and I love the small town feel of it, Holland, etc. Suffolk has a great small town feel and community but bringing in unnecessary businesses and trying to make it like Norfolk/ VB undermine this significantly.
<b>Online</b>	By far the greatest strength is the ability to live a suburban or rural setting and not be isolated completely from the services and amenities that modern life has to offer.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strength in Suffolk is the small town feel in most of the communities. If these apartments and housing developments continue a way of life will have been ruined for most families who have lived in Suffolk long before it was even called Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	I love Suffolk because it is conveniently located close to everything you need, yet it still has the feel of olden days where life can be lived at a slower pace and you donâ€™t have all the negative effects of highly populated cityâ€™s.
<b>Online</b>	Rural living but can quickly access other cities for shopping and entertainment, which Suffolk lacks.
<b>Online</b>	?????
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has the opportunity to control development as to prevent sprawl. Too much too fast is making roads crowded as well as schools.
<b>Online</b>	The centralized location within hampton roads and the diversity suffolk has to offer from fresh to saltwater to farms and shopping strips.
<b>Online</b>	I like the farm land being thats how I make a living
<b>Online</b>	The waterways - James River, Nansemond River and lakes. Farm land and agricultural industries
<b>Online</b>	I can no longer find any strengths, at this point I would rather move to a quieter place with less people and traffic.
<b>Online</b>	The rural farming/country areas!!! The further west or south I can go within Sufflok to get away from the hustle and bustle of Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	It used to have a small town feel, everyone knew everyone. Lots of woods and agriculture in the past. Good fishing and hunting opportunities.
<b>Online</b>	Positive community. Edu school plus up as growing fast.

<b>Online</b>	Schools FBES/JYMS
<b>Online</b>	FBES JYMS
<b>Online</b>	Location, plus the charm of the retention of a more rural based community
<b>Online</b>	Being able to live in the rural part and have a reasonable drive to services.
<b>Online</b>	I love living and working in Suffolk. I love how friendly and welcoming the staff is to my business.
<b>Online</b>	There are areas for not only houses, but development for restaurants, entertainment, parks, gaming, and more.
<b>Online</b>	Our greatest strengths are our people. Most truly love Suffolk for the friendly family atmosphere, We have some beautiful natural resources in our rivers, lakes and marshes. We have people willing to work to improve our assets of agricultural land and places for people to live and raise their families. My community (North Suffolk) has grown too quickly for the roads to handle all the traffic. Route 17 is a joke at times particularly if there is trouble in the Monitor Merrimac tunnel. I would like to see more police officers out in the community. However, we are a small island of peace and quiet when the world is rushing by a few blocks away.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk is in a great location. Easy access to roads and other cities in the area.
<b>Online</b>	The only strength is you can buy a house for a reasonable amount.
<b>Online</b>	I liked it being rural, green farm land, quiet streets, community.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has been known for producing fine cotton and peanuts and can continue to do so. The pandemic messed up the peanut festival the last few years but it should continue to be a facet of suffolk that is celebrated. So Suffolk's small town charm and agricultural as I heritage are two great strengths to the city. Especially as the city historically annexed county with many small towns (now part of the boroughs).
<b>Online</b>	The farmers and farm land is Suffolks greatest strength. The best thing about my community in Suffolk is the people that look after one another.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	The people. Citizens. Our NATURE.
<b>Online</b>	We loved Suffolk when we moved here in 2019. It was peaceful but close enough to everything we need.
<b>Online</b>	We USED to love the open drives, peaceful surroundings and country feel. Now most of us are looking to get out so there is nothing STRONG about Suffolk except the high crime rates.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk certainly does have enough doctors, eating places, grocery stores. It does need more clothing stores.
<b>Online</b>	Small town charm
<b>Online</b>	The greatest attractiveness Suffolk has is the country life close to the stores that are already here. All new developments are degrading that aspect of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	I live in rural Suffolk. I do not like lots of houses or subdivisions in our rural area.
<b>Online</b>	Our rural, small town atmosphere that is disappearing at every turn. Not every town needs to become a clone of Norfolk, New York, Chicago, etc...
<b>Paper</b>	Hard working teachers

<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	The people! Suffolkians are the best! We need more family and community outlets , activities and business that will allow us to come together. Downtown Suffolk lacks such outlets. You either have to go to Harbor view or Chesapeake
<b>Online</b>	Small yet mighty. We come together in times of need. National night out is a wonderful community event. Helping our sister cities.
<b>Online</b>	Make new Golds
<b>Online</b>	It's natural beauty of the lakes,rivers and country side
<b>Online</b>	Use to like the serenity but now all you do is fight traffic.
<b>Online</b>	I like the small-town feel.
<b>Online</b>	None
<b>Online</b>	The best thing about Suffolj WAS the laid back somewhat country atmosphere... that is going away and is very sad!
<b>Online</b>	Community,
<b>Online</b>	Peanut festival
<b>Online</b>	Farm Community
<b>Online</b>	Lots of land to develop. But it can't all be warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	The people and the large amount of developable land
<b>Online</b>	adaptability to positive change
<b>Paper</b>	It's people and communities
<b>Paper</b>	Close enough to bigger cities but still a rural area
<b>Paper</b>	Job opportunity, economic growth, financial growth
<b>Paper</b>	Community,
<b>Paper</b>	I live in the Riverfront area of Harbour View. We moved there because it's a planned community with well-tended parks, places to walk, and friendly neighbors. Downtown Suffolk itself has a storied past and a small-town feel that can't be replicatted and should be treasured. Like its neighbor, Smithfield, it has the old-South ambiance that should be preserved and treasured. Unfortunately, indiscriminate development has the potential of destroying the thing that makes this area of Tidewater such an attractive place to live.
<b>Online</b>	Likes-Quiet, not much traffic. Rural. Houses with a bit of space around them. I liked that it wasnt like VB, Chesapeake. After 20 years I'm ready to leave Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	The rural land use for FOOD, genius. Haven't you libtards learned yet it isn't wise to send essential services to our enemies?
<b>Online</b>	The strength is Suffolk has the land and opportunities to build the city based on what the people want. I pray you're listening and reading.
<b>Online</b>	It is a diverse community with a lot of heritage, but it is also in a strategic location to capitalize on all those that cant take Norfolk's and Hampton Roads congestion and crime. We need to be the alternative, a community that people want to grow up in, but the infrastructure needs to be there and it is not. We don't need to be the next Norfolk, we need to be the best Suffolk anyone has ever seen and we can do it with the right planning.
<b>Online</b>	Land availability
<b>Online</b>	A lot of negative.

<b>Online</b>	It used to be a tight knit community as a person who has been here 50 years but not anymore
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk strengths is in open spaces and good people and it's resources. But it is poorly managed to much growth to quick
<b>Online</b>	I liked the small town feel, but it's slipping away.
<b>Online</b>	I can't think of a positive point, sorry.
<b>Online</b>	Land
<b>Online</b>	Lakes, was a country ,
<b>Online</b>	Cheap housing, low traffic, good schools, little crime.
<b>Online</b>	We still have a small town feel but I'm worried we will lose that.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is well-run and drama free (unlike other areas within the region). It's developed without being overcrowded, and it's easy to get to the rest of the region.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strength is the fire and police departments. However, these need to be expanded as violence increases in our city.
<b>Online</b>	I love the riverfront neighborhood and it's proximity to everything as well as the community features. I would love to see more of that through suffolk. Community events, such as holiday events parades, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Harbour view is beautiful and Riverfront golf course are beautiful. New restaurants are wonderful.
<b>Online</b>	Has a suburban/rural lifestyle feel to our city. It's not Virginia Beach where they are crowded with lots of people running around the city, reckless and inconsiderate. Harbour View area has great residents and nice businesses from restaurants to exercise clubs.
<b>Online</b>	I like the community feel. It feels suburban.
<b>Online</b>	Space. Quality over quantity is key ... or Suffolk will grow to be unmanageable.
<b>Online</b>	I have lived in Suffolk for 60 years and appreciated its small-town quality as a good place to have a family, rear children and enjoy the beauty of the land and the quality of life. I regret that I would hesitate to make such comments about the present.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of land.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is ideally located in the heart of the 757 and has lots of land to grow.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	People are generally friendly and welcoming. We're not always scurrying around in a hurry.
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel near a large metropolitan area.
<b>Online</b>	I would say its people, so friendly and nice, for the most part. Also, our downtown and historic buildings and homes, our Farmers Market and the farmland
<b>Online</b>	There is potential for Suffolk as long as you truly listen to us, the residents, before you agree to grant land sales and permits for stupid things like gas stations right next door to houses. Don't take away the neighborhood feeling of Suffolk as you go crazy allowing permits for businesses (like a 7-11 next door to houses) in your quest for tax dollars. Use common sense!!!!
<b>Online</b>	The rural areas that Suffolk still has. They need to be preserved.
<b>Online</b>	Lots of agriculture and still a nice country feel in certain parts of the city.



<b>Online</b>	The people and their laid back friendly attitude. We are a "rural" community in the eyes of many but with the continued growth without improving roads and infrastructure we are going to be like the cities to the east and north of us.....
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is well located, between the beach and Richmond, between the Peninsula and North Carolina. Compared to some of the other areas of Hampton Roads, Suffolk is relatively safe.
<b>Online</b>	Medical facilities and convenient location to north side
<b>Online</b>	It's all gone downhill. Way too many people
<b>Online</b>	The Police and Firemen are the best I have seen!
<b>Online</b>	I live in and love HarbourView. It's convenient and beautifully designed, although we are currently facing a "battle" over a proposed 7-Eleven on HarbourView Blvd, which will negatively impact the community for a variety of reasons. Commercial enterprises here should remain limited to professional and small retail/restaurant businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Undeveloped land and the numerous lakes and river
<b>Online</b>	Until you make it safe, I stay home. So nothing I like best. The streets are not safe for driving. My boyfriend has been rear-ended twice at a red light then dragged 1/4 of a mile by an empty tanker who moved into his lane virtually on top of him.
<b>Online</b>	Waterways and vista's, ease of getting around, which is becoming more difficult. Real estate in south Suffolk for warehouses, commercial real estate and manufacturing.
<b>Online</b>	I came to the city of Suffolk because it was a bit more rural and quiet while still being in reach of major thoroughfares. While adding more businesses and homes has been interesting to see how the city is expanding, it is losing some of the reasons why the residents came to the town. Please make sure to include nature in the planning, such as parks and walking/biking trails. I really enjoy the ones we have and would like to see expansion in that direction.
<b>Online</b>	I like that Suffolk is developing in some areas. I also appreciate the areas of the city that have been relatively untouched by developers.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Our sense of community and fellowship. I would like to see more with all races together. I really don't of anything that is our strength. Love
<b>Online</b>	More space to move around than on the peninsula or Norfolk means there's opportunity for infrastructure growth and attracting new homeowners looking for breathing room. There's also lots of water access, which brings unique opportunities for entertainment businesses. Low tax rates seem to be an attractor, but you definitely get what you pay for here, so I'd rank it as a detractor for young families and working people concerned about schools and road congestion, which is getting predictably bad in North Suffolk along the route 17 corridor and is only now in the planning stages.
<b>Online</b>	We moved to Suffolk from Virginia Beach and appreciate the lower traffic noise, lower jet noise, and less traffic and transient population.
<b>Online</b>	I love my community. I am less thrilled with the traffic issues on route 17.
<b>Online</b>	The old, ultra religious, trump-cultist types are passing on and will be replaced by young minds, non-discriminating, love is love, no human is illegal, love the earth or leave it.

	There are far fewer Navy in the neighborhood, more diversity - wider ethic, race, gender identity, and far less republican, trump-cultist, ultra religious types (that's seriously the only positive thing I can think of)
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk's greatest strength is it's bucolic, rural, natural setting. People move here to have wide spaces, enjoy fishing on the lakes, play golf, and get away from crowds. They are willing to drive for work and entertainment in order to preserve their peace and quiet at home. Take advantage of every waterfront space that is still open. Create parks to share that space.
<b>Online</b>	The friendliness and caring of my neighbors
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has been a quiet area to live in, people from Virginia Beach etc move to Suffolk for that reason. Now with all the people moving here that is what we are going to become another Virginia Beach. I understand progress, but it needs to be done more slowly.
<b>Online</b>	The rural community and the parks are exceptional.
<b>Online</b>	The city is increasing revenue but, not quality of life for all residents.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk's greatest strength has always been quality of life for those living here. That quality of life is repaidly disappearing and being replaced by turning farms into industrial areas.
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™m liking it less and less. Taxes go up but of no benefit to the community. Schools are suffering from poor policies and lack of oversight in how those tax dollars are spent. Children arenâ€™t learning which impacts the community as a whole in crime rates.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk's greatest strength is its location! We have a great mild climate and are a quick drive to the coast. We are also conveniently located in our state to enjoy the mountains, special natural and historic sites and Washington DC. We also have many beautiful and valuable natural resources within our city limits including the Dismal Swamp, two rivers, multiple lakes and sprawling land. AND we have a wonderful rich history. I love it all!
<b>Online</b>	the people are one of the strengths! We moved here to be away from the hustle and bustle of Virginia Beach. We want to see the farm land and the wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	The land. The green spaces.
<b>Online</b>	Our town could be amazing. We need to keep buying up slums and rehabbing. Help broad st and Washington corridor. The crime is terrible. Police are not supported or paid enough. We are become a city of slum lords. What are you doing to keep lakeside from falling into horrible ??? Downtown deserves better and the regular income people need nice places to live with clean streets.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk's greatest strength and attraction has been the combination of her rural beauty and the sense of community, a home town feel. Keeping green space ,intermingled with business areas ,schools and housing is a wonderful thing. Suffolk's accessibility to larger municipalities is another plus. We can take advantage and even support their opportunities ,and then come home! We like being a smaller city with a hometown feel ...we don't want to be Va. Beach or Norfolk! Their traffic issues are nothing short of a nightmare .We don't want those issues here.
<b>Online</b>	I like the small town feel! Been here my whole life

<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has potential, if someone would just figure out the traffic problems. Maybe synchronize the stop lights. You hit one green and then the next one is red so you can't go anywhere. Its maddening.
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	Our strengths are the small town feel and sense of community that unfortunately is becoming a thing of the past. I chose to live in Suffolk for the slower pace of life, lots of undeveloped green space, no traffic and the feeling that I have a voice in what's going on in my city. If I wanted overcrowding, crime and traffic I would live in one of the other Hampton Roads cities. We should strive to be better than that.
<b>Online</b>	Greatest strength in Suffolk is the ability of city government to work with the citizens. That's also what I like best.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk doesn't have any strengths.
<b>Online</b>	We had beautiful land, but you keep building on it
<b>Online</b>	Suffix, most people who live here what it to state a country community the people that are building here want to make it into another Virginia Beach which is totally wrong
<b>Online</b>	The people and the agricultural community. Please stop rezoning farm land to business. We have enough fast food restaurants and grocery stores, please reconsider the rapid growth.
<b>Online</b>	There are many things to do within a reasonable drive from Suffolk. Suffolk itself doesn't have as many attractions for me. The park district is fairly nice but the playgrounds can get very crowded on the weekends and I would be interested in a few more parks, playgrounds, and walking/biking trails.
<b>Online</b>	The natural surroundings are what I like best (and I'm not an outdoorsy person). We have a beautiful community. Our greatest strengths are our people and their desire to be part of a "community" including neighbors and neighborhoods that work together to communicate, watch out for one another (improving safety and quality of life for all).
<b>Online</b>	I like Suffolk because there is/was less congestion that cities like VA Beach & Norfolk but there has been lots of building lately. I would like to see some land set aside in different areas of the city for the wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	Overall, Suffolk still holds a safe feel. There are areas I wouldn't walk at night, but they are mostly downtown. But there's a sense of pride in this community.
<b>Online</b>	The vacant land, we need to keep some!!!
<b>Online</b>	It is still big so with proper planning we can avoid many of the mistakes our neighboring cities have made. Suffolk still has that small town feel which is a blessing and a curse. For example, many things get done with a handshake and a wink which gets it moving quickly until there is a problem and no one takes ownership. For example, the Bennett's Creek baseball association at Driver doesn't operate under the auspices of the city council or the city school board. The city council said the school board owns the property so they must control the ball fields. The school board says the city controls the ball field. So it appears the ball fields pay no taxes are squatting on city property and have to report to one of there is an issue. Think this would happen in a big city - no. Small city - appears so.
<b>Online</b>	Land is the greatest strength. I like that there is still farmland.
<b>Online</b>	History

<b>Online</b>	Use to be the rural nature of this community. Not any more!
<b>Online</b>	A lot of country/Land that is convenient to the City.
<b>Online</b>	Quaint downtown; proximity to Norfolk
<b>Online</b>	Civic organizations, which struggle.
<b>Online</b>	Our rural heritage. We are nothing without are farmers.
<b>Online</b>	Easy access to other areas making it a prime spot for residences and allowing a broad area to work in. Still area to build so it doesn't feel too congested.
<b>Online</b>	Driving down the road and seeing just dirt in the fields and seeing the hard working farmers out there day in and day out putting in hard work and then driving back by weeks later and seeing the crop they work so hard to play growing tall and green
<b>Online</b>	What used to be a quaint little rural city is now gone. Aspirations to be like Virginia Beach have ruined Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	None as of now
<b>Online</b>	Nothing ready to move to Isle of Wight due to, too much congestion between building and road construction and way over priced for what itâ€™s worth
<b>Online</b>	see question 3.
<b>Online</b>	Wildlife, spacious living among neighbors, cleanliness, NO GUN SHOTS
<b>Online</b>	Small town living
<b>Online</b>	Nature.
<b>Online</b>	I like the outdoor spaces, such as the lakes and trails, that are available for use.
<b>Online</b>	Over the last few years, I am absolutely discouraged. Our school board is destroying our schools, I struggle traveling 58 to work every day due to congestion, wreckless driving (no police in sight) and horrible shape roads are in (tearing up my vehicles) and city counsel seems to forget there are tax paying citizens in the western part of the city. Hard to see positive.
<b>Online</b>	It location and the small business growth and development that has occurred thus far.
<b>Online</b>	I used to like the more rural feel we had in Northern Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Country charm, but every square inch is becoming neighborhoods. Quit rezoning for developers. Have you thought about schools. Take care of city property. Driver School is embarrassing, rodent infested, unsecured mobile units in front of the building, I couldn't get away with that at.my business in Driver.
<b>Online</b>	I like country living that is somewhat close to amenities if needed. I would like to keep what little. Lu try living I have left.
<b>Online</b>	Room to breathe. Country feel in the city.
<b>Online</b>	Area to expand and add more businesses. Access to other areas
<b>Online</b>	Forward thinking development
<b>Online</b>	I thought Suffolk was anti commercialism but it appears they are turning into Chesapeake. Chesapeake is only worried about lining the pockets of the city employees. Stay out of our business, stop the growth and leave it a small town.
<b>Online</b>	What I used to like was the peace and quiet. Now, the few schools we do have did a great job educating my children when they were younger. I'm afraid that we may see a degradation IF we don't build more to keep up with the population growth.

<b>Online</b>	Water views, diversity, some good restaurants (but need more), some community events (Suffolk Cultural Center, concerts), walking / running trails but need more
<b>Online</b>	Location. I live off Bennett's Creek and like being able to walk to the library and the city government offices there. The higher property tax district in the Northern part. It includes me, so I pay the higher rate, but it is necessary for sustainably funding spread out areas like that.
<b>Online</b>	I like all the nature that surrounds us. I like that the area isn't too congested and that we have easy access to hospitals and many other services we need. I like that Suffolk has a different feel than the rest of Hampton Roads. The community that I live in feels pretty safe in comparison to other places I have lived in throughout Hampton Roads.
<b>Online</b>	Agriculture and our children
<b>Online</b>	Rural aspect of city are a plus but soon to be exploited just like water resources were years ago and great downfall is on the horizon
<b>Online</b>	I used to love Suffolk and have been a resident for 26 years but looking to leave because of the development. Driver was a very close knit and quiet community now we have automatic gunfire at night and it's become unsafe.
<b>Online</b>	The things that we lived about Suffolk has been ruined. No one seems to be concerned with our quality of life.
<b>Online</b>	Having less density than neighboring cities.
<b>Online</b>	Diversity.
<b>Online</b>	It used to be lower traffic and congestion. It used to be lower crime. Please return to managed and thoughtful growth.
<b>Online</b>	Land area, affordable areas to live, start a business, work etc.
<b>Online</b>	The diversity of Suffolk is one of greatest strengths.
<b>Online</b>	Diverse progressive community
<b>Online</b>	I love the Harbourview Community. I rarely go to the old Suffolk. I wish we could incorporate separate from that old area. It's two different worlds and sometimes I think that area holds us back.
<b>Online</b>	Used to love the "country feel" of North Suffolk (Crittenden, Eclipse, Hobson area) but sometimes now, you just can't get there from here. An accident on the Godwin bridge should not require an hour detour, if we are lucky. Still love the small town feel on our little peninsula.
<b>Online</b>	I love my quiet small town in Suffolk. We're isolated and so no further development can happen.
<b>Online</b>	Friendly people
<b>Online</b>	Close to major metro area but small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	The people
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strengths have always been and somewhat continue to be (although deteriorating rapidly), the small town feel of this city/community that has been here for generations. It would be nice if the City would stop overrunning and destroying it and instead work with the citizens to attempt to have measured growth while still taking into account long standing proud generational history of the area.

<b>Online</b>	Access to major highways, rural character, slower pace and peaceful nights, but yet has some sophistication as well
<b>Online</b>	I used to love it here. Had the feeling that we were on the edge of civilization with conveniences yet still country.
<b>Online</b>	Location, land, the opportunity to have a lot of commerce and residents, without being all on top of each other.
<b>Online</b>	natural settings, woods and waterways. Small town feel. Farm land
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel!
<b>Online</b>	Easy accessibility to medical care and food shopping
<b>Online</b>	We love the close-knit community we have in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	It use to be the green open spaces!
<b>Online</b>	The very nice neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	I liked the rural peace and quiet and not sitting for hours at stop lights
<b>Online</b>	I moved here because it was less congested and had sufficient open spaces for recreation. Thatâ€™s all gone.!! I really canâ€™t tell you one thing any longer that sets Suffolk apart from its neighbors unfortunately.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is still a rural area and I like having easy access to Va, Beach, Norfolk, Hampton, etc.
<b>Online</b>	I like that Suffolk have parks in different community.
<b>Online</b>	Sound financial governance.
<b>Online</b>	Combination of relaxed suburban and rural atmosphere.
<b>Online</b>	None.
<b>Online</b>	At one time it was the rural aspect that was nice. (Had Moved from Va Beach). We live in Riverfront/Harbour View community and enjoy the surroundings and neighborhood activities.
<b>Online</b>	Not much anymore.
<b>Online</b>	Can't really think of any
<b>Online</b>	Available land
	Proximity to major transportation arteries
	Opportunity to plan and dream big
<b>Online</b>	Preserve the parks and trails. Need more!!
<b>Online</b>	Lone Star Lake and the Nansemond River. We are surrounded by many natural areas that could be more enjoyed by families if they were somewhat more developed.
<b>Online</b>	Honestly Suffolk seems to be becoming more Ptown like. Please keep the country feel without the Lucas politics.
<b>Online</b>	Council appears to do thorough research and provides transparency
<b>Online</b>	My community is older and quiet. U would like to see it that it stay the same. downtown Suffolk could be a great place to go visit and live. Revitalize that area.
<b>Online</b>	I did but no longer liked being a city yet feeling more small town. No more small town feeling. We left Virginia Beach because of what they did. Supporting small businesses. I think that starting the Holiday lights in the Park was a terrific idea. Job opportunities due to new companies.

<b>Online</b>	We moved to this area based on the feeling of a nice, secure, and safe neighborhood with amenities for individuals and family.
<b>Online</b>	Community
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk was a nice, quiet area when we moved to Bennett's Pasture road from Crittenden over 20 years ago. I'd like it back.
<b>Online</b>	I used to like quiet rural nature of the area. I feel there is a lack of community and that the city council/government only listens to big developer interests.
<b>Online</b>	I love the nature, relaxed almost country feel of the communities.
<b>Online</b>	I did like the value and space for your money, but that is no longer the case.
<b>Online</b>	We have all the city amenities with a small town rural feel,
<b>Online</b>	This is a great city if you would stop trying to expand it with nonsense.
<b>Online</b>	I like the PEOPLE (not the city agencies). I like the farmers, the ranchers, the local businesses, the active churches that care about people.
<b>Online</b>	Nature trails, farm land, old shops and sights, abundance of wild life.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing now
<b>Online</b>	I have lived here all my life and stay here because I want to see the potential of suffolk grow. I want to see all these new people spend their money here instead of going to chesapeake and va beach
<b>Online</b>	For now, I like that Suffolk is considered quiet and tranquil. That won't be the case in the next few years
<b>Online</b>	Our people. Our once great city is turning into South Norfolk right before our eyes. Our leaders care not about strategic planning but instead what will fill their egos and pockets.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is losing its greatest strength, the small hometown feel.  You were able to drive down county roads and see trees with wild deer, turkeys, bears and other wildlife. Now I see them in my back yard because all you see driving now are more sub divisions.
<b>Online</b>	Our strength is destroying Suffolk right now, not much to like any more.
<b>Online</b>	It used to be our rural appeal. That has been lost. We have people moving to the Liberty Springs-Whaleyville area that don't understand the country life. They are paranoid about gun shots and it is just folks target practicing. Our country roads are tranquil and curvey but narrow. City folks don't know how to navigate and there have been more accidents.
<b>Online</b>	The strengths are gone. North Suffolk is no longer desirable and nice. It's just a jammed highway now with ugly apartments facing Rt 17. It's no longer quiet and safe or for wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	It used to be the rural atmosphere and relative affordability as compared the rest of the region. But that's disappearing since some developer can't make a buck off it, so.....
<b>Online</b>	Love our mix of housing and agricultural. Why not recruit what you want to see in the city instead of bending to the contractors that are here for profit? Demand more quality developments. Parks and open space with commercial areas. Community recreational sites.
<b>Online</b>	I love the hometown feeling. I like that the city is trying to have events - TGIF, Farmer's Market, Peanut Fest (not the city doing it but it's in the city), I love the community



	networking. I love the parks and lakes and I think the Tourism Dept. is doing a great job of highlighting these assets with tours and events.
<b>Online</b>	Close knit community, strong family values and the rural areas. Fresh produce at farmers markets. Not too overcrowded.
<b>Online</b>	That we are close to grocery stores, restaurants, etc., but still have that country feel.
<b>Online</b>	The rural feeling. There's a reason why people want to live in Suffolk. Small town feel and space to enjoy nature. We don't want Suffolk to turn into Norfolk or Portsmouth.
<b>Online</b>	Agriculture
<b>Online</b>	Love our agricultural history, Friendly people. Open spaces
<b>Online</b>	Country feel, but we are losing that fast
<b>Online</b>	We are slowly losing it to semi trucks and warehouses, but the country feel and quieter/slower lifestyle than other areas
<b>Online</b>	Great community. Everyone is friendly
<b>Online</b>	Open space for development. Relatively user-friendly City Government website
<b>Online</b>	The people, listen to the citizens, value their opinions, include the opinions into the city counsel plans and votes. Don't let ole time politicians and the ways of the old south, rule and govern the future. The younger generation has a different mindset, tolerance for racism, crooked politicians, misuse of tax payers funds, management of land. The issues we see in Portsmouth, can be on our front steps, if we don't understand and manage our business properly.
<b>Online</b>	I love Suffolk because even though it's so big, its still a small town. Unfortunately, over growth in housing is taking that away. Overgrowth in redundant businesses. Why did we need two new cars washes inside of a couple miles of each other?
<b>Online</b>	There are some beautiful farms and nice neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	Our land has always been our greatest strength. People move to Suffolk for the space. However, it seems lately we keep shoving more and move people into new developments. That is not Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has kept the parades in Downtown Suffolk. It isn't as busy as Virginia Beach. Suffolk has the fireworks at the Constant's Wharf Park & Marina.
<b>Online</b>	Undeveloped land. It's our greatest strength that we need to balance with our historical rural traditions. The city needs to capitalize on the current available land to expand outdoor and waterways access within the city. I'd like to see additional investment in land that can later be utilized for parks and recreational areas.
<b>Online</b>	Its willingness to go after big business and it agriculture. Lets don't forget about the farmers who feed and cloth us.
<b>Online</b>	I love the small town feel of Suffolk. I'm afraid we are losing that appeal, though.
<b>Online</b>	The people. Most folks that have lived here for a long time are friendly and are willing to help their neighbors.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is nothing but opportunity. Unfortunately the landscape is dominated by individual actors who are only self interested. We need a strong and forceful city manager to guide us through change. That's not the current city manager.

<b>Online</b>	Itâ€™s has opportunities for growth with activities and attractions
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	Small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	Nothing at this time.
<b>Online</b>	Nature; newer high occupancy, affordable dwellings.
<b>Online</b>	Nice people that really care about their community and keeping their community presentable. Love peanut fest. Love being able to watch wildlife from my property.
<b>Online</b>	The country feel of our community. The space. The green areas.
<b>Online</b>	I like the small time feel of Whaleyville. Lots of green spaces that should NOT be developed
<b>Online</b>	Rural atmosphere, serenity, wildlife.
<b>Online</b>	The rural feel, agribusiness should be capitalized on as other cities do.
<b>Online</b>	It's small and quiet. If I wanted to live in a city I would move to Virginia Beach and have a shorter commute to work.
<b>Online</b>	I love the friendliness of people. I live the fireworks and farm markets, the quaint festival when the community is brought together. I feel at home with my YMCA community
<b>Online</b>	The people. The Library. The Parks and Rec department.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is a hidden gem where people are friendly and kind and traffic is not (yet) out of control. It's location is ideal for people wanting to travel towards Virginia Beach, or Williamsburg and Richmond.
<b>Online</b>	I live in Riverview and have very strong feelings about Downtown Suffolk. We have a beautiful community whose growth does not feel planned nor does it feel organized. We can do better. Make Suffolk charming again!
<b>Online</b>	Our farmers... who provide us with sustenance that is local and not foreign.
<b>Online</b>	I like that Suffolk can feel like the city or the country, depending on where you live or where you go. There are a lot of areas in Suffolk that are perfectly right in the middle. You can have some space around you and still be within 10 minutes of everything you need. Please don't overpopulate these areas. Let some of this open space remain, and people won't feel the need to move out.
<b>Online</b>	The history, people, and land is special and unique. Listen to us. Growth can and should happen but it needs to be smart. LISTEN to your amazing citizens. We love our city. We want what's best for our city. There is a southern hospitality and friendliness that you don't find as much in other areas. Allow us to harness that. Preserve our history and land .... don't pave over it.
<b>Online</b>	The greatest strengths are the wide open spaces. Don't overbuild like Virginia Beach has. Leave some trees and space for nature and quiet.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is a diverse community that is willing to listen to everyone's point of view on subjects that affect the City's Growth.
<b>Online</b>	The beauty is has. The people that live here. We have a little city life and countryside too.
<b>Online</b>	Greatest strengths include our beautiful natural surroundings and our sense of community.
<b>Online</b>	Very central to wherever we need to go.

Source	5. Are there topics that are essential to address as part of this update?
Online	Not enough time to think about that.
Online	PROTECTING PEANUTS. CREATING A BIODOME
Online	The need for more workers to keep up with work
Online	How is new development being addressed as it relates to less open land, traffic, and schools being over crowded.
Online	Traffic
Online	Roads, roads, roads and over development of every square inch of open land. We need trees and green space more than we do more, and more, and more apartments, townhouses, and empty retail/office.
Online	Schools, roads, thoughtful development with limits
Online	Additional route to get out of the city going east.
Online	Yes where are all these children going to school or activities
Online	Yes all of the current growth and the impact on our schools and roads.
Online	Too much building and not enough infrastructure. For example., it now takes months to get a doctor appointment all the apartments and housing has been going on. Us to only take days. Mayor stated we can't control who builds but we all know that is far from the truth. Broadband for southern Suffolk
Online	Traffic and overdeveloping.
Online	Traffic, crime, taxes
Online	Regulate residential development in agricultural zones.
Online	Recreation in general & providing community access to our waterways.
Online	Clean up  Environment  Downtown area with violence (shootings, break ins, etc)
Online	Please address zoning and future plans for additional residential and retail space. It is going up everywhere. There are plenty of places in Suffolk which could be revitalized and updated rather than simply building from scratch and using up valuable green space
Online	Infrastructure and crime reduction
Online	Please consider the amount of spraying ! Would love to see more birds in the area. Please consider keeping up the roads and surveying areas that need traffic lights. More sidewalks would be nice as well
Online	I am concerned about climate change, especially flooding given our location. There is little information that the impact of water level rise is being considered or planned for.
Online	Sustainability.
Online	Again I cannot stress enough the quality of the roads in the southern part of the city need to improve greatly. Fire hydrants and law enforcement officers being seen more in our area would also be nice. Slow the development of single family homes in what is agriculture area.
Online	Traffic corridor congestion. New housing development in rural communities could be developed using larger lot sizes to maintain a rural environment-5 acre minimum lots

	would give new owners the ability to truly embrace a rural lifestyle by providing enough room for small hobby farms and still allow for development of the area.
<b>Online</b>	Affordable housing!!!!  More care and dedication to the south side of Suffolk!!!!  Stop giving everything to the north side and remember where the original Suffolk began!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Crime, infrastructure , schools
<b>Online</b>	Route 17 traffic
<b>Online</b>	See #3!!
<b>Online</b>	Slow down development on land and farmland
<b>Online</b>	Downtown growth and development
<b>Online</b>	Yes!
<b>Online</b>	Negative Impact development has had on Schools and rising crime. Taxes too high for far too few services
<b>Online</b>	Safety, smooth traffic flow while planning for growth.
<b>Online</b>	All topics listed above and more.
<b>Online</b>	Overdevelopment without funding for new schools and supporting infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	There's a lot of land and vacant buildings in Suffolk. Let's utilize them for family entertainment, not more housing or parks.
<b>Online</b>	Slow down housing builds, build school to catch up with current and future needs. Teachers shouldn't have to teach in closets, or from roaming carts. Leave rural residential what it is.
<b>Online</b>	Growth is inevitable but it needs to be done well and so far the schools and infrastructure are suffering significantly.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk lacks a personality right now. What are all these quick developments with cookie cutter houses doing for it's landscape?
<b>Online</b>	Council needs to examine the increase of crime and accidents over the past several years. They need to reflect on a vision of the City and slow down with the rubber stamp. Western Branch use to be a lovely area and it has become decrepit over the past 10 or so years. You need to have citizen input and be methodical about growth planning. I fear it might be too late!
<b>Online</b>	Yeah stop building houses and apartments
<b>Online</b>	More schools at the secondary level; too much development on farm land (land being bought by builders and split up to put four houses on one acre lotsâ€™itâ€™s killing the small farming business)
<b>Online</b>	Yes
<b>Online</b>	Fix the roads! Potholes are ridiculous in these rural communities!
<b>Online</b>	I think the water/sewer rates are too high
<b>Online</b>	If there is a way to grow without costing Suffolk the small-town feel, we should pursue that.
<b>Online</b>	TRAFFIC! Particularly in rt 58 during weekdays. Heaven forbid anything happen at the schools in that area where emergency personnel is needed.

<b>Online</b>	We donâ€™t need anymore car washes, nail salons, mattress stores, vape shops, apartments or condos!
<b>Online</b>	City & Social Services, crime and traffic issues should be top priorities!
<b>Online</b>	School capacities, resident safety, slow the growth!!
<b>Online</b>	Logistics of traffic on godwin blvd, gun control and safety, repaving roads
<b>Online</b>	Stop building on the land and let it be
<b>Online</b>	The bad neighborhoods where the shootings are happening. Crime. Back the Police and firemen/EMT. Have a parade to honor them and include people that make decisions for our city.
<b>Online</b>	All of the above.
<b>Online</b>	To maintain the agricultural history of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	RACIAL DISPARITY, community violence, how to achieve quality schools, reducing conflict on the school board, improve public transportation within and to and from Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Yes, one of the biggest topics to address would be the recent rise in homeless people just setting up tents on the side of the road. Also it seems that at every stoplight and parking lot in town has someone with a card board sign asking for money, this has to be stopped itâ€™s an eyesore and encourages others to do the same instead of going to work to make their own money and generate tax revenue for the city
<b>Online</b>	Mentioned in comments in first section.
<b>Online</b>	Can't say it enough. Stop building apartments and housing. Keep the country country. Focus on our children. Schools...keep the numbers down in classrooms. Focus on our teachers...retention! Improving our healthcare facilities and our schools. Updating parks.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Traffic. Safety of drivers in the already high traffic areas.
<b>Online</b>	Yes, uncontrolled growth (constant building for the sake of building) needs to stop for a few years until ALL infrastructures can be brought up to speed.
<b>Online</b>	We need more family functions
<b>Online</b>	Rapid development without infrastructure upgrades. Increased crime in areas of rapid development. Empty shopping centers. Going green/more eco-conscious initiatives. Police staffing shortages. Q
<b>Online</b>	Schools
<b>Online</b>	Construction to address the flooding tidal area in downtown. More schools and revamping old schools.
<b>Online</b>	roadways, schools, fire departments, police departments, City & Social Services
<b>Online</b>	Yes, stop the growth, stop all the warehouses. The tractor trailer traffic is awful, they run redlights, go down streets that they are not supposed to. Get the roads addressed and fixed before you add anything else.
<b>Online</b>	ROADS SCHOOLS lower taxes. Those are the only topics you need to address
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™ll say it again for those in the back, stop building housing and focus on schools, infrastructure, and enticing new businesses to fill all the empty pre existing buildings
<b>Online</b>	Welcoming creative solutions and allowing those ideas to grow.
<b>Online</b>	

<b>Online</b>	Investment in schools/overcrowding, protecting rural look/feel, making sure existing commercial space is filled before building new shopping center, adding parks/rec centers, protecting natural areas
<b>Online</b>	In need to more schools to aid all of the housing developments that have come to the area.
<b>Online</b>	We need more kid friendly entertainment in downtown
<b>Online</b>	Rural Suffolk needed internet like yesterday. All of them sports plex should have been addressed 25 to 30 years ago when Suffolk acquired the land on sleepy hole rd.
<b>Online</b>	Road widening and expansion. New schools to hold infrastructure of new developments.
<b>Online</b>	Address water costs, internet options, need more schools, better traffic flows ( no evacuation routes)
<b>Online</b>	Be smart about the growth. Off Shoulder's Hill Road there was a public hearing for a new development that you had to go into Chesapeake to enter even though it was in Suffolk. This was because wetlands are bordering Shoulder's Hill. Well, apparently there was a change, because work is now being conducted in the part that was wetlands. Please don't go back on what was approved. Also, be mindful of development in other areas with wetlands (i.e., Eclipse). There has been a lot of damage.
<b>Online</b>	STOP DEVELOPMENT! NO MORE APARTMENTS AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS! Fix the school board starting with the chair.
<b>Online</b>	TRAFFIC! Replace the Kings Highway Bridge. We need an alternate to routes 58 and 17. Build new schools! Stop building multi-family housing. Build a public boat ramp where Brady's Marina used to be. Build a bypass on the backside of downtown connecting rt.32 / 13 to rt. 58 near the dump to relieve traffic on rt. 58 from the dump to the Kilby Shores area. Clean up the Downtown area so people will feel safe walking and visiting there. Renovate historic buildings into high-end lofts but keep the historic feel.
<b>Online</b>	Make the downtown and surrounding area a priority also. Stop just catering to the almost built out northern end.
<b>Online</b>	Crime & Safety is and always will be a higher priority. We need have highly paid Police Fire and Tesco workers. As a life long citizen I continue to be impressed with our city staff and workers. Pay them well. Charge me more. If they are taken care then we will see that reflected in there work. Don't forget them when time to give out raises. For the record I do not work for or have any direct ties to city staff.
<b>Online</b>	Yes!! Development! There has been far too much in my area. Too many houses and apartments where roads and schools seem to be an after thought. You shouldn't build first and deal with the population growth later...you must anticipate your impact, plan for that, THEN build. We've seen the effects of that in Northern Suffolk. Another topic is traffic as it just keeps getting worse. Do we need engineers to plan light cycles to assist with traffic flow or provide more bus routes or ride share programs?? And also environmental impact. All this development and traffic will negatively impact many of the beautiful gems of Suffolk...local parks, water quality, air quality, possible historically significant areas.
<b>Online</b>	Stop new construction. Losing the country feeling which is what brought most here. Over crowded roads, schools
<b>Online</b>	The housing and apartments and now all of these car washes. Stop building this stuff until real issues are addressed! And the road on 58 is horrible and not sure how three lanes will help for a small area. There are way too many big trucks on this road (I live right off of it).

	Also my kid goes to public school and still has virtual classes because there are not enough teachers. This is horrible. He has done well in the class but stressing over SOL (A/B&™s) scare he will fail it) and now they finally have someone in the class to help with review. This is horrible! If they are in school, there should be real teachers!!!!!! Very disappointed with the city council!
<b>Online</b>	Ongoing development of apartments and limited infrastructure to support the increase in population and traffic. Suffolk should continue to be a Suburban and Rural community for families and not an Urban dwelling place. In addition, safety of our community needs to be a major priority. One that involves engagement of citizens to help fight crime.
<b>Online</b>	Preserving agriculture areas and wildlife.Natural resources need to be protected.Incentives for working farms and timber,not meaning developers and investors buying land for future vinyl villages to get a tax break.If land is bought a developer should not get an land use tax break.
<b>Online</b>	Please update schools. More money to the first responders and teachers of the city.
<b>Online</b>	School admin needs to be replaced. New schools need to be created. LEOs and teachers need to be paid more. Roads need to be updated
<b>Online</b>	More stuff for southern Suffolk, besides warehouses , car washes etc . We NEED more recreational stuff, we NEED more decent shopping areas , and we NEED better restaurant choices.
<b>Online</b>	School over crowding and transportaion. How about multi use paths that connect residential areas to business and restaurants. How nice would be to ride a bike from Burbage Grant to Harbor View area for dinner.
<b>Online</b>	Schools  Traffic  Our teens  Infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	Southwest Suffolk- Build new schools/update current ones- way too overcrowded&™.traffic&™.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk City Public schools needs to be more accountable to tax payers and produce a transparent budget to citizens. I understand this is a planing survey, but strong schools are essential to the future of any community.
<b>Online</b>	Make it easier for people to grow and keep their own food. If covid has shown us anything it&™s that having food available local is better.
<b>Online</b>	Local government doing what is right for the people and NOT for personal gain or hidden political or personal agendas.
<b>Online</b>	Please update schools. More money to the first responders and teachers of the city.
<b>Online</b>	School admin needs to be replaced. New schools need to be created. LEOs and teachers need to be paid more. Roads need to be updated
<b>Online</b>	ROADS - SCHOOLS - STOP Developing before you have the infrastructure in place



<b>Online</b>	Our school administration is terrible. We can address that as voters but itâ€™s definitely a deterrent to move here or out kids in public schools. More school aged children are in private school or homeschool here more than any other city Iâ€™ve lived in.  Also, our middle schools need to offer more sports
<b>Online</b>	Affordable housing, City & Social Services, downtown revitalization, traffic, traffic, traffic!!
<b>Online</b>	Police presence to deter crime and especially on highways.
<b>Online</b>	Schools, roadways (including maintenance), maintaining what we have
<b>Online</b>	You need to get a handle on all the house builders in rural Suffolk. They are taking away good farm land.
<b>Online</b>	Mostly traffic conditions as the populations in the Downtown area have grown.
<b>Online</b>	Yes there are. How are we going to bring old Suffolk to a level of nice shopping, entertainment, and more franchised eateries other than mom and pop diners?
<b>Online</b>	please consider the families who have called Suffolk home forever and want to continue to do so in the future.
<b>Online</b>	Schools and traffic.  Getting Council and School board to be on the same page to create immediate impact for the good.
<b>Online</b>	More schools!!! More police presence in neighborhoods (especially Northern Suffolk).
<b>Online</b>	infrastructure, tax breaks for solar, landfill capacity
<b>Online</b>	The schools in central Suffolk are an embarrassment. My family will be moving prior to my son going to kindergarten specifically to avoid putting him in the public schools here.
<b>Online</b>	Yes see above
<b>Online</b>	Please bring more housing, jobs, roads/ highways, family engagement activities, public transportation speed bump on locust street 23434
<b>Online</b>	We must prioritize family support. The city permitted neighborhoods and the owners have children. We must prioritize schools to match the families we have enticed to the area.
<b>Online</b>	Do not allow further expansion until the already crumbling infrastructure has been updated first.
<b>Online</b>	Schools  Library  Better stores  Parks  A place for teens so they stop shooting each other  Improvement of animals- euthanasia rate  Water rates

	Taxes
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure transportation sewer water and roadways. Planning needs to start now because it will take 5 to 10 to 15 years before it comes to fruition
<b>Online</b>	Of course, 1) Storm water drainage. The African American Communities need Rapporation refunds for the 2005 year to present when the Federal Government mandated storm water fees. Suffolk made us pay til this date and we still do not have storm water in the communities. Equal equality for all residents. Put all amenities in the areas where military homes are being built. They get them in other areas. Items to name a few: small parks, club houses or recreation centers, sidewalks to walk safely to the parks and the new walking trails. Bath rooms at the Pughsville Park. We have to pay for a porta-potty each time there is an event in the park. Better yet until you give us all our due, give us a porta-potty in our Park. Everyone can't make it to the house from the park. The disabled, elderly and small children can't run fast enough (at all) to relieve themselves. A simple item as a sheltered bus stop with a bench. In 2022, still living in the dark ages and paying money for someone else to enjoy.
<b>Online</b>	<p>-no more housing buildup when people can't afford the housing and stop building apartments that stay having vacancy's because For someone working 40+ hrs a week at 15 hr takes home a gross pay of 1300. Every two weeks and rent is anywhere from 1200-1500 a month not including necessities.</p> <p>-lower the taxes in this city. If you lower it then people who work can actually afford it since they don't qualify for section 8 relief housing . Or else everyone will quit working and this place will have nothing but empty buildings and a lot of people relying on assistance .</p> <p>-keep the farm land farm land. They are essential to the community not new houses. Stop trying to be the next Hampton, Norfolk, or va beach. Be good ol country Suffolk .</p>
<b>Online</b>	Restruants. Lower Taxes. Parks. Better roads.
<b>Online</b>	Fix the sewage issues that cause water pollution! Make sure school quality is maintained.
<b>Online</b>	Focus on strategic placement and planning. Not shoving as many businesses in a popular square mile as you can because you are obsessed with bringing in money. Focus on better planning and development with the people in mind and you will not have to struggle to get people to stay here.
<b>Online</b>	Crime
<b>Online</b>	Why do I see so many "City Employees" riding around in NEW SUV's, trucks and auto's, it is as if EVERY CITY EMPLOYEE has a new vehicle that MY taxes pay for. When the City took over Road Maintenance the secondary roads and we people who live on them have suffered from lack of maintenance. Ditches are overgrown, low areas, IE. Swamps and low lying areas flood and water backs up. Little if any work is done to repair or maintain our roads and when the City does come out, six different City employees come, each driving individual vehicles. One or two perform minimal work while four or five stand around watching.
<b>Online</b>	Consider reexamining the large amount residential development.
<b>Online</b>	Slow down rampant growth

<b>Online</b>	safety of people. Traffic concerns
<b>Online</b>	Better restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Yes. Housing density should be spread throughout the city and not concentrated in one area. There is already too much housing on Shoulders Hill Road for it to handle but planning and council keep adding more to it. Shoulders Hill Road needs to be expanded from 17 to 337...at the rate of housing going in it needs to be a 6 lane Road to accommodate traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Stop overbuilding and let us enjoy what's left of the beautiful part of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Crime- this city is not safe for families, schools are a major downfall, homeless people harassing you around town when you don't give them money
<b>Online</b>	Farming, downtown as a large area, southern and western suffolk, police morale,
<b>Online</b>	Crime!!! 10 years ago it was very rare to see Suffolk on the news. Now it's a daily occurrence. We're right up there with Norfolk and Portsmouth
<b>Online</b>	Farming, downtown as a large area, southern and western suffolk, police morale,
<b>Online</b>	Drainage from new development, Crime and making sure property taxes don't escalate.
<b>Online</b>	We need to provide more support for local businesses by prioritizing them over corporate chains and housing developments. As well as, providing more financial support to our schools. Right now our schools are lacking in space and amenities due to the fact that the schools nor the teachers are able to accommodate such a huge influx of people.
<b>Online</b>	Improved roads
<b>Online</b>	Holland community is apart of the surprising Suffolk, we count also. We pay our tax's . we want the same service.
<b>Online</b>	More restaurants, better quality grocery stores and more green areas (parks)
<b>Online</b>	Preventing greedy builders to continue to "throw up" housing subdivisions and not addressing the existing traffic issues on Bridge Road, Pughsville road, and Taylor road.
<b>Online</b>	Opportunities around widening the streets! Godwin Blvd and 58 due to increasing population and traffic
<b>Online</b>	<p>Planning, planning, planning.</p> <p>Traffic, traffic, traffic.</p> <p>Safety!</p> <p>Food deserts need to be addressed and rectified as soon as possible with grocery stores (not convenience stores).</p> <p>** Loss of agriculture and farmland. The vision of the City should include the preservation of our open spaces and farming.</p> <p>*** Monitor new building permits more closely.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Crime, lack of assisted housing,, lack of senior services. Lack of activities for youth and young adults, racism

<b>Online</b>	Yes, our City really needs to do a better job with branding and marketing. There are a lot of changes that could really make the City shine especially if everyone had a better understanding of their connection to one another and internally and externally. Than also includes our Council members
<b>Online</b>	I donâ€™t know.
<b>Online</b>	Limiting growth, especially the destruction of farmland and rural tracts, traffic control, quality public education by attracting and retaining the best teachers,
<b>Online</b>	Sewage improvements and updates to anticipate increases. school improvement and update anticipating population increases not catching up and constant overcrowding.
<b>Online</b>	More recreational things to do in Downtown Suffolk. We are losing revenue by not having these outlets here for our community.
<b>Online</b>	Relive highway congestion. You keep adding business along the 58 corridor and adding stoplights that slow traffic and increase congestion. Need a much better plan for dealing with traffic, not only on 58 but also downtown.
<b>Online</b>	common sense growth. Being more concerned for the city and citizens than for the corporate developers.
<b>Online</b>	economic development of North Suffolk - technology companies, museum
<b>Online</b>	Bicycle paths throughout the urban areas, public transportation, maintenance and improvement of historic downtown structures, including ways to encourage businesses to move there, maintenance of sidewalks and the few public parking areas to encourage their use and make it easier to get to nearby businesses. Some kind of barrier to the increasing loss of farmland, such as Virginia Beach enacted decades ago (no development south of this point, etc).
<b>Online</b>	None.
<b>Online</b>	High water cost. City Counsel always points to other communities when preparing to increase salaries, etc. but never to other communities to when decreases are necessary. City Council meeting facility not large enough to accommodate all attendees. Hillpoint Farms HOA still not given to homeowners to run after 20+ years of building.
<b>Online</b>	It appears that growth and well planned development could stop if the Schools don't consider redistricting. I know there is a plan to replace aging schools but they need multiple strategies.
<b>Online</b>	Better communication
<b>Online</b>	I enjoy northern Suffolk, but leadership needs to address the poor infrastructure of downtown and clean it up!
<b>Online</b>	Clean up of streets, housing, and neighborhoods. We need to reestablish community pride and the art of a beautiful neighborhoods for everyone
<b>Online</b>	For the city to grow with the times and for current businesses to flourish and curing housing to keep their values the retail areas on Harbour View Blvd. need to be maintained, grown and the shopping centers not neglected but new and upcoming retail still coming.
<b>Online</b>	Overpopulated Schools with the increase in population.
<b>Online</b>	Better public transportation for the elderly is essential.

<b>Online</b>	Schools  Crime & Safety  Roadways  Crime
<b>Online</b>	Limit the number of developers buying up farm land and then they put 100 plus homes on it.
<b>Online</b>	See other comments
<b>Online</b>	The mixed use zoning category has been used to build about anything to meet developer's wishes.
<b>Online</b>	Parks within walking distance. The recreational facilities are over crowded.
<b>Online</b>	Crowding, crime, lack of businesses, lack of restaurants and all of the issues that lie in the crime ridden Washington Street area of the city.
<b>Online</b>	Further investment in police recruitment and training to keep pace with the city's growth and to keep crime down
<b>Online</b>	Main Street needs repair and there needs to be discussion of ways to fix the flooding near the inlet by the Hilton and Wendy's  Traffic patterns need to be fixed somehow- Main Street gets congested
<b>Online</b>	Schools  Traffic  Downtown restoration  Public Art
<b>Online</b>	The traffic volume and improved restaurants and shopping choices
<b>Online</b>	Details of plans for development. Recent increase in speed and aggressive drivers on roads, especially 58. Where are the police?
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding and the drain on natural resources, schools and traffic control.
<b>Online</b>	I didn't want to live in (busy) Virginia Beach... but avaricious pro-development types are ruining Suffolk:-{
<b>Online</b>	The rapid decline of green, open spaces, and the traffic congestion nightmare.
<b>Online</b>	We need to tackle the problem of the historic overlay district, by revising the regulations and work with property owners.
<b>Online</b>	Schools
<b>Online</b>	Lower tax rates on real estate. Going to assume this will mean a reduction in services which is acceptable. Virginia Beach has a lower tax rate yet provides the same services for a larger population. Also thought it was lip service when the Treasurer claimed it was such a benefit to allow us to pay our real estate and personal property tax online with a credit card and no longer be charged a convince fee. Sadly, my personal property tax was higher than the previous year even though the value of my cars went down. Basically a slight of

	hand to raise the tax rate to place the burden on the tax payer to pick up this cost but not tells us this is what happened.
<b>Online</b>	Limit growth, until services can catch up!
<b>Online</b>	Looking to the future to match the growth with the appropriate infrastructure, Schools, roadways, Public safety.
<b>Online</b>	traffic growth
<b>Online</b>	<p>We are getting far too many apartments in Northern Suffolk which will only serve to worsen the tremendous traffic problems we are experiencing. And will the school systems be able to handle the influx of students they bring?</p> <p>Also, don't allow a tire center and 7-11 in Harbour View! We have too many 7-11s nearby anyhow, 2 just down the road on Rt 17 across from each other, one behind McDonald's on College drive, and one more on Rt 17 near I-664. Why would we ever want one in a prestigious neighborhood like Harbour View? It downgrades the community, and brings the wrong type of traffic into the neighborhood.</p>
<b>Online</b>	more green spaces, more things to do in downtown Suffolk, movie theater, bowling alley, something...
<b>Online</b>	Yes, Stop Putting Warehouses on every Corner, in every backyard. Bringing 18wheelers down every backroad and Trucks in every Ditch!
<b>Online</b>	They need to focus on infrastructure of our roads before bringing thousands more people in here
<b>Online</b>	Overdeveloped and a recession that will effect businesses in the area. We dont need more empty store fronts.
<b>Online</b>	Schools. Police and fire safety. Roads.
<b>Online</b>	<p>YES, DO THE DRAINAGE, GIVE US SIDEWALKS, CLEAN THE PIPES THAT ARE ENTRANCES TO DRIVEWAYS, LAY APRON'S IN DRIVEWAYS TO HOUSES THAT ARE GRANDFATHERED IN THE CITY OF SUFFOLK, CLEAN THE DITCHES ON CURVY ROADS THAT CAN CAUSE FATALIES, CLEAR OFF THE GRASSY AREAS AT THE DITCHES, PUT BETTER MARKERS ON THE DARK AND DESOLATE STREETS. MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE SAID. "O, what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive!" - Walter Scott</p> <p>WILL THIS BE READ AND ACTED UPON OR THROWN IN FILE 13?</p>
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is huge. Perhaps consider splitting the city into two.
<b>Online</b>	Land planning for more industrial development
<b>Online</b>	Yes. Develop a five year plan to make out roads as least as good as Gates County NC if not better without raising taxes. If you watch your people work you would see that that need direction on what they should be able to complete in a work day. As an example, do you know how many miles the guy on the tractor cutting the grass on the side of the road is supposed to cut in a work day. Do you know what is the maximum number of miles that possible to cut in a work day and is anyone reaching that goal or do you even have any expectations for them. In not you need them for all city workers.

<b>Online</b>	Yes - the warehouse project being planned for Kingsfork & Pitchkettle Roads! Suffolk residents should be able to comment on that. That project will bring more people, traffic and trucks to the area, remove more natural habitat for our wildlife, disturb the peace and quiet, and there's nothing positive to say or think about that project.
<b>Online</b>	Conservation and preservation.
<b>Online</b>	Increase in recycling services (plastics 3-7, etc.)  Investment into more and better parks.  More green and natural spaces.  Invest more in rural Suffolk community centers.  More schools.  Decrease crime.
<b>Online</b>	Increased infrastructure improvements, roads, sewerage, drainage.
<b>Online</b>	Duh!!!
<b>Online</b>	Over development and immediate downtown improvements.
<b>Online</b>	No planning for rural areas. Just how many lots can the right people put on a parcel?? Please clean ditches, cut limbs back, and repair our roads.
<b>Online</b>	Keep the farm land.
<b>Online</b>	Putting sidewalks in older neighborhoods. Especially Burnett's Mill.
<b>Online</b>	Residential/commercial development.
<b>Online</b>	Stop granting so many developments. Why do we need so many car washes in a small area?
<b>Online</b>	Yes, stop the developments!
<b>Online</b>	More police and fire departments, better support and pay for our first responders. We must retain our police force so that they can work with our communities to keep everyone as safe as possible. Crowded schools and better school buildings...may be old and need updated or replaced completely. School safety...Hardened schools to prevent unspeakable tragedies like that in Ulvade, TX.
<b>Online</b>	Stop allowing the building of so many houses & apartments, especially in the Northern end of the city.
<b>Online</b>	We need wider roads and more options for food and shopping and kid activities and more Christian schools
<b>Online</b>	Some type of plan to stop the gun violence
<b>Online</b>	Yes
<b>Online</b>	Yes, bring South Suffolk up to date and start thinking about revenue opportunities other than raising taxes.
<b>Online</b>	Police funding...Kimberly flooding
<b>Online</b>	Traffic! How will the roads support all the new housing development
<b>Online</b>	Keep city employees. Stop losing them to other businesses/municipalities. We need better shopping options and entertainment downtown, west and south.



<b>Online</b>	Yes! Reduce the tax burden on residents! Between our real estate and personal property, this family of 2 with with just over 2 acres on an average annual income, paid over \$10k in taxes! The city is taking unfair advantage of the current the housing boom to artificially inflate the appraised value of my house so my taxes keep going up! Same with vehicles! When the housing market crashes and the value of my house goes down with it, will the city reduce the appraised value of my house, thereby reducing my taxes too? Probably not! Taxes in this city are utterly ridiculous! And the roads we have to drive on to get to our house are full of potholes that have been repaired way to many times, instead of resurfaced properly! Time to find someone who is more concerned with the welfare of the working class who pay the taxes than the handouts for those who chose to sit on the sofa with their hands out!
<b>Online</b>	City clean-up efforts, traffic freedom of movement in areas with increased structures and businesses.
<b>Online</b>	TRAFFIC ON NASEMOND PARKWAY!!!!!!!!!!!!..... WE ARE ALREADY SWAMPED WITH PEOPLE , TRAFFIC AND BUSES .... PLEASE HELP
<b>Online</b>	Yes, hire vets to protect our schools. Allow teachers to conceal carry, offer gun safety courses as an elective in schools to teach kids how to respect a firearm and learn the responsibility of it, and have metal detectors at every school door. Dr. Gordon said he doesnâ€™t want the schools to look like a prison but it is much better to have metal detectors than dead kids. I find it ironic that our elect officials from the president down to local officials are protected by somebody with a gun but our children have to go to school in a gun freeze zone. They are sitting ducks and easy targets. If we get rid of the signs and we hire somebody to protect the schools and make it a gun friendly zone with a sign that says school is protected by guns, I guarantee you a mass shooting will not happen. If somebody is stupid enough to try it they will be stopped quickly. This will work better than any stupid gun buyback program!
<b>Online</b>	Finish repairing the pipes that the storm in January 2022 along Nansemond Pkw was cut by the storm and there was just a quick fix done to hold it. It still isn't fixed. We still have to boil and treat our water to consume it. It is still yellow.
<b>Online</b>	The out of control rezoning and development of agricultural lands.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, housing, quality of life issues.
<b>Online</b>	So many thereâ€™s not enough room
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to re-evaluate tax rates in the rural south and western parts of the city. We here are paying taxes for development in the northern parts of town that have no benefit to us. After a quarter century we still have No city water, not even a fire hydrant, No city sewers, No Nat. Gas, No cable service, terrible internet, almost no cellular signals, pot holes galore and we can't even get the drainage ditches cleaned out. BUT we are paying taxes for all of it.
<b>Online</b>	Avoid over development and congestion.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, harborveiw area has a problem at busy times.
<b>Online</b>	They are all essential but over by obici the fact that you're on a overpass and you can't get over for an ambulance and the exit backs up into the interstate but yeah you just keep building condos and keep building housing developments we have no schools teachers and we can't handle this but keep building them so you can get paid. Like I said in the above it

	maybe you are your family that's stuck in the ambulance that can't get through because of poor planning!
<b>Online</b>	Decrease in real estate and personal property taxes. This can be offset by pushing higher taxes on the multi-million dollar companies that are utilizing the ever expanding industrial parks in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown growth, traffic control and crime prevention
<b>Online</b>	Building new schools. Preserving open space.  Controlled growth. Making all of Suffolk a priority not just Northern Suffolk!  Addressing food deserts in the City.  Improving roads.  Improving train routes and blockage of traffic.
<b>Online</b>	SCHOOLS(buildings, staff, and number of students) are essential to our city. Our school system even with a great director falls behind other districts, there needs to be more Fred Cherry's and Florence Bowser's.
<b>Online</b>	Listen more to your community! I get having things that bring revenue, but a lot of the people that live here don't want what comes when you keep building stores, home, etc. the roads can't handle the traffic, the schools  Are over crowded.
<b>Online</b>	Improving parks, recreation centers, libraries, and schools. Completing the seaboard trail. Creating safe bike lanes throughout the city.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown growth. We want a vibrant center of our city, not just a place that shuts down in evenings and weekends.
<b>Online</b>	We do not have school age children anymore, but it is apparent from things we've read in articles and local reviews that Suffolk schools are not serving the community well. That is disappointing and I hope providing a better education is made a priority.
<b>Online</b>	FIX the police department: Horrible morale, severely understaffed, officers flicking away to better places. Improving school system. If my children had to attend public school, we would move rather than put them in Suffolk middle/high schools. The school board makes us the laughing stock of Hampton Roads. Sewer service in Whaleyville. Road repairs. Expediting the plan for a decent downtown library. Bring in businesses to central Suffolk that will provide more services and employment, stop building housing.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic! Controlled growth. Upscale housing to attract better citizens. Stop approving new developments without building new schools or updating infrastructure. Rebuild the Kings Hwy. Bridge.
<b>Online</b>	Schools  Road improvements  Slow growth until these items are addressed
<b>Online</b>	More activities for children should be provided

<b>Online</b>	Traffic calming measures for residential neighborhoods and streets. As well as traffic reduction measures on the main highways.
<b>Online</b>	Schools  More recreational activities
<b>Online</b>	Where is the entertainment. I don't even know of a single thing people can do in suffolk that not eating
<b>Online</b>	High speed, fiber optic Internet in the entire city... including the older neighborhoods in Bennett's Creek...we still have basic DSL type wiring and the internet is slow and goes out 20 or 30 times a day. Competitive Internet services other than Charter Spectrum. Additional schools. Multiple indoor recreational /aquatic facilities. Stop the insane growth in this city! You have already killed the slower pace and quaintness of the city!
<b>Online</b>	Jobs ( executive & blue collar)  Education ( bring a major university to the area)  Entertainment ( build a stadium, )  Become competitive within Hampton Roads.
<b>Online</b>	You need to do something about all the houses being built on good farm land
<b>Online</b>	Stop building! Start building schools! Fields!
<b>Online</b>	Transportation and safety
<b>Online</b>	Start bringing in business and schools that will support the population you want....Suffolk is already considered the worst place to send your child to school...do better for our kids Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Keep the industrial parts of the city where they are. Don't bring them into already busy roadways with residential housing surrounding it. Improve the schools and public safety departments to be able to handle the increased housing and citizens moving to suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Since it seems the goal of the city is to grow by leaps and bounds, what is the city doing to provide additional resources for internet services. We are attracting companies and adding increased housing, but we only have ONE internet provider and that is a monopoly. Also with the increased traffic, many areas of Suffolk do not have sidewalks or bike lanes to provide safety to its citizens. As we grow, we should seek every opportunity to become a healthy city with outdoor activities for increased fitness. How can we better utilize the beautiful waterways for family activities, rest and relaxation? I would like to see covered bus stops for our children. So many mornings, children are standing in the elements waiting on the bus and most bus stops are no in front of their homes.
<b>Online</b>	Less traffic in residential areas please. Less taxes
<b>Online</b>	Yes I feel like we need better restaurant and shopping selections! Almost everyone that lives in downtown Suffolk has to travel to Northern Suffolk just to have better shopping and dining options! I feel like Downtown Suffolk is stuck in the past!
<b>Online</b>	Shelter for the homeless  Affordable housing

<b>Online</b>	Traffic! Traffic! Traffic! Where will these children go to school??? There are not many activities for children or families either.
<b>Online</b>	Need the have all communities hooked up to sewer. We need to protect the river and creek shorelines and wetlands. They protect us from floods in severe weather.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and transportation.  Reevaluateing school zoning  Community inclusivity
<b>Online</b>	Alternative routes other than 58 to travel through Hampton Roads. Highway 58 has become a travel nightmare over the past 5 years. One accident causes everyone to suffer.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building  Stop rezoning  Start fixing whats already been broken
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	Inequalities if regions of Suffolk, school overcrowding and funding increases to help buildings
<b>Online</b>	MORE THINGS FOR THE CHILDREN TO do!
<b>Online</b>	Transportation.. need to widen and improve roadways.
<b>Online</b>	PLEASE LIMIT CAR WASH BUSINESSES. EVERYONE IS SICK OF SPACE BEING USED FOR THEM! If a gas station has a car wash, WHY build a car wash behind it?! Poorly done & a waste of space.
<b>Online</b>	Rehabbing homes in lower poverty areas to boost morale. Make downtown look better
<b>Online</b>	Schools and education management. Unbridled growth. Traffic issues. Recreational space. Preservation of ecologically sensitive communities like Eclipse.
<b>Online</b>	DEAL WITH THE RACISM. SUPPORT THE TEACHERS, SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS, STUDENTS, AND SCHOOLS BETTER. Improve public transportation and connect public transportation to the rest of the HR area. Work to connect to and cooperate with the other HR cities. Improve recycling program. Review some of your archaic laws over real estate and real estate transactions, identify and get rid of corruption, improve police policies, recruitment, and training. ACCEPT CHANGE.
<b>Online</b>	the interstate/state/city road systems need maintain pace with increase in population. Ensure first responder services, police department keep pace with population increase, ensure medical facilities keep pace with population increase, ensure Suffolk public school systems are both keeping pace with population increase and providing the best education in the state. More entertainment choices are needed in western Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Yes! Widening of the roads off Godwin Blvd. and more restaurants and entertainment near downtown Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk pays a lot of taxes but municipal services are primarily in central areas, this lopsided spending should be fixed.

	<p>It was not right that Sentara Belle Harbor was not allowed to set up hospital services and we are stuck only with bon secours. Allow Sentara to have a hospital and surgical center at Belle harbor.</p> <p>Traffic on 17 is getting worse, widen the whole of 17. Try to improve road safety on 58.</p> <p>Recruit a business or service to occupy the old Harris Teeter across from Riverfront. Could be a commercial recreation opportunity like wall climbing, indoor courts, trampoline park, etc. We shouldn't have to drive to Virginia Beach for activities.</p>
<b>Online</b>	We need diversity. Must be things for both races to enjoy. As a white female I feel there is nothing in Suffolk for me. I do plan to move back to Charlotte however I feel Suffolk has great potential.
<b>Online</b>	Schools. Where wil all of the new additions go? Kings Fork and NR are already so big the kids don't get a good education. No places for the older kids to hangout; thus, creating trouble.
<b>Online</b>	Crime, Our Police Force falling apart
<b>Online</b>	Fixing traffic would be a big start. Making the bridges 4 lanes on Bridge Rd and replacing the Kings Hwy bridge would be a good start to alleviate traffic. Slowing development to a sustainable pace that roads, schools, emergency services, and public utilities can support should be guiding factors.
<b>Online</b>	Communication, transparency, openness. Continuity in development. Placing different zoning districts next to each other needs to be done with care and consideration for the long-term impact on nearby homes. Adequate requirements need to be put in place to maintain a home's quality of life.
	This survey is a great first step if the residents' input are considered.
<b>Online</b>	Roads, public safety, infrastructure, public works department ie trash collection.
<b>Online</b>	Fixing roads! The car wash by Kroger has terrible pot holes by it. Just to name one.
<b>Online</b>	Keep our rural communities. Allow growth in responsible ways that grow the city and preserve our rural ways also. Keep the safety of everyone a top priority. The growth in the rural areas puts our farmers and citizens in dangerous situations with large equipment and roads that are not in shape to provide for the volume of traffic
<b>Online</b>	Schools. Schools. Schools.
<b>Online</b>	Over development!!!
<b>Online</b>	Build the schools
<b>Online</b>	Tennis court update
<b>Online</b>	Crime...the issue begins with the Commonwealth Attorney not the police!
<b>Online</b>	Government leaders need to be hands-on with Police training to best ensure we arenâ€™t the next George Floyd town. De-escalated events needs to be instructed, and body cam usage continual, with times it can be secured for 10 minutes during bathroom breaks. On continuously otherwise.

<b>Online</b>	Better schools. Less old boy network in government
<b>Online</b>	Pause development until infrastructure including sewer, high speed broadband, schools, and traffic congestion is addressed. The city seems to approve all development and the. Try to fix the problems a decade or more later, this is unacceptable to the citizens.
<b>Online</b>	Lower water costs. Suffolk water bills are at least double the amount of any other city in Hampton Roads.
<b>Online</b>	Less high density development and more space for residents and less traffic
<b>Online</b>	Keeping crime rates down, fixing up downtown Suffolk and building more schools.
<b>Online</b>	A plan to develop quality of life and preserve our natural and rural areas, and develop affordable housing and a plan for the homeless. A recognition that increased spending is not the sole answer to improving our schools ( this population is not growing) but organization and leadership is
<b>Online</b>	When are they building more schools to address the major over crowding.
<b>Online</b>	Bringing more revenue to the city.. Decreasing taxes
<b>Online</b>	Public land use for camping and hunting. Benefits and tax breaks for small businesses, regardless of ethnicity or sex. Actual improvements of infrastructure specifically high-speed internet and road maintenance.
<b>Online</b>	Road infrastructure and growth of housing developments with no amenities
<b>Online</b>	More walking and biking paths throughout the The old Suffolk part of the city. Not just North Suffolk. A stronger police presence in the downtown area. Like officers on foot to make it safe at night. Larger park areas. Easier water access to the nansemond. Downtown area starting to look run down again. Main Street is becoming too crowded traffic is terrible it takes too long to get anywhere within the downtown area. Godwin boulevard is going to be an even bigger mess with all the new apartments going up. That building needs to stop. Until the proper infrastructure is in place to handle the traffic. The road widening of Holland road is a mistake. There should be a bypass that was built around that area. With an off-ramp to the industrial Park with possible rail access.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic. Too much building. Overcrowded schools.
<b>Online</b>	Again.. stop with the apartment complexes and trashy strip malls. The town is being ruined. Focus more on infrastructure to deal with all of the congestion and traffic issues we currently have surrounding areas like Godwin Blvd. You guys keep adding in that area and do nothing about all of the traffic congestion. Leaving the house is absolutely unpleasant.
<b>Online</b>	Parks
<b>Online</b>	Yes, fire everyone and start over
<b>Online</b>	The developers and builders seem to have the upper hand and the citizens feel that their words are not heard. The development is happening faster than the infrastructure to support all of the building. Why so many apartments? We don't need anymore apartments and certainly not another 7-11! People feel that things are being built without the knowledge or opinion of the community. The tearing down of trees and destroying the habitat for the many wild animals, including black bear, deer, fox, waterfowl, etc is sad. They have nowhere to go. The community needs a nice balance of trees and vegetation to keep the urban yet rural look and feel. No one wants Harbour View Blvd to turn into a Mercury Blvd or Jefferson Ave.
<b>Online</b>	Green spaces. Donâ€™t develop every farmers field, keep agriculture zoned agriculture

<b>Online</b>	Homelessness
<b>Online</b>	Slow the growth. Help preserve the small town feel. This is the the one thing Suffolk still has and the other cities do not. Let's not become the next Chesapeake.
<b>Online</b>	Not sure
<b>Online</b>	Yes! Keep the farm land protected!!!! Stop selling it off to build houses!!
<b>Online</b>	Yes!
<b>Online</b>	We need to address over population and congestion. Big is NOT better.
<b>Online</b>	How does Suffolk SUPPORT it's Farming Industry?...other than having a Peanut Festival during the BUSIEST part of their working ,harvesting, & processing season. MANY cannot stop to participate!!!!!! Example: It's like asking All Suffolk Retailers to CLOSE THEIR SHOPS during the Christmas Season and participate in a Santa Festival.
<b>Online</b>	You would think with all the housing developments, apartments & businesses being build, taxes would level off or drop. No, the keep rising. Living up to the name "Surprising Suffolk".
<b>Online</b>	Clean it up !! Drive down Constance filthy neglected mess
<b>Online</b>	<p>1. Resource availability”how we will support the huge influx of people and their families</p> <p>2. Safety”in just the last two years, I have stopped feeling safe walking in my own neighborhood. Our police are spread too thin, and those who are ill-intentioned are taking advantage of the situation</p> <p>3. Geographic spread”Suffolk is a huge area, and the needs of the southwestern section are likely vastly different than those of the northeastern section. I hope there will be recognition and consideration of these differences in planning.</p> <p>Thank you for your work!</p>
<b>Online</b>	Stop development
<b>Online</b>	Need right turn lane onto route 10
<b>Online</b>	Ensuring Suffolk remains rural by protecting farm and timber land.
<b>Online</b>	Better control of growth. Keeping pace with the pace of growth. Please don't let Suffolk turn into Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	Preservation of farm land, other ways to grow businesses/ neighborhoods
<b>Online</b>	Don't take all the farm land!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Traffic on 58! Equity of bringing WiFi/Fiber optic lines to Holy Neck. We have no access to internet without slow satellite service here.
<b>Online</b>	Schools
<b>Online</b>	Crime. I live in Riverview and hear gunshots all the time. Crime. Downtown needs so much!!! We will support it if you enforce decency laws!! We need affordable and good housing for low income that is not trash.
<b>Online</b>	Truck traffic has got to be regulated or redirected or rerouted. 58 has been terrible to drive.



<b>Online</b>	Update the Wal-mart and Kroger shopping areas. Clean up the business areas and add additional hotels and restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	But for real we need a new high school in Northern Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	School overcrowding and transportation issues. Public Safety plan for both increasing population and advancing age of the population. Transportation improvements - road widening, alternative routes both within the city and to neighboring cities. Recruitment and retention of City employees and a plan for expanding the workforce to provide services for the expanding population. Recruitment plan to bring larger retailers to closer to downtown instead of just building small strip shopping centers, fast food restaurants and car washes.
<b>Online</b>	Housing, police, schools, School Board, and roads.
<b>Online</b>	Yep. Slow down building all these industrial areas. Address the needs of families like entertainment and grocery stores evt...
<b>Online</b>	Yes. NO MORE Cluster type (apartment, condo) housing.
<b>Online</b>	Yes, address the fact that a city employee is part owner of a development company who is building houses on rural properties that are not fit for living and building houses in every field through the entire city. The country people want to be left alone and are being pushed out by the constant development. Please stop. People who have lived here their entire lives will start leaving and moving to quieter counties. When that happens, your crime rate will continue to rise you you will be left with another Virginia Beach, but without the beach. If that is your goal then go for it, but you will lose your loyal residents. That is guaranteed.
<b>Online</b>	Yes! Slow down the commercial development of all open spaces. Save the farmland.
<b>Online</b>	Cultural events
<b>Online</b>	Schools , road/ drainage
<b>Online</b>	Alternate route for 58. (Most likely not something Suffolk would handle but a state project)
<b>Online</b>	Schools have struggled to keep up with the rapid development in North Suffolk and other areas.  Having multiple, viable Internet providers to create competition. Spectrum has a monopoly on this service.
<b>Online</b>	More focus on homeless people. We need a homeless shelter for single people.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, education, economic development
<b>Online</b>	Affordable housing. Revitalization of the downtown area.
<b>Online</b>	I understand needing to build to bring venue. But I feel like there are large parts of the city that need upgrading vs new building around it. Downtown near the Chick-fil-A to be exact. That business brings TONS of people to Chick-fil-A but nothing else around it is even appealing to the eye let alone profitable
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, crime, equal growth in North & Downtown Suffolk, and more community events/festivals/activities.

<b>Online</b>	Streets! Many have no curbs, some are so thin they should be one-way! Why does West Jericho not offer Natural Gas for our heat and stoves? They did a nice job in from W. Washington but completely forgot about the streets beyond the tracks off Claries Drive.
<b>Online</b>	Yes: unbridled development must stop! Suffolk would be wise to follow the example of planned, preserved areas. When agriculture and aquaculture are valued and protected our area will be enhanced and valued as the incredible resource it is.
<b>Online</b>	More things to do for children. Family oriented places.
<b>Online</b>	Schools, crime, larger hospital. Making Suffolk attractive and friendly to small business owners by streamlining the process. Responsible land use. Using existing structures before building new retail spaces. Restoring historical buildings for use and educational tourism.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure development especially bridges and choke points.... and much more focus on the unique historical villages, green belts, waterways...and the ecological damage to our waterways and fishing heritage.
<b>Online</b>	Yes.
<b>Online</b>	How about get rid of the people saying yes to all these unnecessary projects?
<b>Online</b>	The poor and the homeless.
<b>Online</b>	Roads and schools!
<b>Online</b>	Again growth & doing it wisely
<b>Online</b>	Not more programs and activities Use current resources to strengthen lighting up areas, trimming city owned bushes trees and drains along with roads.
<b>Online</b>	Development and infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	Roads
<b>Online</b>	Continuing to encourage good building and safe pedestrian passage across the developing areas of the city.
<b>Online</b>	Continue to improve, revitalize and grow our communities and social events for citizens. Need more opportunities for kid programs for all ages, especially teens.
<b>Online</b>	Shopping for the million homes you have allowed. Do not allow the Southern part of the city to become an urban sprawl. PLEASE!
<b>Online</b>	Yes, with the \$25.1 million investment that Birdsong is making to the "Peanut Capital", if these spot builders are continually allowed to buy up and split farms, there will be NO farm land to grow the peanut crop, much less the corn needed that if you look at the ingredients in mostly anything it has corn in it, soybeans, wheat, cotton all that Suffolk is known for and the Farmer is being pushed to extinction! The plans that are getting approved within the City needs to be reviewed as well as the City staff that has connections to those builders... corruption!!
<b>Online</b>	Give the opportunity for current residents to update upgrade or make changes to their land to upkeep the city with new developments . Examples grants to help homeowners instead of taking equity (loans) out to keep them updated.
<b>Online</b>	The essential topics that need to be addressed as part of this update are, adequate housing, road infrastructure, fine schooling and safety throughout the city.
<b>Online</b>	Yes

<b>Online</b>	More eateries downtown that are upscale. We have enough soul food restaurants for the entire state. We aren't all black and poor.
<b>Online</b>	Schools, entertainment, and community development
<b>Online</b>	Many areas have housing and business that look very run down. They are also in areas that as you drive you say to yourself "why would you put that there???" Potential for keeping retail on roads that support retail are impeded by run down housing. Housing is placed right at roadside slowing down traffic on roads that should be used (and are used) as a main thoroughfare. I don't know how you rid these areas of such impediments but it would be worthwhile to revamp these areas
<b>Online</b>	Benchmark other cities like Wilmington, NC that experience high growth.
<b>Online</b>	Roads and traffic and schools. Too much building too keep up.
<b>Online</b>	The need to stop raping our natural resources and promoting overpopulation!
<b>Online</b>	Roads, traffic and utilities expansion.
<b>Online</b>	It's critical for Suffolk to thrive. People don't want to drive 30-45 minutes for food, shopping, entertainment, etc.
<b>Online</b>	<p>1. Resources for youth activities. ( why not have a few youth boards to shadow or help our government. This will allow them to learn the process and be apart of the decision making that can impact their lives)</p> <p>Streets &amp; Roads and parking!</p> <p>By the way a park in downtown? Really!</p> <p>Minimal Parking, security all ready an issue.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Yes stated above. Suffolk used to be a great city with unique parts. Now it will never be the same. Too much development without proper support..Dems will not use common sense on greed as their master. Sorry if the truth is offensive. I've lived in Suffolk and was educated in Suffolk. Seen first hand the changes.
<b>Online</b>	Road lights
<b>Online</b>	The loss of farm land! The worsening conditions of the roads in rural Suffolk. The city doesn't even clean the ditches out anymore.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Limit development</p> <p>Focus on families</p>
<b>Online</b>	Schools are very concerning. I know families who are leaving Suffolk for Chesapeake due to the poor quality. This includes losing great teachers to other cities.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Put the breaks on development. Nothing wrong with farm land!
<b>Online</b>	Fix our small bridges that have restrictive weight limits for the Trucking Industry on main roads such as East Washington St amd Nansemond Parkway.
<b>Online</b>	Yes
<b>Online</b>	Stop building everywhere and reduce taxes! Fat chance of that happening...
<b>Online</b>	Maintain the farm land

<b>Online</b>	STOP THE BUILDERS. It is getting out of hand when they are calling and harassing land owners to purchase farm land away from the farmers that built this city. HELP THE FARMERS!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Waterways and how nature is effected by the development.
<b>Online</b>	Improving the roads but doing the work at night is something essential, and not further infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of the citizens with stupid ideas like a so-called "gun buyback". You can't buy back something that was never yours in the first place.
<b>Online</b>	Agriculture and green spaces are limited. Roads and traffic is a concern .
<b>Online</b>	Nature preservation.
<b>Online</b>	Less building.
<b>Online</b>	Farm land getting ruined, roads in very bad condition, people over populating our city and too many big buildings getting built.
<b>Online</b>	Stop developing. It's not development, it's a shame. There's better ways to improve this area than selling it out to Realistate and strip malls.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk was once desired because there was space and openness, it's now getting so crowded traffic is a headache.
<b>Online</b>	Support of farmers and farmland and small businesses.
<b>Online</b>	more stores and shopping centers tj Maxx Homewood,, Marshall
<b>Online</b>	Why Does Harborview get the nicer or finer shopping, restaurants, entertainment venues and the southern side gets 3 Wendys, 2 Arbys, 2 McDonald's, 2 Taco Bell's within walking distance. What happened to the Movie Theatre that was supposed to go by Aldi and why is Dimoishi still empty after almost two years? Also, shootings and crime has gotten much worse.
<b>Online</b>	Yes. Congestion and poor conditions of the roads, out of control growth, and the failing school system.
<b>Online</b>	Crowded roads, lack of sidewalks, crowded schools, we need more family facilities like youth sports complex or ice rink, indoor turfs or field house, family fun zone with go carts, put put golf, volleyball or pickle ball courts, roller hockey court, entertainment venue and hotels. Sports complex
<b>Online</b>	Our city needs to address our homeless population, and find ways to take care of our disabled adults and senior citizens.
<b>Online</b>	No more expansion in the Holy Neck or Whaleyville corridors. The subdivisions of land and subsequent house building needs to stop
<b>Online</b>	How to decrease the accident rate on route 58  The expansion of grocery stores with healthier food options  Retail shopping-Target, Ulta, Ross, tjmaxx
<b>Online</b>	We have a lot more crime now with all these apartment buildings going up and warehouses with people who don't even live in Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	Please, please stop building clusters of residential units.
<b>Online</b>	Yes the growing number of residents

<b>Online</b>	Widening roads. Route 10 from Reid’s ferry bridge to Chuckatuck. The traffic on route 17.
<b>Online</b>	There needs to be a balance between total growth and land grabbing with maintaining the historical feel of Suffolk. Otherwise we’re just like any other nearby city. The current plan that keeps growth in certain areas help provide the best of both worlds.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic concerns and the growing population should be kept in mind going forward.
<b>Online</b>	Yea
<b>Online</b>	Redevelopment, schools, taxes, water being Suffolk sold most of the lakes to other cities
<b>Online</b>	THE OVERWHELMING POPULATION EXPANSION. Please listen to your communities. We do NOT want more and more apartments and condominiums. Please, the traffic is unbearable both downtown, Godwin Blvd. And the bridge Rd area.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building apartments and houses without a holistic approach to support the community schools, roads and overall needs of the residents who would fill them. Also there needs to seriously address the issue of affordable housing AND social support for the unhoused population. The new downtown library really needs to come to fruition.
<b>Online</b>	Boating ramps, Chickens, green space, garden plots,
<b>Online</b>	Focus on infrastructure, roads, schools to support the growth that has already happened.
<b>Online</b>	Continue to attract major employers to the city to offer jobs to the local people.
<b>Online</b>	Yes. We want clean streets that our children can play in; we want fair value trade markets, we want less developments of apartments and homes that could be good use for land for farming—that is the heart of Suffolk, not Starbucks and condos!
<b>Online</b>	Accommodating the traffic issues inherent with the over-building of residences.
<b>Online</b>	The flyover planned for Nansemond parkway and Wilroy Road is a bad idea. There are cheaper and less intrusive solutions that have been proposed.
<b>Online</b>	Neglected buildings! They can be restored and maintain the historic character of the old town.
<b>Online</b>	Dramatically reduce traffic. Reduce development that eliminates our natural resources of trees and open land. Maintain the open and rural spaces that are a hallmark of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	The schools can not handle the growing population and the teachers & police officers need to have significant pay increases to handle the growing population.
<b>Online</b>	Responsible Growth, supportive planned infrastructure, business opportunities, public safety and coordinated traffic patterns and flow.
<b>Online</b>	Rural development and the loss of agricultural lands in the once, "Peanut Capital of the World", is a shame. Our city leaders have dropped the ball too long on this issue.  Our school administrators are the biggest threat to our future because of the impact on children. They must be monitored to make sure they serve our children and their parent's wishes, not what they think is best. Get America back to educating and leave parenting to parents.
<b>Online</b>	Schools!!!!

<b>Online</b>	<p>Transportation and adequate areas for growth.</p> <p>Just because a property is in the area designated for growth, does not mean that property owner is going to develop, or sell their property. The growth areas need to take this into account and make sure they are big enough to accommodate the City's growth, without causing the cost of housing to go up too much.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Infrastructure and roads</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Focus on the southern side of Suffolk. We need better shopping and entertainment. Also our country back roads are in horrible condition and need attention.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The Land Use Map and major/minor transportation hubs need to be evaluated. Its time to look at the fringe areas which are rural now differently. Whether it be infrastructure projects that open up these areas to development or just adding areas for potential development,. We need to move into these areas to make sure we don't overburden the existing infrastructure. Farm land is critical to the Suffolk economy and its history but we are fortunate to have an abundance. The Land Use Plan can and should protect most of it but there is an opportunity being missed if we fail to plan for new uses.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I suspect Suffolk was voted one of the 100 best small towns to live in sometime ago because it's sure not that way any longer. Keep Suffolk rural!!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Incentives for small businesses to thrive in Suffolk.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The city sees a quick financial transaction to sell land and in return, does nothing to assist with the issues it causes with traffic, overpopulation and over population in schools.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Traffic/roads and schools</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>ensuring sufficient schools to accommodate increased population; please do not accept a higher student: teacher ratio as teacher's are already stressed and maxed out after COVID and school shootings.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Yes - community engagement! This survey is a decent start, but let's actually get a sense of what the community needs and desires. It often feels like the city is working to get more money , which is not always in the interest of the community. How do we retain community? Green space inclusion? Sound scape? Murals?</p> <p>Suffolk can be a true gem - let's not make it look like every other Hampton Road suburban center, please! North Suffolk has already become Greenbrier 2.0, let's not continue doing that everywhere, let's retain the cool architecture and history and make it something special.</p> <p>Would love to see more engagement for the comprehensive plan! I'm certainly wanting to get more involved, but not sure how.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Yes to much development</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Stop all the development, just look at Chesapeake, Norfolk and VA beach. Development ruined those cities which is why their residents are moving here. It has to stop</p>

<b>Online</b>	Yes. Overpopulated schools and a growing sickly population. Stop building neighborhoods and apartments if we can't meet the needs of our children and those in need of quality healthcare.
<b>Online</b>	Do something with the section of North Main St between the bridge near Hilton Garden Inn and Suffolk Plaza. A storm with heavy rains still shouldn't be a flooding problem.  The US Post Office still does not have an automatic door to help the elderly and disabled get into the building. I know that may not be a direct city issue but it's a concern for some of the city's citizens.
<b>Online</b>	Stop developing our farm land
<b>Online</b>	Reducing crime so that citizens feel safe patronizing our local businesses in Downtown- especially after dark.
<b>Online</b>	Water rates, terrible traffic, lack of traffic enforcement, becoming as bad as Norfolk and Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	School options in Northern Suffolk/Bridge Road area. NO HIGH SCHOOLS on northern or Bridge Rd side of town at all. Elementary & Middle schools far away for many. Constant building in that area with no regard to education needs. Too many large apartment complexes continuously being built will strain the roads and traffic due to bridges limiting expansion.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	Traffic congestion and transportation are a must address. Rt 58, 460, 337. All of Northern Suffolk including Rt 17, Shoulders Hill. The Amazon warehouse and other warehouses have increased large truck traffic on all roads within the City. Also there are improvements needed at railroad crossings, especially Wilroy/Nansemond Pkwy and Wilroy/Progress Rd.
<b>Online</b>	Stop some of the grow
<b>Online</b>	Too many warehouses and trucks  More retail like a Target not a warehouse  Shopping restaurants not fast food
<b>Online</b>	Yes, if we keep building houses and businesses Suffolk will be the new Chesapeake
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Roads. Ditching. Tree trimming so they are not hanging in the right of way. Vegetation blocking the view at intersections.
<b>Online</b>	Safe city initiatives, Programs for the youth in the summer.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Roads and developments
<b>Online</b>	Keeping the rural land of Suffolk, rural.
<b>Online</b>	Agriculture, as mentioned before, used to be the main focus of Suffolk and it was thought of as a farming community and the Peanut capital of VA. While we applaud industrial growth, and enjoy the benefits of shopping and dining in Suffolk; our agricultural community is dwindling and the needs or protecting it and the farm land should be addressed.



	Also, while the expansion of Highway 58 is a much needed project and the traffic backups become longer every day, our secondary roads are seeing much more traffic and are taken a toll. The roads being used to bypass the Hwy 58 project are seeing more wear and there are areas with large potholes which are growing every week and sections of road that have broken off on the side or that are crumbling and will break off soon. The secondary roads need to be addressed to withstand the amount of traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Build more schools for our children instead of more warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Building needs to slow down and let the infrastructure including roads and schools catch up to the growth.
<b>Online</b>	Develop along existing business highways (where there are traffic lights and city services) and not in rural areas.
<b>Online</b>	STOP destroying our farm and wetlands.
<b>Online</b>	There needs to be an improvement in race relations and the need to support more leaders of color.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic, the biggest issue Suffolk will face the next 10 years is volume of traffic and traffic flow.
<b>Online</b>	Maintenance of the rural areas of Suffolk and keeping Agriculture as a major activity in our city. I am very disappointed to see so much farm land being sold and used for housing. Perhaps the city can provide incentives for farmers to keep farming. Enhance parks and recreation.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic and lack of police.
<b>Online</b>	stop letting homes being built in areas where they will flood because of being built in a wetland that floor on 2" rains and no road drainage on all roads that even close our 6 or 7 main roads. I've lived here for 74 years the roads are the worse than I've ever seen the.. I even told maintenance of the cypress creek bridge before it fell in 3 time. Your people will not love sten!
<b>Online</b>	Yes
<b>Online</b>	I know the City has no control over it, but the US Mail has gotten horrible. You never know when it's coming! Sometimes early and sometimes in the evening! Sometimes not at all. No one in my small community got mail today! Mailed house insurance last year, thought all was good! Couple months later found out my insurance had been canceled! So now we go pay it in person! Can't trust mail to get it there!
<b>Online</b>	Invest in your police and farmers! We need to be better protection and our farmers need to be left alone so they can provide for their families, community and country.
<b>Online</b>	Gun violence, schools not for all residents, build infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	FOLLOW THE EXISTING UDO if in fact it hasn't been changed.
<b>Online</b>	Listening current, long time residents who are concerned about additional residential development.
<b>Online</b>	Stop expanding the population. Take care of the ones you have. Invest in our public schools.
<b>Online</b>	Leadership at Schoolboard office leads a lot to be desired. It's all about Dr. Gordon. We can do better than this. Strengthen our school system to be something to be proud of. Abolish current School Board and vote on new members that are strong advocates for the

	students and just b/c they have been a schoolteacher does not make them a good school board member. It is an embarrassment to the system. I am proud to be a citizen of Suffolk but would like improvements reflected by input of those that took the time to complete this form
<b>Online</b>	None
<b>Online</b>	Yes. Stop building on farm land and stop bringing unnecessary/repetitive businesses to Suffolk. If youâ€™re going to bring new businesses here at least bring something we donâ€™t already have!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Keeping the development moving forward in a logical and supportable level so that the infrastructure, mainly roads keeps up with that development.
<b>Online</b>	Yes, stop building housing developments and apartments. Nothing good is going to come of continuing down this track. Suffolk will become overcrowded and a large part of the community shares my thoughts and will most likely move elsewhere.
<b>Online</b>	Increase violence, both in schools and on streets.  Deplorable roads  City growth vs school accommodations
<b>Online</b>	Growth is faster than roads
<b>Online</b>	Safety downtown. Help small businesses come downtown.
<b>Online</b>	The explosive growth of condominiums it too much for our roads.
<b>Online</b>	Yes stop trying to be like Chesapeake and Virginia Beach and etc. People moved here to get away from those places and now Suffolk is turning into them
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding schools and development that takes away valuable farmland.
<b>Online</b>	Eco system and Global warming please donâ€™t forget
<b>Online</b>	1) Cap or slow down the build in southern rural areas!  2) Better overall look into the type of new housing construction with emphasis on a quality construction. Less slab and pre-fabs!!!
<b>Online</b>	No, needs drastic change in city. The rural areas are turning into neighborhoods, too many apartments, too much traffic. Schools need help, teachers need to make more money to attract better teachers.
<b>Online</b>	Farmers
<b>Online</b>	Reconsider allowing chickens in RLM zoning
<b>Online</b>	Allow chickens in RLM zoning
<b>Online</b>	Too much housing going up too quickly.
<b>Online</b>	Growing traffic gridlock and virtually uncontrolled growth.
<b>Online</b>	Place a total unconditional ban on building houses on concrete slabs in areas that have high water tables.
<b>Online</b>	As development continues, please consider the impact on drainage ditches on Driver Lane. Flooding during storms is already a problem and will only get worse with more strain put on the system if conditions are not improved as more houses are built.
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment, food, shopping, and more

<b>Online</b>	<p>Keep up the infrastructure with the building of developments and businesses</p> <p>Keep our town citizens informed of what is going on in government and the decisions being made that affect our lives.</p> <p>Have respect for our past and don't throw out good ideas just to make progress</p> <p>Let our leaders show a love for our city and set an example of pride in our town</p> <p>Honor our farmers who are trying to hold on to their family farms. Instead of trying to push them off their land</p> <p>realize and remember who feeds us. They are the hard working backbone of our nation</p>
<b>Online</b>	traffic, crime, not enough recreational facilities.
<b>Online</b>	The over crowded schools.
<b>Online</b>	Term limits for city council and the school board. It is not a career.
<b>Online</b>	The rapid commercial and residential development of agriculturally zoned lands and lack of infrastructure to support such rapid multi family unit housing.
<b>Online</b>	We need to address all housing and apartments being built and need to bring them to a stop so we do not get any more crowded than we already are and we need to protect the farm land left to support not only our community but the entire United States.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Stopping overgrowth. What is happening currently is not normal development. It is an inundation. Your duty is to look out for the better good of your citizens. Not developers.
<b>Online</b>	If you really had the pulse of the community you would know that the greed that the powers to be have are ruining our quality of life. I don't know anyone who doesn't wish they had the money to leave this place. Maybe if we had less government and the government what we had actually spent our money wisely then maybe just maybe they wouldn't be so greedy for the tax dollars at the expense to the residence.
<b>Online</b>	Crime, Infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	You should address about taking all the woods and trees down for all of this development. Where do you think all the animals are going to go when you take their homes away. What about Global Warming. Stripping all the woods and trees down does not help that. I think it is terrible that the city allows this to happen.
<b>Online</b>	Slow down the growth! Replace the old Chuckatuck bridge.
<b>Online</b>	Ban/severely limit all new development.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Slowing down this rapid, undisciplined growth for growth's sake and greed's sake.
<b>Paper</b>	Traffic, new schools, too many apartments. 3 Car washes within a mile of each other? Bridging the gap between Northern Suffolk and downtown.
<b>Online</b>	The roads
<b>Online</b>	Roadway design and how to accommodate population growth

<b>Online</b>	Too much development...Suffolk is losing its "Country Appeal" and becoming more municipal.  Traffic, Crime, Drugs.
<b>Online</b>	Schools is a big portion. The city is growing but only three high schools in the city and they are at or near capacity. There is more development for the city which brings in more revenue, but cannot educate these families when we do not high schools.
<b>Online</b>	I do not new
<b>Online</b>	At the rate the development is going there will be no country side and farms left in Suffolk. We need to preserve our land.
<b>Online</b>	Better process to get community feedback before decisions are made to add large businesses and oversized neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	Funding for schools. Education is key to all other issues.
<b>Online</b>	Boat ramp stop giving northern suffolk everything and making us feel left out
<b>Online</b>	Improve roads! Other than Northern Suffolk, build some nice restaurants and shopping. Now that Bradys is closed there is no public boat ramp other the Northern Suffolk. The city bought Bradys and needs to pen it as a park with a boat ramp. NO HOUSES! They ruined Bennetts Creek Park with all the houses. SO Sad!
<b>Online</b>	Schools, bus transportation,
<b>Online</b>	No
<b>Online</b>	If you will notice, everywhere Suffolk has allowed a new warehouse, the road litter is horrible. These people probably don't live in our area. When they get of their shift or go to lunch, they throw trash out the window. Just look at Kenyon road and Indian Trail. They have no respect for our area!
<b>Online</b>	City services for rural areas. We pay taxes just like northern Suffolk and downtown.
<b>Online</b>	Land owners rights
<b>Online</b>	growth along Pruden Blvd. beyond stoplights
<b>Paper</b>	Highway 58. Road closures during rush hour traffic and emergency responses are too long to aggressive and lack alternate awareness.
<b>Paper</b>	Take care of what is in suffolk before you start adding to much other stuff - keep everything in North Suffolk!
<b>Paper</b>	A community is fragile and can be destroyed through unrestricted development, especially cities like Suffolk with lots of open land and the desire to grow that overburdens the roads and bridges that allow people to get where they are going. In my view an ideal community is one that caters to the needs of its residents first and foremost. Does Suffolk want to be a residential haven, or does it want to be a collection of industrial parska that has lost the feel, the history, and the atmosphere that brought many people here? What will Suffolk be in 50 years?
<b>Online</b>	Road infrastructure. Specifically an alternative route to 58 for when accidents block it, almost daily. The roads should be in place before you add hundreds/ thousands more semi trucks to 58/460 corridor to service the multiple warehouses you plan to add to Pitchkettle area. Just curious...Are any of the city planners or city government officials planning to re-zone and agricultural area to build warehouses near their homes? I'm guessing they

	wouldn't do that to themselves.
	High speed, affordable internet. Schools. Possibly not rezoning ALL of the agricultural areas would be helpful. Enough dispatchers, police & fire personnel would be helpful.
<b>Online</b>	Rural land use.
<b>Online</b>	Yes. See above.
<b>Online</b>	I think I said it all above: infrastructure (roads, schools, police, firemen, etc.)
<b>Online</b>	School safety notifications, school bus transportation notifications, schoolboard synergy
<b>Online</b>	Take a hard look at what damage the growth is doing overall.
<b>Online</b>	Need more public notice of the rezoning for the new pop up community's
<b>Online</b>	Udo not being followed as written in western Suffolk if the planning department are not able to enforce or understand the plan in its entirety itâ€™s really not a plan. Need new management and training before processing any more land use permits.
<b>Online</b>	Do we really need another HUGE trucking warehouse?
<b>Online</b>	Whatâ€™s the plan for roadways? Schools, Police, Fire, fiber optic, parks?
<b>Online</b>	Improvement of city services first then development
<b>Online</b>	Avoid warehouse depot center!!! Stop high density housing!!!
<b>Online</b>	We need to address the food deserts and lack of services in certain parts of the Suffolk like Driver, Cypress Point, Bennetts Creek etc.
<b>Online</b>	Slow housing developments and apartments until our roads and schools can handle it!
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Create an environmentally friendly building plan for both Downtown and North Suffolk. Create a forward-thinking recycling and environmental plan for the city.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	Increase police funding to help prevent crime before it happens. Keep loud crowded areas away from neighborhoods, mindful of what business will be put near neighborhoods to help decrease crime and increase resident value and happiness in the area
<b>Online</b>	Consider an ice arena with multiple sheets of ice (hockey rinks). The city could make a large amount of money if managed properly.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic on I-664 spills into Bridge Road/Rt 17. Stop building - the roads can't keep up.
<b>Online</b>	-Price of water is insane - there has got to be a better way - the notion that we transport water from Norfolk!  -Need competition for Dominion Power - they are ill-prepared to manage Suffolk today, let alone our growth for future... just listen to their ridiculous phone prompts and try to get someone on the phone to speak with!  -Suffolk school system is sub-standard ... it's a known fact that everyone in the area avoids it if they have the means to do so.  -Roadways are not keeping up with growth.  -Law enforcement in the Hampton Roads area is overwhelmed - figure out a way to get

	kids off the street and busy doing something productive so they mature into responsible adults with work ethic, have jobs, and take to parenting their children seriously.
<b>Online</b>	Controlled growth going forward, rise in crime, infrastructure, preservation of the history of this area, increased interest in protecting and promoting the downtown area, cooperation and involvement of the many communities in the city, increased interest in education and cultural activities
<b>Online</b>	Trying to squeeze too much money(taxes) out of too small a part of Suffolk(North Suffolk).
<b>Online</b>	School development and attracting quality residential developers to the northern end of the city will be ideal moving forward. Also, expanding highway 17 will be key to supporting this development the city is striving for.
<b>Online</b>	Control development in agriculture zone
<b>Online</b>	Take input from residents seriously.  Have meetings in open forums on days when people can contribute, not just regular 9 to 4 when most busy and productive people are working.
<b>Online</b>	By far, the crime. No one except people up to no good want to come downtown at night. Disgraceful. Offer big signing bonuses to police officers so the shortage can be overcome. AND ENFORCE EXISTING LAWS. We only come downtown for a couple of restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	More community input and post your meetings through HOA's and newspapers so the residents of Suffolk know when and where to show up!
<b>Online</b>	A bypass on 58. From Holland Rd to beyond all of the warehouses being built. If not, traffic from the rest of the Hampton roads community to I-95 is going to get bad and Suffolk will earn an unwanted reputation as a traffic choke-point.
<b>Online</b>	The traffic congestion around the new warehouses on 58. Makes zero sense that a bypass was not built around all of that.
<b>Online</b>	Current infrastructure and roads!
<b>Online</b>	Yes, internet access. The city's association with Charter Cable (Spectrum) is holding the area down. We need a better internet provider to establish competition and all the advantages that come from that. Where is Verizon Fios or Cox? Or someone else with high speed internet. Especially for North Suffolk which is the upscale growth area of Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Roads need expansion to match the growth. We DO NOT need another 7 eleven gas station especially in a residential area.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure
<b>Online</b>	More of this and access to planning meetings before the companies have the ok to build next to Child care centers! Oil and tires and a 7/11 not good at all.
<b>Online</b>	Maintaining green space and not allowing unbridled development on every corner!
<b>Online</b>	Increase recreational opportunities such as public boat ramps to gain access to waterways especially the Nansemond River. Increase access to internet for entire city. Slow down development until infrastructure has developed.
<b>Online</b>	Read all the above again.
<b>Online</b>	Cost of water in North Suffolk. So does building more make cost of water increase or decrease because many more are sharing the cost?

<b>Online</b>	Rt 17 lane expansion including the Mills Godwin Bridge and every other 2 lane bridge
<b>Online</b>	Please see above comments.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic issues are problematic, but rare. I would like to see long term plans to address transportation concerns.
<b>Online</b>	Yes
<b>Online</b>	Community needs are obvious as Suffolk intends to grow from a traditionally rural community to a thriving suburban environment with lively businesses, adequate infrastructure and great schools. These needs require revenue that must be realized through combined contributions from commercial counterparts. For example, Amazon will introduce tremendous strain on our roads but is famous, or perhaps infamous, for not paying their fair share of taxes - or even close to it. Where will the revenue come from to help realize this, or any other, growth plan? Why has the vision for North Suffolk apparently shifted from high-end single family homes to high-density apartment buildings over the last decade? Could it be short-sightedness in response to temporary economic conditions and poor strategic vision or an actual shift in the vision for North Suffolk? What happens if/when folks turn sour on North Suffolk and move out, leaving long stretches of mass apartment developments and for sale signs in front of a growing number of single family homes?
<b>Online</b>	Plan for a livable walkable bikeable community with natural areas for the community to experience.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure and green space
<b>Online</b>	you asked these questions but you consider the responses all non-essential unless the answers are repeated? what a surprise.
<b>Online</b>	It will be important to address transportation. How will you solve the traffic issues on Route 17? It's time to plan for what may eventually come to the rural spaces. Create a big picture that involves all of Suffolk - a town of 400+ square miles should have several centers of commerce, a designated heavy industrial area AWAY FROM natural resources. We like our hamlets - preserve the integrity and character of Chuckatuck, Holland, Whaleyville, and other areas. Give them each decent entertainment and dining options. Create a plan for downtown. It is a hodgepodge of empty buildings and struggling businesses so it creates a depressing atmosphere.
<b>Online</b>	Too much development in Northern Suffolk and now Driver/Nansemond Pkwy/Portsmouth Blvd area. We moved to this area for the rural/ country feeling and that is what we would like our elected officials to maintain. Preserve our peace and sense of security by not overcrowding this area.
<b>Online</b>	As we are having extreme growth, meaning more tax payers and taxes being collected, we need to look to do something about keeping the personal property taxes and real estate taxes lower for the elderly, a reduced rate if not able to qualify for the exemptions. Also, the extreme water bills for Suffolk residents is a factor in someone wanting to purchase a home here.
<b>Online</b>	Agriculture is slowly being run out of Suffolk. The city of Suffolk's logo incorporates a symbol of agriculture and a peanut. Please help slow development out of the growth range.
<b>Online</b>	Bring the citizens together with positive and safe activities.



<b>Online</b>	Yes. Allow everyday citizens to have a voice. We should be able to do more than pay taxes! We should have a say in what happens in our city.
<b>Online</b>	Yes, where are the tax breaks for the citizens for all the businesses in hat have moved in ? Slow the growth. People moved here to get away from big city life and problems that come with big city.
<b>Online</b>	Balanced development. No urban sprawl. We need to be mindful of anticipating growth and being a step ahead by keeping sufficient green spaces, protecting natural resources, keeping agriculture as a vital part of our community, and allowing for opportunities for citizens to enjoy outdoor recreation - all while improving roads and building bridges to handle the traffic. Of course, being sure the infrastructure of public services, safety, hospitals and schools are in place to handle the boom is vital. Additionally, it is extremely important to maintain Suffolk's original southern charm, perserve its history and support established businesses and not for profits that are already in place. It's a big job and needs to be well thought through! Exciting times! Best of luck!
<b>Online</b>	growing too fast. We need to slow down until roads, schools, police, water run off can catch up. We need to find money in the budget to hire more police to keep our community safe. We need to pay them a salary that goes along with them putting their lives on the line daily.
<b>Online</b>	Allowing too many warehouse complexes to be scattered all over the city. Itâ€™s our city to be developed as we think proper. Donâ€™t let us travel down a road to being a storage area for the port. We should be in charge of what happens. We donâ€™t have to jump on every offer out there!
<b>Online</b>	Oh yes. Slum lords. Trash housing that goes ignored. Rental property that isnâ€™t maintained. Business downtown needs support !!!! Police presence. Parking improvement. I donâ€™t feel safe walking 2 blocks to park. You guys know that If you have been there Get out of city hall and walk around again. Park will be nice but area is dangerous Library great but area much have housing codes enforced.
<b>Online</b>	Keep a strong hand on development in the housing arena. We do not have the infrastructure to support it. Be sure growth is planned and not open to urban sprawl. Make sure schools ,police, firefighters and health services are available to support growth first, not when its too late .Put the horse back in front of the cart. also our officials need to be more up front with what is happening in our city .This survey I am afraid is a bit too late.
<b>Online</b>	TRAFFIC
<b>Online</b>	Traffic. expanding roadways and schools for all this residential growth. Stop residential growth and concentrate on what we have now. Make this better, schools and roads.
<b>Online</b>	Positive vs. negative growth. Too much housing for people who donâ€™t spend their money in Suffolk. They simply live here, but do everything else in Norfolk and VB. Downtown Suffolk needs to be revitalized. There is potential there. Look at Downtown Edenton, Little Washington, and Elizabeth City for examples of positive downtown growth.
<b>Online</b>	overdevelopment  crime

	youth opportunities
	school improvement
<b>Online</b>	Continued management of the growth of the city.
<b>Online</b>	Stop the building of useless garbage. Car washes and fast food joints.
<b>Online</b>	New schools, stop light in front of schools, like Florence bowser, it's a hazard getting out of there every day. When cars are doing way over the school speed limit
<b>Online</b>	Less Buildings, apartments, homes, roads keep it simple out here that's what people like about this community
<b>Online</b>	Housing development and impact on green space, overcrowding on roads.
<b>Online</b>	Roadways and bridges are drastically needed, especially along the Bridge Road corridor leading towards Smithfield. Whenever a slowdown or accident happens on the larger highways in Norfolk/Newport News, all the smaller roads cannot handle the burden. This happens so frequently that at least once a week or more, my 15 minute commute stretches to an hour or more. There are very few alternate paths.
<b>Online</b>	Balancing growth and infrastructure. Community safety.
<b>Online</b>	There should be land set aside for wildlife since you are allowing so much building to take place. people are going to end up with bears, coyotes, etc. in their yards (more than normal) because we are taking their habitat. Of course, then we will start killing them since they pose a danger to the public. That is not the right way to go...
<b>Online</b>	Roads need to be updated if more houses come into the Driver area and the schools all need help in handling the influx of students.
<b>Online</b>	Crime
<b>Online</b>	People evaluating a move to Suffolk should realize that many areas don't have internet or cable tv. We have the highest water rates in all of Eastern Virginia. If you do have Charter/Spectrum, the equipment is old, the lines are failing and the speeds you see advertised are never close to the much lower speeds at your home. These all need to be fixed. Also the old Drive Elementary School that was shuttered years ago is an eyesore and derelict of a building that needs to be razed now not later.
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure is crucial to approving new development. Reliable high speed internet must be available to all residents.
<b>Online</b>	We need internet in the rural areas, where I live I have very little phone service and no internet through Verizon. We need spectrum, I have not been able to work from home because of lack of internet. that needs to be the biggest focus. Also the back roads are in dire need of repair
<b>Online</b>	Again, the unlimited building and growth in the rural areas especially. Suffolk is on the cusp of losing its identity trying to keep up with HR neighbors.
<b>Online</b>	Do not, do not allow the plans for the warehouse between 460 and Pitchkettle Rd. to go through!!! It will kill this community in many ways!
<b>Online</b>	Trucking; increased truck count on highways due to warehouses
	Need roads away from city centers; need by-passes!!!!

<b>Online</b>	We are fortunate to still have a local newspaper. And educated and informed population is critical to a strong community. Lifelong Learning is a topic to address.
<b>Online</b>	We have to slow down development. We can grow and flourish without developing every piece of land in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	With all the new houses, apartments and condo's coming into Northern Suffolk, there needs to be a serious uptick in getting restaurants, stores, amenities in general added. Traffic is becoming a huge issue as well because the roads are just not made for the amount of traffic they are getting. I hate that I have to go to other cities to have a wide variety of restaurants to go to. We need more of the higher end fine dining in the area. Not just same thing everyone has. The ones that we do have tend to be so packed because there simply is not enough different options in the area. Schools are over crowded as well and they just keep building more and more housing.
<b>Online</b>	STOP LETTING PEOPLE BUY UP THE WAY OF AMERICA AND THAT IS FARMING
<b>Online</b>	Stop development, especially the multifamily complexes.
<b>Online</b>	Railroad crossings at Shoulders Hill rd and Nansemond parkway continue to have 2 chronic problems. #1 When the train come to a halt and blocks the crossing #2 The number of container cars being moved at one time continue to increase.
<b>Online</b>	No
<b>Online</b>	Road construction
<b>Online</b>	Stop building homes and apartments. Ensure adequate schools with lower number of students per teachers and exceptional education. Keep crime down.
<b>Online</b>	More sewer and water in Southern end
<b>Online</b>	Build a amphitheatre.
<b>Online</b>	I just really hope that the city will focus more on the people who have already chosen Suffolk as their home, instead of trying to appeal to people who have no absolute interest in Suffolk. The people who are moving here are doing so because of the "country" experience, but with each new development, it is losing all the appeal and becoming more like the overpopulated cities that everyone is trying to escape.
<b>Online</b>	If don't find a way to get a handle on crime, take better care of roads, and fix our schools, suffolk is going to continue to go downhill. Atleast southwest portion of city.
<b>Online</b>	More family friendly biking trails, hiking trails, and venues!
<b>Online</b>	Need to restrict rural development and protect our farmers
<b>Online</b>	The schools need strong leadership. For decades, those with money have simply put their children in private schools. Such a shame for those who cannot afford private schools.
<b>Online</b>	The train traffic that cuts through neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	Read above, everyone that comes into my business ask, where is the leadership. I tell them the same thing wrong with the country, rinohs. Change city council, they only vote for their own interests.
<b>Online</b>	What are there always trains stopped on the tracks? Like always? Especially ally at the busiest times of day.
<b>Online</b>	Need to get a handle on the water rates.
<b>Online</b>	Crime, infrastructure to support additional people.
<b>Online</b>	Roadways to support all the development in north Suffolk

<b>Online</b>	Why are you busing kids from bad neighborhoods to my kids school. I moved to a good district to get away from kids with less ambitious parents. Now you are busing them to my kids school. Stupid. Proximity to ambitious people is not going to make anyone smarter or more ambitious.
<b>Online</b>	Safety/crime, biggest in my opinion.
<b>Online</b>	Rural vs urban needs, hospital services in Northern Suffolk, better job opportunities (technology, other higher skilled jobs), re-forestization to offset all the trees that have been destroyed with recent developments. Public health system is weak due to multiple interim health directors. NO MORE TRUCKING / DISTRIBUTION CENTERS!!
<b>Online</b>	Working with HRT and VDOT to reduce traffic in Hampton Roads as a whole. Sustainable development that isn't just suburban sprawl. I'm not saying eliminate single family residential all together. The strong towns movement covers this well.
<b>Online</b>	Increasing traffic and what new businesses will come to the area very important to address.
<b>Online</b>	Yes!
<b>Online</b>	Yes â€¦ residence and taxpayer input is a must when huge proposals on development and rezoning issues arise !  It seems that these issues have not been appropriately brought to taxpayers attention â€¦ and the 460 project is an example of such lack of information and input â€¦ disgraceful for planning commission to push this through !
<b>Online</b>	Everything above! Stop the development. Invest in infrastructure and roads. Fix the damage youâ€™ve done to our community.
<b>Online</b>	I think I made it pretty clear with my previous answers. We are cramming people in and ruining our city. Our beautiful green spaces are now apartments, town houses, condos etc. are wild life is now encroaching on establish neighborhoods because they've been kicked out of their own spaces. And I'm sorry I blame it all on greedy politicians. It's not enough that they raise our property taxes among historic inflation rates they now are have their hands out to the developers without regard to the people already living here.
<b>Online</b>	Public safety. Northern Suffolk has been seeing more and more crime and gangs moving in. The police force needs significant investment to get ahead of the problem before it's uncontrollable.
<b>Online</b>	Crime.
<b>Online</b>	Please offer alternate choices to Charter / Spectrum. Please lower the Water / Sewer Bill. Keep recycling. The Police do an excellent job. Increase funding for Police / Fire / First Responders.
<b>Online</b>	The Suffolk public school system seems to be lacking. Anyone with money seems to use private school. Harborview and the Route 10 corridor seem to be bedroom communities for people working in Newport News and Hampton. We need more people to live and work in Suffolk - not drive away everyday. Schools need a BIG focus to make living in Suffolk more attractive to middle and lower income families that choose Chesapeake or Va Beach instead. When I was younger my family would have moved to Suffolk for land but would not use the public school and could not afford private school so we stayed in Va Beach. The Suffolk Airport is an untapped resource. It has recently grown and is doing well but could be doing so much more. There are businesses that would relocate to

	<p>Suffolk Airport if they could lease land and build their own facility. The city bureaucracy seems to be in the way of progress. Look at the explosive growth at the Hampton Roads Executive Airport in the last 10 years. Suffolk Airport grows at a fraction of that pace. Suffolk may not see the jet traffic that Norfolk or Hampton Roads Airport will see but it can be an affordable place for maintenance shops, flight schools, and private planes to relocate to as rent goes up at other airports or as space becomes unavailable. The city needs to immediately build hangars and to make sections of the property available for land leases. Open the airport for business please!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Please consider rebuilding John Yeates Middle. Although, my kids will no longer be in attendance. I think future kids deserve to have a clean and a more space accommodating school to attend. One wouldn't think that kids care about things such as cleanliness and fresh air flowing through ventiation system. My kids said the moment they walk through the school, just the site and smell steals their joy and happiness in attending school.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I just hope we continue to elect officials that have concern for our city</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We need another cable option besides Spectrum. They control the pricing which is going up and quality is going down.</p> <p>Be careful with what businesses are put in residential areas.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Traffic. Road widening and bridge widening between 664 and the IOW County line. City Sewer on Sleep Lake!!!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Traffic is deplorable. Too great of an influx of people making crowded housing, strained schools and nightmare travel.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Development the right way. Last 5 years have been terrible</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Plan adequate housing for job and population growth.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Cheap high density housing ( not in North Suffolk), poor public schools, limited industry.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>traffic, too many new homes, recreation</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Yes. There should be topics in the plan that call for accountability of the City and the consideration of impact to the citizens of this City.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excessive growth - I believe the latest plan noted 400 homes per year. If it goes over, the City could care less. Who holds the City accountable to the plan and if the answer to that is "no one", then what's the point?</li> <li>2. Lack of infrastructure</li> <li>3. Lack of true public participation - Examples being             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The new apartments on Bridge Road at Bridgeport. This was supposed to be a storage facility with a "state of the art" (as said at a council meeting) child care facility and instead it's just more apartments. When was that change brought before council for public input</li> <li>b. The dump trucks that run nonstop up and down our roads from pits that are only approved for 60 trucks per day and yet the City will not hold those pits accountable for maintaining the flow or require that those permits be amended or resubmitted with the actual flow for public input because they know they know the citizens would not approve 800 - 2000 trucks per day. Citizens suffer and the City looks the other way.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Open space, road maintenance, security and curbing violence, improving public schools!</p> <p>Suffolk needs more public horse friendly areas to ride. A trail system connecting various parts of the city would be awesome! With all railways and logging areas, opportunity for more trails is a no brainer. Let’s get people outside, away from screens.</p> <p>Please consider letting horses on Seaboard Coastline Trail, letting horses on more trails at Lonestar Lakes Park, creating more open areas where owners can haul and ride safely. With all the development it is not always safe to ride on the shoulders of the roads anymore.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>If the city is going to allow rezoning for</p> <p>Major development. Why not obtain proffers to give something back to the community. Ie parks, police and fire stations, infrastructure. I feel taken advantage of.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Yes! All of the above!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Preservation of farm land and natural spaces, waterways.</p> <p>Over development</p> <p>Roadways/traffic</p> <p>Over population especially of schools</p> <p>Education of our future population of leaders</p> <p>Stop re- zoning and allowing over development</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We do not need any other warehouses or big buildings being built in our area at this time. We have just been hit with Amazon and now the thoughts of the new project on 460 is not a good idea.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Preservation of farm land and natural spaces, waterways.</p> <p>Over development</p> <p>Roadways/traffic</p> <p>Over population especially of schools</p> <p>Education of our future population of leaders</p> <p>Stop re- zoning and allowing over development</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>The terribly high water bills. It is outrageous that such essential like water has to be so expensive</p>

<b>Online</b>	Allowing a Goodyear store and a Seven-Eleven store to be built on Early Fort Way is ridiculous. Early Fort Way is a narrow road with a day care center directly across the street. Seven Eleven stores are frequently robbed especially when they are open twenty-four hours. The noise from a business like Goodyear will carry to The Masters Condominiums regardless if their doors are open or not!
<b>Online</b>	Respect existing homeowners properties with better planned commercial development.  More timely adaptation of the highways to population growth.
<b>Online</b>	Yes! Port 460 is going to destroy the peace and quiet around NSA and kill the lakes with the runoff! This is a horrible idea!! How will the tree huggers even allow this so close to the lakes??
<b>Online</b>	Infrastructure improvements of all types. Support service improvements (police, fire, emergency response). Get tough on crime / gangs. I hate to say it this way, but we have dropped the ball in the most basic areas of community development.
<b>Online</b>	My biggest frustration is the amount of cars on the road. During rush hour, the traffic jams remind me of big cities.
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	none
<b>Online</b>	Negative impact of new businesses on Harbour View area.
<b>Online</b>	City council should be monitored for corruption.
<b>Online</b>	Road widening/TRAFFIC  High water bills  Cable/internet opportunities other than Spectrum
<b>Online</b>	Crime, overcrowded schools, lack of infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	If you are going to continue to develop then please reopen the kings highway bridge and 4 lane the Godwin and Chuckatuck creek bridges and PLEASE 4 lane rt 10 between Reed ferry and Isle of Wight. Without these improvements you are causing not only an inconvenience but a safety problem



<p><b>Online</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- school system</li> <li>- Northern Suffolk offered more than Spectrum internet service</li> </ul> <p>(Northern Suffolk) - Continue to improve school system (should be the best in Hampton roads)</p> <p>Bike friendly communities, nature trails, excellent schools, exercise parks, upgraded retail (not competing with Norfolk or Va Beach), upgraded golf courses. Create that stay at home most of the hours of the weekend environment. Go to other Hampton roads communities for that specialty shop (a comedy club, specialty retail or specialty restaurant)</p> <p>- continued effort to attract business that support the Portsmouth Port. Have to be careful because of the damage/pollution created and caused by high truck traffic. Don't want to get caught looking like many Midwest communities because they attached themselves to industries that left or were modernized and they couldn't or didn't move with them.</p> <p>- continued effort to gain a footprint in high tech</p> <p>- Is there a need for a sports and entertainment complex (baseball/softball/soccer/field hockey/lacrosse/swimming/water polo/basketball) along with amphitheater for large outdoor concerts)</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Preserve the parks and trails. Need more!!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Another bridge over the Nansemond is really needed to ease the traffic congestion.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Crime and safety. Traffic concerns are also essential.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Short term and long term plans to limit housing growth</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Traffic, water, infrastructure. Slow down all development. Make developers more accountable such as improve roads, build new schools, lower my water bill, improve internet.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Traffic issues including backups from trains.</p> <p>Stopping too much development</p> <p>Other wifi and cable options</p> <p>Revitalize the downtown Suffolk shopping area keeping the older buildings</p>

<b>Online</b>	I believe it's essential to ensure the future planning of Suffolk offers businesses and opportunities that focus priorities not only on economics, but ensure safety, security, and are inclusive and diverse in thought and spirit.
<b>Online</b>	Poorly school crowding ,traffic congestion
<b>Online</b>	Roads  Schools
<b>Online</b>	More minority involvement, better communication from city government to constituents, accessibility”we are a big “œcity” and getting around is getting harder and harder. Traffic patterns, increased truck traffic, basic infrastructure including internet accessibility all need to be addressed.
<b>Online</b>	All the new construction in Bennett's creak area there seems to be no consideration of the impact of construction and traffic on the current residents.
<b>Online</b>	Growing without providing new roads, addressing the traffic, price of water, and the lack of good cable internet services. Also, nothing for the kids to do in the Nansemond/Driver/Sleepyhole area.
<b>Online</b>	Overcrowding and development of former farm and wooded lands,
<b>Online</b>	The congestion
<b>Online</b>	Yeah, why”re you desperate for property tax revenue? Why can”t you leave the county undeveloped? Who are you paying off??
<b>Online</b>	PLEASE stop building this area up with more subdivisions. Alot of people that live here do not welcome it and will be pushed out of their homes because the crime rate increase from increasing its population. We have alot of wildlife here also and their homes are being destroyed. This is awful. If our town was really cared for, it would be left alone.
<b>Online</b>	The leadership that is focused only on. North suffolk
<b>Online</b>	OVERSIGHT and separation of decision making powers. Investigate the money trails.
<b>Online</b>	Address paying our police force a decent wage so we can get a full force hired. Pay a better wage and hire 911 operators.  Get tougher on crime, white and blue collar.  Try going to the schools and talking to the kids about benefits of joining the force, give them a ride a long. Let girls know they can do the job also.  Cut out welfare, teach them how to drive a school bus they can bring their own kids so no day care needed.
<b>Online</b>	Meeting so we can have some say so in what happens.
<b>Online</b>	Too much growth too fast. What are the plans for the schools? We need to keep Suffolk country and protect our citizens.
<b>Online</b>	Over crowded developments, overcrowding of schools and highways, too much development in these areas. Now you”re going to overdevelop Driver and other areas with Hugh homes, killing the trees and wildlife. It”s very sad. Our ancestors would be upset to see beautiful Suffolk turned into Northern Virginia.

<b>Online</b>	<p>The recent motion to overwhelm the 460 corridor, which will kill the business alongside it, destroy the housing developments that exist, and imperil the safety of thousands by forcing roads already overtraveled to carry traffic they were never intended to? Yeah. That has to go. Kill that motion by whatever means necessary. It is an ill-conceived, badly disguised money grab by developers who know nothing about Suffolk, care nothing about the people who live here, and really only want to ruin this city so they move on to the next one.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Planned development with a 100 year look! Recruiting the best companies and merchants to preplanned areas. Planning roads before they are so crowded they are hazards or bottle necks. A much better working relationship between school board and city council. Encourage industry involvement in the community. We have seen very little industry involvement in helping the community. Their leaders don't seem to live here or make any effort to be involved in our community.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>With all the new growth of businesses, it should be mandatory to have a green space as a buffer on the street front. Other cities I have been to have trees lining the streets so the parking lots and buildings aren't such an eyesore. They also have tree rows throughout the parking lot. This would be easy enough to do and would look so much better.</p> <p>Also, see above - homelessness and poverty! We need a city run shelter! Quit relying on individuals and churches to do the city's job. The city has partially created this problem with the rapid growth and lack of transportation, and no affordable apartment complexes, they need to step up and create a solution!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>YES, very disappointing that you would even consider the 460 project for industrial area within a suburban community. Would much rather see dollars spent on upgrading our roads, creating more opportunities for family activities, venues for performances, upscale and casual dining, heck even an attraction like a water park would be better than more warehouses. I feel strongly about this being a huge mistake for Suffolk. Why not head things off at the pass, rather than deal with the health and safety fall outs later with contamination of wells and lakes and ponds causing a public health emergency? I have seen it too many times in my line of work. I am hoping that our leaders will come to their senses.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Yes, especially of building warehouses next to a school. This area of suffolks does not have the ability to support the increase of traffic.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Stop turning Suffolk into a pit stop. Some apartments are needed but there are too many being built near 58/460/Godwin. The infrastructure can't handle the growth and apartments only add people who don't invest long term in the community. No warehouses near 58/460. That proposed land is agricultural and shouldn't be zoned for heavy industrial or manufacturing.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Less apartments and congested housing developments</p>

<b>Online</b>	Please protect our open spaces. Zoning exceptions should not be allowed for non compatible uses. Heavy industrial does not belong adjacent to residential and waterways. Roads should be engineered and improved prior to approving development that increases traffic. Public input should be sought and listened to.
<b>Online</b>	Update infrastructure (roads, schools, etc) before allowing more construction (homes)
<b>Online</b>	Yes, all of this industrial growth and its impact on the roads, flooding with increased nonpermeable ground, pollution (noise, light, physical)
<b>Online</b>	Road improvements schools less packed more city parks
<b>Online</b>	The cost of water and sewer services MUST be brought down. The cost for water and sewer for new developments must be absorbed by Developers/new construction, NOT passed on to existing homeowners.
<b>Online</b>	Welcome young business owners, a diverse downtown, inclusive plan for the city, affordable housing, affordable tax management, Public Library, we need another location than just downtown, update that space with more technology, WiFi, electronic library of books, "Bird Song" a new youth center, it was replaced with a Culture Center, but what was provided for the youth in it's place? Movie Complex, "Dave and Buster" style entertainment.
<b>Online</b>	We are not Norfolk, Portsmouth, VA Beach. We don't need to cover every square inch of land with a building. Our green space is part of our charm, our identity. We live "so far out", as folks from away call it, because we enjoy a quieter life, a slower pace. If you build it, they will come, as the quote goes....we'd prefer they stay where they are and keep their big city crime and other problems to themselves. Don't " pave paradise to put up a parking lot"
<b>Online</b>	There is a lack of affordable housing and a need for a homeless shelter for those without children.
<b>Online</b>	Secondary roads to our hospitals. Why is there not a secondary road to Obici? Bridge Rd is becoming a nightmare too.
<b>Online</b>	Addressing infrastructure to support all these buildings of housing and businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Rt. 460 improvements and another avenue out of Suffolk to the east in case there blockages along rt 58. We don't need traffic detouring onto nansemond parkway and other areas to get to the interstates when 58 gets shutdown due to a severe accident.
<b>Online</b>	Traffic!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Make Downtown more enjoyable to visit.  Give Downtown people something to do.  Create a more 'one city' environment.

<b>Online</b>	Yes, agricultural space that promotes farming and livestock, an agricultural center, 4H programs, community gardens, more trails that are multiuse for pedestrians, bikers, and equestrians.
<b>Online</b>	Public safety must be supported. When new developments are approved, police and fire staffing should be included in the plan. Again, no one will come to Suffolk if it isn't perceived as safe.
<b>Online</b>	Yes. Attractions, restaurants, and traffic strategy
<b>Online</b>	Yes, most definitely traffic through downtown corridor and westward.
<b>Online</b>	Transportation, better paying jobs, technology, more diverse retail, close UDO loopholes.
<b>Online</b>	Limit developments (high occupancy or whatever at least) please. Thanks.
<b>Online</b>	Southern Suffolk is being left out compared to Northern Suffolk. No deliveries because we live so far out. We have to drive to the city for everything: Groceries, work, banking, Dr. Appointments, restaurants, shopping, etc. Our property taxes should be reduced because we do not have the same amenities for all citizens.
<b>Online</b>	Upgrading and widening 2 lane roads
<b>Online</b>	Protection for the land around our reservoirs because we need to protect our water supply. Limiting the number of houses that can be in a development next to rural land. Larger buffers and screen protection for zones where capacity difference in zones are great.
<b>Online</b>	Internet access and quality.
<b>Online</b>	Pushing businesses to abandoned buildings.
<b>Online</b>	Less residential development in rural areas of Suffolk and how a handful of contractors seem to have found a way to get around rules for building in rural areas that others cannot.
<b>Online</b>	Yes quality development , wholesomeness, family engagement and a little love. We need better choices for a better mindset which will make a better community! Not a poor attitude! A focus on Community Enrichment and engagement
<b>Online</b>	No more rural overcrowding housing developments. Just because we have land in Suffolk doesn't mean the residents want to be packed together like sardines.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk is amazing and it's a vital part of our community, but we should not let historic Downtown be forgotten. A concentrated effort to improve the Downtown area into a destination like Smithfield would attract more development. We have beautiful historic homes that people move in from other areas to improve, but crime and lack of more businesses hold it back. Developers back in the 2000s did so much good to Broad St bridge area and downtown College Court, but those efforts have decayed.
<b>Online</b>	See above.
<b>Online</b>	Allowing developers free reign to make decisions concerning the development of land to suit themselves and their foreign investors is just wrong. Suffolk is farming and at the very least you need to stop building apartments, as it is out of character for a southern farming community. We have plenty of land... make the developers use the land properly to suit the established community. Make sure we consider how and what they build will look in 2045.

<b>Online</b>	Traffic is absolutely the number 1 thing Suffolk must address right now. There are also a number of schools in the city that are at or very near the end of their lifespan and need to be replaced in the next 10 years - not the next 20-30 years.
<b>Online</b>	Yes. Listen to your citizens. Don't let this be just another formal checkmark to say you've done your "public participation" part. Make it matter. Make us matter. Make the longevity of our city matter. Overgrowth will choke all of that out.
<b>Online</b>	Be sure there are sufficient great schools and emergency services for all the new people.
<b>Online</b>	Yes- How BEST to CONTINUE to ALLOW Residential Development in the Agricultural Zone while preserving the integrity of those PARCELS THAT CAN PRESENTLY BE SUBDIVIDED BY UTILIZING BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENTS.
<b>Online</b>	Think before you go crazy with more building.. provide roads and services first.. not last..
<b>Online</b>	Carefully consider the rate and level of growth. Communicate with the citizens. Give them a voice. Take into consideration residents feelings and concerns. Preserve our environment. Value our health and safety
<b>Online</b>	Encourage the continued responsible growth in areas with good access to the interstate while protecting the very rural farm areas and the character of Suffolk.

## Mapping

Source	Place	What changes have you noticed?
Online	Peanutland	Peanut Protection, Idolization, Museum
Online	Ames Cove	Cove maintenance
Online	New downtown area	Excite to see this new park area develop
Online	Godwin Bridge	We MUST build another span of this bridge. We cannot continue to grow with a two way traffic, two lane bridge. It is by far the biggest drawback to living in Sleepy Lake. Help us all when there us a problem in the MMMBT. I have missed Drs appointments because I can't "get there from here"
Online	Bridgeport is okay, but has brought more traffic than the roads can handle	Make it look less sterile. The "new" 7-11 ruined the look of the development
Online	Chuckatuck Creek Bridge	Also MUST be widened!!!
Online	Sleepy Lake	Please bring us city sewers!!!
Online	Godwin Blvd	Too many homes/apartments being built on a narrow 4 lane roadway that is already over crowded. This should have been more shops or places to eat not homes. This infrastructure needs help now!
Online	River development	Too many homes being built along Bob white. Stop rezoning rural residential!
Online	Obici area.	Need less car washes and nail places. Need more stuff for kids to do. I know it is near the hospital and medical offices are good, but there are things lacking.
Online	White Marsh Road Solar Farm	Expand solar energy! Make Suffolk less dependent on foreign oil!
Online	Godwin Blvd	This area cannot deal with the traffic load now, only becoming worse with so much multifamily housing opening.
Online	Bridge Rd	TRAFFIC
Online	Neighborhoods being built.	Attract more higher end businesses, like Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Wegman's. Also provide more activities and businesses that cater to kids and families.
Online	Godwin Blvd	a lot of homes
Online	Over growth.	No opportunity, just toooooo many homes that are cookie cutters and not well thought out neighborhoods. Very sad for our community.
Online	Downtown/south suffolk	There has been a dramatic increase in crime in this area lately!
Online	Obici/hill point area	The increase in housing has created huge traffic issues! .this area is becoming too small for the population.
Online	Route 17.	Add a multu use path entire length



<b>Online</b>	Industrial Development	Heavy industrial development. The landscaping is as best as can be to be industrial. The traffic that it has created, the damage to the secondary roads that the 18 wheeler traffic has caused.
<b>Online</b>	58 @ holland Rd "hamburger alley"	HOT MESS EXPRESS FOR TRAFFIC. Focus on fixing the infrastructure of the area before allowing any additional business' to be located within this area.
<b>Online</b>	Bridgeport way development area	visually nice, good opportunities for the higher density area. concern over over development with police shortages.
<b>Online</b>	Turlington rd	Where are we gonna put all of these kids? Too over developed and not thought out .
<b>Online</b>	Main Street Obici	No opportunity, you built a ton of apartments here. Itâ€™s too much.
<b>Online</b>	Godwin Blvd area	No opportunity, you already have a lot of extra apartments here and are building a car wash right in front of a neighborhood. Not ok.
<b>Online</b>	Red top area.	Large growth starting back up
<b>Online</b>	All of Suffolk stop approving all the builds on new housing	Opportunity for ðŸš¸ traffic
<b>Online</b>	Burbage Grant. Increased crime	Add a multi purpose/side walk to both sides of Repass Beach and a connector to Harborview.
<b>Online</b>	Rt 10	Way to over developed.
<b>Online</b>	Burbage grant	More police presence!! There has been too much violence over here!
<b>Online</b>	hillpoint area	too much development here for the road
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk	more development
<b>Online</b>	Bridge Road	Too much cookie-cutter development too quickly. Too much traffic. No more apartments please!
<b>Online</b>	Harbour View	More walkable and more restaurant options.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown	Open a theater or cinema cafe. More restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Farmland adjacent to General Early Rd.	I understand that a huge industrial park is planned for this area. We do NOT need more trucks on route 460 nor do we need to lose any more rural land!
<b>Online</b>	Centerpoint Distribution Industrial Park near Kenyon Rd	Economic Development with Massimo, Ace Hardware, Target Distribution, NEXcom
<b>Online</b>	Chuckatuck	Lots of new single family homes that slope are build down in an area that already floods when it rains really bad
<b>Online</b>	Hillpoint Area	Too much construction no need for the golf course to be more homes
<b>Online</b>	Hallstead construction project	Much heavier traffic on Murphys Mill Road, loss of farmland, deterioration of local real estate values. I am not happy with this!
<b>Online</b>	N Suffolk/Harbour View	well planned and coordinated development

<b>Online</b>	Retail shops on Harbour View Blvd	The retail growth on Harbour View has stopped. It has become more service oriented and there were more retail plans but things have stopped and moved to College drive or Bridge road. To maintain the current retail businesses and to keep housing values off Harbour View blvd. the retail shops need to grow and be maintained.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk Bypass	Again, the traffic flow has far outpaced the roadway's capabilities. Perhaps it's time to make 58 an interstate.
<b>Online</b>	Hampton Roads Crossing	housing, retail, dining
<b>Online</b>	Rt 58	more police to control speed/aggressive drivers
<b>Online</b>	Nansemond Parkway	The Governor's Bridge must be rebuilt to alleviate the deathtrap this corridor has become.
<b>Online</b>	"Hamburger Alley"	The opportunity to better handle increased traffic flow, while NOT increasing the traffic flow more with reckless expansion.
<b>Online</b>	north suffolk and godwin	lots of growth
<b>Online</b>	Pughsville Neighborhood	Love seeing old run-down homes replaced with new homes.
<b>Online</b>	Housing development	Many condo houses.
<b>Online</b>	Harbour view area	Would love to see the addition of municipal buildings such as courts, DMV, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Strawberry Fields	More housing
<b>Online</b>	College Drive	Love to see new businesses opening up as well as new apartment complexes.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown	Improve character, safety.
<b>Online</b>	Shoulders Hill Road	Widening from Bridge Rd, to Nasemond Pkwy
<b>Online</b>	Harborview	Too busy
<b>Online</b>	Housing	Hpusjng
<b>Online</b>	Hospital area	Fantastic growth with good variety, traffic is beginning to worsen but the roads appears to handle it well.
<b>Online</b>	College drive area	Crime, gunfire. Traffic control, VDOT has sent surveys recent times though.
<b>Online</b>	Bridge road	Traffic has become bad, lots of cars more lights.
<b>Online</b>	My house	After 25 years there have been no changes or improvements in this area but the taxes keep going up.
<b>Online</b>	Amazon	Employment
<b>Online</b>	Transmitter Station	Youth baseball and softball
<b>Online</b>	Route 17	Too much traffic. Additionally, safety issue for evacuation during hurricane.

<b>Online</b>	All of NE Suffolk	There should be no more development in the NE corridor...I don't think there is an inch of undeveloped land left! Over developed without improvements in roads...retrofitting roads doesn't work well... two indoor recreation/aquatic facilities would be nice ... one in the Burbage area and one in the Shoulders Hill/ Nansemond River area.
<b>Online</b>	Driver	Too many new homes
<b>Online</b>	Rt 10	Bike lanes
<b>Online</b>	Eclipse	Adding a neighborhood inside a neighborhood. It broke the feel of community in the neighborhood.
<b>Online</b>	Harbour View	Empty retail spaces,some green spaces remaining.  Fill the current spaces before clearing the green space.  Many cyclists use Harbour View - a bike path or signage is needed.
<b>Online</b>	The rural community	Slow the growth and keep our city green
<b>Online</b>	Bridgeport	There have been significant additions is business and housing in this area, but the additional traffic lights are making this area a nightmare in heavy traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Bridge Road	Fix Traffic
<b>Online</b>	Neighborhood	Packing in more houses.
<b>Online</b>	Highway 58	Stop clearing land. Stop building warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk	No more money spent out here please
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk	More family entertainment.
<b>Online</b>	Bridgeport	Mixed use, business and housing. Has quickly become a community hub.
<b>Online</b>	Rural areas of Suffolk	Farm land to remain farm land.
<b>Online</b>	Whaleyville borough to many houses being built.	none
<b>Online</b>	Many up and coming stores, and restuarants	things for families to do without having to travel over 30-60 minutes
<b>Online</b>	North suffolk, route 17	Improve roads and traffic
<b>Online</b>	Horseshoe point	Add fire hydrants
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk	Population growth
<b>Online</b>	Harbor View Area	Too much too soon.... The infrastruce cannot support the magnitude of people you continuously push for and bring in. We do not want to become another Virginia Beach.
<b>Online</b>	Holland area	too much traffic and housing development--reduce or put a moratorium on it
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk	Again, this is overloaded. The safety of downtown should be considered paramount. When you see raises for public safety are not enough to hold officers, perhaps leadership should be reevaluated. The City has become even more

		dangerous with the massive influx of residents. Tax revenue generated by the residents is not going towards lowering costs.
<b>Online</b>	Godwin Blvd Corridor by Obici	Please stop the overdevelopment of housing complexes. The roadways cannot support this massive influx of daily traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Residential Real Estate Development	More homes meaning growth. Opportunities to invest in real estate.
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk, Harbor view area.	Lots of new housing and businesses. That part of Suffolk seems like a different city
<b>Online</b>	Holland	Holland Road has seen significant development and I am concerned about the traffic. The Holland area like other parts of the city need to maintain its rural character. Sustaining agriculture is critical!
<b>Online</b>	Rural development	Secondary roadways are not built to handle developed traffic volumes
<b>Online</b>	Whaleyville, Holy Neck	To much development
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk	We have great medical facilities, shopping opportunities, restaurants and movie houses for entertainment, plenty of grocery stores. But we will be running out of land soon. The water sports and access to fishing is great and we have beautiful golf courses. We have churches of many denominations that welcome all who would like to worship in the house of the Lord. I think we have a wonderful future if we can take care that the traffic doesn't stop us
<b>Online</b>	Intersection of rt. 17 and Knotts Neck Road.	Traffic light leaving Arbor Meadows only allows 3 vehicles to proceed through this light. Please extend this light or have sensors to allow traffic to proceed.
<b>Online</b>	decoys restaurant	Knotts Neck Road to Decoys is through a neighborhood and should have an access from Rt. 17
<b>Online</b>	rt. 17	Hoping city can rectify the traffic problems growth has caused.
<b>Online</b>	West and south Suffolk	These area are predominantly agriculture based and should be utilized as such. They are less convenient to urban areas with jobs and businesses and therefore are best utilized agriculturally. There is a growing movement of small farms that is gaining popularity and this is an area that Suffolk may still excel where the rest of Hampton roads may not.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk	It has a lot of commercial and residential potential being close to Newport News shipyard etc. It has naturally grown business and population wise in recent years.
<b>Online</b>	58 and 460	Selling land for large warehouses that stress our roads, burden our schools. Take away our rural feel. Just recently a hearing was held so Amazon can put facility on 460.

		Seriously, who in their right mind thinks we need more warehousing and trucks?
<b>Paper</b>	Downtown	Nightclubs on Main street - asking for trouble
<b>Paper</b>	Route 10	Gigantic apartment building
<b>Paper</b>	Route 10	Too many apartments
<b>Paper</b>	Bennett's Creek	Too many apartments, farm market
<b>Paper</b>	Northern Suffolk	The same
<b>Online</b>	Solar farm	Farm land lost to solar panels!
<b>Online</b>	510 acres to be rezoned for warehouses	510 Acres of farmland to be rezoned. Road infrastructure will not be able to handle the increased truck traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Route 58	Total congestion of container trucks due to all the warehouses in the Kenyon area!
<b>Online</b>	Route 10	Totally log jammed with traffic due to all the housing developments the city has approved. Good bye farmland!
<b>Online</b>	Wharehouses	The employees should have to do litter clean up.
<b>Online</b>	Pruden Blvd	Commercial growth - Industrial growth
<b>Online</b>	Pitchkettle Road, King's Fork, Murphey' Mill Rd. etc	Keep the land use as it is.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk	Keep green space and trees, have a complete building plan with the environment and the people of Suffolk in mind
<b>Online</b>	Bridge Road/Rt 17	Keep traffic moving. Stop growth.
<b>Online</b>	downtown	Quality small businesses and less crime. Law enforcement
<b>Online</b>	Crazy idea of a 7-11 and tire store here	Please do not allow a gas station and tire store here. Perfect location for medical offices/business offices, a small gym like Anytime Fitness. Quiet business area - not gas stations or tire centers. Seriously? What were you all thinking?
<b>Online</b>	Downtown	Needs revitalization. With Suntrust closing, there are now large and small vacancies. Create work spaces with internet options for those who need a nearby space away from home for meetings and light work. The world is changing. I hope Suffolk is looking to how it can capitalize on the change in work conditions.
<b>Online</b>	Route 17	Traffic is unbearable during an ever-increasing window of time during business days. This is a direct result of adding high-density housing without putting infrastructure in place proactively and is only getting worse.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk	Expansion has been happening, but focus on filling in the developments that already exist before adding new ones. Add more variety of businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Industrial/commercial development conflicting with adjoining residential land uses.	Do not approve further commercial/industrial land uses that will increase truck noise, truck traffic, and road damage. Create incentives to relocate these commercial/industrial users to other areas with consistent land uses.

<b>Online</b>	Rouote 17	Traffic, shopping options. These roads are not up to the task. How will you handle the increasing load?
<b>Online</b>	Apartments	High density attached apartment complex is not consistent with surrounding single family detached residential land use.
<b>Online</b>	King's fork area	Uptick in crime
<b>Online</b>	New housing developments coming in	Driver Lan can not handle the traffic at this point.
<b>Online</b>	Holy Neck	Stop letting builders buy farms and bust them up and build houses on houses.
<b>Online</b>	Godwin Bridge...need to be 4 lanes. Cannot continue to funnel MMMBT traffic through North Suffolk with only a two lane bridge	FIX THINGS!
<b>Online</b>	Transmitter station,	youth sports fields
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk area of Shoulders Hill Road / Bridge Road / Harbourview Blvd	Sanity in planning
<b>Online</b>	Shoulders hill/nansemond parkway/bridge road corridor	Improve traffic flow.
<b>Online</b>	Hillpoint	Too much development and traffic
<b>Online</b>	More houses	More new homes adding to the schools and traffic
<b>Online</b>	Post office	It's almost impossible to make a left turn into the post office, now with more traffic what will happen?
<b>Online</b>	Again more new homes	Adding to the traffic
<b>Online</b>	Sea Biscuit	This housing area is so crammed in you can't even drive down the road for all the parked cars.
<b>Online</b>	Bennett Corner	NO opportunity, just the loss of another sections of woods just for 100 new houses. The roads already can't handle the traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Rural Suffolk, Manning, Copeland, Jackson, Liberty Springs, Carolina Rd	SLOW THE GROWTH - too many new houses for the country roads they are being built on
<b>Online</b>	Rt 460 future development	It certainly isn't in building more warehouses for the Port of Virginia. There is already too much truck traffic on a road that the Corps of Engineers decided against expansion almost a decade ago. What the heck are people thinking?
<b>Paper</b>	Northern Suffolk	Too much congestion due to too much expansion

Source	Place	What do you hope to see in the future?
Online	DOWNTOWN SUFFOLK	FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Online	Harborview	Trader Joe's Costco Whole Foods
Online	Old Obici Property	Please put in the movie theater. The upscale shops were a promise not kept.
Online	Nansemond River	Please build the park. I heard City staff was out there this past week. Don't renege on your promises.
Online	460, King's Fork Road and Pitchkettle Road area.	Don't like the idea of more warehouses and industrial.
Online	Southern Suffolk	Please leave this large area rural. Some of the character of Suffolk is being lost.
Online	Nansemond River	Need for a public boat ramp near downtown.
Online	Downtown	Become a dynamic place!
Online	Downtown Suffolk	We need more activities for teens, more support for teen employment, more programs to lure kids away from gangs.
Online	School	Another high school to help with over crowding
Online	Lone star Lakes Park	Better trail markings/blazes, more trails, visible trail maps, more plaques with plant identification
Online	Bridge Rd	Widen it to support increased traffic
Online	Sleepy Hole Park	Additional trails, dog park, more events, revamped camping, skate park, basketball, disc golf
Online	Northern shores	Expand school
Online	Intersection of 10 and Cherry Grove Road N.	We need a stoplight!!
Online	Former TCC site	Create a waterfront outdoor entertainment venue
Online	Rt. 17 corridor	We need better planning for businesses and better roads. Rt. 17 is clogged up. If we don't plan, and we don't attract the businesses that the communities need, Rt. 17 in Suffolk will begin to resemble Rt. 17 in Newport News...not good.
Online	Chuckatuck/Oakland	Need for outdoor recreation - soccer and ball fields - for children & families.
Online	Target	Shopping, jobs
Online	Sleepy Hole Kayak Launch	Kayak rentals, paddle boats
Online	Obici Place	I was hoping to see new restaurants come to the area, not more apartments.
Online	Holyneck / chuckatuck	Increase in entertainment buildings. We need things to do. If we want to do anything we have to leave Suffolk.
Online	Nassmond parkway	Widen the road already.
Online	Northern Shores Elementary	Do the additions to this school so that the overcrowding can finally be resolved.
Online	Downtown	More recreational things like a mall, better restaurants , more shoppin
Online	Red top area	More nice food establishments



<b>Online</b>	Downtown	More business and restaurants and safer nightlife
<b>Online</b>	Norfolk Suffolk Shoreline	Public water access and outdoor recreational and environmental stewardship
<b>Online</b>	Downtown	It's currently not safe!
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk	More local businesses! Less big-box stores
<b>Online</b>	Where is Pughsville? Hobson, Sandy Bottom, Oakland	These African American Freed Slaves Communities have thrived through the struggle. Suffolk is amazed that we are still here!
<b>Online</b>	north suffolk	more outdoor parks, city parks
<b>Online</b>	Overgrown baseball ball fields Intersection of airport rd and carolina rd	Perfect spot for covered picnic area to watch sky divers. Also wonderful spot for a kid park/splash pad.
<b>Online</b>	JFK Middle School	The school replaced with a new state of the building to house a magnet program and be a top notch academic academy and example in SPS and the City
<b>Online</b>	Harbourview-Harris Teeter	Find a tennant to fill these empty spaces in this shopping center
<b>Online</b>	Godwn Blvd	An opportunity to have a crossing to replace the Kings HWY bridge. This is a necessity
<b>Online</b>	Whaleyville	Grocery store and other essential services and retail to eliminate the long drive into downtown and road improvement
<b>Online</b>	South Suffolk	More transportation, removal of old dump/junk areas from abandoned lots next to Peanut warehouses and replaced with a park for children and a grocery store to alleviate food desert. New construction with sidewalks and lighting
<b>Online</b>	Huntersville	Newer more affordable housing units
<b>Online</b>	Movie Theater and Bowling Alley	More things to do and I work at the Hilton Garden Inn. I have lost business to other cities in the 757 because we did not have anything for the youth to do recreational in our city.
<b>Online</b>	TCC site	public park for citizens to interact. I would love to see some of the woods also preserved for a citizen trails etc...
<b>Online</b>	rurual west and south	preservation of rural agriculture. development of a green line
<b>Online</b>	Downtown	major housing redevelopments
<b>Online</b>	460	Industrial expansion. Improved rt 460
<b>Online</b>	Along water	Thriving businesses and a relaxing atmosphere. area with coffee shop pubs and restaurants facing the water. Possibly outdoor amphitheater for concerts.
<b>Online</b>	central Suffolk	higher end retail stores
<b>Online</b>	Waterfront	Suffolk needs to have a grand waterfront vision for this region! Bring some major developers here to make this an amazing destination!
<b>Online</b>	Route 17	Fix the traffic issues along this route!

<b>Online</b>	Driver elementary	Get rid of it- it is becoming a drug place and I've noticed people living there.
<b>Online</b>	John Yeates	Repair and growth for overcrowded conditions
<b>Online</b>	Pughsville Rd	Congestion, road needs to be widen and drainage improved
<b>Online</b>	Recreation	Family fishing pier, site park, recreation, teen activities, park, playground, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Area by MMBT	New city park or new highschool
<b>Online</b>	Old office max	Barnes and nobles?
<b>Online</b>	Recreation for teens	Skate park, inclusive playground, skating center, something for the teens in the nearby Burbage Grant and Harborview neighborhoods to do besides get in trouble.
<b>Online</b>	Saratoga and downtown suffolk	Downtown suffolk could use updating as well as new businesses. Also better traffic calming measures for residential areas marked for future families and Development.
<b>Online</b>	connection from Suffolk to Chesapeake	We need an alternative for the many times Rt 58 is closed due to crashes. Also, along Portsmouth Blvd, ways to protect vehicles stuck in traffic/red light from the people driving the emergency lane to by-pass traffic causing extremely dangerous situations. Anyone following the laws is more likely to get killed trying to make a right turn in the turn lane due to the people using the emergency lane as a traveling lane
<b>Online</b>	Area serving southwest suffolk	Weekly low/no cost activities...lawn concerts, outdoor art shows, walking yours, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Down Town Suffolk	Less Apartments and Warehouse and more Activities for our youth and updated stores and restaurants
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk	Entertainment! Please find space for a zoo or outdoor activities. Find space for the best library in hampton roads. Put Put, a town center style shopping area, a museum, think historic dc.
<b>Online</b>	Road to Decoys	Please get an access road to decoys restaurant so the neighborhood doesn't have to deal with bar traffic especially if the patrons have consumed alcohol.
<b>Online</b>	Marina Area	See if cedar point could host a marina area
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment Business	Need more family and teen activities. Courts, trampoline park, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Nature Activity	Accessible Nafure area
<b>Online</b>	Miniture Golf Course or Top Golf Driving Range	Entertainment Area
<b>Online</b>	Bennett's creek warriors football field	We support ALL of Suffolk and are a home to many youth athletes. I'd like to see improvements done to this field

<b>Online</b>	Possible Recreation Center	Rec center, kayak or waterway business set up or water trail system developed
<b>Online</b>	Bridges	Make it 4 lanes to alleviate traffic.
<b>Online</b>	No outlet sign needed	To minimize Decoys restaurant traffic we need a no outlet sign in neighborhood
<b>Online</b>	DismalSwamp	Remain rural protect timber and farm land
<b>Online</b>	Turlington Rd.	Bicycle and walking trail.
<b>Online</b>	Whaleyville	Park and recreational area.
<b>Online</b>	Southern Suffolk	Remain rural protect timber and farm land.
<b>Online</b>	Western Suffolk	Remain rural protect farm and timberland.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown.	Look at Smithfield. Edenton. Stop allowing the criminals to make us unable to go out . Restaurants. Get the art back. MORE police and less mess. Encourage things like the brewery..
<b>Online</b>	Godwin Blvd	Large retail establishment such as Target, pet supply store, retail  warehouse, and restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	Rec	Community/Rec Center
<b>Online</b>	Grassy area	Gas station convenience store
<b>Online</b>	Places for families to visit, things to do	Plenty of oppurtunity for stores, bowling alleys, theatres, things for families to do etc. Stop putting in "business centers" / "commerce centers"
<b>Online</b>	Portsmouth Blvd	More streetlights needed
<b>Online</b>	TCC Campus	Encourage and hold out for a quality, regionally significant development.
<b>Online</b>	Suburban areas	Growth areas should be expanded to create opportunities for high quality communities
<b>Online</b>	Whaleyville	The roads are abysmal and the development of single family homes has been allowed to often on rural lands due to developers zoning creativity. No solar should be allowed on open farm land.
<b>Online</b>	Family entertainment (movie theater, skating rink, bounce)	Keeps families in Suffolk, spending their money in the city instead of going to neighboring cities.
<b>Online</b>	Harbour View Shopping Center	Need to have a Trader Joes!
<b>Online</b>	Holland Area	While growth in any area can be good, the Holland/Western area of Suffolk is seeing more and more land sold off for new construction of houses while there are many, many locations already for sale. if the current locations being offered were used for new construction, this would save the many acres of farmland being destroyed. Suffolk is going to lose it's farming community if the sale of good, viable farm land is not decreased.

<b>Online</b>	Whaleyville	Sustain Agriculture!
<b>Online</b>	Dismal Swamp	Visitor center/museum near Washington Ditch would be great. Expand recreation opportunities, perhaps boat tours to Lake Drummond, horseback riding.
<b>Online</b>	Somerton	Agriculture, stop building!
<b>Online</b>	Holy Neck Burrough - Holland Village	Poor road conditions, many calls made to city re: pot holes, lack of ditch banks/side of road being mowed. No internet (city hall cannot answer questions regarding when where they will be installed. Remove the "Bubble Outs" on street in downtown Holland Village. They are a nuisance, dangerous and only put in downtown area to appease citizens that they had completed a beautification project. Please remove.
<b>Online</b>	lakes/rivers	have places for the public to rent kayaks/canoes
<b>Paper</b>		No more development until businesses catch up - stop letting developers ruin our city
<b>Online</b>	Route 10	4-lane bypass around Oakland/Chuckatuck, then or at same time 4-lane Bridge Rd/17 from 10/32 in Carrollton to I-664. Then after that put in a bridge over Nansemond but put the bridge in 300ft South of 5-Mile Road coming from the US Naval Transmitter Station and tie it into Nansemond Pwy past Driver.
<b>Online</b>	Riverfront/Harborview Blvd	I would like to see better business...better quality hotels, more family friendly business/restraunts. No more convient stores, there are way too many too close together that make them more of a nusiance due to the type of customers than an actual convience. Replace the 711 with a wawa. A city park would be awesome in this area!
<b>Online</b>	Harbourview	Less conventional stores, more upscale and family friendly business and restraunts.. dog park, city parks, more kid activities
<b>Online</b>	Stop spot house builders and solar farms.	Agriculture needs to be focus
<b>Online</b>	Nansemond Parkway	need retail services, grocery store, gas station etc.
<b>Online</b>	7-11 and tire store	This is where the 7-11 and tire store (currently slated for the Masters neighborhood) should go. Easy to get to and from the MMBT, ideal and makes perfect sense vs next door to houses and a daycare.
<b>Online</b>	Target	Perfect place for a Target!
<b>Online</b>	Pruden Blvd.	Commercial - restuarants, movie theater, shopping
<b>Online</b>	Harbourview Blvd	Give people a reason to come downtown or to Suffolk. Upscale amenities, NOT 7-Eleven!
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk	A new high school - a large portion of families in this community elect private school while supporting public school with tax dollars. That essentially means there's a large subsidy being provided to fund a school that will make this an attractive community for homeOWNers.

<b>Online</b>	Sports Club Run trees	NOT AN OPPORTUNITY to remove trees then build an extended stay. Homes on Sports Club will LITERALLY be looking at the back of the extended stay. How could this happen !!!!!
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk/ Harbour View/ Riverfront	Infrastructure (roads and schools) and housing (single family homes, enough with the huge apartment buildings).
<b>Online</b>	Waterfront Park	Outdoor recreation space with boating, amphitheater, and eateries. Build waterview apartments. Create a destination for living and outdoor fun.
<b>Online</b>	Town Center Shopping space	Make areas close to downtown a destination. Create outdoor fun spaces - water features, fish pond, etc. to reflect the rural atmosphere, but have shops and eateries.
<b>Online</b>	Manufacturing/industrial	With increased shipping, its time to use some of the green space for jobs. These should be placed AWAY from lakes and water resources!!
<b>Online</b>	noth west area of city	put warehousing further out to avoid the already congested rt 10/460 area close into suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	old navy site /nansemond river	make this into a park with boat access to the river
<b>Online</b>	Encourage new growth with affordable rents	a growing and prosperous downtown area. a shopping destination like Smithfield.
<b>Online</b>	Synchronize the stop lights	Better traffic flow with lights that are synchronized. Now you get a green light and the next one is red so you cannot move.
<b>Online</b>	riverfront old V.Dot property	GREENSPACE! a park along the river for citizens to enjoy
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk	Lots of potential for new restaurants that can service all the additional people moving to this area. Also more schools needed as well as services.
<b>Online</b>	Riverfront	Development in small family-owned businesses and local eateries vs. the distribution centers and warehouses that continue to be built.
<b>Online</b>	Sleepy Hole	More biking and hiking trails.
<b>Online</b>	Near me	More commercial/retail space
<b>Online</b>	Bennetts Pasture Road and Driver	No commericalism. Leave it mom and pop. No more high density housing. Build it like Brittany Farms. Folks do not want to hear their neighbors or be on top of each other. We need trees and landscaping. The traffic is getting too dense. We love the nature. Put the land in a conservatory and let us breathe the fresh air. There are too many people in the world. Stop them from coming here.
<b>Online</b>	Airport	Needs more city construction of hangars. Needs a policy change to allow private companies and individuals to do a land lease and build their own facilities. (AFFORDABLE land leases) This airport has plenty of land - it needs more tenants.

<b>Online</b>	Old Downtown	Redevelopment, historic preservation, crime reduction, economic incentives. This area needs saving. Other cities have turned old downtowns into historic and charming areas that are safe for walking around with interesting shops and restaurants. It may take drastic action to make changes before it's too late. This area can easily become a slum unless something is done.
<b>Online</b>	Riverfront	Keeping up city services to the tax rate
<b>Online</b>	4 lane rt 10	Safety and better flow of traffic, less irritation from people racing to the merge and then driving 15 mph under the speed limit
<b>Online</b>	4 lane the bridge	Less accidents, safety, better traffic flow. It is a nightmare right now
<b>Online</b>	PUT THE BRIDGE BACK!	More options for travel. When 17 or rt 10 has an accident there's NO OTHER OPTION
<b>Online</b>	Stop developing!	Stop developing!
<b>Online</b>	Rout 10.460, 58	Less building more open space.
<b>Online</b>	Centerpoint Dr.	More transportation for workers without transportation. Job opportunities are there but no transportation after 6 p.m.
<b>Online</b>	Godwin Blvd/Kings Fork corridor	Reduction in growth! Too much too fast!
<b>Paper</b>	Southern Suffolk	Slow down!

**Critical Questions**

Source	1. How can we create inviting places in Suffolk where people feel comfortable and want to spend time?
<b>Paper</b>	Stop building warehouses, have more shops and restaurants downtown. Stop building large residential developments in the rural areas - keep it low density.
<b>Online</b>	Effectively manage the crime in the downtown areas so that it feels safe to enjoy the restaurants along main street, especially for dinner/after dark.
<b>Online</b>	We used to have the Birdsong Recreational Center downtown. This building served many purposes and was a great place for young people to get together for many activities. I don't know if this type of venue would work today but I was just thinking about it.
<b>Online</b>	<p>SAFETY! Ensure police are sufficient in numbers &amp; presence, and that they can effectively serve.</p> <p>Aid regeneration of depressed areas (tax breaks, reparation incentives, punitive measures if owners do not mitigate substandard structures and property)</p>
<b>Online</b>	The small-town feel is the holdover from the MAGA crowd the folks that grow up here and want to keep everything the same. Suffolk is the largest City land mass in the State of Virginia with the huge benefit of having flowing rivers lake creeks etc. Tasteful does not have to be Mayberry!
<b>Online</b>	The major traffic on 58 is my biggest concern. Stop the building business and residential infrastructure until you fix the road infrastructure. This will help maintain small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	Invest in rehabilitation of downtown, including parking. Have a connection between neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	Limit the increasing industrial areas and keep semi trucks on appropriate roads. Better manage crime in downtown... I don't feel comfortable going there after dark anymore.
<b>Online</b>	Fix downtown. Make it a safer place to be. Model it after Smithfield
<b>Online</b>	Encourage (actively pursue and support) a VARIETY of businesses and entertainment for downtown area. Expand live entertainment hours, street lighting and parking.
<b>Online</b>	Incorporating requirements for memorable open spaces. Open and passive with all commercial and residential developments.
<b>Online</b>	More of a police presence. I don't feel safe at night in downtown. I generally go the dinner at the restaurants early in the evening (4:30 or 5:00 p.m.) Sometimes I will meet friends at 6:00 p.m., but no later than that. Stop putting vape shops and such downtown. Those are not welcoming. Don't make it so hard to have new restaurants or shops move into the empty store fronts. I am trying to support the local restaurants, but there is not much else. The few shops seem to close early and I don't blame them. I am at the age where I don't go out much anymore, but am still working full time. I am all for free speech, but having a location spout hate is also not inviting. Some of the neatest shops end up in north Suffolk. I rarely visit them because of the distance.
<b>Online</b>	Make our city SAFE! We have a terrible feeling of not being safe in our city and a Police Chief that appeared gung-ho until he was formally hired as the Chief. Since that time; he has gone unseen. I miss our previous Chief, and the safety, he provided to our city.
<b>Online</b>	We have a beautiful river running through our city, but little is to be no pathways to walk by it or connect along it.



	Also, expand outdoor eating downtown. We need statues like a peanut around town to symbolize our city
<b>Online</b>	I oppose the small-town feel and is displeased with the blighted communities in certain areas of the city. I feel the comprehensive plan is for all citizens regardless of location, income status, and ethnicity. If we cannot serve all citizens now due to a diversity issue in the city, why would maintaining what we have make it better? This subject should be revisited and more diversity inclusion expanded for the good of the Suffolk community.
<b>Online</b>	Make sure the area feels safe overall. Reduce crime, have a good police force.
<b>Online</b>	By creating inclusive places and spaces for diversity. Suffolk feels fragmented, one part appears for a more wealthy population while the more central area does not have the focus for development.
<b>Online</b>	I don't think this question necessarily goes with the statement. But I believe that you can't maintain a small-town feel when there is constant encroachment on rural roads/areas. There is too much development and that development is not in keeping with any sort of aesthetic. You can't slap up shoddy, cheap-looking homes and apartments with no character or originality and expect to maintain any kind of "feel." It is all sterile and boring. The same goes for retail. Inviting the same old, chain retailers that you see everywhere else just diminishes a small-town atmosphere. Especially if there are not building standards that make things attractive.
<b>Online</b>	Perhaps a weekly "walk about town day and evening" event featuring local businesses and activities.
<b>Paper</b>	Buy the VDOT property on N Main St. Make it a park and build a boat ramp on the Nansemond River. Add more river access to Blackwater River!
<b>Online</b>	people want to feel safe so more cameras and better policing. there's a lot of families that love parks and trails and access to waterways. suffolk doesn't need to keep pace with neighboring cities, we just need to do what we do and keep doing better at it. suffolk has the charm, just keep improving it, and keep people safe & keep traffic flowing. Suffolk should not let the pace of growth outpace the infrastructure improvements - control the rate of development. maintaining principles of the 2035 comp plan would control that pace of growth.
<b>Online</b>	More of a general comment. My wife and I attended the meeting at John Yeates last night, our first. Our opinion is as follows. We thought the staff did nice job laying out the format with info and how the process was to be implemented. We were okay with the Q & A until a gentleman went on a rant and even called out an individual by name with derogatory remarks. This could be construed as slander. The moderator did step in but a little late as the damage was done. We would suggest two things. First the opening remarks by the staff should include that derogatory personal comments are not allowed and that person will be asked to leave. Second it is our understanding that city council meetings have law enforcement present, not to intimidate, but to make everyone feel safe. It should be the case here for the same reason. Lastly most of the remarks centered around a wish list, which is fine, but we did not here anyone suggest how to pay for anything. Increased taxes are the only way. Thank you. David and Janie Darden.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building warehouses at every turn. Also the massive apartment buildings add to the city feel. Building (not with chain stores) and support small areas such as Driver, Eclipse etc.

<b>Online</b>	Better policing
<b>Online</b>	The first thing would be a strong police presence to deter the rising crime in the city. The next thing would be to maintain the small-town feel, but not the small-town Appalachia derelict feel of so many parts of downtown now have. Instead of City Staff driving around in new SUV's and new expensive vehicles, maybe that money would be better spent in the City's infrastructure. The City needs to institute REAL Fleet Management Policies and procedures that address the waste of all the new vehicles and City employees driving City vehicles home and for personal use.
<b>Online</b>	The small town feel is great. A quality small town feel would be better.
<b>Online</b>	Make it safer. People's cars in Harbourview are being broken into. There are shootings happening on College Drive. Another reason we are hoping to leave this summer. We don't feel safe here.
<b>Online</b>	More outdoor dining, venues
<b>Online</b>	More lighting and have police to walk the beat at certain times.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building apartment complexes. Don't allow a 7-11 on Harbour View Blvd. Instead of adding more apartments how about some parks with walking / running trails and biking path?
<b>Online</b>	Make it safer. Parts of downtown make me nervous to be there for fear of being shot or mugged.
<b>Online</b>	Encourage restaurants and shops to invest in Suffolk. Improve sidewalks so that communities are more walkable.
<b>Online</b>	By stop building warehouses and multi family on farm lands No more condos or car wash. Make more parks
<b>Online</b>	Clean the city up. There are way too many dilapidated buildings all over Suffolk. It is embarrassing to leave a beautiful home and drive through neglected, dilapidated, unkept areas and properties - one after another residential and commercial just to get to a store. I find myself LEAVING Suffolk to head to cleaner, more modern areas.
<b>Online</b>	It's no secret Suffolk has been where people come for the small town feel, away from our eastern Hampton Roads neighbors, for MANY MANY years. Suffolk already is an inviting place where people feel comfortable, but I think we need to focus on and make even more improvements on what has made Suffolk inviting to begin with. Although I'm sure it's a recurring comment, the continuous building simply has to stop to maintain any sort of small town feel.
<b>Online</b>	Have more nice resturants like northern Suffolk has! It appears we get "all the scrappings" when it comes to nice dining restaurants and shopping. Belk is only store that has clothing for entire family. More dress shops for ladies and several men's & kids' clothing stores would be nice as well!
<b>Online</b>	More parks ,movies
<b>Online</b>	Cleaning up downtown, providing more light at night, filling vacant shops with craftsman merchandise( custom furniture, stain glass, gifts, metal art, wall art, carvings, pottery, spice shop). Clean up surrounding properties and set standards that promote a better visual appeal around downtown. People will want to walk around, window shop and socialize. Areas that have a countryside feel should continue as such. Don't stick a huge compact development in an area with large lot estate properties and continue that large estate development within that area.

<b>Online</b>	We want to spend time in nature and open land. Stop gobbling up everything for development. One of the charms of Suffolk has been its rural area and farm lands.
<b>Online</b>	Put more effort into revitalizing main street and downtown Suffolk by offering tax incentives to new small business owners. Look for quality businesses that will entice people to downtown. No more nail salons, check cashing, mattress stores. Clean up East and West Washington Street. Put more police on the streets so people feel safe.
<b>Online</b>	Focus on smaller business and less chains
<b>Online</b>	Expand and improve the downtown area - it currently is a small cross street section of businesses and the further you go from the core, the sketchier the neighborhood gets. Read the paper and see where the majority of crimes take place, and they're not far from the downtown site. Foot traffic needs to be made safer - just try crossing the street some days when traffic is funneling through from other areas. Also, provide better parking options (a parking garage might add to the ability to increase foot traffic).
<b>Online</b>	You need more open spaces and agricultural settings. Keep the land and stop building shopping centers and stores.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building housing and overloading the infrastructure. Traffic is uninviting
<b>Online</b>	Look at other areas that have accomplished this, how did they do it? Small town feel, Edenton as an example. People feel safe, you don't walk to the stores there with people begging for money. Variety of shopping, history displayed and brought to the forefront, greenspace to sit, relax and enjoy.
<b>Online</b>	Educate people, especially the young, about creating and preserving cleanliness, especially regarding littering.
<b>Online</b>	Slow the growth especially in the North Suffolk area. The infrastructure isn't in place and it feels like Virginia Beach some days with the road congestion.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Bring restaurants and activities that are UNIQUE!!! STOP with the same FAT-food chain restaurants. If you have to do a chain, do something like CAVA. Bring CLASS to Suffolk!</p> <p>Modernize and remodel the trashy shopping centers! Every single one is trashy and run down. Tear down buildings, streets, and rebuild</p> <p>Publix is a fabulous start!</p> <p>Bring businesses like Orange Theory Fitness.</p> <p>What about pet stores??? Nothing like Petco or Pet Smart, but something like The Nautical Dog</p> <p>Rebuild and make the place inviting!</p> <p>Please and thank you!</p>
<b>Online</b>	Considering the current population of Suffolk and how its growing, it's unrealistic to think that Suffolk will maintain a small town feel without limiting the number of building permits, restricting population growth and tax revenues. Therefore, I think that Suffolk should consider a different approach. Suffolk offers a suburban appeal with a rural touch that a lot of people are looking for. That's what has made me want to live in Suffolk for the past 20 years. In order for Suffolk to create a inviting space, here are some following things I think can help:

	<p>â€¢ Enhance and create more open and green spaces; People love the outdoors and Suffolk has the space. For example: Sleepy Hole Park has great water views, but the trees and underbrush block those views. People enjoy walking spaces, yet the rocky roadway isn't smooth to walk on like a track and it hurts my dog's feet. There also needs to be walking trails that are safe. All parks should be appealing with safe open spaces, manicured lawns and beautiful landscapes. The old TCC campus would make a great major park, where you can have outdoor concerts, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, picnics, festivals, and other celebrations.</p> <p>â€¢ Areas that may be able to maintain a smaller-town feel, could be on Main Street. Main street could benefit from an overhaul with increased lighting, landscaping, building renovations and some safe nightlife.</p> <p>â€¢ More places for family activities; Example a place where families can play laser tag and other virtual and technical games.</p> <p>â€¢ More places to shop and eat</p> <p>â€¢ Adult entertainment spaces with diverse live music</p> <p>â€¢ More festivals</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>*Fix the raggedy, outdated, and broken infrastructure! You (The City) let the 58 Bypass turn into a necessary interstate for the past 20 years and did nothing to reinforce the inevitable. Now every driver after sunset is at the mercy of their headlights, as there are no streetlights. (Welcome more accidents!)</p> <p>*Instead of selling every plot of land to developers, create relaxing walking, sitting, parking areas as places for visitors to sit, eat and relax. There are plenty of lakefront areas to consider.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Plan more green spaces stop over developing every rural area Leave land for future generations</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Our police department is short staffed like everywhere else in the country, but we need to make sure that they are seen out and about. We have a huge city that takes about an hour to go from one end to the other. The areas of high crime need to know they are being patrolled and not just at night. There are things happening in the daytime as well. I would like to see some of the walks in our city like Portsmouth has when a crime happens in an area. Also, even just having an empty police vehicle sitting somewhere has a positive effect. Just cause you can't see a policeman, doesn't mean they are not there type of thought process.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>~ A clean, safe downtown with a variety of shops and not just empty stores. Lighting should be bright and and cleanups frequent.</p> <p>~ Hosting lots of inviting events (including annual events that people can prepare for) such as street fairs, festivals, regular farmers markets, and parades help expose people to our old school downtown area that may not have otherwise experienced the small town charm.</p> <p>~ I think it is also ideal to promote small businesses over corporate companies as much as possible as they help maintain the small town feel.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Parks and lights</p>
<b>Paper</b>	<p>Enforce current noise ordinances and other "keep the peace" laws on the books</p>

<b>Paper</b>	Reduce overdevelopment of commercial and industrial separations in midst of presently zoned agricultural and low density residential
<b>Meeting</b>	Make downtown more safe, need more law enforcement, code enforcement (too many cars parked on lawns), lower speed limits
<b>Meeting</b>	Clean up the trash issues all over the city, provide more trash receptacles, there is trash flying out of garbage trucks. The citizens do not want to adopt roadways, when was the last time City workers did a pickup?
<b>Meeting</b>	Beautification projects for the Downtown area
<b>Meeting</b>	Enjoy the N. Suffolk Library and Bennett's Creek park
<b>Meeting</b>	Pughsville doesn't have sidewalks, drainage or any type of storm water maintenance, what happened to the 2005 stormwater fees? Trash is dumped where the "No Dumping" sign is, more signs are needed, trash is also dumped down paper streets
<b>Meeting</b>	Bennett's Creek park has a boat ramp that is open 24/7 with boat traffic, the park needs to take care of the grass
<b>Meeting</b>	The City as a whole is under staffed, not enough police, garbage pickup workers
<b>Meeting</b>	How can we think of adding more neighborhoods when we do not have enough staff to care for the ones we do have
<b>Meeting</b>	All City employees in City cars should report trash dumping
<b>Meeting</b>	We should be using an app for reporting trash dumping, to drop a pin at the location so that it can be cleaned up
<b>Meeting</b>	Change the two hour parking limit downtown, once you're done grabbing a bit to eat you're too busy counting down the time on the meter to walk around and think about doing anything else downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Restaurant grants/tax structure in Ag land
<b>Meeting</b>	Agritourism
<b>Meeting</b>	Scranton, PA
<b>Meeting</b>	Wolf Trap, Vienna, VA
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown more in line with Smithfield with ice cream shops, wider sidewalks, and less traffic
<b>Meeting</b>	Charlottesville, VA has an area sealed off to thru traffic
<b>Meeting</b>	Similar to Williamsburg
<b>Meeting</b>	Ashville, NC
<b>Meeting</b>	Bowling Alley
<b>Meeting</b>	Roller-skating rink
<b>Meeting</b>	Youth need more places to go
<b>Meeting</b>	Newport, RI
<b>Meeting</b>	Halifax has one way street with larger walkable areas, streets like Saratoga and Commerce and Bank could be one way
<b>Meeting</b>	Place for kids, money – what kind are we putting up for these things? Nothing in the CIP for kids
<b>Meeting</b>	Safety, address the crime issue that is taking place right now
<b>Meeting</b>	Should be included in the plan
<b>Meeting</b>	Lighting
<b>Meeting</b>	Cameras strategically placed
<b>Meeting</b>	Look at an overall plan that includes a rec space
<b>Meeting</b>	We cannot wait til 2045

<b>Meeting</b>	Green space, dense housing with no area for the kids to play isn't what we want
<b>Meeting</b>	A larger plan for the direction of the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Safety is not just police
<b>Meeting</b>	Felt like a small town in the early 2000's, feels like VA Beach now
<b>Meeting</b>	Too much traffic, not enough lights
<b>Meeting</b>	Bottleneck traffic at the MMBT
<b>Meeting</b>	Put the Kings HWY bridge back
<b>Meeting</b>	Any bridge over the Nansemond River would be nice
<b>Meeting</b>	Infrastructure concerns throughout the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Safety, traffic/speeding issues, improve traffic intersections
<b>Meeting</b>	Lost all small town feel in Northern Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	People no longer need to go Downtown for anything
<b>Meeting</b>	North Suffolk has everything they need to never come Downtown, no reason to venture Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Smithfield and Windsor have great downtown areas
<b>Meeting</b>	City needs to help farmers to stop being forced to sell their land
<b>Meeting</b>	Maintain the farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Climate change is pushing development
<b>Meeting</b>	Planning Commission needs to be an elected position rather than City Council appointing these folks
<b>Meeting</b>	City Council members have too much interaction with developers
<b>Meeting</b>	Restructure City Council so that they no longer have relationships with developers
<b>Meeting</b>	No more "horse in front of cart development"
<b>Meeting</b>	We need an unbiased council
<b>Meeting</b>	Too many builders get what they want
<b>Meeting</b>	2035 plan jammed everything into North Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Where are the taxes going? Where is the money from all the approved development?
<b>Meeting</b>	High water costs here
<b>Meeting</b>	We are an island
<b>Meeting</b>	City Council and Planning Commission needs to start voting for us – we have rights
<b>Meeting</b>	Growth areas and comp planners are not going to help
<b>Meeting</b>	Planning Commissioners met at the Ruritan Club and told residents that they check the obits and then they get in touch with developers to purchase that land
<b>Meeting</b>	North Suffolk rec center, would help bring people together to something positive
<b>Meeting</b>	The time is now to stop building on our most valuable resources
<b>Meeting</b>	No park for kids
<b>Meeting</b>	Waiver from residents that developers in Eclipse didn't require them to put in a park
<b>Meeting</b>	We grew along where we have resources
<b>Meeting</b>	Safety issues, kids are put last
<b>Meeting</b>	You should focus more on the people who are going to stay here
<b>Meeting</b>	Something needs to be done with Driver Village
<b>Meeting</b>	Since the tornado, it's gone downhill
<b>Meeting</b>	Revitalize Driver, City needs to make an effort



<b>Meeting</b>	Bike path needs to be incorporated, make it connect to the rest of the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Have some lunch spots and other things to do
<b>Meeting</b>	Need a bike shop near the path, Suffolk doesn't have one
<b>Meeting</b>	We should look at the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville, SC for inspiration with the bike trails and what could be as it has restaurants and coffee shops along the trail
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown use to be wonderful with nice shops and a movie theatre where the 1 foot 2 foot shop is currently
<b>Meeting</b>	We need a something like the commodore in the Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	We need a spot for a good sandwich
<b>Meeting</b>	Vienna, VA has a brewery, Caboose Brewing Company & Tavern, along their bike path Rails to Trails that allows you to spend the entire day on the trail
<b>Meeting</b>	Traffic on Bridge Road makes Suffolk feel like a large City
<b>Meeting</b>	We have had more traffic in the last five years than ever before
<b>Meeting</b>	All traffic likes are messed up
<b>Meeting</b>	Mercury Blvd and Jefferson in NN have good light timing, why can't we
<b>Meeting</b>	No reason to go Downtown, there is nothing there, people go to the store and leave, there is no reason to hang out
<b>Meeting</b>	Take away the ability to pay taxes online and force community in the Downtown area
<b>Meeting</b>	Why not have some boat tours out of Constants Warf
<b>Meeting</b>	Invest in Lone Star Lakes
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown Smithfield, why couldn't we do something like that?
<b>Meeting</b>	Mystery tours
<b>Meeting</b>	We have lost the small town feel in North Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	More open/green spaces preserved
<b>Meeting</b>	Behind Progress Rd, not well protected
<b>Meeting</b>	Parks are not big enough and shouldn't take so long to get
<b>Meeting</b>	Thank God for the Dismal Swamp, we've destroyed so much of the ecosystem and ways of life for nonstop traffic and apartments, it's disheartening to see this way of life
<b>Meeting</b>	Nothing for the kids to do, need more rec centers
<b>Meeting</b>	Aquatics center, swim teams go to Chesapeake to practice
<b>Meeting</b>	Infrastructure is so far behind what you've done already
<b>Meeting</b>	Public schools are behind, takes too long to build one and by that time it's overcrowded
<b>Meeting</b>	Need more fire and rescue resources, volunteer were put out of business by the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Takes too long to get Fire Stations online to keep up with all the development
<b>Meeting</b>	Takes Fire and Rescue too long with the trains running through the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Safety is an issue (Police, Fire and Rescue)
<b>Meeting</b>	Need a 3-5 year moratorium on building
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk caters to builders
<b>Meeting</b>	We have wall to wall communities, people are stacked up on top of each other
<b>Meeting</b>	City government doesn't listen to the citizens
<b>Meeting</b>	We need to look at who we are
<b>Meeting</b>	Who is the government listening to?
<b>Meeting</b>	Leave rural roads alone, leave the ag alone
<b>Meeting</b>	Duck, NC has a great boardwalk/riverfront walking path



<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk has gorgeous riverfront property doing nothing, a river walk park would be fabulous
<b>Meeting</b>	Professional sports center in the city, even small towns have pro sports arenas with lighted arenas to play
<b>Meeting</b>	Uniqueness, we have a unique heritage with oystermen and farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Looking at the current growth, we are starting to look like Indian River Road in VA Beach
<b>Meeting</b>	Eclipse is a gem, look into the viewing party the City held for the area in 1976
<b>Meeting</b>	Tap into the traditional heritage of Suffolk, more folks will want to come here to experience that
<b>Meeting</b>	Private/commercial property boundary – all the trees come down and proffers weren't kept up
<b>Meeting</b>	Citizens should be notified about new developments
<b>Meeting</b>	Proffers should be upheld
<b>Meeting</b>	We value land owners that were here first
<b>Meeting</b>	Local businesses are losing ground to larger businesses
<b>Meeting</b>	How many 7/11's do we need? How many Wawa's?
<b>Meeting</b>	With all the chains you're pushing out all the Mom and Pops spots
<b>Meeting</b>	North Suffolk doesn't look like Suffolk to me
<b>Meeting</b>	Big box stores need to stay in N Suffolk and not come into Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Williamsburg lavender farm with a wine venue spot, something like that would be excellent in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Traffic in North Suffolk isn't great and they are just adding more apartments
<b>Meeting</b>	20 years ago Suffolk had a small town feel, now it doesn't
<b>Meeting</b>	Don't want to put too many businesses in one place
<b>Meeting</b>	College Drive and Bridge Road traffic is bad
<b>Meeting</b>	Nice restaurants, more variety and healthy choices
<b>Meeting</b>	How do we get people to invest in redevelopment Downtown?
<b>Meeting</b>	Outdoor spaces, VA Beach and Chesapeake have music events where fun and interesting things can happen and people can gather
<b>Meeting</b>	Really like Salem, NJ has large farming areas with huge grain bins and small farms and peach orchards, something where the rural and urban intersect, they have controlled growth over a long period of time, the land presentation is great
<b>Meeting</b>	Locally grown beef
<b>Meeting</b>	Smokey's, Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, I do not want us to be like them where you see a carnival in the mountain
<b>Meeting</b>	VA Beach parks have areas where you can work out along trails, the park behind the Kroger is too crowded, Downtown needs another location
<b>Meeting</b>	Greenville, SC shut down streets to make it more walkable for restaurants and to allow for alfresco dining
<b>Meeting</b>	Trails around their river and places where you can go right off the river to eat and shop
<b>Meeting</b>	Area behind Lowe's and Walmart could be utilized/developed for riverfront access
<b>Meeting</b>	Places where you can walk a linear trail
<b>Meeting</b>	Luray has a trail around a creek
<b>Meeting</b>	Huntsville trail

<b>Meeting</b>	Cycling and picnicking in outdoor spaces
<b>Meeting</b>	Make this a place where people can come
<b>Meeting</b>	Bike shop in Driver
<b>Meeting</b>	Have a kayak/canoe launch every 5 miles along the river
<b>Meeting</b>	Greensboro, GA was a dirt town but now has a 5 star Ritz-Carlton on a lake with boat parking
<b>Meeting</b>	Old store fronts are revitalized
<b>Meeting</b>	The City invested
<b>Meeting</b>	10 minutes down the road is Union Airport, like Suffolk’s local airport, with millionaires flying in
<b>Online</b>	<p>The city is essentially running a business and we want it to succeed. But the success of any business comes down to operational excellence, customer relations and financial management. I think we can all agree we want Suffolk to be best in class, an amazing place to live, work and attend school. To be a profitable city that offers beautiful parks, landscape, entertainment, shopping, and dining but never loses that small town rural feel. The theme is loud and clear as you hear it over and over from many people that have participated in these meeting, it is the theme of the questions you have raised to us. How do we find common ground in 1974, the cities of Suffolk and Nansemond and the unincorporated towns of Holland and Whaleyville consolidated to become the present-day Suffolk. In 1976 we adopted our first comprehensive plan. Over the years we have revised and updated our comprehensive plan to adjust to our ever-changing world. We will always be ever-changing, but I think one thing remains the same and I think we can just look at our City Seal to confirm that the tractor represents our agriculture, the helmet our history, the fish for recreation, the gears for industry, and the peanut signifies the importance of the crop. The Northern half of our city is well on its way to losing what our city once stood for and the southern half is not far behind. Our actions over the last 25 years have changed the landscape of our city and the customer relations, its people, are suffering. A small town feel to me means a quiet, laid back lifestyle where natural resources are preserved and protected.</p> <p>On our Welcome Page on our city’s website it currently reads . Suffolk is the largest city in Virginia, and within our 430 square miles are rich woodlands, verdant fields, sparkling waters, and friendly people.</p> <p>If we continue down this path our Welcome page will read “ Suffolk is the largest city in Virginia, and within our 430 square miles are warehouses, solar farms, severe traffic congestion and broken people who know longer recognize the city they once loved.</p>
<b>Online</b>	More stores all we have is belks and Walmart. To many car washes, other fast food places. We need places to work that you make enough money to support families

<b>Online</b>	Emphasis on things to do in Downtown. City probably needs to operate something to encourage people to visit. Keep developing the rails to trails programs.
<b>Online</b>	<p>â€¢ Create green spaces in commercial, retail and residential developments. The new park near Morgan library is a great example. Try to duplicate that in East Suffolk, North Suffolk, and the villages</p> <p>â€¢ the Suffolk Center for the Arts is an under utilized and under appreciated gem. What about more festivals using the spaces there; more concerts and movies to draw people to downtown</p> <p>â€¢ provide financial or tax incentives for small, locally owned retail, entertainment and dining</p>
<b>Online</b>	LOW density housing is key. People do not have to live on top of each other like the cities do. People want green spaces.
<b>Online</b>	Create local clusters downtown, Chuckatuck, Whaleyville, Holland, Driver, and somewhere in Harborview with a focal point. Perhaps similar to Port Warwick area in Newport News
<b>Online</b>	I want to see pretty, well landscaped communities and shops. I need to know areas are safe and free of crime. I want to see a variety of stores with fewer nail salons and convenience stores.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Reduce crime</p> <p>Increase green spaces on commercial and residential lots</p> <p>Reduce fear of commercial property near homes....no hotel or gas station or convenience store within a residential neighborhood, bordering one, or near their park, playground, rec centers, or waterways</p>
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™d like to enjoy more parks and natural areas rather than see continued construction and destruction of farms and wildlife areas. Set aside and protect wildlife corridors. Support and encourage small businesses and farmers in the city rather than ignore their needs in favor of large companies. Suffolk needs to become a sustainable cityâ€™also referred to as a â€œgreen cityâ€ or an â€œeco-cityâ€ â€™is an urban enclave whose design, construction, and operation prioritizes the preservation of the natural world alongside the economic, social, and physical health and wellness of the cityâ€™s inhabitants. Incorporate low impact development into all new construction projects to improve water quality and minimize stormwater runoff. Incorporate a requirement for inclusion of native plants in new construction projects
<b>Online</b>	<p>Its not so much the places but getting the word out, about where those places, are. A lot of people donâ€™t know the events coming up and it may be marketing.</p> <p>I only know because I go to the library and city hall.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Clean up the vacant properties that should be condemned and replace them with either new businesses or housing. Where Iâ€™m from they do not let you keep a building in serious disrepair. They condemn it and force the owner to demolish it.
<b>Online</b>	The small town feel left when greed took over and developers starting tearing down the forests to build homes and apartments.

<b>Online</b>	Stop putting in giant housing complexes and warehouses. No one wants it, everyone who lives here universally hates it.
<b>Online</b>	Purchase more land and create walking trails and parks like the lake Meade park. The land where the public works dept is located (next to Meridian Obici apartments) is a perfect place to do this.
<b>Online</b>	Focus more around the downtown area. There is nothing to do out here. All you seem interested in is building more high end luxury apartments and houses.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building so much nonsense. Suffolk has lost its small town charm. Just because Suffolk is the largest town by land mass doesn't mean something needs to be built on every square inch.  One accident on a major road and with in moments the rest of the roads are backed up. Influx of building and the roads and schools are not upgraded enough to handle it
<b>Online</b>	More city parks and walking trails.
<b>Online</b>	The best way to maintain a small home-town feel is to quit creating, rezoning, and building on existing farm land and wood land. Suffolk used to attract people because of the open space. This space was not created by "the government", but rather by the citizens of Suffolk themselves. Now it seems the city is trying to do the thinking for its citizens once again. The people of Suffolk don't want big city government, they just want to be left alone. Without the worry of buying a piece of land, then later finding out its been rezoned. Suffolk seems to only be interested in how they can make more taxes. Just look around, apartments, townhouses and single family housing continues to be built at a fast pace. Don't forget, people moved to Suffolk to get away and enjoy some piece and quite. The key is to make sure that doesn't change.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk needs entertainment.  Small town means everyone shops at the same store. If you have 3 mattress stores. That is not small town.
<b>Online</b>	Safe places with good lighting and plenty of parking
<b>Online</b>	
<b>Online</b>	More active areas, open space, biking/walking trails, fitness areas, activity centers . Less big building and high density housing. Continue and expand activities...parks and rec not only for young but for older people too, library events for all ages, free or refuced price classes for all ages, historical events/tours, farmers markets in multiple locations not just at the visitor center. Seasonal celebrations ..there's always something to celebrate in Suffolk. STOP overbuilding!! The charm Suffolk once had is gone in Northern Suffolk making people want to leave.
<b>Online</b>	Green space and areas to walk and just be.™ Finish trails. Maybe section off part of downtown to foot traffic only.
<b>Online</b>	When I think of places anyone could spend time at, other cities come to mind.  Hampton has bluebird gap farm. Buckroe beach  Chesapeake has Old Greenbriar Farms(they also have different patches with orchard to u pick farms)

	<p>VA Beach has botanical gardens, aquarium</p> <p>Newport news has beaches, living museum</p> <p>Norfolk has the zoo.</p> <p>Why is Suffolk one of the biggest cities in the US, I've lived here since 1996, and I can't think of anything for the life of me that we have that compares to there things. Yes we have small scale museums. I will say our parks and recs in the best, and getting better. But from off the top of my head there is nothing I can think of museum, zoo, farm, orchards that if I lived in another city, I would want to drive here to visit.</p> <p>We have a lot of history but yet I can't think of anything that preserves history and makes it special.</p> <p>Why don't we have some crazy cool unique atlas obscura peanut museum? What about historical farms that can be saved and turned into a family hotspot with all sorts of seasonal things to do?</p>
<b>Online</b>	Less housing development and more parks. Godwin Blvd is looking like Greenbrier.
<b>Online</b>	Remove all panhandlers from our streets and parking areas.
	Replace the fast food stores with quality dinning places.
<b>Online</b>	More city parks and walking trails.
<b>Online</b>	Stop approving warehouses being built on farmland
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk is not Mayberry nor should it be. In order to continue to provide viable services to it's residents you either need to promote responsible growth or raise taxes.
<b>Online</b>	I feel nothing is completely safe in Suffolk. It is already populated in places that could use more space. The roads are too small. The so called rural/urban area of Pughsville still have people also jump in the ditches to avoid being hit while walking the street to the park or to a neighbor's home. The one community bus that comes thru picks people us from the streets. There is no bus stop bench or covered stand, only a post sign where to stand until the bus arrives.
<b>Online</b>	Encourage gardening clubs in Suffolk to take over vacant city property and turn them into small oases or veg gardens. It gets the community to come together and fosters friendships.
<b>Online</b>	Create a place for kids to hang out WITHOUT violence. Skating rink, bowling, put put. No one feels safe to go out because of the violence and guns. Kids have no respect.
<b>Online</b>	You need to stop the multi family projects. The proposed warehouse project at Port 460 need to stop and if necessary move it out on 58 west.

	We need to keep our small town atmosphere and try to make out downtown feel more like downtown Smithfield .
<b>Online</b>	Donâ€™t rezone from agricultural to anything else. Donâ€™t rezone to multi-housing. Donâ€™t increase truck traffic through rezoning choices.  Listen to home owners on all rezoning efforts.  Community gardens. Co-op gardens.
<b>Online</b>	more patrols after dark, some places feel unsafe after the sun sets. More street lights, cleaner streets.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building
<b>Online</b>	More green spaces, cleaner well lit spaces.
<b>Online</b>	COLOR! Use bright and inviting colors on buildings and on signage.
<b>Online</b>	Create a place for kids to hang out WITHOUT violence. Skating rink, bowling, put put. No one feels safe to go out because of the violence and guns. Kids have no respect.
<b>Online</b>	Improve Lone Star Lakes, construct an athletic complex, ensure downtown continues to improve and remains a safe environment.
<b>Online</b>	Stop rezoning property to allow so much high density housing.
<b>Online</b>	Most certainly not by building all these apartments and 4 houses per acre. More parks and recreation areas for outdoor use such as boating, kayaking and trails. Local businesses such as restaurants or breweries with food trucks, small dog parks and small parks for kids. Maybe a venue for music and most definitely recreation centers for young and old. The schools need a pool to practice instead of having to go to another city.
<b>Online</b>	Increase a police presence  Increase lighting  Improve landscaping  Increase tree canopy  Outdoor dining opportunities  More high end restaurants
<b>Online</b>	Stop creating inviting places in Suffolk and leave well alone. We came to north Suffolk in 2019 to escape the urban bloat of Chesapeake. In under 4 years the same bloat has now occurred and continues to occur in north Suffolk and only gets worse due to the unthinking, uncaring city of Suffolk and their 'partners' in greed and avarice, developers and realtors. Your plans and 'vision' create havoc and desolation to our environment but of course, you don't care, you don't live here and can go back to your ivory towers and gilded cages elsewhere each night.
<b>Online</b>	The small town restaurant's help. Keep those going and encourage other small businesses. Before you build more places consider the traffic designs. Consider more sidewalks when building elderly communities. I see folks riding scooters and electric w/c on shoulder hill road. Expand the bus system.

<b>Online</b>	Work with neighboring cities to extend bike and walking trails, Farmers Market in Northern Suffolk, More public boat/kayak/ launching areas for our bountiful waterways.
<b>Online</b>	Stop giving the impression that Suffolk is anti-growth.
<b>Meeting</b>	Have an event area downtown with a stage and room for a farmer's market (more than is at Riddick's Folly) in addition to that location
<b>Meeting</b>	Help them feel safe and local businesses offering the food and entertainment
<b>Meeting</b>	1st and foremost people need to feel safe. Safety is a problem in the community and schools
<b>Meeting</b>	We need to revitalize downtown areas of Suffolk. Get rid of crumbling bridges, boarded up windows and bars on windows. Improve access to/across rail alignments. Downtown need s additional flyovers to avoid feeling trapped on the wrong side of the tracks. More restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues downtown that stay open later than 9pm on Friday/Saturday
<b>Meeting</b>	Outdoor concert/event venue. Finish redeveloping downtown so people can walk to entertainment and dining
<b>Meeting</b>	Rails to trails path on old Norfolk, Franklin, and Danville railroad. The track is no longer used and goes from Portsmouth to Danville
<b>Meeting</b>	More parks, additional police interaction with neighborhoods, e.g. drive-throughs



Source	2. What would you like to be able to do in Downtown or North Suffolk in the future that you are not able to do today?
<b>Paper</b>	More stores and restaurants downtown as well as it would be nice to feel safe downtown at night.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown/Route 10 corridor needs more retail available...so that we don't have to travel 30 min to North Suffolk or worse...20 min to Chesapeake and spend our money there...Target, TJMaxx, Ross, Marshall's, etc. would be wonderful additions to this end of Suffolk. Also, purchasing and revitalizing the prime waterfront real estate on the left side of main street across from the Hilton headed towards Walmart is 100% necessary to invite people to visit and enjoy Suffolk. Waterfront restaurants and shops would be so much more beneficial than a gas station, tattoo shop, motel, express lube, golf cart place, etc that are currently eyesores on that PRIME waterfront property. We have the beautiful Hilton hotel and everything else around it is garbage. People staying at the Hilton could walk across to restaurants and shops, residents could enjoy their weekends there. As it stands now its just a road to drive through to get to Walmart and Chick Fila.
<b>Online</b>	Go to a movie.
<b>Online</b>	Shop, eat and attend events, and do it walking...safely. But attract population who don't walk by having sufficient parking. Granted, it's not historically accurate, but we need a multistory parking structure Downtown to attract non-local people to come there. Don't let the Downtown fail by focusing on North Suffolk. Make it commercially (financially) attractive to businesses for coming Downtown. Make upper floors of multistory buildings into apartments, over the commercial areas on the ground floors.
<b>Online</b>	With more code enforcement the City has a blind eye to many of the owners of rental property in and around the downtown area (slum Lords). parking of cars no cars can be parked on the street for long periods of time that are not operable or properly tagged
<b>Online</b>	Attract businesses that are not mattress, cell, or loan services.
<b>Online</b>	Park, shop, and make a day out of downtown. North Suffolk.... don't care. It's already overdeveloped.
<b>Online</b>	Feel safe enough to walk the restaurants and stores downtown at night. Support new businesses in the area, ask them what they need to thrive.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to be able to go to my family's farm and help out, but allowing these builders to buy farm land and put cookie cutter houses up left and right is going to take away from my ability to do so.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Have live entertainment past 10, Th-Sat.</p> <p>Continue to have variety of themed events like Taste of Suffolk (downtown) and scavenger hunt (library)</p> <p>Park easily and safely.</p> <p>See a movie.</p>
	<p>Experience the spirit in Dt with local business ownership, interesting architectural elements and noteworthy open space and maybe public art.</p> <p>N suffolk should offer more regional options since it's so central to the region. More employment and career opportunities.</p>

	<p>Walk around safely. The street festivals are a lot of fun. Figure out how to have more. I am looking forward to the new park and library. I don't go to north Suffolk much, but a friend has now moved up there and my doctor is off HarbourView Blvd. It takes 40 minutes to go from downtown to north Suffolk and that is without any real traffic issues. Move forward with the bypass road from Nansemond Parkway to Shoulder's Hill Road that was proposed years ago.</p>
	<p>I would love to see Suffolk get an outlet mall of some sort in the downtown area. Something that will bring people to our city. Before we can do this; we desperately need to fix our public safety situation.</p>
	<p>Eat outside, have nature trails and pathways that connect areas.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I would like to be able to shop in more stores in Downtown than just Belk and have to travel all the way to North Suffolk where I live, for a variety of shops. My mother is still located in downtown and it's like two different places. Of course I feel the expense of living in North Suffolk with outrages taxes but increase taxes on downtown if that's what makes more shopping selections transpire. Who decides on what stores can come to the city, etc. Nothing exists for family fun i.e., Dave and Busters. That would be such a great investment to our city and bring customers from NC, Smithfield, and the 460 corridor as well as our residents. Is there a reason why these types of businesses are not considered for our area?</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Send my kids to the public schools. They're too dangerous, I hear stories of kids beating up each other and teachers doing nothing about it. No thanks. I'll move to Hickory when my kids get to public school age if I have to.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Shop</p>
	<p>Live entertainment</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Drive! I would like to have some predictability in how long it will take me to actually get anywhere. I don't think any city can offer every single amenity. And I don't think Downtown and North Suffolk need to have identical amenities. There will always be something that people have to travel for no matter where they live. The downtown/southern area of Suffolk should be a place where North Suffolk residents can come to get away from the hustle and bustle. And people downtown can go to North Suffolk for all the busy, commercialized things they might be interested in.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The Nansemond River natural resource could be celebrated and enjoyed if there was a walking bridge from the Constants Wharf over to the other side that connects to a walking path boardwalk along the river bank that loops around behind Kroger and doubles back to create a nature trail. The only thing that beautiful river front is used for now is parking lot and dumpster space. The walking trail could lead to access to all those businesses along Main St.</p>
<b>Paper</b>	<p>Too much crime downtown "shootings". It was getting nice, but crime returned. North Suffolk is nice but crime is there also. However, you cannot travel to these places because of GRIDLOCK! Could not go to Friday's at Bennets Creek Park because you cannot travel there on Friday evening - GRIDLOCK</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>the annual taste of suffolk is an awesome event - how can the city facilitate more of those type of events? utilize available waterfront in downtown or north suffolk to build a venue/park that could facilitate music, flea market, taste/vendor events, but ensure the traffic infrastructure can support (i.e. sufficient parking). ensure there's available park</p>

	facilities with playgrounds, trails too. make it attractive so families and tidewater citizens want to visit and spend their valuable time & money here in suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Both areas have become centers of crime. Controlling the crime would go far in promoting the Downtown and North Suffolk areas. I used to go into town regularly with children but not any more. Simply do not feel safe.
<b>Online</b>	We need an indoor shooting range
<b>Online</b>	interconnecting Biking and walking trails connecting all areas in Downtown and North Suffolk would be most visually pleasing and contribute to the quality of life of these areas.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown is a "mixed bag". Great around Obici area. Great in the area around the river/Hilton/farmer's market. [Farmer's market could be bigger and have more parking, however.] Okay downtown area but needs some improvement for appearance [use Smithfield as an example] and crime must be reduced if you really want people to come downtown. Beyond downtown, is seedy and gives an unsafe feeling.
	North Suffolk is good to great. Effort should be put into filling up the shopping spaces.
<b>Online</b>	Better development planning; no more sprawl. I'd like to be able to drive on 17 without always being in backed up traffic.
<b>Online</b>	Entertainment - Movie theater , bowling alley, roller skating rink
<b>Online</b>	It would be nice to have a city Marina in North Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Make it safer. Parts of downtown make me nervous to be there even in the day time for fear of being shot or mugged.
<b>Online</b>	I would love to be able to engage in more recreational activities such as bowling or Top Golf. More active recreation instead of only restaurants would be great.
<b>Online</b>	Walk with out fear of being shot or going into a store that isn't being robbed
<b>Online</b>	Shop comfortably in well kept safe area, with plenty of parking. Would love specialty shopping stores, food and clothing
<b>Online</b>	I live in our downtown area. I simply don't even consider north Suffolk a part of Suffolk, therefore I don't have much comment about that area. In downtown Suffolk, I would love to have some sort of entertainment. A scaled down version of Top Golf, a movie theater (not saying 10+ theaters, maybe a small scale), an outdoor area where an ice skating rink could come in the winter, etc. I would also love to have some sort of larger retail store besides Walmart- I've dreamed of a Target for years and don't understand how we can have every grocery store imaginable, but not a larger all purpose store.
<b>Online</b>	Shop & eat in downtown Suffolk! I don't want to have to go to northern Suffolk for either!
<b>Online</b>	No one wants to go downtown you will be shot!!!! Northern Suffolk is like being in Great Bridge and that's not a good thing.
<b>Online</b>	For downtown- Specially Shops like homemade furniture, home decor, gift shops. nightly entertainment (night club, comedy club, small venue bands), micro breweries. Maybe something for children like an arcade or bounce house, etc. We rarely go to Northern Suffolk anymore because it's too congested so I can't comment on that area.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk needs unique shops and eateries.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building in North Suffolk. Bennetts Creek has lost it's once home town charm due the over building. Focus on the downtown area and revitalize it.
<b>Online</b>	Backyard chickens in north Suffolk!
<b>Online</b>	Visit a variety of GOOD restaurants in the downtown area. The ones we currently have don't change their menu often (Amici's has the same list of ingredients in various order;

	Harpers Table is \$\$\$ expensive and a small menu, and the other choices are pretty low on the quality bar). Some decent shopping, boutiques. More park-like settings for community events - the waterfront/riverfront idea was a good one.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to be able to see more country and open spaces. Preserve what land is left and stop the building.
<b>Online</b>	Walk and enjoy the history of the places
<b>Online</b>	We live closer to downtown, and would like to see more variety in small town shops. It's a nice place to go to, but needs to be freshened up.
<b>Online</b>	Have a supervised rec center for young people which would include a bowling alley, craft rooms, etc
<b>Online</b>	The place is run down and dirty! I won't even walk my dog down the streets because I don't want his paws to get nasty dirty.  Tear down and rebuild most of it, and keep a FEW historic sites.  Don't open businesses in the dirty, run down spaces already in place. They are nasty. Tear them down!
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs more restaurants to choose from. Like many other families and couples, dinning out is a great way to relax after a long day or work week. People shouldn't have to drive to Norfolk, Virginia Beach, or Chesapeake just to get a choice of foods. Central Suffolk could benefit from more restaurants, grocery stores, and shopping places. Suffolk could also benefit having its own Sam's Club, Costco, or BJ's in central Suffolk. I would also like to see a Whole Foods in downtown Suffolk. It appeals to health-conscious citizens and some of our local growers could sell their products to Whole Foods.
<b>Online</b>	DOWNTOWN ONLY (North Suffolk has plenty already)  *Get dressed up and go hear live music in the restaurant lounge.  *Go roller-skating and/or ice skating at a park...or take the kids snowboarding on a manmade hill made out of...mmm let's say TRASH?  *Park my car in a covered parking lot before the show  *Eat at an upscale restaurant  *Buy golf clubs and accessories in Suffolk near the SUFFOLK GOLF COURSE at a store near downtown SUFFOLK!  *To sit, see & hear live musicians sing & play, street performers, outside downtown Main Street somewhere  *An AMPITHEATER (I'm sure we have the land for it)  *A comedy club

<b>Online</b>	Walk the river side downtown area from Hilton hotel to old Obici hospital then back on other side from graveyard to Walgreens. Trail behind farm fresh is a great start but needs to be closer to the River view
<b>Online</b>	<p>Downtown - Parking is a number one reason people don't want to go downtown. WE need a parking garage to help solve this issue, especially with the new outdoor space that is being build.</p> <p>Any activities that would help engage our youth and keep them off the streets, but something that is affordable</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>~Potentially have a shared workplace in downtown similar to what you can find in Norfolk, Portsmouth, etc. providing a safe space with high speed internet for folks who work from home or homeschool and want to get out of the house.</p> <p>~I would love to see a dog wash and more pet friendly attitude in downtown to promote people and their pet's more frequent exploration.</p> <p>~Rotating food trucks in downtown (that you don't have to access through a brewery) might be a considerable addition.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Moe parks. More housing choices.
<b>Paper</b>	Feel safe. Neither area feels safe.
<b>Paper</b>	Drive to it without observing blight and decay. If we did choose to cisit to eat or shop... safety and security with adequate polic protection would be a prerequisite
<b>Meeting</b>	Go to Target
<b>Meeting</b>	What happened to Obaci Park? Former mayor promised VDOT property (with great trees) as a park when the Obaci land was sold to build high-end apartments.
<b>Meeting</b>	What happened to the movie theatre the former mayor promised?
<b>Meeting</b>	The City cuts down too many trees
<b>Meeting</b>	Love parks for kids, they need to feel safe, need more for middle and high school age kids to do, need more maintenance and safety measures for folks to feel safe, too many gunshots
<b>Meeting</b>	Small businesses downtown is tough with the historic district restrictions/regulations
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown Suffolk needs more involvement from economic development
<b>Meeting</b>	The City needs better planning and to have more areas like Northern Suffolk as it takes 20-25 minutes to go out. In Northern Suffolk there is better planned walkable areas with more things to do than in Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk seems disjointed as development is "plopped" down wherever
<b>Meeting</b>	Historic overlay district is too strict
<b>Meeting</b>	Derelict homes need to be torn down
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk needs property maintenance standards, quality of housing, safe, affordable
<b>Meeting</b>	No substandard housing for renters
<b>Meeting</b>	Roller-skating rink
<b>Meeting</b>	Aquatics center

<b>Meeting</b>	Agricultural center/museum with a horseback riding/mule and plow area
<b>Meeting</b>	Parks, more green spaces downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Boat rentals
<b>Meeting</b>	Central Park
<b>Meeting</b>	Movie theatre
<b>Meeting</b>	More retail that is open later
<b>Meeting</b>	Something to do that is open past regular business hours
<b>Meeting</b>	A train stop
<b>Meeting</b>	Things for youth to do to combat crime and something for parents, something for families
<b>Meeting</b>	Small concert venue
<b>Meeting</b>	Nightclubs
<b>Meeting</b>	Sports venue, a football field size to be used for soccer and other sports as well which would bring more community teams (example: deep creek, small scale VA Beach Sports Plex)
<b>Meeting</b>	Town square, a hub of the downtown area, we have nothing that gives the Hallmark small town feel
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown and N Suffolk are entirely different
<b>Meeting</b>	Villages should be areas to gather, places we should invest and allow folks in those areas to gather
<b>Meeting</b>	70's drag racing strip, use to be at the airport
<b>Meeting</b>	Aquatics park, give memberships to the youth
<b>Meeting</b>	Do not turn Suffolk into VA Beach, no one here wants to be Norfolk or VA Beach
<b>Meeting</b>	Architectural standards would be nice for all uses
<b>Meeting</b>	Mandate areas surrounding Downtown, should be a beautification project
<b>Meeting</b>	Property maintenance and code enforcement is needed, doing things beyond the immediate area
<b>Meeting</b>	More shopping, mom and pop stores
<b>Meeting</b>	No trucks going thru downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	We like the less populated feel south of Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Improve Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Holland, have something to visit, a place to gather
<b>Meeting</b>	City Council did one thing right, built up Northern Suffolk but we don't want traffic, we don't want to live on top of each other
<b>Meeting</b>	Do something about Downtown to make it safer, people do not want to come downtown without feeling safe
<b>Meeting</b>	City Council needs to hear and understand our comments, they need to hear us, listen to us
<b>Meeting</b>	Schools are overcrowded

<b>Meeting</b>	There will be no small town feel in 2045 if we keep developing the way we are
<b>Meeting</b>	Open spaces Downtown, Obaci Site – we gathered 2,000 signatures for that property to become a park, I had a vision of a fountain with kids and folks walking their dogs, this would have been a beautiful entrance into downtown but now we have those apartments
<b>Meeting</b>	Green spaces for people to walk
<b>Meeting</b>	Sidewalks
<b>Meeting</b>	More lighting
<b>Meeting</b>	More outdoor eating, seeing people out is appealing
<b>Meeting</b>	Come 2045, there will be nowhere for anything because it’s already built up, maybe we can fix the roads by then
<b>Meeting</b>	Better use of Bennett’s Creek park, looking forward to the new rec center
<b>Meeting</b>	Need more for kids to do
<b>Meeting</b>	Place to go 4-wheeling
<b>Meeting</b>	Another grocery store
<b>Meeting</b>	Cinema Cade in Obaci site, something like this off Main Street
<b>Meeting</b>	City owns Graves Marina, what are you doing with it?
<b>Meeting</b>	City owns a lot of great land throughout the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Shopping, Mom & Pop stores
<b>Meeting</b>	Gathering places that are safe
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown, property off state highway, last piece of riverfront is available for sale right now
<b>Meeting</b>	Realities vs dreams
<b>Meeting</b>	Roads are stripped
<b>Meeting</b>	Whomever the permit people are, aren’t doing enough
<b>Meeting</b>	Cost to improve is too high
<b>Meeting</b>	Look at road infrastructure before development happens
<b>Meeting</b>	All the rural villages in Nansemond County were sucked into the City and promised so much and have been left to rot
<b>Meeting</b>	Need economic zones declared by the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Even if you wanted something, where would you put it?
<b>Meeting</b>	Nothing is walkable
<b>Meeting</b>	No focused development in N Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	No more scattered development
<b>Meeting</b>	Last 5 years, you’ve only put up hundreds of houses
<b>Meeting</b>	Tax incentives so developers know where to go, the City should drive development
<b>Meeting</b>	The Milteer Center is great
<b>Meeting</b>	The Duck Thru
<b>Meeting</b>	Walkable spaces are worth it
<b>Meeting</b>	Villages are being taken over by suburbanites
<b>Meeting</b>	Smaller centers, lots of potential options
<b>Meeting</b>	Vibrant nice historic downtown, no more box stores that aren’t walkable like Obaci apartments with the Aldi



<b>Meeting</b>	Going to charge businesses a “special tax” (ex: logging trucks), then it should be imposed on everyone
<b>Meeting</b>	Encourage rural ag activity rather than punishing
<b>Meeting</b>	Keep the money here in the City, when hosting fundraising events in the City the Hilton Garden Inn is the largest space to rent and that isn’t even big enough for larger organizations to host events, need a large event space
<b>Meeting</b>	Swimming, who wants to pay \$65 to swim? There is no place to swim
<b>Meeting</b>	We are sending a lot of our tax dollars to other localities because we don’t have a sports complex like Isle of Wright
<b>Meeting</b>	We are utilizing out land for the wrong things
<b>Meeting</b>	Keep tax dollars here in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Warehouses are literally in our backyard, we should be holding them to higher standards
<b>Meeting</b>	Better communications with truck drivers and their routes
<b>Meeting</b>	Have them be better neighbors with the surrounding areas
<b>Meeting</b>	We should be utilizing the already developed abandoned spaces before eating up more ag land for warehouses and rezonings
<b>Meeting</b>	We need to do a study on housing in Suffolk, we don’t need more, fix what is existing, we have some really poor and the rest is unaffordable
<b>Meeting</b>	Needs sidewalks and better lighting, there use to be a cop on the beat who only worked Downtown and everyone knew him – he retired and was never replaced
<b>Meeting</b>	Promote small businesses Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Ag museum like the one in Chippokes (Chippokes Farm and Forestry Museum)
<b>Meeting</b>	Let’s have a restaurants out of train cars near the tracks, why can’t we have something like that?
<b>Meeting</b>	We are running out of vacant land, our most valuable resource
<b>Meeting</b>	Starts with the top with the City leadership and elected officials who should be driving/promoting the small town feel rather than letting the developers to do as they will and just say yes to everything
<b>Meeting</b>	Having a 7/11 on the property with a school and residential isn’t good planning
<b>Meeting</b>	The City may not have the ability to say no to some by right development but they can impose bigger buffers between schools and other parcels
<b>Meeting</b>	DEQ should be involved with tank placements around kids
<b>Meeting</b>	More green space and parks, more activities for families, community fought for a green space to stay green rather than an apartment complex and it became a single family neighborhood
<b>Meeting</b>	Trader Joe’s or other larger organic food store
<b>Meeting</b>	Movie theatre
<b>Meeting</b>	Harborview seems like a desolate spot that has a few struggling mom and pop places
<b>Meeting</b>	Burbage grant to river front bike ride
<b>Meeting</b>	Why do we have to drive to everything rather than have the ability to bike to it?
<b>Meeting</b>	We are in a great position to have a continuous trail, put greenways in so that people can bike from one end of the City to another
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk could be the Nantucket of Southeast VA with all the ricers and farmlands
<b>Meeting</b>	We could turn this City into something amazing
<b>Meeting</b>	A focus for the comp plan should be how we draw people here for short term tourism

<b>Meeting</b>	2045 people will be flooding to other localities how to make it have that small town feel
<b>Meeting</b>	Shopping in Downtown, years ago there were boutiques and stores
<b>Meeting</b>	Restaurants in the Downtown area
<b>Meeting</b>	More community entertainment places in the Downtown area
<b>Meeting</b>	Nansemond River runs thru Downtown, a river walk running east and west of the Kimberly Bridge would be nice
<b>Meeting</b>	Could get AmeriCorps teams involved and the Boy Scouts could build benches
<b>Meeting</b>	A true café/coffee shop would be great Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Parking garage in the Downtown area
<b>Meeting</b>	Movie theatre
<b>Meeting</b>	A park by Kimberly Bridge was approved by CC, where is it?
<b>Meeting</b>	Green space by the river ways
<b>Meeting</b>	Boat landing near Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	State Hwy property (VDOT off Main St) is for sale right now, the City property should buy it
<b>Meeting</b>	Museums for peanut, cotton, civil war and Native American history
<b>Meeting</b>	Pontoon river cruise boats
<b>Meeting</b>	Engage the youth, YMCA locations
<b>Meeting</b>	Ag center across from Tractor Supply with an arena for kids to learn about farming
<b>Meeting</b>	Multi-sports complex, not just fields, that includes all sports so that students don't have to leave the City to practice
<b>Meeting</b>	Tennis facility, invest in tennis courts
<b>Meeting</b>	How can we save the Villages, invest in them so they have something to offer so that folks don't have to drive to Downtown for everything, some people don't have transportation
<b>Meeting</b>	Each village should have basic necessities like a school, drugstore and a supermarket
<b>Meeting</b>	A lot of attention on North Suffolk, need some attention on Downtown, use the buildings that are already here, put the empty storefronts to good use
<b>Meeting</b>	Affordable housing
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop building and abandoning, take a look at what we have already and make it better
<b>Meeting</b>	Skate parks
<b>Meeting</b>	Theatres
<b>Meeting</b>	Walkability, rather than pulling up to a shop have the inviting environment to be able to walk around and eat and shop
<b>Meeting</b>	Amicis has parking and is close to Nansemond Brewing, nice to walk from one to the other
<b>Meeting</b>	More lights and security Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	No more empty storefronts
<b>Meeting</b>	Freeport, ME, little town is appealing with the McDonalds in an old house, they are utilizing and reusing what they already have rather than tear down and build new,
<b>Meeting</b>	they have preserved what they have and out fitted structures for modern uses
<b>Meeting</b>	Cat café
<b>Meeting</b>	Need some shops with dogs
<b>Meeting</b>	Move the Human Society to Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Buxton, NC has an ordinance that prohibits chain restaurants from opening

<b>Meeting</b>	Identity, how does Suffolk want to identify? We need to decide now. Small town charm that the 80s movies have like Back to the Future
<b>Meeting</b>	Smithfield is more comfortable to walk around more safe and easily walkable with lots to do
<b>Meeting</b>	Smithfield doesn't cut down trees, we need to save the old trees and have developers preserve them rather than clear cut
<b>Meeting</b>	Spark District, Suffolk should have an arts district, Ed Bearsley was leading this charge before COVID
<b>Meeting</b>	How do we attract businesses Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Smithfield has pigs everywhere as part of their identity, Suffolk should have peanuts done by different artists
<b>Meeting</b>	If you want a walkable place rather than walk a mile before you get to another place that is open
<b>Meeting</b>	Grid pattern design that allows parking every couple of blocks, the parking lots are far and few Downtown and it is not a friendly walk thru
<b>Online</b>	<p>There are areas of our city from one end to the other that are so neglected. Abandoned building, dilapidated housing, severe traffic congestion. The focus should be how to we improve what we already have. How do we make Suffolk an inviting place to live and visit. I think a Downtown area should be a well lit open area where you can visits shops and restaurants while walking...day or night. I would never walk anywhere in our Downtown area alone at night. Crime in our city is on the rise, Suffolk Police reported 13 homicides in 2022, which is the most since 1997. The Northern Suffolk part of our city is nothing but a spread out shopping center, overly developed and congested. A picture of what our whole city could look like if we continue down the path we are on.</p> <p>When I was a teenager if we wanted to go to the movies, bowling any activity besides homegrown fun we had to leave the City. Now I have a teenager who is still looking for things to do in his City...26 years later. Oh that's right we have a movie theater in Suffolk now....29 miles from house. We need facilities for our teens and even adults to enjoy. Movie Theater, Bowling Alley, Sports Complex...not warehouses.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Find a place to park downtown. North Suffolk gets all the places. Most of Suffolk weren't made to handle all this new traffic. Back roads aren't wide enough for two cars. city people drive down the middle of the road.
<b>Online</b>	Hang out options. Children's museum, indoor recreation for tournaments and a Barcade. Waterfront park on tcc site
<b>Online</b>	<p>â€¢ More concerts and entertainment</p> <p>â€¢ High end retail would be nice, but the economics &amp; demographics of Suffolk probably don't support those businesses. Would need a retail business district with amenities and activities to attract customers who don't live in Suffolk to have enough business base for economic viability</p> <p>â€¢ Neighborhood shopping and grocery stores - consider how the 15-minute city could work in Suffolk neighborhoods, including the villages</p>
<b>Online</b>	Park and walk to shops. Catch a bus to another spot. Then return to parking and go home.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to be able to drive around N Suffolk and Downtown without traffic back-ups. As in, time the traffic lights so if you are following the speed limit you can 'flow' and not

	stop at every traffic light! If your traffic engineers need an example of this, go to Mercury Blvd, starting at Jefferson to Fox Hill area. You drive a consistent speed and in most cases will not be stopped by traffic lights.
<b>Online</b>	Safe picnic outdoor summer entertainment playground band shell etc
<b>Online</b>	A Variety of shops and adequate parking
<b>Online</b>	Iâ€™d like to be able to drive on Route 17 or Shoulders Hill Road when I need to rather than have to deliberately plan my trips during expected slow times or allow twice the normal travel time. Iâ€™d like to get through the lights on less than two light cycles (or more). Northern Suffolk is overbuilt with poor roadways. Itâ€™s an unpleasant area to drive through due to congestion and rather than leisurely enjoy some of the stores and restaurants along the road; itâ€™s a get in and get out as quickly as possible.
<b>Online</b>	Pinball or old school arcade in downtown thats an adult spot later. Jumhouse down by bog lots off main.
<b>Online</b>	I think North Suffolk is a very clean area. It would be nice to have some sort of office skyline in the area. Similar to Innsbrook in Richmond or RTP in Raleigh Durham NC. Not only would this bring more jobs but it would not diminish the culture of this area.
<b>Online</b>	More shopping. More nightlife businesses. More lighting.
<b>Online</b>	Not more warehouses and housing complexes. We need more businesses and places of interest.
<b>Online</b>	Ride a bike. Make the main roads more Accessible to bikes (like 460 business road). Also, how about a movie theater in Downtown? More of a nightlife. Some clubs or small bars where people can congregate at night. Downtown Suffolk is boring.
<b>Online</b>	There are no movie theaters in downtown suffolk. I'd love to see a skating rink.
<b>Online</b>	More family fun and activities.. even a field house with indoor sports for the youth
<b>Online</b>	Less sketchy. Bring more restaurants to downtown.
<b>Online</b>	Be able to enjoy walking the streets safely, day or night, in downtown Suffolk. North Suffolk really isn't considered Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk needs some sort of entertainment. Bowling Alley, Movie Theater, indoor arena, kids indoor play place, something to do.
<b>Online</b>	Feel safe after dark, unique places to shop, plenty of parking
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk has enough. We need better restaurants and retail stores on Godwin Blvd.
<b>Online</b>	I would like to be able to drive with less traffic and fewer people. The route 17 corridor is terrible! Too much housing, too many stoplights, too easy to re-route traffic from 664. I would like more class offerings at the library...expand that program and make it a hub for learning and gathering. I would like to go to farmers markets closer to my house than downtown. I would like to be able to have a community rec enter nearby that may have a gym or pool, group classes for fitness/crafts/education. I would like open space, peaceful areas to reflect, watch nature. I love the suffolk seaboard coastline trail and the peace it brings me, but I've heard more housing is going in so that peace will likely be gone soon which is sad. I would like to see less building and more preserving of our natural areas.
<b>Online</b>	Movies or some kind of theater. More than the SCCA. Take advantage of downtowns waterfront. Itâ€™s a shame some of the best real estate is occupied by the backs of stores. Hold businesses accountable for property upkeep and litter. Private property owners as well. Some rental (and mortgaged) properties are just falling apart. Especially outside of N Suffolk.

<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk needs a great park with a dog park preferably. Not one hidden in college drive and even though Bennett's creek is great, there needs to be one closer to monitor merrimac. I would like to personally be able to go into a Barnes and nobles as well in Suffolk. I hate driving to other cities for this. I hope the swim center that is being built will be similar to the aquaplex in Hampton.
<b>Online</b>	Light rail to the metro area!
<b>Online</b>	Quality restaurants
<b>Online</b>	Less sketchy. Bring more restaurants to downtown.
<b>Online</b>	Go to a movie
<b>Online</b>	Northern Suffolk has developed into a mixed use area with both residential and economic development opportunities. It's important that downtown create some of these dame opportunities in a more urban environment.
<b>Online</b>	Right now North Suffolk is a great place and we enjoy the shops, the food places, the movie theatre. We enjoy the car lots to purchase and repair cars. Downtown Suffolk is a smuck. The only way to bring these same amenities back to downtown Suffolk; you would need to clean up the place. Get rid of the dilapidated buildings and bring shops of interest back to the area. Eatery is good, but it must be safe to sit and enjoy without looking out for your car or family's safety.
<b>Online</b>	Park easily and feel safe walking around. Downtown is crowded and feels unsafe from a traffic point of view.
<b>Online</b>	Feel safe to go to restaurants as parking is very limited near the restaurants.
<b>Online</b>	North Suffolk crime rate is crazy. I would LOVE to have restaurants other than Mexican, and Applebees. Ruby Tuesday is ok but something different would be nice Nothing in North Suffolk. The rural areas of Suffolk donâ€™t want to drive 45 minutes for dinner
<b>Online</b>	Our downtown dining options are limited unlike North Suffolk. Try to attract some restaurants like Gianas, Metro Diner and the likes that are mid range process menu selections.
<b>Online</b>	spend time at a small coffee shop or local park/park benches in open space.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building
<b>Online</b>	More craft, gift and specialty shops. Examples would be handcrafted items, spice shops, bakeries, art galleries, glass shop. Shops that encourage people to walk and browse.
<b>Online</b>	Walk around and view the interesting murals on buildings and see public art. Stop in a coffee shop for a cup of tea or an open mic. Visit working artist's studios.
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<b>Online</b>	Would like to see additional shops and dining downtown. Improve signage and appearance of downtown.
<b>Online</b>	Avoid traffic. ðŸ˜ˆ
<b>Online</b>	Better planning for more business, you need to look at some of the other cities like downtown Charleston, Savannah and Fredericksburg all have done some amazing renovations and have made them inviting to come down and hang out.
<b>Online</b>	Feel safe, especially after dark.  It would be great to have an old book store/ coffee house with a resident cat or two.

	Have a Pontoon boat for river tours.
	Have picnic tables and benches near the river and lakes.
	More walkable space and trails that connect communities.
	Have a movie theater in one of the old downtown buildings.
	Invite more businesses that support an old town feel. ie. consignment and antique shops, a bakery, donut, ice cream shop
	Have a shop that specializes in bird supplies and books about nature in support of the Dismal Swamp.
	Have a passenger train stop for travel
<b>Online</b>	Like any downtown and surrounding areas of Suffolk, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Hampton, and Newport News we don't care to be in those places. We deem them too dangerous to visit, barely during the day, and no way after dark. Stop spending money on ruining the environment and invest in our security, a robust police force.
<b>Online</b>	Park easier. The roads are not designed for cars to stop in front of shops and when they do traffic is held up.
<b>Online</b>	Same as above, with available Pedestrian and biking capability on Route 17, not just more automobile traffic lanes.
<b>Meeting</b>	Have local concert groups or a community venue for events
<b>Meeting</b>	Go to dinner after 8pm, live music, community family events
<b>Meeting</b>	Go to dinner/get a drink past 8pm. Find somewhere to park
<b>Meeting</b>	More places to take families and spend quality time together
<b>Meeting</b>	Better, larger public boating access
<b>Meeting</b>	Have a local downtown entertainment venue
<b>Meeting</b>	Museums, amphitheatres, golf course, movie theatre, skating rink, bowling alley, parks and green space
<b>Meeting</b>	Additional restaurants



Source	3. How can the City promote business growth while not negatively impacting day-to-day activities for residents?
<b>Paper</b>	Stop trying to draw low wage warehouse jobs and focus on higher income jobs and business that bring those jobs. Keep high density (including cluster) developments where the infrastructure is already in place and not off a country road.
<b>Online</b>	Too late. Traffic is already a nightmare. Maybe don't go through with the Port 460 development and be fully prepared to enforce the speed limits when the 58 widening construction is finished. It is an extremely dangerous road and will be even more so when it is completed with more lanes. Tractor trailers barrel through there and there are 3 main schools and so many residential neighborhoods right in that area. We live there and love the schools (Kilby Shores, Forest Glen) but are VERY worried about the future of that stretch of Suffolk. There are accidents constantly now. It is scary.
<b>Online</b>	When a large project is proposed, go to the citizens in the area and hold meetings with them informing them of the proposal. When the warehouse project on 460 was proposed, the city knew about it well enough in advance for them to put on an extensive presentation to tell us how good it would be for the city but didn't let the citizens know about it until it went to the Planning Commission for vote. The presentation I attended in council chambers displayed only one side of the project put on by the city and you could tell from it that it was already a "Done deal". I realize we are now proposing to change the rules but it's too late for the taxpayers in the area of the project.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Ensure BEFORE APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT that developers pay for and install appropriate new infrastructure &amp; repairs to existing infrastructure - water, sewer, power, traffic, internet. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for these things.</p> <p>How about having solar panels installed in parking lots where cars can be parked and shaded below the panels and the solar above will generate electricity for the nearby commercial...all done by the developer, of course.</p>
<b>Online</b>	The basic rule in Economic Development! Businesses go where they feel wanted. The region has so many kids that leave and never come back because of the lack of adequate paying jobs in the many sectors of business. The region needs more diversity in the types of businesses
<b>Online</b>	The major traffic on 58 is my biggest concern. Stop the building business and residential infrastructure until you fix the road infrastructure. It is backed up everyday affecting my day to day.
<b>Online</b>	Invest in business development that pays REAL wages to workers (based on the real-time cost of living), and offer long-term investment in the community as well as B-2-B benefits for the companies. Creating more traffic and dangerous conditions with more truck traffic is unnecessary and not attractive to actual industry.
<b>Online</b>	Revitalize and utilize the already existing empty spaces. I'd love to see something similar to Downtown Smithfield.
<b>Online</b>	Stop with the warehouses. Talking about business and jobs, but by allowing the farm land to be rezoned you are diminishing the jobs of the farmers and taking away their legacies.
<b>Online</b>	Address infrastructure FIRST in planning - collect data on sites impacted to include surveys of residents in areas then widen roads, build schools as part of build out.
	Locate commercial parks on main roads corridors with well designed internal elements. City should control more property to help balance private developments so a diverse industry base can be realized.



	<p>Listen to the residents when we say no to something (i.e., warehouses, apartments). Don't say we hear you, then vote against us. I feel like the city is letting us down on a regular basis. Make it easier for better businesses to move in. Have higher quality. It was a lie when that was proposed for the old Obici site. I was told that the telephone store was an upscale one. The one thing that was really wanted was the movie theater and there is no movement on it. Get the traffic lights timed properly. Make sure the roads are able to handle traffic before allowing more building. Have more stuff for the kids to do.</p>
	<p>This isn't rocket science. Business growth and Warehouses are two very different things. Suffolk doesn't want warehouses unless you are city leadership.</p>
	<p>Bring in smaller businesses and restaurants...not chains.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Develop in the rural areas away from inner city. Plan around the city developments that generate taxes, jobs, and revenue for the city and its' residents. It seems as though we're trying to stay in the 80s with beer bottle taste but residents have acquired champagne taste and take their money elsewhere. Be creative and innovative as Portsmouth with the Casino that will attract more than just the residents who live here. We grow when we're exposed!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Solicit businesses with higher paying jobs. The warehouses coming to 460 are mainly going to provide forklift driver jobs-not high paying at all.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Utilizing and revitalizing current buildings. Support businesses financially or in some way that will attract businesses.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>It's probably too late to un-do the negative impact that improperly envisioned development has already had and soon-to-be developments will have. The first thing is that don't encroach on one of the city's EXISTING top economic industries---farming. I think the only business growth that won't be negative is anything that utilizes vacant, existing buildings, especially in the downtown. Tourism opportunities could increase growth without as much demand on the city. Promoting heritage/agricultural tourism and activities could be an option. People are looking for "experiences." Or just promote more farming!! Small, big, crops, market gardens, livestock, horses, flowers----a LOT of money is earned and spent by these people!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Ensuring that the chain big businesses are in only allowed in certain areas that have adequate traffic signals, maybe with roundabouts to slow traffic. The downtown area could benefit from a couple multi tiered parking garages built where the current public parking lots already are. Some of the spaces could be rented long-term to downtown residents.</p>
<b>Paper</b>	<p>Things are already overcrowded - schools, stores, offices. Food Lions are at capacity at 5pm, 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm... The traffic congestion is here! Let's put a Cracker Barrel on Rt 58. Amtrak stop in Suffolk. Suffolk used to be known as a RR town, why not? Win-win!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>i know progress will never stop growing and suffolk will continue to grow because of it but, we can control the pace of the progress/growth. people are coming to suffolk because its not va beach; folks don't like the bustle of big city life. maintaining control of progress/growth will ensure infrastructure is aligned with progress/growth, i.e. sufficient schooling with minimal mobile units, sufficient &amp; effective fire &amp; police departments that are engaged in community &amp; maintaining pulse on current traffic &amp; future traffic is a must - nobody wants to spend hours in traffic jam. the route 10 exit was improved 10 years ago or more and is already overwhelmed during rush hour - traffic is unattractive to potential suffolk residents.</p>

<b>Online</b>	This city has done nothing BUT promote growth! The infrastructure of our roads, schools, etc. are decaying while the City Leaders promote more housing and warehouses with no demonstrable evidence that either is needed.
<b>Online</b>	Encourage and incentivize small businesses-we don't need chain restaurants or big box retailers,
<b>Online</b>	The city needs to be more selective in the type of businesses they try to attract. Suffolk does not need to become the Hampton Roads area's warehouse city.
<b>Online</b>	All great cities need business growth to thrive. The tax base afforded by business can help improve the city.  Housing and transportation to and from other areas must be good to make the city good for business and the residents. Current commutes are not good in North Suffolk for one. North end of Suffolk needs to improve bridges to improve bridges across the Nansemond and the Chuckatuck Creek. There are nightly backups at the rush hour. Sometimes they stretch for miles.
<b>Online</b>	Be more considerate when zoning. I share a property line with a commercial development and I am not happy about it. It means people from outside the community will be coming to visit - great for the local economy, but at the expense of someone trespassing on my property, cars being broken into, etc...
<b>Online</b>	keep high auto/truck traffic business out of congested areas; enforce no trucks on certain roads rules where warehouse trucks are not abiding; seek higher income businesses (white collar)
<b>Online</b>	By making improvements in the roads, widen Route 17 bridges, they could reopen the Kings Highway Bridge. Also widen Route 330 to make it more accessible. Widen Route 58 and put an on ramp for the airport instead of having cars dangerously crossing the road. Every major road needs to be re-engineered to accomplish the traffic. Residents have to go out in traffic daily and I know most dread driving between 7:30 am - 9 am and pretty much anytime between 3 pm and 6 pm due to the traffic. People want to go to these businesses but they avoid going during the most trafficky times.
<b>Online</b>	Not sure. That's your job to know those things. You know the city best and what businesses and homes or apartments already exist. Allow things to come in that make sense while considering what's already here. The Planning department should have rules about what kinds of businesses are allowed to be built next to homes. The city should have control over which businesses are allowed to come here and if it makes sense for them to be here in respect to location and the impact the business will have on the community beyond bringing in money.
<b>Online</b>	Build the infrastructure to support growth before building starts. 17 is a nightmare. Planning for expanding capacity of 17, and implementation, should have begun before so much building was undertaken. Schools must also be built to support growth so students don't suffer from overcrowded classrooms. Impact fees should be sufficient to grow infrastructure without placing burden on the taxpayers.
<b>Online</b>	Growth is not always a good thing, think of cancer, so that's what is going on, your turning the city into Greenbrier. Invest in schools, parks and real recreation centers with pools, not condos and warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Instead of building the same condo-type living, create a Suffolk that brings in more money by using the land for larger houses with larger lots. Upscale communities want upscale shopping and are willing to pay for it. You must create an atmosphere for it. You will still

	bring in development and business growth, but the congestion will not be high impact with detached single-family homes as compared to condos/townhomes. I believe the spending ratio will equal out.
<b>Online</b>	I think for starters, filling the vacant downtown buildings with something worthy would be a start. I know we've had several small bakeries and coffee shops down there. I don't know the reasons they couldn't make it, but I've always wondered why we can't attract a Starbucks down there. I think of the ones inside Kroger that aren't necessarily a full scale franchise, but something smaller that could still be profitable. I think of the Subway that left a couple years ago and wonder how we can't attract a 'fast food' kind of business downtown because not everyone who works downtown can spend the time to do lunch at our local restaurants (if lunch is 30 min and you get stuck by a train or the traffic, it would be nice to have something walkable).
<b>Online</b>	Traffic is very bad in downtown, roads need to be improved. Need more overpasses for train tracks. Very heavy traffic all the time in downtown. The waterfront is wasted, could be a beautiful place with outside dining and shopping.
<b>Online</b>	You can't and no one wants it. We want to live here in peace not work here unless you are a small business
<b>Online</b>	Bring in small businesses that sell products that most people in Suffolk have to travel out of town for. Give incentives for these businesses to occupy store fronts that are already in place and vacant. Many Suffolk residents work in Norfolk and surrounding cities because they make more, but they don't want to live in the city and drive to Suffolk for the peace and quiet of the county setting. Have you heard the saying, 'it's nice to visit, but I don't want to live there' For things like large concerts, shopping malls, racetracks, stadiums, casinos, you want to travel elsewhere for those things, you don't want to live anywhere around them. We do not need these types of businesses in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	In order to maintain the rural areas of the city, a certain number of citizens must seek employment in other cities. We can't necessarily have it all. Since we do have to work elsewhere I'd prefer the city focus on 58 as a major artery to other cities that is becoming more congested daily.
<b>Online</b>	Promote revitalization instead of new construction. Give tax incentives to businesses who will rebuild an area. Suffolk is losing its appeal. People move from Chesapeake, VA Beach and other areas to escape the over building in these cities. Stop allowing outside developers to junk up our city with trashy overpriced apartments and multi family residences.
<b>Online</b>	Focus on supporting existing business and slow growth of larger businesses
<b>Online</b>	Encourage and promote small businesses, offer some alternative traffic routes. That's a big ask, but a necessary one.
<b>Online</b>	Support businesses that already exist and stop building apartment buildings and townhouses.
<b>Online</b>	Keep the rural areas rural, that's why we moved here. There is plenty of space to move businesses in. Instead of warehouses on 460, that could have been a great place for shopping, target, best buy, things we have to travel 30 minutes for.
<b>Online</b>	Bring a major store closer to downtown so that people don't always have to travel to North Suffolk for shopping, i.e. TJMaxx, Target. That would help decrease traffic on Rte 58 and 664.

<b>Online</b>	Large developments and big businesses/warehouses could be built on the outlying areas as available. We don't need 50 years of uncontrolled growth in 20 years. Adhere to the UDO as a homeowner must do.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Make the city attractive and classy. Rebuild and bring in a new unique look.</p> <p>Bring places like Orange Theory Fitness, trendy stores, restaurants, maybe a massage or spa business.</p> <p>Build a park where events can be held, like wine fests or outdoor concerts. The streets in downtown Suffolk are nasty. It's the to make Suffolk classy. Don't put lipstick on a pig.</p>
<b>Online</b>	The city can promote growth and minimize the negative impact of traffic by partnering with companies that are willing to have their employees telework, work remotely, ride share or have alternative work hours to lessen the impact of traffic. Also, businesses can have varied hours of operations to meet the needs of citizens.
<b>Online</b>	<p>*Spread the wealth. Don't congest all the businesses into one area.</p> <p>*Suffolk is the largest city landwise in Virginia, yet there are so many businesses crammed up beside each other. So consider using land away from the center of the city to develop business parks.</p> <p>*Please erect a Sam's Club, a BJ's, Costco and an Office Depot! Place it strategically. Businesses get their inventory from wholesale stores. The city gets a piece of the tax revenue on the sales.</p> <p>*Find an alternative to LOWES!! Please get them some competition! I'm good with a Home Depot!</p> <p>*Open up the corridor along Routes 10, 58 and 460 to more freestanding businesses.</p> <p>*Keep the in and outbound commercial trucking traffic separate from residential traffic.</p> <p>*Consider creating parkways that take traffic away from residential areas and around the outside of the heart of the city.</p> <p>*Stop building any more new neighborhoods until you can accommodate the growing traffic problem</p>
<b>Online</b>	Route 58 has already been and still is being developed as has Portsmouth Blvd by Amazon and route 17 so stay with that plan and leave some of Suffolk not overly developed like Route 460 and route 10 Leave some farm land and Country
<b>Online</b>	We are one of the fastest growing cities in the US. We need to work on the traffic issues by having more roads built and longer turn lanes for many of the intersections, Just having longer turn lanes would be a start to easing some of the traffic situations. We have business buildings (office and retail) that are sitting vacant now that could be used and would help revitalize areas. Streamlining the process for small family type business would

	also perhaps help with business growth. I know of several business in past years that closed or moved to other areas because of the difficulty in dealing with the city. That may have improved since then, I am not sure of the specific issue.
<b>Online</b>	~Promote small businesses over corporates. Provide tax breaks, small business grants and one on one start up assistance for our city.  ~Give incentives to work from home companies that open headquarters or employ in Suffolk. This is much more feasible with the expansion of high speed internet in the more rural areas.  ~Isolate large warehouse and distribution centers to specific areas. For example, consider the amazon and target warehouses down route 58 and the in construction logistics center soon to open on 13. If the logistics center were to have been insolated to 58 as well it would only increased traffic on the 58 corridor which is already under expansions. The 13/32 corridor can't be widened in the same manner due to housing, size, etc.
<b>Online</b>	More housing development. Limiting housing developments only create housing that's not affordable.
<b>Paper</b>	Stop developing. We already have too much.
<b>Paper</b>	Plans to locate the developments in areas with new or existing infrastructure that can support it.
<b>Meeting</b>	Support small businesses
<b>Meeting</b>	Coastal Bike Trail needs a bike shop located within its proximity, there is currently a parking lot located near the trail that would have made an excellent spot for a bike shop, the shop could sell used bikes, fix bikes, bike parts, etc.
<b>Meeting</b>	Bennett's Creek park, kayak rentals – allow someone to set up a small business doing such and allow them the space to set up a secured area for their inventory. P&R was asked about it and said the insurance, liability was too much and there was no storage set up for such a business
<b>Meeting</b>	Keep industry jobs in the industrial parks – no more mismatched developments
<b>Meeting</b>	Warehouses are sitting empty in the Downtown area (ex: by Birdsong) use those before building on open farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Keep industry by train tracks
<b>Meeting</b>	Don't shy away from large developments
<b>Meeting</b>	People, developers, coming here should have to pay to be here, something for the existing residents because they are not wanted here
<b>Meeting</b>	A dock
<b>Meeting</b>	A sidewalk
<b>Meeting</b>	A bike path
<b>Meeting</b>	A ski slope
<b>Meeting</b>	We are recycling ideas, what was here before, swimming pools, roller-skating inks, where have these places gone?
<b>Meeting</b>	We need something that brings a steady population everyday
<b>Meeting</b>	We need a community college downtown, would be more impactful than Paul D, look to Norfolk

<b>Meeting</b>	No mega warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	Careful with the type of growth, don't see more police, fire fighters or schools that should come with all the growth we are seeing
<b>Meeting</b>	Do citizens have a real opinion on where growth happens?
<b>Meeting</b>	How we draw these district lines matter
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk to not be a port centric City
<b>Meeting</b>	No more commercial buildings, retail and warehouses in one
<b>Meeting</b>	If we keep building we are going to diminish the return
<b>Meeting</b>	Meet the needs of the people here
<b>Meeting</b>	We have businesses here that are well staffed, work at making what we have here the best (example: Tony's really good hot dog stand)
<b>Meeting</b>	People are going to come and go without investing in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	We do not need to get bigger, we need to get better
<b>Meeting</b>	Jobs, most folks commute
<b>Meeting</b>	Pursue real manufacturing opportunities, not warehouses to grow beyond a sleepy town, what about a Honda plant?
<b>Meeting</b>	A town center for economic development (example: Oyster Point, Town Center in VA Beach)
<b>Meeting</b>	Ag heritage centered, a garden store/venue with miles of public walking trails and a petting zoo with a café among active farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Outdoor garden shop among active farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	A wedding venue among active farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Something like the Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex in Chatham, VA
<b>Meeting</b>	Monster Trucks
<b>Meeting</b>	Really accessible
<b>Meeting</b>	Traffic is getting worse, bypass isn't where it needs to be, make areas more transient
<b>Meeting</b>	No more warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	Reminding me of VA Beach
<b>Meeting</b>	Hold developers more responsible for impacts on the residents that are already here
<b>Meeting</b>	Sidewalks
<b>Meeting</b>	Infrastructure
<b>Meeting</b>	Parks
<b>Meeting</b>	Right now, when development is approved we let that go forward with developers mitigating after/putting money towards something, etc.
<b>Meeting</b>	We should have developers mitigate before they develop, before the issues develop
<b>Meeting</b>	Need more public/private partnerships with good companies here already, do not see any partnerships with folks like Lipton, get these big companies to invest in their employees and the community around them
<b>Meeting</b>	Missing jobs, "top positions" are not going to be here, entice companies to come here that aren't only offering minimum wage jobs like warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	More small businesses, more small industrial/manufacturing jobs ex: paint jobs
<b>Meeting</b>	More/better incentives for businesses
<b>Meeting</b>	Identify large land areas before they develop and consider transportation
<b>Meeting</b>	Why do we not have a train stop here?
<b>Meeting</b>	Bigger businesses need to stay away from downtown



<b>Meeting</b>	Don't put warehouses on every corner of the City, Amazon on 460 and 58
<b>Meeting</b>	Focus on small businesses over big box
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk has a lot of people with a lot of great ideas
<b>Meeting</b>	Small business incubator to help them grow
<b>Meeting</b>	Work with them and the Chamber
<b>Meeting</b>	Congestion and development, Portsmouth and N Chesapeake train and car non-collision plan, we have to deal with trains everywhere
<b>Meeting</b>	Put some thought into not having trains and cars interact, have flyovers that the train company pays for
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown, small businesses are trying to survive but having trouble advertising with the sign regulations, the City needs to work with them more
<b>Meeting</b>	Shoulders Hill Road, cleared land for more storage units and new townhomes
<b>Meeting</b>	When you think of thriving businesses, how does a neighborhood support all this mismatched development/businesses?
<b>Meeting</b>	We should think about how we are putting together businesses and homes with the two lane roads
<b>Meeting</b>	Nansemond River High is overcrowded
<b>Meeting</b>	Holland Road is a nightmare, if you all would get residents involved instead of determining what we need it would eliminate some of the issues
<b>Meeting</b>	Larger roads are going to get worse, they are only getting worse right now
<b>Meeting</b>	Within six months of living in Suffolk, there were several fatalities on 58
<b>Meeting</b>	Traffic has increased with all the new residents, in the 2045 is there a balance between the growth and businesses and the roads?
<b>Meeting</b>	VA Beach green line doesn't really exist anymore, Suffolk shouldn't become a VA Beach
<b>Meeting</b>	VA Beach and Chesapeake have great parks, we need to be more like them, increase the P&R programming
<b>Meeting</b>	Seems like we don't have the policing with radar on 58, we should get them back out there
<b>Meeting</b>	We were hoping the councilmen were looking out for us, you all have let development run rampant, you all need to fix this, you aren't looking out for us
<b>Meeting</b>	A lot of these issues come about long before council, need to be more selective about who we are appointing to boards
<b>Meeting</b>	We don't want to be VA Beach
<b>Meeting</b>	City Council is not listening to residents
<b>Meeting</b>	Councilmen are listening to the developers and builders, I am aghast at what I see here in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	1,000 apartments on Godwin is beyond
<b>Meeting</b>	We cannot fix this if the people running the City are just promoting growth
<b>Meeting</b>	If you've got the money, Suffolk will change whatever it is to make you happy, if you've got money you can get a piece of Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Public transportation is really poor, especially for folks without a car, you cannot use it and be anywhere within a reasonable amount of time
<b>Meeting</b>	Large industries should be able to pay for public transit
<b>Meeting</b>	We can do lots of things to incentivize less car use
<b>Meeting</b>	We are getting boxed in, keep the big box warehouses where they're at and don't expand them



<b>Meeting</b>	Warehouses on all sides, the train has already left the station with this question
<b>Meeting</b>	Connection of services
<b>Meeting</b>	Improving the roads in the CIP
<b>Meeting</b>	We are overbuilt, how are we going to incorporate all that we are talking about in these meetings
<b>Meeting</b>	Plenty of empty businesses that aren't being utilized, we are too focused on building on the green spots and in 5-10 years it'll be abandoned
<b>Meeting</b>	Fill the empty storefronts that have been left behind
<b>Meeting</b>	Tax incentives to have mom and pop stores move from Portsmouth into Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Offer tax credits
<b>Meeting</b>	Brest, France example of how to turn a Downtown around
<b>Meeting</b>	Harborview museum going in? Entrance to Harborview have a museum honoring the history of Suffolk, the commercial property is still there.
<b>Meeting</b>	Donate land in the Chuckatuck area with a museum that creates tourism money
<b>Meeting</b>	Have a museum in the Downtown area of Suffolk as that area was part of the original 2 square miles of the City have it feature history of the peanut, trains, cotton, the Dismal Swamp and Native American history
<b>Meeting</b>	Plenty of folks have relics to donate to a museum
<b>Meeting</b>	Crime rates rise with City's who are booming
<b>Meeting</b>	Everyone has a car to go where you want
<b>Meeting</b>	Harborview, warehouses have no thought as to how the warehouses affect the residents with the loud noises and shaking houses
<b>Meeting</b>	UPS went in and they put in a sound barrier
<b>Meeting</b>	Look towards the developers coming in to the community to mitigate for the folks that are already here
<b>Meeting</b>	Looking at industrial and warehouses like the UPS location and asking why its there?
<b>Meeting</b>	Need charter and trade schools in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	This would economically strengthen the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Develop a skilled workforce beyond ag and warehouse workers
<b>Meeting</b>	We are missing skilled workers in this City
<b>Meeting</b>	We need people who know how to do some trades
<b>Meeting</b>	Educate kids coming up who don't want college
<b>Meeting</b>	The City has one trade school for 3 schools though it can only accommodate 30 students at a time, it's located at Kings Fork High
<b>Meeting</b>	City should have an adult education center and a place for adults to acquire skills to help them in the workforce
<b>Meeting</b>	Kids out of school are looking for jobs, there are none here for skilled workers
<b>Meeting</b>	Schools should start teaching trades in schools, whatever happened to shop and home ec
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk public schools need to pay trade educators to come in and educate kids, actual experts in the trade
<b>Meeting</b>	People getting more involved in t
<b>Meeting</b>	While we need landfills and factories, no one wants to live next to them, they should be grouped together and away from schools to not be obnoxious
<b>Meeting</b>	Let's try to use up the space we have already for these types of businesses

<b>Meeting</b>	Several warehouses already in every corner of the City, make them keep up with the landscaping and create a park, we don't want to see a bunch of trucks parked and trash everywhere
<b>Meeting</b>	Amazon trucks are too visible
<b>Meeting</b>	Trucks should be parking in neighborhoods or at the Walmart Downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	Warehouses need to be build where they've been before and not on farmland, there is plenty of concrete slabs already in place that need to be used rather than green space
<b>Meeting</b>	Empty storefronts, provide tax breaks for folks to go into already available empty storefronts
<b>Meeting</b>	Art district will attract mom and pop businesses which would fill up the empty windows/storefronts
<b>Online</b>	<p>My husband and I both work in the City of Suffolk. I have considered myself lucky to be able to work in the city I live in. I have always thought the benefit of working in Suffolk was being close to home, not having to deal with traffic. My place of employment is located on Wilroy Road 13.2 miles from my home, 10-12 years ago I could get home from work in 20 minutes just shoot right down 58 and I was at home. Most days now it takes me 30-45 minutes to get home. I go around, through town it does not matter which direction you go. If there is an accident out by the weigh scales the traffic cutting through Nansemond to Wilroy back to 58 or into town is unbelievable. Merging onto 58W from Wilroy is a catastrophic accident waiting to happen. The traffic backs up every day at the on ramp to Route 10 back to Wilroy. I truly understand anyone wanting to be able have a good job in the city that they live in but attracting industry and business growth to our city doesn't mean the people will live in our city. Today the traffic going and coming into Suffolk is essentially cutting through Suffolk to work in other Hampton Roads cities. 460 is feeding cars from IOW, 10 from Smithfield and it all merges into 58 from Franklin/Southampton and Suffolk. Thousands of cars travel through our main corridors daily to work outside the city they live in. And then the accidents that occur almost regularly shutdown one of these main corridors amplifying the daily congestion and traffic battles. We also hear just hang on it's only a couple of years to complete the construction on 58 but is it let's look outside of Suffolk at any main thoroughfare construction project 64, 264, 464 they are never ending. If we continue to add warehouse after warehouse, housing developments, apartment complexes it doesn't matter if we make the road wider the more, we develop the traffic will continue to increase. Our infrastructure is already lagging years behind the growth. I understand the necessity of warehousing and trucking. The industry I work for needs the port, need the trucks, needs the railroad. I live it every day in my job. There is not enough to support this growing country but why does Suffolk think we are ready to be the solution or that its constituents want Suffolk to be the solution.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Think about the business you are letting in. The long term effect.
<b>Online</b>	City should control more property and buildings to keep the city diverse. Pruden center does not connect with suffolk industries except cosmetology
<b>Online</b>	<p>Ware houses are NOT the answer. I understand the city needs a solid business tax base to stay viable, but ware houses don't provide good jobs with a living wage, Plus the traffic infrastructure demand is huge..</p> <p>Consider smaller, niche businesses, like local suppliers to the shipyards, maritime, aviation, that can both generate significant tax revenue and provide good jobs that don't necessarily require a college degree</p>

	<p>â€¢ How can you leverage the Suffolk Executive Airport for economic development? Talk to the business development people at NASA Langley, They may have ideas</p> <p>â€¢ can you attract financial services, medical technology, light manufacturing, supplier for the auto industry, etc?</p> <p>â€¢ Use infill development. There's a ton of existing infrastructure that supports light manufacturing around downtown/East Suffolk, Holland road and Wilroy road. Look at revitalizing existing areas FIRST</p> <p>â€¢ consider encouraging and supporting local farmers to develop agritourism activities to keep their land profitable</p> <p>â€¢ consider multi-story greenhouses for year-round produce production (they are doing this near Richmond). Again, keep the agricultural land profitable and fill a need for food production on a large scale locally</p>
<b>Online</b>	Plan community centers with bus stops all around the city. Businesses can maintain a space (like a cafe, coffee shop, or other needed shop) and be a meeting place for the local residents.
<b>Online</b>	Work with regional cities to help traffic flow, particularly in Driver, N Suffolk and Rt 17 areas. Enforce traffic laws. Attract businesses who employ citizens! Not service-related but industry!. Focus on filling existing commercial space instead of building new (ex: in Harbour View area, penalize the shopping centers near the Regal Cinema for not keeping up the property; move all the chain restaurants there instead of building tacky new strip malls).
<b>Online</b>	We need better public education system in Suffolk if we are ever going to attract those kinds of businesses
<b>Online</b>	What happened to Suffolk's plan to put industry in the industrial parks?
<b>Online</b>	<p>Intersections like Kempsville and Indian River Rd in VA BEACH as needed. Limit thoroughfare of trucks in residential and critical areas or restrict time of travel.</p> <p>Business: consider a museum honoring the local heritage...area of North Suffolk, next to Sentara BellHarbour, at 17 N and Harbour Blvd intersection.</p> <p>Rezone that parcel to OI Rezone 5.5 acres of B2 land at Champions Way and Harbourview Blvd to OI, as it was originally planned for TPMG clinics. Now selling. This land backs up to the Masters Condos</p> <p>Rezone the previous proposed 711 site at the same intersection to OI ( Champions Way and Harbourview Blvd).</p> <p>Pass a gas station and convenience store amendment in the form of a building code or fire code: 500 to 1000 ft from a residence, school, playground, rec center, or area of environmental sensitivity.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Stop approving projects for massive storage and transportation areas; there are other types of businesses that could be pursued. Enforce traffic restrictions on roads for the

	large trucks - despite signs restricting their access, we still see large trucks using Shoulders Hill Road to access the Amazon warehouses. Stop approving new housing developments and large construction projects until the infrastructure is in place to support the projects.
<b>Online</b>	Its a growing pain however some places seem to be rezoning in just random spots that dont make a lot of sense. Hence, the pushback from some communities. Also, the random car washes and such dont make much sense. If you want to help out a rural community thats shifting it might be best to try to get them to open up shop and incentivize it.
<b>Online</b>	Improve the infrastructure. Bridge Road is the main line.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs higher paying jobs so that those of us that live here donâ€™t have to drive to the city for better pay. That would eliminate the need for more housing and cut down on commuters on the highway.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building homes and apartments! Let business such as restaurants and entertainment come in.
<b>Online</b>	We need fewer warehouses as we do not need to truck traffick. We do not need more housing as this is going to pull in more people who need jobs. If you want to improve jobs and the quality of life in Suffolk, put in more shops, entertainment and activity centers.
<b>Online</b>	Make better use of land. We donâ€™t need strip malls everywhere. Spread out businesses among rural areas for good mixing.
<b>Online</b>	Focus on the roads before you start building instead of as an after thought
<b>Online</b>	Just say no... No more building... Stop approving do many building permits
<b>Online</b>	Finish 58
<b>Online</b>	Go after the abandoned strip-malls and shopping centers first. Don't feed the appetite of the city by buying another farm...
<b>Online</b>	Have places spaced out where it is accessible multiple different ways. Not right off 58. Also repair Kings highway Bridge.
<b>Online</b>	I think we are well past that vision.
<b>Online</b>	By using buildings that are already there. You need to anticipate the needs and work on improvements BEFORE not after to support new business and your townspeople. Instead of thinking the need is to build think of it as the need to use what's already there before considering developing/building. Empty buildings can be renovated, even unused office space can be adjusted for a new need. Preserve the history and charm of Suffolk. Bigger and newer is not always better.
<b>Online</b>	Thatâ€™s the catch. Itâ€™s nearly impossible to do. I hate warehouses and developments, but I also realize they create the jobs and tax dollars that will create things I love and infrastructure improvements. Sometimes you have to break some eggs to make an omelet. You guys are doing fine.
<b>Online</b>	Improve roads and inter community travel. Rebuild the Kings Hwy bridge!!! Get light rail out here.
<b>Online</b>	Finish 58
<b>Online</b>	plan for expansion prior to approving projects - plan for infrastructure before the buildings are already in place
<b>Online</b>	Large developments in the right locations (where appropriate infrastructure in available) makes sense. That was the purpose of the MUD ordinance.
<b>Online</b>	It is certain that you can't reduce traffic whether there are more large developments or just more houses. Traffic from homes with at least two cars per home causes traffic tie ups. Large developments such as new buildings for jobs sends the same amount or more

	cars as the industry brings outsiders to the Suffolk area and the Suffolk residents are only temporary workers until the new developments are set up. Take Amazon as a huge example.
<b>Online</b>	You can't have your cake and eat it too. Besides, I work outside of Suffolk because no one wants to pay.
<b>Online</b>	If you stop all the multi family developments that support people who work elsewhere and try to promote businesses that have good higher paying jobs with benefits , their employees will want to purchase nice single family homes that will help curtail the traffic congestion. You have several apartment projects on Godwin that are not built out and the current traffic getting off Rt. 58 is already backing the exit up daily and you just finished improving the exit ramp.
<b>Online</b>	Support small business creatively. Prioritize small businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Clean up parts of downtown. Check to see if some of those older buildings are still usable. Turn that space into something. Local youth centers, wi-fi hubs, small businesses.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building
<b>Online</b>	Focus growth h in areas already vacant.
<b>Online</b>	Time traffic lights to keep traffic moving. Better signage to direct people to parking and businesses. Public transit that everyone will want to use. Residential growth and redevelopment that is walkable to business areas/entertainment areas.
<b>Online</b>	You can't have your cake and eat it too. Besides, I work outside of Suffolk because no one wants to pay.
<b>Online</b>	Encourage business growth in areas that can accommodate more traffic and have access to existing infrastructure.
<b>Online</b>	Market refurbishment of existing properties instead of leveling forest to create new.
<b>Online</b>	It's hard to promote business growth without having negative impacts, smaller businesses that have minimal impact maybe something that fits in with a farming community and that is willing to work together without destroying the environment
<b>Online</b>	Use the vacant buildings for new business rather than taking up our valuable land for more buildings that will become vacant in a few years like Military Circle, Greenbrier Mall and Chesapeake Square Mall. Offer incentives to businesses willing to do this.
	Place mandates on developers to prevent trees from being destroyed. Require developers to put a 50 feet buffer of trees and shrubs along roadways and around their developments.
<b>Online</b>	Stop all growth NOW. At the current rate of building and ruination of our locale Suffolk will have been completely ruined by 2030.....but the city and its partners in avarice don't care, you only care about money, you don't care about the people you're meant to be serving, you're only serving yourselves.
<b>Online</b>	I like having the businesses, however, I think the roads are not developed as fast as the businesses are. Do traffic planning before building and if the companies want to build they can help cover the cost of having access to them. They will make the money back up.
<b>Online</b>	Creating business/industrial parks in designated areas vs. sporadically spreading strip shopping area's in residential areas.
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown needs to be redeveloped and used!
<b>Meeting</b>	Keep big traffic down in shopping and community centered area
<b>Meeting</b>	Raise taxes on large out of town businesses and lower taxes on small local businesses. Put a freeze on new constuction
<b>Meeting</b>	Location is key

<b>Meeting</b>	Look for ways to encourage workforce development. Trades partnerships/apprenticeships to bring skilled workforce to Suffolk manufacturing businesses over warehouse and port centric business
<b>Meeting</b>	Redevelop downtown
<b>Meeting</b>	No more warehouses

4. How can we accommodate new housing and other development that is desired but still protect nature and agriculture?	
<b>Paper</b>	Keep areas next to and down the road from farms and agricultural zoned land to low density. Protect the undeveloped land next to/adjacent to reservoirs and don't allow anything more than rural estate zoning on them. We must protect our drinking water!
<b>Online</b>	More trails like the one in Driver. Parks like Windsor Castle park in Smithfield.
<b>Online</b>	Maintain specific percentages of residential, commercial, natural and agricultural uses, grouping appropriately into areas. Make commercial developers pay for public natural areas (walking paths mountain bike parks, multiuse parks, lake access) as part of their project. Ensure their developments are aesthetically pleasing by having greenery. Don't let them cut down mature native trees and replant the area with non-native 1-year old "sticks".
<b>Online</b>	The Army Corps of Engineers and DEQ are very strict in protecting perennial streams, streams, and waterways sometimes a little too restrictive. that accompanied by the City's watchdog departments. Many farmers are old and families do not want to farm the land any longer. In the current comprehensive plan, it provides opportunities for these farmers to take advantage of the opportunity and create wealth for themselves and their families in allowing these farms to become thriving neighborhoods
<b>Online</b>	Development should be slowed and limit amount of new housing.
<b>Online</b>	Prioritize the green space and agriculture. We don't need crammed, overcrowded developments. The schools and other public services already are buckling under the weight of the needs of the population. Incentivize rehabilitation of existing neighborhoods.
<b>Online</b>	Utilize already built on empty spaces. I see a lot of "for lease" signs or shuttered buildings. Make sure any new development is thoughtful towards the environment and mitigates its impact. Support current agriculture and make it appealing to engage in homesteading and farming. Build up those ideals in the community as important. I'd love to move into a community surrounded by other small farms, co-op, community gardens, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Take old houses and tear them down to build new better homes instead of leaving them vacant. Stop taking farm land when there is tons of freshly logged land and land from houses falling apart and just build on that.
<b>Online</b>	Establish green corridors/buffers on ALL waterways, wetlands as INVIOALATE.  Establish and routinely communicate/present zoning balance of development corridors vs ag corridors with eye to preserving a proportion of each. There is value in open/ag/rural space - development for developments sake is NOT the highest goal for all.
<b>Online</b>	Designate density min-max throughout the city. Focus group with current farmers and retired farmers to understand their long term business and land ownership goals.
<b>Online</b>	Olde dominion ag center was mentioned at the Southwestern school meeting It has everything to draw in people and provide ancillary services.  Get corporate sponsorship like the builders of the unpopular warehouse 460, Towne Bank, Pepsi, Lipton  <a href="https://search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?hspart=trp&amp;hsimp=yhs-001&amp;grd=1&amp;type=Y149_F163_202167_101120&amp;p=old+dominion+agricultural+center+chatam+va">https://search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?hspart=trp&amp;hsimp=yhs-001&amp;grd=1&amp;type=Y149_F163_202167_101120&amp;p=old+dominion+agricultural+center+chatam+va</a>
<b>Online</b>	Don't rezone property for housing. There is already enough that was approved in the early 2000s. Smart development would be better too. Warehousing is not smart. I know the council see dollar signs, but money is not always the answer.



	Houses in rural areas need to be restricted to building on 1 or more acres. People, such as myself, live in rural Suffolk because we want to live in Rural Suffolk. Once you start building house on top of houses; you will start to lose long time citizens to other cities/counties who are respecting the rural lifestyle. My family has already started looking out of Suffolk to areas that are preserving the rural lifestyle.
	Leave open space between housing. Godwin Blvd is now as apartments and shops. There is still open space by Farmers Bank that would make a nice park. They need to be have a sidewalk all along Food Lion on Godwin to connect the developments. Community garden areas.
<b>Online</b>	We can't do both. It's time to let some things go and develop the housing, business, and entertainment industry in the city.
<b>Online</b>	Don't build. Just because something is desired doesn't mean people must get it. Enough apartments and cookie cutter neighborhoods have been built and effected the small feel of Suffolk. Chill out with the building for a while.
<b>Online</b>	The City should not rezone land so readily and should not consider high-density in rural areas. We need to really look at current and pipeline inventory before considering new home development. The City needs to look at what plans will fit in with existing homes/neighborhoods in these areas, not developments that will stick out like a sore thumb and make a large footprint. The City needs to encourage development of quality homes, not the poor quality ones that are being built in recent years.
<b>Online</b>	In our rural districts create mini farm housing developments by allowing building lots no less than 5 acres in size with housing placement random and staggered on roadways so to avoid the suburb look and feel. Our urban developments need to be sold and rented/reserved prior to additional units built.
<b>Paper</b>	1. Go with existing zoning - 1 home, 3 acre, etc. 2. 1 home per acre 3. No more than 2 homes per acre 4. Make a green line to stop the density 5. Stop with the increased density
<b>Online</b>	does your plan increase infrastructure to support the new housing? it has too or it becomes unattractive to move to suffolk. majority of suffolkians desire the small town, country feel that suffolk presents but adding thousands of new houses that add stress to infrastructure doesnt equal happy residents - control the pace of development to align with needs to infrastructure, don't exceed the needs. make it attractive for farmers to continue farming, protect our wetlands by limiting development adjacent to them that contributes to pollution thusly causing depreciation to home values.
<b>Online</b>	We currently do not NEED new housing. There are so many developments already underway. I see not support -financial, taxing, or just overall for the rural areas. Agriculture is so important for the City-support your local farmer!
<b>Online</b>	Preserve 5 acres of land for energy one acre that is developed. Get accurate information on existing available housing before building more.
<b>Online</b>	Growth in Suffolk is inevitable. Controlling and managing that growth is key to Suffolk's future. The City of Virginia Beach instituted a GREEN Line to stem development. It worked for as number of years and became instrumental in how the city looks today.
<b>Online</b>	- Designate strategic areas for nature and agriculture with no building allowed in those areas - no matter what developers tell the City Council.  - Developments should have restrictive laws/requirements that help them blend in with nature [berms and landscaping to help them blend in should be required].

	- Developers should be required to contribute in a major way to improving roads where they wish to build.
<b>Online</b>	Study how other cities got it right and got it wrong. Look at how they handled exponential growth and formulate your own plan from there.
<b>Online</b>	No more housing
<b>Online</b>	Rezone small downtown vacant lots from commercial to residential. This would give the city much more needed housing downtown.
<b>Online</b>	Have protected areas and more nature preserves and don't zone everything residential. Prepare the infrastructure first before building all the new homes.
<b>Online</b>	Research other cities that are successful with this and come up with a plan.
<b>Online</b>	Designate rural zones and leave them. It is good for the city and the planet.
<b>Online</b>	Don't do it. It's just that simple, schools and roads cannot accommodate nor can the police.
<b>Online</b>	Single-family homes on much larger lots. People want that!!!!
<b>Online</b>	You can't. Enough is enough. Feels like we've built up every open space at this point and most of the new developments aren't even halfway attractive. I wish these new developments were mandated to plant some trees, at least.
<b>Online</b>	People move out in rural areas to get away from all the housing developments. No body wants all this growth in Suffolk but the city so they can collect taxes.
<b>Online</b>	<p>By putting a limit on the number of parcels that can be rezoned for a development per year in any given mileage radius instead of granting approval for any developer request that comes up for consideration. Impact on surrounding properties should be taken into consideration. Houses for cluster developments should be concentrated away from agricultural zoned property whether it be on the same lot or next to an adjacent agricultural lot with an adequate buffer to protect the county feel of adjacent lots. Higher concentration developments should be focused around areas with less rural feel, like adjacent to commercial land or within town limits. Areas that are or were in a conversation zone should revert to and remain in a conservation zone and rezoning to higher density should be discouraged. Particularly areas of importance such as along reservoirs and land determined to be prime farmland. Buffer areas of forestry should be established with minimal development allowed. Maybe limiting the percentage of a treed lot that can be clear cut in any 5-10 year period. This would provide a place for wildlife to go. Deer and turkeys can't survive when entire lots are replanted with pine as they provide no food source. Provide incentives to plant tree varieties that benefit wildlife.</p> <p>There should also be incentives for removing older dilapidated buildings to build newer ones instead of adding more developments. Give new life to older depressed neighborhoods by giving builders incentives to do so. Instead of constantly developing more and more new land, redevelopment of older areas should be focused on. Replacing older homes with newer more energy efficient ones, will not only bring new life to a dying area, it will improve the beautification of the city and provide residents with a safer place to live.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Keep to your focus of only developing certain areas. We only have finite land mass. We can't have everything!
<b>Online</b>	Stop allowing apartment complexes and low quality high density single family housing. It cheapens the hometown feel of Suffolk. As a lifelong resident and someone whose family has lived here for generations, it saddens me to no end to see what these crooked politicians and non elected people have allowed to happen to what once was a nice place to live.
<b>Online</b>	Smaller housing developments

<b>Online</b>	We already have so much housing in the pipeline - how much more do we truly need? Let's see how what we have in the works shakes out, and remember we don't NEED to add all the time, we can work on making what we have better. Let's slow down on the idea of adding rooftops and add some quality of life infrastructure like a sportsplex, park, outdoor entertainment venue, etc.
<b>Online</b>	You can't. You have to stop building. Nature and agriculture are being stripped.
<b>Online</b>	Hold to 1 acre lots for housing or limit the building of appartements and town houses
<b>Online</b>	People are moving here to get away from the congested areas of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. By allowing builders to cramp 100s of houses in a small area defeats this. Keep minimum land requirements to build at least 1 to 1.5 acres to build in agricultural/rural areas for single family homes. "If" roads will accommodate additional housing.
<b>Online</b>	Focus growth within the areas of the comp plan designated for growth and protect the rural sections to the South and West.
<b>Online</b>	LIMIT the number of housing units per development! Each developer should be required to create a walking trail.
<b>Online</b>	Too late for that. Keep building, but don't over do it. You will have to tear down all these run down shopping centers and rebuild. The entire place needs a major makeover!
<b>Online</b>	<p>â€¢ As for protecting nature and agriculture, I think the city should limit the number of building permits within different boroughs to maintain rural land and nature. (Example: Holy Neck and Whaleyville) However, this would be based on the citizens who live in those boroughs.</p> <p>â€¢ I also thinking limiting the number of houses or units allowed on any given space will help stop overcrowding.</p> <p>â€¢ As for infrastructure, the city should require that larger businesses partner with us to help enlarge and enhance our roads and schools if they are going to build a business or neighborhood on them. Progress shouldn't have to be at the tax payer's expense. In addition, Nansemond Parkway should be a 3-4 lane highway from Shoulders Hill Rd. to Wilroy Rd. This maybe something Suffolk can do in partnership with the State or Department of Defense due to the limited number of emergency routes Hampton Roads has when there is an accident on 58 or at Bowers Hill.</p>
<b>Online</b>	You can't. You already put the cart before the horse. You are literally working backwards and the damage is done.
<b>Online</b>	Don't allow growth on every part of land Build on already developed and now blighted spaces. Keep with already in place zoning and stop re zoning for over growth as the city planners keep doing
<b>Online</b>	We have about 8000 residences in the pipeline for building right now. We are not prepared to handle this many new residences with our schools, roads and public services. We need to either STOP approving new housing developments and building for a certain period of time or at least put a total maximum of no more than 900 additional residences per year until the city can play catch up with the schools, roads and public services.
<b>Online</b>	<p>~ Rather than continuing to spread housing, keep it clumped together in pre-existing housing developments. ~ Also encourage completion, sale and/or repurposing existing housing and structures versus just building new next to abandoned structures.</p> <p>~ Reevaluate where new developments are allowed to start. For example, a new area of 10+ houses was recently built towards the end of Great Fork Road in Whaleyville away from route 13. The new plot of housing has tripled the traffic down an already too small road. If the</p>

	development was pushed a little further past the main town of Whaleyville, there was ample area to build a plot of residential housing that could empty directly onto rt 13.
<b>Online</b>	Have dense developments include open space/ parks within the developments.
<b>Paper</b>	Is this development desired by anyone besides the developers themselves and select members of City Council? (It isn't). You cannot accommodate new housing and other development that is not desired while protecting what remains of our nature and agriculture.
<b>Paper</b>	Plenty of locations available without wholesale rezoning. Respect of the existing state and federal laws protecting waterways and wetlands.
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop approving homes
<b>Meeting</b>	How many homes in the pipeline already approved? ~8,000. Force builders to work with what is here already
<b>Meeting</b>	Road improvements, fix/widen, stop dumping traffic on to roads that cannot handle all this growth
<b>Meeting</b>	As ag farms are sold off, rather than 4 houses per acre, why not increase the parcel size to 20 acre lots
<b>Meeting</b>	Use districts and growth areas do not match infrastructure that is currently there
<b>Meeting</b>	Eyes on the road can tell you that our road classifications do not match the descriptions
<b>Meeting</b>	Thank God no more homes in Bennett's Creek – there are sink holes being filled with dirt, no more building on wetlands
<b>Meeting</b>	Repaving roads is not working as the City is just stretching roads as wide as they can and now there are steep drop offs on the sides, ex: manning, cherry. They City should pick locations out of a hat and actually fix and invest in the roads and then move on to the next road
<b>Meeting</b>	City Council should be more hands on, throughout the City they should have their eyes on the City and what they are approving where
<b>Meeting</b>	Developments do not take into consideration the traffic impact study's – not real trip numbers
<b>Meeting</b>	Look back at the last comp plan at what was green and what isn't now
<b>Meeting</b>	Concentrating growth
<b>Meeting</b>	The City needs to buy development rights, protect Ag rights and open space
<b>Meeting</b>	Who is desiring all this growth?
<b>Meeting</b>	Final incentives from the City for farmers to donate land
<b>Meeting</b>	Green spaces, stacked houses
<b>Meeting</b>	Schools are overcrowded
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop with compact homes
<b>Meeting</b>	Need more areas where homes can have livestock
<b>Meeting</b>	Conservation land, areas get yanked in and out of this designation no matter the impact on waterways and reservoirs
<b>Meeting</b>	We are depending on foreign land to feed people, we need to preserve land in order to feed our people
<b>Meeting</b>	Bridge on Main Street to keep traffic flowing going towards the hospital because it floods and they shut down the roadways
<b>Meeting</b>	Wise to have sewage hooked up before development
<b>Meeting</b>	Preserve Ag and rural areas
<b>Meeting</b>	Why do the use districts not match the lot size requirements? Rural conservation's min lot size requirement is 3 acres but Ag lot size min requirement is only 1 acre

<b>Meeting</b>	All the transportation was water and rail, we don't need to reinvent the wheel with transit
<b>Meeting</b>	Bacteria levels in the waterways are so high people are no longer able to fish these waters
<b>Meeting</b>	Kids cannot swim in the Nansemond River without coming out with their arms black
<b>Meeting</b>	No high density
<b>Meeting</b>	Peninsula is sinking, graves are coming up
<b>Meeting</b>	Need more natural waterways
<b>Meeting</b>	Protect the farmland and the agriculture in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Less density
<b>Meeting</b>	Who is desiring more housing?
<b>Meeting</b>	The population growth is not a self-fulfilled prophecy
<b>Meeting</b>	No one wants more housing in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Accommodate the housing and the people that are already here, put new houses on slabs, existing houses are being flooded because of all the new development, you shouldn't need a pump under your home to pump out all the water now flooding
<b>Meeting</b>	Help the folks that are already here
<b>Meeting</b>	Everything in this City starts with Planning, the department needs to do better about development
<b>Meeting</b>	Awful question
<b>Meeting</b>	We do not need new housing
<b>Meeting</b>	What data states that we need new housing?
<b>Meeting</b>	2035 included population trends to limit the number of new homes
<b>Meeting</b>	This question drives all issues within the City
<b>Meeting</b>	This is the most important question
<b>Meeting</b>	If there is isn't data to support new proposed development we don't do it
<b>Meeting</b>	There is so much approved development already
<b>Meeting</b>	We need a moratorium for 5 years on housing
<b>Meeting</b>	Let what is in the pipeline be developed first before approving anymore
<b>Meeting</b>	We need data driven decisions
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk's banner should read "Better Not Bigger"
<b>Meeting</b>	All the housing units that have been built in the last 5 years is not affordable to Johnny bag of donuts, they all cost too much, all the warehouse employees that we are going to have at \$20/hour cannot afford to buy them
<b>Meeting</b>	Do you want a diverse City or not?
<b>Meeting</b>	Comp plans make the assumption that there is limitless land to use
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop rezoning ag land for housing
<b>Meeting</b>	We are running ag land
<b>Meeting</b>	Protect ag and nature
<b>Meeting</b>	Area along 58, out past the Pilot gas station, crossed the growth line to make ag land into warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	Are we at 100% occupancy to warehouses yet?
<b>Meeting</b>	Development pushes out nature and ag
<b>Meeting</b>	Should think long and hard about our comments
<b>Meeting</b>	Businesses vs preservation sounds like VA Beach and how they've grown
<b>Meeting</b>	We have problems with how folks can break up their own land

<b>Meeting</b>	Permitting warehouses is something the City can regulate more
<b>Meeting</b>	No progress on the TCC site, why haven't we done anything with this area?
<b>Meeting</b>	The need to do something with the City, like Monogram field
<b>Meeting</b>	Sustainable forestry, has the City ever considered hiring a consultant to help us with this?
<b>Meeting</b>	Industrial areas/warehouses are destroying all the land
<b>Meeting</b>	Preservation is needed to keep the rural land
<b>Meeting</b>	There should be a minimum houses for 1 acre requirement to mitigate for farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Encourage farmers to go for historic designations
<b>Meeting</b>	Back off construction – moratorium for a few years
<b>Meeting</b>	Too many apartments on College Drive
<b>Meeting</b>	Durham, NC has done a great job rehabbing homes that are beautiful with sustainable products in their Downtown area
<b>Meeting</b>	The City should bring a group of people together, to places that are similar to Suffolk, with the intention that they go travel and bring back best practices/places we would like to mimic
<b>Meeting</b>	Small towns that function well, how do they do it? Go find out what it is and bring it back here
<b>Meeting</b>	Ask these same six questions of City Council folks and see what their answers are
<b>Meeting</b>	What do you want the look and feel of the City's corridors to be?
<b>Meeting</b>	Troy, NC – everything they had done with their influx of businesses had fantastic landscaping and beautification projects
<b>Meeting</b>	In Suffolk you can see all the trucks from the road
<b>Meeting</b>	We should make it look like we actually care
<b>Meeting</b>	Start with people spending money here, make it so people here can access places to put it in the City
<b>Meeting</b>	We have too many of the same fast food restaurants all over Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	We have to be thoughtful with what we are putting along the thoroughfares
<b>Meeting</b>	Do more cleanups
<b>Meeting</b>	Think about how all the new rooftops stress the utilities/infrastructure
<b>Meeting</b>	Utilize the vacancies
<b>Meeting</b>	Kings Highway bridge needs to be put back
<b>Meeting</b>	With Suffolk being the largest City farmers aren't able to farm anymore
<b>Meeting</b>	Good relationship with those doing regulatory and taxes, have farmers want to keep their land rather than developers who can just change the zoning, Pennsylvania may have a good template
<b>Meeting</b>	Discretion of the planning staff/City manager needs to work for all
<b>Meeting</b>	Eclipse, no notice/signage from a builder who went in and put in a large loop of houses
<b>Meeting</b>	Warehouses on some of the most beautiful land in the City, 460 was going in before citizens were aware of what was going on
<b>Meeting</b>	City is zoned for 1 house/3 acres builder goes in with 4 houses/1 acre rezoning which isn't right
<b>Meeting</b>	We the people should be running the City
<b>Meeting</b>	In this area, current comp plan says 25-40 units per acre, take a look at the density and reduce it, there isn't a place in Suffolk that needs that density
<b>Meeting</b>	City Council meeting, a woman was begging for no new housing near her when the area is a food desert
<b>Meeting</b>	460 property owner sold his land to move to a more rural place in Tennessee
<b>Meeting</b>	"in business, if you're not growing you're dying" but a City is not a business



<b>Meeting</b>	Fix what we have, we don't have to grow, make what we have better
<b>Meeting</b>	Entice developers to redevelop in the Downtown area
<b>Meeting</b>	Williams Candy land is an example
<b>Meeting</b>	Disincentivize developers from buying up land outside the growth boundaries
<b>Meeting</b>	Push development towards the center of the growth areas where services are already in place, easy infrastructure hookups
<b>Meeting</b>	No more solar farms on ag land
<b>Meeting</b>	Where are the energy storage facilities going? There are several solar farms without this being addressed
<b>Meeting</b>	Battery farms = toxic fumes and fires that cannot be put out
<b>Meeting</b>	Need more infrastructure to accommodate new housing (fire, police, water, sewer)
<b>Meeting</b>	Youngkin 25.1million dollar investment in Birdsong Peanuts, the City should value what ag has to offer as Suffolk is the peanut capitol of the world <a href="https://www.virginiabusiness.com/article/century-old-birdsong-peanuts-to-modernize-suffolk-plant/">(https://www.virginiabusiness.com/article/century-old-birdsong-peanuts-to-modernize-suffolk-plant/)</a>
<b>Meeting</b>	Ag areas need to be preserved and restored
<b>Meeting</b>	Need an ag program like VA Beach has (see attachments provided by commenter)
<b>Meeting</b>	Contact Jenny McPherson in VA Beach, she knows what she is doing
<b>Meeting</b>	Melissa Venable should be familiar with how to help
<b>Meeting</b>	Safety on narrow rural roads is needed as there are many "flyer bys" and folks who don't know what to do on rural roadways when confronted with big ag equipment
<b>Meeting</b>	People are not educated when buying houses in the ag area with what to do when they run into sprayers
<b>Meeting</b>	Would like the City to not approve massive developments in the ag areas, there are not enough schools close by and the roads are too narrow for buses
<b>Meeting</b>	20% of crop land was lost in the last 15 years
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown loft apartments are a great use of space for what is already there rather than empty warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	Parking garage in the Downtown area would help
<b>Meeting</b>	Who makes the decision on what is developed? Do we have to keep building this much?
<b>Meeting</b>	The question presumes there is a desire for housing, massive housing developments and warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	Other than the port, commissioners and City Council, who wants the housing and development?
<b>Meeting</b>	Population growth slide, who says we have to grow to those numbers?
<b>Meeting</b>	Growth is not inevitable, it can be denied, we can control growth, the power is in the council
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown Suffolk, the growth was near the courthouse and concentrated around that area
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk taxes are cheap which is why people are coming here, taxes lower for all with more people paying
<b>Meeting</b>	Cannot have businesses in Downtown because there is no money, no rooftops
<b>Meeting</b>	Can we get some affordable housing?
<b>Meeting</b>	People want to leave Chesapeake and VA Beach to come to Suffolk, if those localities were so great they would stay there
<b>Meeting</b>	Do not want all the houses everywhere in the ag areas
<b>Meeting</b>	Lots of people littering
<b>Meeting</b>	People do not know how to drive on the backroads



<b>Meeting</b>	Too many “spot builders” splitting farms up, they are wasting the land behind the houses for cheap land
<b>Meeting</b>	One deep shared well agreement
<b>Meeting</b>	Same floor plan in every house
<b>Meeting</b>	Folks are not coming and staying, they are transient
<b>Meeting</b>	Slab houses on wetlands in the ag with engineered septic and moats, how did the City allow that in the comp plan?
<b>Meeting</b>	Warehouses for the port, they should have better places
<b>Meeting</b>	Solar is a great way to get rid of prime farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Before more warehouses, figure out how to put solar panels on top of the roofs rather than more farmland
<b>Meeting</b>	Solar panels are not productive and a waste of land and money
<b>Meeting</b>	Motivate and provide incentives for garden clubs/master gardeners to keep up with green space
<b>Meeting</b>	The number of trees Downtown should be doubled
<b>Meeting</b>	Green spaces, farmers sell land and builders use the minor subdivision ordinance to circumvent the UDO and its being allowed all over in the ag, needs to stop to preserve the ag
<b>Meeting</b>	Preserve and invest in the villages and small town feel of them
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop building outside of the Village areas and in the ag areas
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop putting houses along the roadsides and making the ag area feel less rural
<b>Meeting</b>	Reservoirs need protection, be more strategic about what we’re allowing to develop near our water sources
<b>Meeting</b>	We need to do like Isle of Wright and limit solar development to 2% of the City
<b>Meeting</b>	What is Isle of Wright doing that Suffolk isn’t? Manage growth better and protect nature and ag by not building on it
<b>Meeting</b>	Need a buffer around our large lakes that provide drinking water, CBPA protects major drainage but we need to do more with the way development pressure has spiked
<b>Meeting</b>	Work with neighboring localities to manage drinking water better
<b>Meeting</b>	Better growth strategies
<b>Meeting</b>	The comp plan should state that the piece meal watershed management is not good enough, we need more comprehensive regional plans lead by Suffolk, Suffolk should take charge and initiate the efforts
<b>Meeting</b>	Newport News squandered their lakes, we don’t want to have housing developments squander the lakeside, share it and put in a park
<b>Meeting</b>	Nansemond River has seen an increase of pollutants as water is not being flushed properly
<b>Online</b>	My husband works for an Agriculture company in the City of Suffolk. Every parcel of farmland that is sold and turned into warehouses, housing complexes or solar farms is a loss for my family. We cannot force someone to continue to farm but we can implement zoning regulations that will not allow land that is zoned agriculture to be rezoned for development of neighborhoods or industry leading to prices that eliminate other farmers from being able to purchase the land. Our land sales are out pricing your average property owner or farmer. Almost every large parcel that is sold is becoming a rural road lined with houses, a plan for a housing development, a solar farm or warehouse. Land has been bought and sold for decades but we, Suffolk, have created this environment. But what we as a city can do is decide what happens to that land. Do we exceed our infrastructure and develop it into concrete jungles with warehouse? Do we let hundreds of acres be developed into solar farms? Do we let every large parcel that is sold be turned into

	<p>housing developments or apartment complexes? Do we let the smaller parcels to be split over and over where houses just line our rural roads? How do we keep the landscape unchanged but protect the property owners right to sell? When we moved into our current home, we had two neighbors on our lane. We now have a total of 4. The original plat of the property adjacent to us has now been split 5 times. 20 acres that could have been sold to a farmer or an existing property owner had it not been priced for over \$10,000 an acre. Land that you cannot convince me followed UDO guidelines but nonetheless split and sold. A new home is currently under construction literally in the backyard of our home. The property owner who basically has no road frontage has poured a footer over a year ago but not built a house, has built a garage that they will soon likely live in, built a privacy fence that is not code, has built a shooting range that is less than 200 yards from my home where they fire guns for hours on end. All things this City has let them do. Thankfully my father-in-law owns the 45 acres also adjacent to our property. The rural feel I always wanted is still there but its slowly diminishing, we now live in a neighborhood that just doesn't have sidewalks. I wonder will my children want to live in this City I have always called home. My husband and oldest son hunt, something they love and has been a long-standing pastime of many Suffolkians. What land will they hunt 10-15 years from now? My oldest loves the easy-going country life, but in 10 years from now when he is thinking about where to raise his family, I just don't see how he will find that life in Suffolk, not anymore, and it makes me so sad.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Make them give them little larger lots . Don't put the houses so close. Make it a we king neighborhood . Each development should have two way in an out. Sidewalks. Wide roads.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Keep with current development areas this city is very rural, drive Rt 58 90% is farm. Don't listen to the nimby world.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>â€¢ There is no shortage of luxury houses and apartments, but there IS a shortage of housing that's affordable to households who make the median income of \$81,000 (or individuals working in service or lower level city government). That means townhomes, multifamily homes, or small (~1600 sq ft) homes on small lots. Look at infill development in the villages, down, East Suffolk, BEFORE big, new developments</p> <p>â€¢ STOP rezoning agricultural land that's outside the 58 bypass for residential and commercial. Landowners are entitled to sell their land. They are NOT entitled to an automatic rezoning</p> <p>â€¢ Look at some of the zoning policy in Howard County, MD that structured agricultural and forest preservation easements to maintain large, continuous open space tracts in the Western half of the county. That allowed landowners to sell development rights for their properties (to developers) to be applied to higher density developments in the East, which was closer to major transit corridors, while keeping their land agricultural, Think this could work in Suffolk to concentrate development along I664. Be sure to plan and budget for local road upgrades in the high density areas BEFORE the housing construction starts</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>LOW density housing. Intentional community planning can place small houses near farms and larger houses. Not everyone needs or wants a McMansion. Retirees need single story houses. Retirees have time to maintain a garden and lawn. Young families need a decent house and green spaces for children to play.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Let the infrastructure catch up with the already-approved housing untis in the development pipeline. Suffolkneeds to repair the old plumbing and stop polluting our waterways. Respect the rural areas and keep it rural. Please pass a 'green line' where agricultural land is protected from mass developments (housing or manufacturing). Respect North Suffolk i&amp; stop the high density</p>

	neighborhoods and multi family units, these types of development will harm the rivers. Don't allow a huge cheap, cookie cutter development in a rural area like was allowed in Chuckatuck...there are no services there! And Godwin Blvd and other feeder roads are inadequate for that number of cars. Enforce the UDO -- including the 2025 and 2035 versions! Stop all the rubber-stamping of variance requests.
<b>Online</b>	Good luck with that. Perhaps niche farms with specialty products
<b>Online</b>	City inspectors must make sure new industries and businesses follow the law. I remember HillPoint Farms cut down all the trees (to protect the environment) on the waterfront.
<b>Online</b>	See the above answers  Also see PA farming and agriculture codes, laws etc. PA brings in so many farms a year under their agricultural zoning.  Check out the PA Farmshow
<b>Online</b>	Accept that not all land should be rezoned for new or more dense housing and other development, do not sacrifice quality of life for profit and greed. Real Estate developers should not have priority over residents. Establish and maintain wildlife corridors in the city that connect. Require greenspace in developments and ensure it is beneficial to wildlife and waterways rather than adding huge areas of non-native lawn grasses that require extensive mowing and resources to maintain. Stop approving new housing developments and large construction projects until the infrastructure is in place to support the projects.
<b>Online</b>	By limiting the amount of random business™ popping up in new lots. There are plenty of unused areas in suffolk. Drive businesses to them vs allowing them to be a snake trap.  For every new development there should be a plant a tree program and a small section reserved as a nature park or kids park. That the developers or HOA upkeep
<b>Online</b>	Offer incentives to developers to build on already developed depressed developments or to rehab depressed properties instead of building new developments on existing vacant land.
<b>Online</b>	You cant!
<b>Online</b>	No one wants new housing in Suffolk and other than stated previously no one wants more warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Is the new housing really desired?
<b>Online</b>	Hmmm stop building.. stop approving permits.. and no more warehouses which brings more traffic and more commuters on roads that are not up to par
<b>Online</b>	STOP CUTTING TINY LOTS AND ALLOWING SEPTIC ON THEM. Property on septic should have a minimum of 2 acres.
<b>Online</b>	Stop all the housing... No one wants to live on top of other people. It seems that "the city" only see flashing dollar-signs and forgot that its job is the serve its citizens, rather than finding another way to raise their taxes.
<b>Online</b>	You can't. Why do we need new housing? Those people will find other places to live. Let the surrounding cities worry about that.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building
<b>Online</b>	Stop letting 1 or 2 developers/builders build slab houses all over the countryside. Have the houses and other development blend into the land and surrounding and not stick out.
<b>Online</b>	Focus on already available housing...empty/abandoned houses-renovate, repurpose unused buildings into apartments or low cost housing. Don't rush to build high density...consider the feel of the area...if it's a rural area a multi-story building doesn't fit. Most people who moved to rural

	<p>areas like the open space, that needs to be preserved. Consider ways to build while having as low ecological impact as possible. Find inovative ideas/plans on how to build but keep the charm and natural look of the area..</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>This city is over 400 square miles. You could build a warehouse that is a square mile and it still only takes up 0.25% of Suffolks landmass. Maybe section off large swaths of land to protect from developing? What people want is lard sums of land that arenâ€™t touched by all of that stuff. But we need to accept that areas near main arteries are ropes for growth. My wife and I (plus several new residents) chose Suffolk because it was a small town near large cities that was ripe for growth. You can grow and keep the charm.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Create a city owned farm/museum/nature park/preserve.</p> <p>Attracts people from all over. Makes money. Makes something exciting for people to do seasonally that live here.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Balance between the two. For every housing development you green light, do something to benefit agriculture.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>There are far to many large storage building being constructed , and apartments that will create traffic .</p> <p>The water supply is at its max already as well as sewer system.</p> <p>No more construction should be allowed on agriculture land for apartments or housing.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>STOP CUTTING TINY LOTS AND ALLOWING SEPTIC ON THEM. Property on septic should have a minimum of 2 acres.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Make developers build include green space in building projects.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Again where appropriate infrastructure exists development should occur in the rural areas of Suffolk.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The space that could be used a rural, has already been labeled as urban to continue to get funding from VDOT and the State of Virginia. Each development receives funds according to how Suffolk label them when begging. Yet, all the communities are the same really except they have forgotten the money was to each community. Soon, they will have to return the funds. Meanwhile, they are pocketing the interest from the large deposits.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Keep majority of new developments in the northern sections that have better roads. The southern portion of the city is very limited for traffic heading east unless you put a road through swamps.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Keep them the hell out of the rural area. We live in rural areas to not be around that mess</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Ne single family housing is already out of control so you can slow down the development and make the improvements in our road infrastructure, schools , etc. before they are our crowded and our roads are clogged with unnecessary traffic problems.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Donâ€™t rezone to accommodate new housing, Allow new construction where present zoning permits. Resist multi housing at all costs and favor starter homes instead.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>STOP BUILDING HOUSES, APARTMENTS OR STORES. Leave some space for nature and farm field. Suffolk used to pride itself on local city and farm life. It doesn't feel that way anymore, too many buildings and cars, roads are horrible.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Stop building</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Revitalization of vacant, run down and depressed areas. If the areas needing newer development rather than adding new development to underdeveloped areas.</p>

<b>Online</b>	If it is important to "preserve rural areas" you don't build, or at least restrict, housing and other development there. You cannot protect nature and agriculture if you build in those areas. Provide incentives for people to keep open spaces.
<b>Online</b>	Keep them the hell out of the rural area. We live in rural areas to not be around that mess
<b>Online</b>	Limit new housing to a percentage of existing agricultural land.
<b>Online</b>	Stop approving every high density rezoning. You can say, "no." Perhaps limit a rezoning to only the next highest density level. A limit rezoning to once every 5-10 years.
<b>Online</b>	Buy repairing more if the old houses and only building smaller neighborhoods with conjunction of the Responsible and Sustainable Forestry Program, learn how to build without hurting our environment and Mother Nature. If we don't stop the destruction we will no longer be able to exist. At some point there will be no way to recover.
<b>Online</b>	<p>STOP REZONING!!</p> <p>SLOW DOWN!!!! We will always have time to grow. Let's fix what we have, get the roads in order and build more schools to accommodate the children already living here.</p> <p>Let's grow in a way that will make Suffolk the best place to live in all of Hampton Roads.</p> <p>Create a shaded trail system throughout the city that connects communities and has pocket parks , picnic tables and benches.</p> <p>Establish a horse trail system for our equestrian community.</p> <p>Offer a land conservation program.</p>
<b>Online</b>	There is too much housing and other development already. If the city cared about nature, and you can include climate change in that, you would not let stands of trees (that help cut down CO2 in the atmosphere) be cut down to make way for what you would call progress (more tax base). What about loss of habitat for the wildlife that make/made their homes amongst those trees? How would you like it if your home that was there in the morning had been demolished when you got home? But we all know you, the city don't care about that, you're only serving yourselves.
<b>Online</b>	Consider where you're building and the impact and make the best decision. I used to see deer and bears all around here but not so much any more. We're running the wildlife out. If people want to live in a rural area I'm not sure why they come to rural areas and want to race down the road or get rid of the farmland and rural areas of quiet living. Just stay in the bigger cities
<b>Online</b>	How about working on finishing maintaining infrastructure in established neighborhoods, ie: underground electrical in all of the Sleepy Lake subdivision, improving road waist water runoff on city streets and residential area's.
<b>Online</b>	Stop inhibiting property owner rights of farm families by restricting their options due to low density zoning.
<b>Meeting</b>	We need to redevelop downtown!
<b>Meeting</b>	Fix what we already have in downtown Suffolk improve current housing. Other development should not mean making southern Suffolk into a warehouse district
<b>Meeting</b>	Give better incentives for agricultural uses. Create building fees for converting agriculture land to residential/comemrcial
<b>Meeting</b>	I think that the housing developments are over running the city. Which also increases the population and number of students attending overcrowded schools now

<b>Meeting</b>	Incentivise redevelopment over new development
<b>Meeting</b>	Redevelop downtown and areas of Constance Rd and 13 bypass to 58
<b>Meeting</b>	Improve infrastructure, to include roads

Source	5. What do you want the look and feel of the City's corridors to be?
<b>Paper</b>	You could be putting your medium-high density housing here, but who wants to live next door to a warehouse and an overnight truck stop.
<b>Online</b>	Well for starters not a bunch of warehouses and tractor trailers. And apartment buildings. Maybe stop with all that. People don't want that.
<b>Online</b>	I heard one of the city councilman say at a meeting that he wasn't born in Suffolk but he "kind of liked it here". Well I was born here and I love it or at least did. Our city leaders should show more love of our city than just "kind of like it here". Suffolk is a great place to live and love. We just need to keep it that way and be proud of our city , who we are and what we have. Some type of signage at our gateway city limits saying just that.
<b>Online</b>	Don't want to look at these corridors. These thoroughfares should be hidden (sight & sound) from the businesses and residential areas along these routes. Nobody wants to look out their backyard and see cars whizzing by or hear accidents, car horns or other disruptive noise. Exits should have the businesses conducive to thru drivers (gas stations, fast food).
<b>Online</b>	Those routes will be used regardless due to proximity to the ports and traveling north or south. The City will benefit largely from tax revenues from having developments to support that type of traffic. Swo the laundry list that people want of New Schools, higher pay for teachers, and new fire trucks. higher pay for EMTs and Police, new roads, trash pick up, and cheaper cost of water!!! etc Let development continue! This is a 2045 plan many of the keep everything the same are only thinking of themselves and not the good of our future
<b>Online</b>	The major traffic on 58 is my biggest concern. Stop the building business and residential infrastructure until you fix the road infrastructure. Expand 58 to 6 lanes.
<b>Online</b>	460 needs to stay rural. The roads cannot handle more development, industrial or residential. 58 needs to be finished already.
<b>Online</b>	I want to people passing by to see what is important to the town. Is it a community center? Parks and green spaces? Thriving small businesses? Historical buildings? I hope so.  Warehouses are not what I want to see.
<b>Online</b>	Leave south Suffolk alone
<b>Online</b>	Green (trees, fields, flowers, wildlife) and clean. NOT pavement, trucks and pollution  State not supporting these roads properly as they invest in port operations. What is their vision? This must be developed in conjunction city and state
	Back in the late 1990s when the UDO was approved, the intersections around the 58 bypass were to be built up. I understood that to be housing and businesses. Never in my wildest dreams would that be warehouses. A park or other green space or better yet a working/teaching farm for the Williams property.
	NOT WAREHOUSES! An outlet mall, family entertainment such as bowling, cinema cafe , a grocery store on 58 between hamburger alley and franklin,  Leave the trees.
<b>Online</b>	No ideas for this one.
<b>Online</b>	What? I don't think you're listening to what people want. We don't want those areas to be built up at all. No one wants the warehouses coming in. You guys like to boast about all the job creation but all that's coming are mainly low paying forklift driver jobs and other low paying jobs.
<b>Online</b>	Easy access on and offthe highway



<b>Online</b>	There should be trees and green space to invite people to the city. Greenery and nature are can be calming and uplifting and have positive effects on people's state of mind. Not warehouses, truck stops, and mass-produced high-density homes and apartments. Who will think there is a nice downtown if everything surrounding it is industrial or overly commercialized or crowded with trucks? These things are depressing to look at.
<b>Online</b>	By keeping the look and feel of our corridors 460 and Route 10 rural and agriculture it is inviting. The corridor on route 58 is the result of not creating a rural appeal.
<b>Paper</b>	Bumper to bumper 18 wheelers are not inviting. Solar farms are not inviting. Open green fields, nice water views and architecture are inviting, wood land and open roads are inviting. Gridlock is NOT INVITING. 18 wgeelers stuck in the ditches is not inviting.
<b>Online</b>	traffic control is paramount. ability to travel to shopping, park & recreation, doctor/hospital or other professionals within 15-30 minutes is desired. look at us17 right now - from harbourview to crittenden in the evening can take 20-30 minutes during rush hour traffic. us58 in the morning & evening rush hours is white knuckle driving and because of new warehouses the truck traffic causes more folks to panic. with regard to new development, take the future growth of neighboring community into account when designing traffic changes. again if you look at the us10 exit on 58 in the evenings, that right hand lane is backed up to nansemond river bridge at times so the additional traffic lane hasn't helped much - need better design. again, folks don't like to spend money somewhere with horrible traffic, and also they don't like to move somewhere with horrible traffic - control the rate of progress/growth = happy residents
<b>Online</b>	They have already been destroyed. The only thing now seems to be at least abundant landscaping and trees. Warehouses are an eyesore and the truck traffic that goes with them is dangerous to our limited roads.
<b>Online</b>	In order to survive, the city has to have development. One way to make development more aesthetically pleasing is to incorporate screening techniques along major roadways. Force developers and these commercial developments to adhere to a strong meaningful screening aesthetic plans instituted by the city to enhance these corridors. Another plan would be to develop the main corridors as parkways and/or byways coming into the city much like has been done in northern Virginia and Hilton Head, South Carolina. Part of this is also through limited access and minimum stop lights. Channel traffic local and large truck traffic to dedicated roads and streets to access this development and to get around the local areas. This has been very successful in the Hilton Head/Bluffton areas.
<b>Online</b>	<p>- There is a difference between "jobs for the City" such as warehousing, etc. and quality jobs for the City that bring in professional/finance/engineering jobs that bring in higher paid jobs [more tax revenue] and an overall higher standard of living. Projects which bring in those sorts of jobs could definitely contribute to the city [increased revenue for the businesses as well.</p> <p>- Attaching City improvements to quality projects could definitely positively impact the the City.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Route 460 needs an extended turn lane. Currently very dangerous.
<b>Online</b>	Certainly not full of warehouses. Keep some farmland along the corridors instead of noisy warehouses. Also, are there any plans to put up noise barriers at all of the new developments where the trees have all been torn down? The builders and developers should be responsible for providing noise barriers and buffers for all new construction so close to residential areas. There should also be noise barrier walls along 664 S where new

	developments are located because the trees have all been torn down and it is creating noise pollution and the rural feel and protection of wildlife is gone.
<b>Online</b>	If growth is expected to continue, then plan for that BEFORE it happens. Many of us will move if traffic becomes too big of an issue taking our economic support for the community with us.
<b>Online</b>	It should not be all storage and warehouses. While all of that has value, it is unsightly. A mix of businesses, maybe more manufacturing for good jobs, would be wonderful.
<b>Online</b>	Leave it alone.
<b>Online</b>	Keep industrial development on highways so trucks do not have to travel through residential areas. They impede traffic and cause a terrible mess on the roads. Nobody wants a sandpit with the inevitable "rocky" road. The trucks destroy the road and the rocks crack windshields. There is a place for everything and industrial should not be near residential
<b>Online</b>	Not Port 460, but I guess we're already doomed on that front. I guess at this point both corridors are going to be warehouse alleys and there's no going back.
<b>Online</b>	Route 58 is a nightmare, we had tractor trailer rear end us last year. Traffic is always backed up on route 58. Building all these warehouses will only make it worse.
<b>Online</b>	Fields of green planting of farms; definitely no more warehouses and big truck traffic
<b>Online</b>	Leave them alone!!! With the warehouse development all the tractor trailers are coming down the back roads running into ditches and running people off the roads.
<b>Online</b>	Not lined with warehouses. Maybe a few different restaurants. We don't need multiple mattress, cell phone, smoke shops or title loan shops. We need more diversity amongst the businesses that come. We have too many of the same old, same old businesses.
<b>Online</b>	I don't want development on 460. Downtown and northern Suffolk are plenty. Any more and you're erasing the rural feel many have moved to Suffolk in order to enjoy.
<b>Online</b>	No more warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	Green, attractive, inviting. Parks, museums, attractively done, things that tourists might want to do when they visit Suffolk. Farmland mixed in. Something educational, like an agricultural education center where people can learn about farming or regular citizens can take classes and workshops related to farming, food growing and preservation, home gardening.
<b>Online</b>	Not a bunch of warehouses and not a bunch of homes or condos. Farm markets and other animal related things need to be there.
<b>Online</b>	Not congested by traffic. I want to see trees and lakes not businesses and housing.
<b>Online</b>	58, needs dedicated truck lanes. You are widening it to accommodate the industrial area, but trucks block all lanes.
	This area is becoming a major connector to the for cargo to warehouse route. Stop adding more. Again, we want to live here, not battle trucks to get to the food store.
<b>Online</b>	Growth in these corridors is a good thing near the main transportation arteries. Approving Port 460 logistics center was the right decision for the City but PLEASE make the correct preparations to upgrade infrastructure around it. The "No Trucks" sign on Pitchkettle Road will not be any type of solution, please begin preparing that road/overpass/ramps now to avoid issues later.
<b>Online</b>	No trash!

<b>Online</b>	Rural farming communities. Suffolk is losing it's unique flavor due to warehouses and tractor trailers hauling the product to and from warehouses. It's also very dangerous for passenger vehicles and buses to be on the roads with the trucks.
<b>Online</b>	In my opinion, a great example would be town center Virginia Beach. Better yet, and I know I am aiming a bit high: Williamsburg. That is an impressive city for anyone who drives by it. Strive for something like that.
<b>Online</b>	<p>â€¢ The city can also benefit from increased lightening throughout the city, which helps to deter crime. I would also like to see more street signs that light up. It helps drivers to navigate our city. Also, enhance community signs for neighborhoods and boroughs.</p> <p>â€¢ Enhance and have consistent landscaping styles</p> <p>â€¢ More signs with directions, tourist information, historical facts, and Suffolk City Log and theme.</p> <p>â€¢ I would also like to see more gas stations and restaurants. It would be great if we could get a â€œBuc eeâ€ travel center like New Kent.</p> <p>â€¢ In addition, rather than replace the Kings Highway Bridge, maybe Suffolk can consider partnering with HRT to have a Ferry service just like Isle of Wight. I'm not sure if that was considered in the last feasibility study.</p>
<b>Online</b>	So much revenue comes through the 58 bypass, but everyone literally bypasses us because we have given them no reason to stop and stay! There is literally NOTHING to do in the western part of the city except get prescription drugs, eat, buy a cell phone, buy liquor and a vape pen. There is plenty of space along routes 10, 58, and 460! Build parkways that go around the outside of the city, The city desperately needs to build a movie theater, a bowling alley, kid park, picnic area, bike trail, a small petting zoo, seasonal outdoor eating areas outside of restaurants, public restrooms-rest stops, small (summer cooling) free water park & firepit, covered sitting and shower areas for weary travelers???...We have pets and no pet stores! This ain't rocket science people. Simply give people what they NEED!
<b>Online</b>	You already made Route 58 warehouse land route 17 built up stay with that plan and do not build up Route 460, route 13 and route 10
<b>Online</b>	First of all, they need to all be clean. The trash on the highway is terrible. There used to be a program with the jail that inmates cleaned the highways. We are paying to house them, they can certainly be put to work under supervision to do work that would benefit the city. Directly relating to warehouses, There are enough areas already that have warehouses that have open space around them that should be used to build more warehouses if necessary, which is doubtful. They should be concentrated in the area they are already in and NOT go out and plot one down in the middle of the countryside.
<b>Online</b>	~ Clearly marked and legible traffic lanes with minimal traffic lights. Minimal feeder lanes unless absolutely impossible to avoid. Clean and easily accessibly truck stop centers, such as Bucees, WaWas or Sheets, should be easily accessed with truck parking in the rear so that they don't impede the view of traffic. As businesses increase it would be nice to have a town center type area that people safely walk in, grab food, use the restroom and pit stop and then safely jump back on the main route.

	~ Suffolk doesn't currently have any main attraction like most other 757 cities- for example Ocean Breeze in VA Beach, a new aerial course under development in Chesapeake, GO APE, Busch Gardens, Water Country in Williamsburg - so any undeveloped large area would be a good spot to bring in a large scale amusement place, zoo or event park.
<b>Paper</b>	Not overrun with warehouses and housing
<b>Paper</b>	We are an agrarian and fishery based area. Historic communities should be protected, sheltered, and embraced. Suffolk's present strategy overruns the existing homes and developments
<b>Meeting</b>	Called a "bypass" that's what one should be able to do, if you want to access the City take the business route
<b>Meeting</b>	Small town feel, no more mass produced warehousing/developments
<b>Meeting</b>	Pinch point 460 and 58, focus growth, accessible thru traffic
<b>Meeting</b>	Something attractive, not warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	Developers should be required to pay for the roadways they impact and do not fix as they are using their heavy equipment which damages the roadways
<b>Meeting</b>	Tax traffic/trucks for road infrastructure
<b>Meeting</b>	Trucks should pay a toll for going thru the City
<b>Meeting</b>	460 is well developed from Kings Fork Rd on, starting to get into the Ag land, stop
<b>Meeting</b>	Landscaped, attractive development/beautification process
<b>Meeting</b>	One doesn't know they are in Suffolk until they are already here, there are no gateway signs coming into the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Widen buffer areas with trees like Arlington, VA
<b>Meeting</b>	Example Lake Oconee (Green County), GA, went from dirt roads to a 5 star hotel and still has the small town feel
<b>Meeting</b>	Union City, GA
<b>Meeting</b>	Thurston, GA
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk doesn't interface with regional traffic plans and boards
<b>Meeting</b>	Build a bypass
<b>Meeting</b>	Based on the City Council meeting with the School board, we are in trouble
<b>Meeting</b>	Back log of building infrastructure
<b>Meeting</b>	Building all the houses and widening 58, one main road past the dump and airport, always shut down – too much congestion
<b>Meeting</b>	Widen Nansemond and 337 Pkwy
<b>Meeting</b>	No warehouses or parking lots
<b>Meeting</b>	Are they going to pave 58 to Emporia? Where is the median? Are there going to be six lanes of asphalt? That is dangerous
<b>Meeting</b>	460 existing businesses and the school, Providence Road down to Windsor, leave it alone, should be farmland, don't need another VA Beach Blvd
<b>Meeting</b>	We want you to consider the people who live here already
<b>Meeting</b>	If you aren't building infrastructure for folks who live here, who cares about people here in 2045?
<b>Meeting</b>	Trying to make a turn on 460, why isn't it a divided highway so that folks can make safer turns, it is not safe to make any turns with the increase in traffic
<b>Meeting</b>	This question is hard with the state of the City because so much is changing around the City

<b>Meeting</b>	When you were writing the 2035 plan, didn't it look and feel like we are moving in the right direction?
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk has 1 corridor that isn't surrounded by warehouses, was that part of the plan?
<b>Meeting</b>	Warehouses, when you show pics of them in applications they are all landscaped but that is not what we get and over time they are just left, there is nothing pretty about the Amazon warehouse now, its all trucks facing the roadways
<b>Meeting</b>	Be attractive/pretty, we want to be proud of being in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	When builders request projects with Planning, we should have them do improvements first, make them do what they are proffering first
<b>Meeting</b>	Consider looking around the City, "eyes on the City" when looking at these development projects, Planning Commission rammed 460 project down citizens throats
<b>Meeting</b>	No more shooting clubs near my house
<b>Meeting</b>	Not Military Hwy or Battlefield Blvd or Mercury Blvd or Jefferson
<b>Meeting</b>	Amazon warehouse looks like a junkyard
<b>Meeting</b>	The City should hire someone not from here to beautify it
<b>Meeting</b>	Route 10 is the only corridor without a warehouse
<b>Meeting</b>	No warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	One is a country road, close to Amazon, has increased truck traffic and the trash in the area, trying to pick it up is dangerous, bottles with urine
<b>Meeting</b>	If we continue to reduce setbacks, there will be no more green along the roadways
<b>Meeting</b>	Put up more trees along the corridors
<b>Meeting</b>	Should have a 50' buffer from the roadways so that we don't look at all the unattractive warehouses
<b>Meeting</b>	A lot of these folks won't be here in 2045, you should be talking to kids in High Schools
<b>Meeting</b>	Enough apartments, only brings in not nice folks and crime rates and accidents have gone up
<b>Meeting</b>	Enough over 55 communities, we have enough now
<b>Meeting</b>	Enough huge single family houses with postage stamp lots that folks cannot afford, we need nice little ranches
<b>Meeting</b>	Better placement of assisted living and nursing homes with no fire and police to service
<b>Meeting</b>	Reasonable housing costs
<b>Meeting</b>	Where are the neighborhoods with housing starting at 200,000?
<b>Meeting</b>	Need affordable housing that someone could actually afford, not everyone can live in Governors Point
<b>Meeting</b>	Sewage/infrastructure hook ups should be considered when building, wide streets and sidewalks
<b>Meeting</b>	Interstate 664 is two lanes with all that housing
<b>Meeting</b>	We don't want to see all that development from the roadways
<b>Meeting</b>	Wide/large buffers
<b>Meeting</b>	Inputting developments right up into creeks doesn't do out waterways any good, larger lots allow for stormwater to recharge the area, you have to have somewhere for the water to go
<b>Meeting</b>	Density does not make sense as the ag district is more dense than other zoning closer to and within the growth boundaries. It should get lower as you move away from the growth boundaries/city centers

<b>Meeting</b>	Need to focus on handicap housing, need more single family single story cute cottages with large bathrooms
<b>Meeting</b>	What are the demographics going to look like in 2045?
<b>Meeting</b>	Big families? Studies show that families are on the downtrend, we shouldn't be building for families that are not going to be here
<b>Meeting</b>	Study demographics and what is already on the books (in the pipeline) and then see what makes sense to build.
<b>Meeting</b>	What do we actually need?
<b>Meeting</b>	We can say no to builders.
<b>Meeting</b>	We have enough housing right now
<b>Meeting</b>	The pipeline has more homes than we need for the next 15 years
<b>Meeting</b>	Keep up with the property, when the warehouses come in, make them keep up with the landscaping and the green spaces
<b>Meeting</b>	Affordable housing
<b>Meeting</b>	Schools are overcrowded
<b>Meeting</b>	CIP and school budget isn't going to make it
<b>Meeting</b>	Should be jarring when coming from Western Branch, you should know when you're in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	You shouldn't be able to drive thru without knowing you're in another locality
<b>Meeting</b>	Sign on 58 when you're driving thru the Dismal Swamp
<b>Meeting</b>	Mandates for curb appeal for anything build along the roadways
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop the concept of building out further, go back and infill and bring things back up to code
<b>Meeting</b>	Moratorium so that the City and residents can get a good idea of where we are at already with what has been approved
<b>Meeting</b>	Eliminate big box focus
<b>Meeting</b>	Focus on small businesses
<b>Meeting</b>	Pughsville flooding needs to be addressed, that is a historic area that needs attention
<b>Meeting</b>	Are 58 and 460 a tribute to the City with the uses that flank the roadways into the City? A Landfill and junkyard
<b>Meeting</b>	The entire room and then some was against 460 yet City Council still voted for 460
<b>Meeting</b>	There is little to no pretty farmland on the way into the City anymore, the City is building over all the greenspace and building it up too much
<b>Meeting</b>	Coming from Windsor, there is a welcoming eyesore of a solar farm on the left totally visible from the roadway
<b>Meeting</b>	Need a green line like VA Beach, where did the funding go, didn't we have some at one time?
<b>Meeting</b>	Developers got creative with the UDO and splitting up farms
<b>Meeting</b>	If the City doesn't have the intestinal fortitude to fund something like a green line in Suffolk, we will not be an ag place in 2045
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop development in the ag land
<b>Meeting</b>	Folks moving there don't want the odors
<b>Meeting</b>	Road blockages
<b>Meeting</b>	Dust
<b>Meeting</b>	Farmers are dealing with clueless people buying property in the ag land



<b>Meeting</b>	Publix coming in clear-cut a 350-year-old tree along with all the other trees, why does development need to do this? Leave the trees you don't have to cut down, should be a condition
<b>Meeting</b>	50' setbacks with trees and shrubs, maintain the landscaping
<b>Meeting</b>	Museums that celebrate Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Junkyards and trash piles taller than the trees are how you get in and out of Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	58 is located in the heart of Suffolk and is the way in and out of Hampton Roads
<b>Meeting</b>	HR executive airport is getting bigger, across the roadways are big piles of concrete and truck parking
<b>Meeting</b>	The dump is the best looking thing along that corridor and that is an issue
<b>Meeting</b>	Williamsburg has a grand illumination, we should have one for peanut fest – let's bring history in and not have it feel like a state fair
<b>Meeting</b>	Coming into Suffolk we should see farmland/fields of cotton, peanuts and soybeans
<b>Meeting</b>	North Suffolk feels like VA Beach, it has lost all the small town feel
<b>Meeting</b>	58 is horrible
<b>Meeting</b>	Hope to hang onto 460 entrance to Downtown, would rather see a farm
<b>Meeting</b>	Hide the ugly and showcase the good like Williamsburg, trees should be in front of things so you cannot see what is behind
<b>Meeting</b>	Tell developers to leave some room in front for rows of trees
<b>Meeting</b>	Peanut statues spread around the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Chuckatuck, Whaleyville, Driver, Holland, Downtown, Oakland, they can all have their own identities
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk is going to be 50 years old, those areas can be competitive while cohesive as the leaders of these areas work together
<b>Meeting</b>	Zoning discipline, if you don't have it all the ideas above go out the window, you get a bigger house and fill it with stuff and then you get a bigger house with room to grow and fill it up
<b>Meeting</b>	Never build roads, we don't want the traffic until you plan the roads better
<b>Meeting</b>	Route 17, make it more than a parking lot
<b>Meeting</b>	Nansemond needs to be 4 lanes now; people are building houses along the road
<b>Meeting</b>	Southeast is warehouse district
<b>Meeting</b>	We have derelict places with lots of squandered space
<b>Meeting</b>	Replace Kings Highway Bridge, would help with route 17 traffic
<b>Meeting</b>	Produce 3 major corridors as of right now everything funnels in to Downtown into 2 lanes
<b>Meeting</b>	Wilroy needs to be opened up now as it connects us to the bypass
<b>Meeting</b>	Why is it so dark everywhere? Need more lights along the roadways
<b>Meeting</b>	Infrastructure has been this way for so long, we need more
<b>Meeting</b>	With heavy traffic on 58, 460, 32 and 13 you hit one bad accident and you're stuck sitting for 3-5 hours
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk was quieter and the things you were able to do before were better
<b>Meeting</b>	Residential areas without sidewalks need them, buses don't have good drop off spots for kids
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk needs a holistic look at the plans and needs to be held accountable for the actions called out in those plans, the ball has been dropped



<b>Meeting</b>	2 sq. miles around Downtown, need to figure out traffic, people need to go around if they don't need to come to Suffolk, they shouldn't pass thru if they don't have to stop
<b>Meeting</b>	How do all the Hampton Roads areas all look alike? We need to be more creative, everyone doesn't have to do the same thing
<b>Meeting</b>	Sidewalks in neighborhoods are extremely important
<b>Online</b>	It should represent the beauty of our City. But all you see is warehouses, a landfill and congestion when you enter our City.
<b>Online</b>	Building apartments right on top of each other. No yards. Packed in there. Traffic traffic . Lot of people didn't want it.
<b>Online</b>	If development happens put is back from the road with good landscaping. Economic Develop happens on major road corridors like these. State needs to help improve and modernize
<b>Online</b>	<p>â€¢ NOT a concrete corridor covered with warehouses. The Port 460 rezoning was a disaster and a travesty</p> <p>â€¢ Has anyone considered office parks? Can we attract knowledge businesses?</p> <p>â€¢ can we attract light, niche manufacturing &amp; industry? Thinking aviation and maritime suppliers; solar power system suppliers; support for the offshore windmill industry, etc</p> <p>â€¢ What about a really nice retail park?</p>
<b>Online</b>	Plenty of shoulder room! We should be able to prepare to turn into a business without causing an accident. Great signage and road painting will help with traffic flow. Well placed roundabouts will slow traffic and eliminate left turns.
<b>Online</b>	Pay attention to the 'villages' already in place instead of creating fake 'villages'. This is the charm of Suffolk! Driver, Bennetts Creek, Eclipse/Crittenden, Holland, Whaleyville, Chuckatuck.. it seems that the City has forgotten the villages! The city could offer grants to keep up some of the historic and traditional neighborhoods near these before they are buried by new subdivisions & commercial development. Pay attention to the pressures on the roads around these villages.
<b>Online</b>	Like the Champs Elysee
<b>Online</b>	I wish that solar farms were put on top of buildings and warehouses. Solar farms are ugly.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Safe</p> <p>Decrease motor fatality</p> <p>Ability to commute in reasonable time-frame</p> <p>Multiple avenues should there by a negative event..or ability to get to the event, etc</p> <p>Ability to access my home. Very frequently I cannot turn into my neighborhood ..into Harbourview or into my neighborhood from the Blvd due to tunnel issues and local congestion utilizing Harbourview Blvd and 17 as an alternate route</p>
<b>Online</b>	We don't want Suffolk to become famous for being the warehouse city, acres and acres of ugly large block storage buildings are not the image for our city. Incorporate low impact development into all new construction projects to improve water quality and minimize

	stormwater runoff. Incorporate a requirement for inclusion of native plants in new construction projects
<b>Online</b>	Clean and steady. Its going to take time and has been.
<b>Online</b>	However, the city needs try to enforce the trucking traffic. Thats the biggest safety concern Larger lots with more space between houses. People donâ€™t relate to Suffolk to be in the same type and style development they can find in other cities. They move to Suffolk for more space, more privacy and to enjoy living in the countryside. They can find compact neighborhoods closer to the other major cities in Hampton Roads with less of a commute.
<b>Online</b>	No more housing developments and warehouses
<b>Online</b>	Nothing can be done.. rural country vibe is gone
<b>Online</b>	Idk
<b>Online</b>	Small-town feel. Don't pack them with Dollar Generals and Hud housing.
<b>Online</b>	Simple and thoughtful. No more dumb pop up businesses. Like nail shops, mattress stores, vap shops. Be intentional.
<b>Online</b>	Work on the roadways to help ease traffic and congestion
<b>Online</b>	Those roads are becoming increasingly congested. I personally like driving the rural areas and seeing fields of peanuts and cotton. I wouldn't want that to change. Stoplights can be timed better for better traffic flow and accidents need a quick turn-around time.
<b>Online</b>	You canâ€™t dictate whatâ€™s built. Otherwise youâ€™ll have thousands of other people claiming government overreach. Iâ€™d look at other cities and recognize that landscaping and beautification truly elevates the feel of a city. Invest in upkeep. Trees. Signage. Decent landscaping. More paid litter workers.
<b>Online</b>	Clean and efficient and safe and green. Donâ€™t eradicate all of the trees and environmental aspects.
<b>Online</b>	No more construction should be allowed on agriculture land for apartments or housing.
<b>Online</b>	Idk
<b>Online</b>	They should be actual businesses that can be used by Suffolk residents. Not just warehouses.
<b>Online</b>	A mixture of residential and economic development
<b>Online</b>	Not the congestion that is in planning. More accidents and more killings than ever will occur. Why put in more developments in any corridors without counting up the cost first. When the record is more deaths from the small streets and more congestion trying to get from A to B in an extended ride it will be another mix up of changes that the government or VDOT will step in and have to make changes from a failed City's Government of changes.
<b>Online</b>	Rural
<b>Online</b>	Completed but until then there is no sight to be seen as people are more and more frustrated
<b>Online</b>	Rt. 58 is already a disaster and labeled the warehouse district so do not duplicate that on Rt. 460 . Work with businesses to develop more of a mixed use community like harbor view in North Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Enforced speed. Police presence. Nothing that increases truck volume until the roads are widened.
<b>Online</b>	safe. the roads are horrible. too many cars. the lights aren't in sync. too many accidents and people in a rush.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building

<b>Online</b>	Not industrial. There should be gradual development from the main roads outward with buffers between compact housing and agricultural land. Reservoirs protected with lower development on adjacent land no matter where they are located.
<b>Online</b>	Welcoming to the citizens and visitors to our City. Things to do for families - entertainment such as movie theatre, bowling, skating, park with walking trails and inclusive areas, etc. It would be great for downtown Suffolk to have a major retailer (Target, Kohl's, etc.) or a buying club such as B.J.'s, Costco, etc.
<b>Online</b>	Completed but until then there is no sight to be seen as people are more and more frustrated
<b>Online</b>	Inviting and efficient.
<b>Online</b>	Rural and wooded.
<b>Online</b>	Green, no more big business the beauty is just seeing the land and trees
<b>Online</b>	Put in a heavy tree and shrub buffer so we can't see the development . This was done in Northern Virginia years ago.  Please don't let this look like Battlefield Blvd., Military Hwy., Jefferson and Mercury Blvd. We have the opportunity to be better.
<b>Online</b>	Keep the corridors as they already are. New development means an even more ruined environment for everyone looking for a peaceful existence. The city obviously won't be happy until they become the Virginia Beach of the west. Have you been to Virginia Beach recently? It's a complete mess of unfettered, seemingly unplanned growth all the worse for the residents living there.
<b>Online</b>	RURAL and FREE
<b>Online</b>	Yes.
<b>Online</b>	These are the spokes of the wheel that can make Suffolk great. Do not let the non-growth late comers dictate the future.
<b>Meeting</b>	Local businesses, farmers markets, local trades
<b>Meeting</b>	Make the traffic that is from the trucking and warehouse shipping pay for road improvements
<b>Meeting</b>	I want it to be inviting
<b>Meeting</b>	Mayberry. Quaint country life
<b>Meeting</b>	We need local businesses and trades

Source	6. What kind of housing (size, style, price points) is most needed?
Online	No more housing. All of the apartments on route 10 are enough...and no where for those people to shop and spend their money. No entertainment venues out this way, movie theaters, nicer restaurants, etc. Fast food and and a poorly run Ruby Tuesdays is it.
Online	We can build or I should say let developers build million dollar homes because it brings in more tax dollars. But why can't we seek developers to also build smaller, affordable house for lower income families. They don't have to cracker boxes, but decent, nice , affordable houses.
Online	Suffolk has lovely historic houses. Make it attractive (and easy) to buy, live in and maintain those beautiful old relics of Suffolk's past. Owners who ignore these old beauties should be dealt with harshly, because once they are degraded so badly they must be demolished, they are gone forever (it is impractical to rebuild homes historically accurate).
Online	<p>The market dictates that! Young professional married couples don't want to spend all day in the year one acre lots are not popular and retiring people don't want are lots either. Generally, at this time a minimum of 1500 sqft and up, Condominiums, detached, attached townhomes, single-family, age-restricted, luxury apartments</p> <p>People say affordable housing not certain what price point that is for market-rate housing but I guess \$150K homes to start</p>
Online	\$300k start and more with large acreage.
Online	Single family housing in a starter price point may not be attractive to real estate agents, but it's what is needed. Multi-family housing that carrents higher than most mortgages is NOT helping a looming housing crisis.
Online	I can't speak to this, but will say as a homeowner, I'd like to see less apartments and townhouses. I'd prefer to see homes with actual yards and I don't mean a 10x10 green patch. We aren't Richmond or Norfolk and don't want to be. Quit building like we are.
Online	NONE
Online	<p>Moderate size: 1200-1800 sq feet on various sized lots.</p> <p>MUCH more housing less than 300k range</p> <p>Work to FILL available housing and have already approved build outs complete before approving more growth.</p>
	Would like to see a residential redevelopment housing plan in downtown. Low income housing needed throughout the city to provide opportunities for all, not just those that can afford latest prices.

	<p>Encourage builders to put up neighborhoods of small entry level housing like duplexes. They could be prefab which would be less expensive to build and faster. Have an HOA so it doesn't turn into a "Project"</p> <p>buy land and put controlled housing on it like Jackson WY has done It is sold on a lottery system to low and mid income residents,</p> <p><a href="https://www.housingtrustjh.org/">https://www.housingtrustjh.org/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.tetonwyo.org/1895/What-Is-AffordableWorkforce-Housing">http://www.tetonwyo.org/1895/What-Is-AffordableWorkforce-Housing</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.tetoncountywy.gov/faq.aspx?qid=209">http://www.tetoncountywy.gov/faq.aspx?qid=209</a></p>
	<p>Affordable housing. The multitude of apartments going up are not affordable. If I had to buy now, I would not have been able to afford anything. I got lucky when I retired from the military and chose Suffolk as my final home.</p>
	<p>We need a combination of housing and price points to serve anyone who wants to live here. I have a 30 year old child who has a great career but can't find affordable housing in suffolk where it is safe from shootings.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Affordable Housing of course. We don't have jobs to accommodate high end homes. We have to provide suitable housing for the market. If we don't expand industry, we don't increase revenue.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>None. There's already a ton of new housing. Just stop already. Focus on improving the dangerous, garbage schools instead.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>All of the homes look the same. It would be nice to have affordable homes that have different designs like in Texas. A more sleek and contemporary design. Priced around high 300-400,000. Some of the new developments in Suffolk are not worth the cost like 600000. Build homes that are reasonable for the average family, 2500-3200 sq feet. Also homes with land and not close together</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>None!!</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>There is not enough quality housing for the low income jobs that Suffolk is creating with warehousing and retail jobs that have been talked about becoming available.</p>
<b>Paper</b>	<p>NOT cluster housing! Crammed together housing is the start of blight! Open neighborhoods like Pitchkettle Point, Pitchkettle farms, Springfield, Harbor Point, etc. The houses do not have to be so big. No one really needs 5 bathrooms and 6 bedrooms.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>nobody wants 3 story apartments that are built on us10 corridor, because the number of units being built is outpacing the build of infrastructure to support the tenants and the traffic. release of building permits should be aligned with corresponding build of infrastructure all the way from the utilities to schools to first responders. quality of life = happy residents = reputation of the city; take action to maintain quality of life, not amount of money the city can acquire as quick as possible.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>NO MORE HOUSING</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Limit the high rise apartments.</p>

<b>Online</b>	Different values of housing are great, but the issues facing Suffolk are that Downtown Revitalization (Not just Main Street and West/East Washington Streets) has not been pursued. East Suffolk Downtown, South Saratoga, the areas between Saratoga Street and Linden Avenue, the areas north of Market Street, and the areas behind the Post Office look like time (and money) has been forgotten there. Derelict housing needs to be replaced with mixed use housing through redevelopment and REAL Housing and Community Development Standards need to be instituted and ENFORCED. Building apartments for the sake of building is not the answer. The property behind the Chorey Gardens apartment building has sat vacant for years and left in a state of disrepair. It looks terrible and has looked this way for at least ten years. If the developer is not going to finish the project, he at least needs to restore the area to vacant land and get rid of the sewer and water pipes that have been sticking out of the ground for that long. Vacant and derelict shopping centers and strip shops need to be cleaned up and if necessary demolished.
<b>Online</b>	Different values for housing is important. There must be areas for all citizens to live affordably. However, success at making the City better [with accompanying higher pay levels] will naturally make the City/housing in the City.
<b>Online</b>	None in northern suffolk; too much already!!
<b>Online</b>	A range of single family homes and townhomes for \$180K - \$250K.
<b>Online</b>	No more apartments, townhouses or rentals! Single family homes in the \$300-500 range but we really don't need more housing until we can fix the issues with the roads, infrastructure and congestion.
<b>Online</b>	Younger families need affordable single family homes. Too many apartments are being built and then mini mansions at the other end. There's nothing a teacher or police officer or firefighter with a young family can afford.
<b>Online</b>	None
<b>Online</b>	Use the land wisely. Build large single-family houses with large lots. Condemn all the dilapidated buildings and tear them down to build smaller more affordable homes. Reconfigure the street structure as I have never seen houses so sporadically put on property. There is no rhyme or reason to where a house sits in Suffolk, especially in rural areas. Put in paved roads and smaller housing. This will cover all housing needed
<b>Online</b>	I truly don't know. I don't know how folks can afford a lot of the housing going up. I think we're pretty tapped out on all options.
<b>Online</b>	House prices have gone through the roof. I really don't see how people afford the prices.
<b>Online</b>	More single family homes in small areas, not homes all painted the same everywhere you go! Get all the schools updated rather than tearing everything down!
<b>Online</b>	None STOP the building. The apartments are just a eye sore. You want people to want to live here build nice houses not ones that are on top of each other.

<b>Online</b>	I think that depends on the area. In areas where businesses are located, you may need smaller, more compact, lower price point housing within walking distance. This could be done within walking distance to the city thru revitalization of older neighborhoods into apartment complexes. In agricultural zoned areas, more people are looking for larger lot properties which are harder to find now at a reasonable price as everyone is trying to sell their large acreage properties to developers and are asking for millions. It's been extremely hard to find property that can be subdivided into 4 lots as every large tract owner thinks a developer will buy their land to build a development, so they are all asking for developer prices. This is because builders have been allowed to build these large developments everywhere especially south of 58. Now builders are trying to buy everything up, sellers know this, so they up the price to developer prices. This prevents many families from being able to purchase lots for large country estates so there is now a shortage. For example: there is one lot assessed at \$127,800 currently listed for sale for \$1,250,000. This is in hopes a developer will purchase.
<b>Online</b>	Stop the sprawl!!! There's nothing wrong with Suffolk being different than other Hampton Roads cities. Our attraction has been open spaces not congestion and a home on every postage stamp of property.
<b>Online</b>	How can multilevel large housing developments be taxed enough to provide for public services that they will use like schools. It seems that housing plots should be single family homes with significant acreage that minimizes population growth and accomodates for taxes for growth. This type of balance minimizes congestion and allows for growth that benefits the community. We need to keep developers in check. We need to realize that money can influence our representatives and seek transparency in their dealings
<b>Online</b>	More middle class homes on nice size lots. Less high density housing.
<b>Online</b>	I don't know how anyone can afford a house anymore with a price point in the 400's and up. How about some smaller starter homes mixed in with medium sized, moderately priced housing. How about some craftsman homes that don't all look like like some ugly, souless cookie cutter monstrosities?
<b>Online</b>	The houses that do get built need to be smaller with large lots of land. Something the middle class can afford. Under \$300k
<b>Online</b>	Single family affordable with some space to breathe. You don't need to have houses so close you can hear your neighbors conversations. I have lived in other states, city's had Apartments for convenience to shopping. suburbs; single family reasonably-priced, rural is where you find your home with land.
<b>Online</b>	A mix is always best.
<b>Online</b>	Affordable (low income) housing that requires periodic inspections in order to maintain integrity and appearance.
<b>Online</b>	Yes please consider safe, new, affordable housing for first time buyers in the 150-180 range. People in this buyer pool cannot afford to rent and absolutely cannot afford to buy in the 300s so lets give them opportunities to contribute and become homeowners and have a stake in their communities future.
<b>Online</b>	We need variety, not just big houses. Cottage homes and townhomes are lacking around here.



<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>â€¢ I would like to see more mixed income housing (Example: Apartment Communities that provide some income restricted apartments along with regular price apartments) I think that apartment prices need to be affordable and that's something that should be discussed before a permit is given to a builder. As for housing prices, I think a mixed range of housing prices is good from the average cost of homes \$273, 600 to \$550,00 with a few high-income neighborhoods. The cost of housing should be reflective of the median household income of families balanced with the cost of living.</p> <p>â€¢ I would like to see Suffolk build more houses and neighborhoods rather than apartment complexes. The professional people I spoke to want to live in Suffolk because they believe they will get more land with their house. More land, good schools, restaurants, and nearby shopping is why people choose suburban life compared to urban life. Northern Suffolk has become more Urban than Suburban, and I wouldn't want to see the rest of Suffolk with that many apartment complexes. If people wanted an apartment, they could live in other cities. Suffolk needs to be different than other Hampton Roads cities. I've heard that the increase in apartment complexes has made Chesapeake and Virginia Beach unappealing for people who want a suburban/rural feel.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>If you promise to build family homes and tear down those compartments you have up, then we can talk. But you can't talk about building homes, while building apartments...it is contradictory.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Single family homes and smaller apartment complexes</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We need to have a nice senior citizen only complex that allows only 1 or 2 seniors per location that is affordable for someone who only has social security to live on. The rents of the apartments being build is absurd. Single family homes need to be affordable for someone working in the fantastic warehouses that keep getting approved. They don't need to all cost \$200,000. and more. NO warehouse worker can afford that!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>~ Affordable, safe housing is extremely needed in our area. Instead of just \$400K+ houses being built in our area the focus should be more closely aligned with \$200K and below. Those houses should be single family and townhouses.</p> <p>~ When apartments are built they need to be kept clean, regulated and regularly patrolled to keep a safe and clean environment for all tenants and the surrounding area.</p> <p>~ Additional provisions should be put in place to allow and encourage tiny homes and allow construction of additional living facilities on one piece of property- for example building a separate tiny home, mother in law suites, or mobile homes on properties with ample acreage. For example, I should be able to freely (with appropriate permits of course) add 2 separate "houses" (whether they are tiny homes or mobile homes) on my 18 acres of property for my parents and in-laws to live in to allow me to better care for them. High quality assisted living facilities are out of reach financially for low and average income families.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>The housing should have different sizes and price. The latest homes being built are becoming very expensive. Prices 250000-500000 are needed more. 4-5 bedrooms. 1/4 lots.</p>

<b>Paper</b>	We don't want or need more housing. It is not wanted. No housing. Square feet = zero. Style = non-existent. Price = not for sale. Too much has already been developed
<b>Paper</b>	Communities demographics dictates all of this. Profesional city planning people should know this.
<b>Meeting</b>	There is little to no affordable housing in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Large population of working homeless here
<b>Meeting</b>	Working great warehouse jobs and cannot afford to live in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Need senior housing
<b>Meeting</b>	Land off Pitchkettle Rd has 1 house per 3 acres, builder wanted 5 houses per acre – how can something so extreme be considered by City Council?
<b>Meeting</b>	Being able to shake your neighbors hand thru the window means your parcels are too small and homes are too close together
<b>Meeting</b>	Drainage issues
<b>Meeting</b>	Density issues, areas are too condensed
<b>Meeting</b>	Affordable housing for seniors based on income
<b>Meeting</b>	We shouldn't entertain growth as we already have loads of growth in the pipeline
<b>Meeting</b>	Need a growth cap
<b>Meeting</b>	We should set the pace of growth, not developers
<b>Meeting</b>	Too much development in the pipeline, nearly 7,500 homes not yet built
<b>Meeting</b>	No more housing out here
<b>Meeting</b>	Less density
<b>Meeting</b>	Let areas stay zoned as it should be, do not rezone to get a higher density
<b>Meeting</b>	We do not have the fire, police or roadways to support all the growth
<b>Meeting</b>	Affordable growth doesn't exist in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Attract younger folks with more affordable housing
<b>Meeting</b>	Developers need to put up money for recreational activities
<b>Meeting</b>	Hold developers accountable
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop being reactive and be proactive
<b>Meeting</b>	No matter what we do, the City is going to grow and I hope that growth doesn't push people that are already living in the Downtown area out
<b>Meeting</b>	We should consider how this grow is going to push people from all income levels
<b>Meeting</b>	Less, data doesn't support more housing
<b>Meeting</b>	No affordable housing in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	No need for new homes, if an application comes in we should sit on it until we need housing

<b>Meeting</b>	Style of new neighborhoods all look the same, there is no verity, they look sterile, cheap, mass produced, we should have higher standards
<b>Meeting</b>	Let's not look like Benn's Grant off route 10
<b>Meeting</b>	Affordable housing along corridors
<b>Meeting</b>	City of Suffolk doesn't offer enough money or market rate for property, City isn't competitive in the purchasing of land
<b>Meeting</b>	We need affordable housing not big cracker box houses, the large population of unhoused people cannot afford them
<b>Meeting</b>	Need housing for people who work in the warehouses who cannot afford to buy anything in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Schools are over crowded
<b>Meeting</b>	Infrastructure needs to grow with the City
<b>Meeting</b>	I don't think we have tools to plan comprehensively, we don't have the ability to think about the City collectively
<b>Meeting</b>	We need the Planning department to have a Comp planning tool, shouldn't have to wait 7 days for an address of an approved development in the pipeline
<b>Meeting</b>	Affordable housing, mix
<b>Meeting</b>	This week, Planning Commission approved affordable housing by a private developer with a hotel rezoning and finding the space
<b>Meeting</b>	Are we holding the builders accountable with low income housing when it forces people out?
<b>Meeting</b>	When people look at Suffolk they only see single family, townhouses and apartments all over North Suffolk, we are looking more like Norfolk and Chesapeake
<b>Meeting</b>	Get away from the big city, put in more affordable single family
<b>Meeting</b>	Growth is decent when measured
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk's growth is willy nilly
<b>Meeting</b>	Design the City the way you'd want it
<b>Meeting</b>	Look at what you're bringing in with all the ugly "cookie cutter" developments
<b>Meeting</b>	We have no identity, we are just planning to make money
<b>Meeting</b>	Anything other than single family is a mistake
<b>Meeting</b>	We can't support all the new housing with police, fire and schools
<b>Meeting</b>	Who are we as a City? Who do we want to be?
<b>Meeting</b>	Managed growth is needed
<b>Meeting</b>	Attached multifamily houses on smaller lots surrounded by houses on bigger lots outside
<b>Meeting</b>	Burbage grant
<b>Meeting</b>	Look at parcels that are zoned for mixed use
<b>Meeting</b>	Developers come in to a larger parcel and have a master plan
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk should drive the boat rather than developers

<b>Meeting</b>	More specifically, the comp plan should drive where development goes
<b>Meeting</b>	Walkable stores
<b>Meeting</b>	Harborview and Bridgeport are little spots that are developed but not cohesive
<b>Meeting</b>	With the glut of houses we now have and the potential of the builders we should ask are we a commuter place?
<b>Meeting</b>	We need to look at what is being built no more cookie cutter developments
<b>Meeting</b>	How many inspectors we have and are they really checking all the housing? There are not enough people to monitor the builders.
<b>Meeting</b>	Require builders to do the job correctly
<b>Meeting</b>	Houses they want to build are 350 and up, we need more affordable housing, why are we not looking at federal monies and grant funding?
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk is the largest City by area in VA which means we are part of the Hampton Roads MSA and because Suffolk is included the rural USDA housing loans available are excluded
<b>Meeting</b>	Can get them in Gates and Isle of Wright and South Hampton though
<b>Meeting</b>	Housing authority grants
<b>Meeting</b>	Public service employees cannot afford a house in Suffolk, especially if you are single
<b>Meeting</b>	Should have an incentive for public service employees like the federal grants for first responders for down payments though that is limited by income
<b>Meeting</b>	Affordable housing
<b>Meeting</b>	North Suffolk has five 55 and up developments, why? We don't need any more of those. They can't even fill up the complex's they have already and now they are renting to folks who are not 55 and up which means there are kids living there without the developers paying, they are circumventing school proffers
<b>Meeting</b>	Developer wants a million from the City for income based (for 30 years and when that is up folks can no longer afford to live there) affordable housing around the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Why don't we have rent control?
<b>Meeting</b>	Developers need to build \$200,000 homes; how do we get those? They only want to build \$400,000 - \$500,000 homes that no one can afford
<b>Meeting</b>	Unchecked and unplanned growth has created food deserts with no walkable places to shop for a lot of folks
<b>Meeting</b>	Look to other cities that have had successful growth with good zoning
<b>Meeting</b>	Cradock, that community is SO well designed, great Main St. with a bank, grocery store and post office all within walking distance, great for folks without a car

<b>Online</b>	I don't know who wants more housing. Every day another cheaply built neighborhood pops up, apartment complexes and countless houses are starting to line our rural roads where we just let land be bought and split without any regulations.
<b>Online</b>	Family homes. \$250,000. Even less. Income of most people that. Work in Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	All kinds. Probably good on multi family right now. Need more suburban homes to promote growing families
<b>Online</b>	<p>â€¢ There is no shortage of luxury houses and apartments, but there IS a shortage of housing that's affordable to households who make the median income of \$81,000 (or individuals working in service or lower level city government). At today's interest rates, that's ~ \$250,000 for a purchase</p> <p>â€¢ There's also a huge need for apartments with affordable rents (&amp;lt;\$1000 for 1-bedroom). Again, how are our public safety, sanitation, service workers supposed to live in this community?</p> <p>â€¢ That means townhomes, multifamily homes, or small (~1600 sq ft) homes on small lots. Look at infill development in the villages, down, East Suffolk, BEFORE big, new developments</p>
<b>Online</b>	Low density housing! People move to Suffolk to get away from living on top of one another. One house fire should not endanger an entire subdivision. Smaller houses (less than 2000sqft) should be placed where additions can be built but still maintain space between dwellings.
<b>Online</b>	There is plenty of housing available if you consider the already approved and permitted housing in the pipeline. Concentrate on establishing and strengthening the infrastructure to accommodate the numbers of people who will move to those units bBEFORE approving more. Quit putting the cart in front of the horse, AGAIN, FOLLOW THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ALREADY IN PLACE!
<b>Online</b>	Need a complete housing mix, all styles and price points.
<b>Online</b>	There needs to be all kinds of price and size housing in the city.
<b>Online</b>	New housing should be similar in size and quality with adjacent areas; dropping a high-density new development in the middle of several RR zoned established neighborhoods does not benefit existing residents and their home value.
<b>Online</b>	Doesnt need to be an outrageous market to still look good. Have respectful and responsible tenants and owners. This is done by better coding and inspections..
<b>Online</b>	Homes on larger acreage parcels are needed. Custom homes, not cookie cutter ones.
<b>Online</b>	None!! Stop building!!

<b>Online</b>	We don't need new housing
<b>Online</b>	Affordable housing.
<b>Online</b>	No more is needed
<b>Online</b>	Larger lots!!!
<b>Online</b>	No additional housing is needed. The city has exceeded its capacity to serve the number of people in the city now. No more housing.
<b>Online</b>	None.
<b>Online</b>	There needs to be more starter homes smaller with more land and room to grow.
<b>Online</b>	Cheaper single family homes and more schools.
<b>Online</b>	Housing size, style, should be reflective of the area. Rural areas should have homes/businesses that reflect that esthetic. Smaller more humble homes vs huge monstrous mansions.
<b>Online</b>	I don't have a well-informed opinion on the matter. I just want the existing housing to be up to code, and taken care of.
<b>Online</b>	We need more homes like the ones in Suffolk Meadows. 250-300k price range, not sure what inflation did with these homes as of recently. No more apartments no more condos... It was funny in late 90s and 2000's there were no apartments in north Suffolk and now it's turned into dear God please stop building these freaking apartments.
<b>Online</b>	Houses, not so many apartments.
<b>Online</b>	Single family
<b>Online</b>	Larger lots!!!
<b>Online</b>	Everything should not be built by developers
<b>Online</b>	The most overlooked housing is workforce housing. An emphasis needs to be placed on addressing this issue.
<b>Online</b>	Affordable homes for everyone. There was a time the city modeled the type of home is a community. Now, its whatever you feel. Whether a beach home in a puddle of water with topical mound septic tanks, with no storm water drainage, to a small brick home on a ranch. Whatever fits your fancy.
<b>Online</b>	None. Our schools aren't big enough, lack of drivers, waste water plant is going to take a hit, enough is enough
<b>Online</b>	Single family homes that are above \$400,000 .
<b>Online</b>	Starter homes vs apartments and condos.  Homes on large lots.
<b>Online</b>	affordable. think small families or even single people. not many choices for anyone who lives alone. Most people who live alone don't need 3+ bedroom houses. but the apartment choices around here aren't good. Too expensive and nothing included in rent. Consider including cable, water, trash in rent. lower pet fees.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building

<b>Online</b>	A lot of compact developments have been built but people come to Suffolk to get away from those types of developments so focus should be larger lots to preserve the country feel that attracts people to suffolk to begin with.
<b>Online</b>	None. Our schools aren't big enough, lack of drivers, waste water plant is going to take a hit, enough is enough
<b>Online</b>	Affordable housing.
<b>Online</b>	I would say none. If I'm correct, Suffolk has a surplus of housing.
<b>Online</b>	We have enough houses built for now
<b>Online</b>	High-end/price housing only. There's too much low price housing being built that the current infrastructure cannot sustain.
<b>Online</b>	Stop all the apartment building. It's so expensive and economies change all the time. Will these unaffordable apartments become projects?
<b>Online</b>	Need to keep the real estate values up in Suffolk, and not adding cheap and poorly constructed multi family dwellings ie; apartments out of Northern Suffolk and concentrated on refurbishing inner city areas such as Washington Street and White Marsh area from becoming more crime laden, such as what Norfolk has done with affordable housing in the Tidewater Drive area, or Portsmouth has done with their housing developments in the downtown. Homes in the \$350-\$500K price ranges.
<b>Online</b>	Currently there are low inventory numbers in all categories. A wide mixture would be most appropriate
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk does not need a lot of extra housing. Our schools, fire stations, and police force are way past capacity. Schools and fire stations need to be built before any new homes
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop putting in low income housing and offering more low income jobs. Higher living wage jobs and businesses
<b>Meeting</b>	Do not want high density condos/apartments/row housng. Large lots with lots fo green area
<b>Meeting</b>	None! We are overcrowded! Our schools are over capacity. We cannot support education unless we build new schools



Source	7. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?
<b>Paper</b>	Your map for the use district needs to be adjusted and all areas that can not accommodate the increased residential commercial and industrial development should be removed. The city need to build infrastructure before allowing all this reozning. Also, more efforts to protect our waterways is needed.
<b>Online</b>	If you live in the nice areas of North Suffolk please consider spending some time on the other side of your city (route 10, 58, downtown) and ask yourself if you would want to live there in it's current or future state? With limited retail/dining options, tons of warehouses and tractor trailer traffic and declining or inadequate schools to where people want to put their kids in private school? Please consider the entire city of Suffolk when making future decisions because honestly the quieter, more desirable part of Suffolk is the downtown areas around all these beautiful lakes and rivers.
<b>Online</b>	<p>More presence of first responders. I know with todays climate, it's hard to get people who want to be in law enforcement, but we need better leadership and incentives to keep good officers in the city. We loose good people to other localities and that needs to be addressed.</p> <p>We also need better public transportation throughout the city. What we have now stops at city line without the ability for riders to receive transfers to other localities. We need better service and more routes to get citizens to move around better.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Encourage residents to grow food. Community gardens and chickens. Why can't homeowners raise a few egg-laying chickens on their property!?! Community gardens help people learn a new skill -- how to grow food.</p> <p>Contemplate the City of Cary, NC. They have maintained activity in their downtown area and kept the standard of living high. Every year they have a "Tour de Coop" to which people can buy tickets (they always sell out) and visit homes with interesting chicken setups.</p> <p>But don't financially penalize residents for growing food in a garden or having chickens. People need to eat and if they can do it less expensively and more healthfully, they should be encourage to do so.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk has a tremendous opportunity and that window could totally close which could make Suffolk just the stepchild of the region. I am totally for growth and development. There are many parts of the City that are food deserts and without general services to serve communities. Not to mention the tax revenue needed to pay for much-needed improvements
<b>Online</b>	58 needs expansion now. 10/32 is a mess.

<b>Online</b>	ENOUGH with the warehouses already! We need real industry in this town -- financial, creative, LIGHT industrial -- NOT huge beige buildings whose existence depends on increased truck traffic and the congestion, danger, and wear on infrastructure that comes with. LISTEN to the citizens! They've spoken very plainly. They're the ones that have to live hear and endure the end results of these decisions!
<b>Online</b>	Who is us? I feel like after attending several city council meetings that this is a way to check a box and placate citizens without any meaningful change. City council and the mayor was quite clear that they "know what's best for us". Consider me disappointed and lacking faith in the Suffolk.
<b>Online</b>	Consider what this city was developed on and where our heritage came from. FARMING!! I was born and raised in Suffolk on a local farming operation and planned to continue living in Suffolk but know I am not alone when I say that because of all of the building and removal of farmland that I will be leaving the City of Suffolk if this keeps up. I love absolutely love agricultural Suffolk so please for the love of god and all that is holy leave it and us alone!!!!
<b>Online</b>	Open spaces, lack of traffic, noise and light pollution are valuable assets to be preserved.
	Previous plans have developed a good plan for a growing community. People want to move here, and that seems like a good thing. Despite more traffic. Maintain special places like Dt, lone star, and swamp will ensure Suffolk's character remains.
	<p>Absolutely- anyone driving around Suffolk during Rush Hour and on Friday should realize that traffic congestion is already a major problem. Suffolk needs a comprehensive traffic study that addresses current and future traffic issues. The study needs to develop and prioritize needs and provide a schedule for necessary improvements and funding sources.</p> <p>Some of the immediate problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Frequent backups on 58,             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the down town exit to Portsmouth blvd.; the left turn lane at Magnolia</li> <li>b. the 58 bypass already backs up to at least pitchkettle rd and then beyond</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. RT 10 exit off of 58 (going North-- the traffic light needs to be 'smart'- often traffic is way backed up on the exit ramp (trying to make a left turn) and there is no cross traffic on rt 10-- often must wait for 2 lights especially if there is a truck in the line to make a left turn.</li> <li>3. Rt 460 improvements for new warehouses</li> <li>4. Re painting lane lines or putting some in (Lumis rd)- etc.</li> </ol>

	<p>5 Main street traffic-- its awful</p> <p>Mardane McLemore, P.E.</p> <p>Build housing for assisted living Have small groupings of 1 bedroom units with an office for a caregiver.</p> <p>Build small full care facilities with 3 Or 4 en suite units and a central living room. Have an office for caregivers and kitchen for meal prep. Laundry area. Cameras in the bedrooms so families can check on their person. Pay over minimum wage for caregivers. Current nursing homes tend to put patients in a wheelchair for the day and ignore them. If you have a few people in one facility it will be less expensive than a 1 on 1 situation and everyone doesn't have the ability to stay home with a caregiver. I did this for my mother and it worked very well but as I said, 1 on 1 is more costly.</p>
	<p>Having a councilmember tell us to get a life is despicable. Living in Suffolk is our life. If you approve more solar farms, then do it smartly. Put the panels high enough to continue to farm underneath. No more car washes, vape shops, mattress stores, cell phone stores, etc. We have enough already. Please consider putting a stoplight at the exit onto King's Fork Road from the new Publix. It will be the closest grocery store from the retirement community. It will be difficult for the residents to turn left for a fully functioning person, much less for the retirees.</p>
	<p>My biggest concern is the blind eye to our public safety situation. When I speak to our great officers they are just in despair. They are not happy with their leadership, they are disturbed that so many officers have and continue to flee their department to go to other departments to get away from the leadership, they are concerned with the direction of the department, the morale situation, and several tell me that they have voiced this to the CM and others in our city but it renders no results. This MUST be stopped and several officers mentioned that someone other than the Chief needs to conduct exit interviews of those resigning from the PD.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>I hope that all ideas are considered and not just certain ones with people we are familiar with and that have major investments in the city. We pay taxes and we need to be heard. I like the survey format but don't just give to me to take and my ideas are never considered. Thanks</p> <p>Sylvia Copeland</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Yes, fixed the school system. It's a disgrace and yet for some reason the Suffolk government is laser focused on building new businesses and housing.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Bring more franchise dine in restaurants to Downtown/Eastern Suffolk. Northern Suffolk appears to get most of the attention for development.</p>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>No new target growth areas or suburban use districts!! Don't encourage developers to inundate the city with shoddy development ideas by creating targeted growth areas. This is not sustainable if it's done every five years. Drawing these lines on a map basically diminishes any input you say you want from citizens. These lines are just for developers and do the opposite of maintaining any kind of rural or small-town feel as well as just encroaching on our farmland or any natural, open space. We all know that the only place to target "growth" on the map is our rural roads. Developers can look at our maps and current zoning and work within those perimeters. Suffolk needs to create its own vision, not draw lines on a map and wait to see what happens. We need higher standards!!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>A community swimming pool at the Whaleyville recreation center would serve a great number of people of all age levels. Swim lessons, swim exercise, lap swimming and senior programs could help the community in Whaleyville and surrounding areas that currently only have the Suffolk or Franklin YMCA swimming pools available at least a half hour away.</p>
<p><b>Paper</b></p>	<p>1. Finish the Southeast leg of the bypass. 2. Replace the Kings Highway Bridge. 3. Four lanes on Rt 10 to F.O.W. 4. Add two lanes to the Godwin Bridge. 5. Add lanes to the Northeast Bypass. 6. Add lanes to Shouldes Hill Rd. 7. Add lanes to Nansemond Pkwy. 8. Control the trains, limit time blocking roads. 9. Basically, transportation needs improvement.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>there is no significant college campus in the city to support higher learning for its citizens - most travel to other cities because of that. in order for suffolk to become more attractive to higher career type jobs we need a college to supply graduating students to fill those needs. we need more parks like sleepy hole or lake made in western and southern suffolk. get control of the crime, folks don't want to spend money where crime takes place. taking care of the safety of citizens shows folks that suffolk cares, people will appreciate that and move to that. keep finger on pulse of traffic and improve where needed and when performing improvement take action to determine if they will serve the needs for the future, not just for today. most important, keep asking the citizens their opinions, keep them engaged and informed.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>A map that overlays housing units approved to be built but that have not yet been built would be helpful. Instead of trying to draw a growth area on the city map, focus growth on areas we have already committed to develop.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I was born here and my wife has been here for over 45 years. We heard a lot of comments about traffic congestion especially in North Suffolk. We live in North Suffolk, but we don't think a lot of people realize that the funding most of the highway work comes from the state and federal level. That is especially true of Rt 17 and the bridges over the Nansemond River and Chuckatuck Creek. Your staff needs to make people aware of that fact. Thanks, David Darden</p>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Previous plans have been ignored. Quite honestly, I believe this one will be too. Making the bureaucrats and politicians accountable in some way is the only way to have some sort of control with the planning process. Additionally, with these "public input" meetings it would be advantageous to have some one who is able to answer questions. As is typical in government many city workers can "listen" but when it comes to answers it is always "that is not for me to say".</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>More of the City's budget and tax dollars need to be put back into the community for beautification and development purposes. All police and city staff do not need new vehicles to drive around town and should not be driving them home unless there is a justified and compelling reason. Every case needs to be approved by the City Manager and City Council. The city wastes a lot of money on things that are in the face of it's citizens.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Better public schools - quality of education not just nice looking buildings - would draw professional people to the City.</li> <li>- Lower crime is a necessity to get people of all incomes to want to go downtown and live safely in the general area.</li> </ul> <p>These are CORE areas for a good place to live. Excellence in these areas will bring in business, quality jobs, quality housing, new residents. These items will become their own advertisement for the City.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Gas station ammendment to include distance of 500 to 1000 feet from homes and schools, as many other states have adopted.</p> <p>Landscape on commercial areas bordering homes: evergreen varieties and option of fence and or berm. Keeping existing trees whenever able. Installation at start of project rather than at the conclusion; security measures upfront to protect homes during construction; lights aimed away from homes, construction hours during daylight hours,</p> <p>Notifying adjacent homes of commercial development, aiming for communication with homeowners and developers- encourage communication ...when public hearings occur...encourage communication among all parties. In-service the public on speaking protocols at public hearings.</p> <p>Staff reports: planning- no offensive comments should be published. The comments should be returned to sender and asked to be rewritten with the omission for resubmission.</p> <p>Evergreen varieties should be used to replace landscape removed for drains in RPA areas.</p>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Buffer designs between residential and commercial properties that share a property line should have higher standards for safety, security, and privacy. Especially when there are small children who live next door. I am struggling to comprehend why it's okay to build a 3 story hotel next to my home and why the approved buffer doesn't do much to protect my privacy. We came here in 2021 from out of state, but because of this we are planning on leaving just as soon as we are able. Which brings me to another point - This is going to reduce my ability to sell my home and tank my home value. It's supposed to raise everyone's property value - but not mine. There are 3 hotels within spitting distance... so, what's one more at the expense of 5 homeowners... The thing that upsets me most is when presenting all of this to city council my representative didn't care one flip. Several other council members stood up for us and got us an opportunity to meet with the developer, but DANG, it shouldn't have to be that difficult to have a VOICE. I hope that you re-examine your city planning ordinances when it comes to buffers between residential and commercial properties. You aren't protecting residents enough, and for that reason we are leaving and will not be back. If we are still here come election day, you better believe I will be campaigning for those that helped me at council even if I am not normally politically aligned.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Please stop overdeveloping.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Build the long overdue parallel bridges over the Nansemond River and Chuckatuck Creek on Bridge Road/US 17.</p> <p>Speed up completion of the relocation of the intersection of Crittenden Road and Bridge Road.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>A. Property across the river of Hilton Garden Inn downtown -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build a retainer wall along the river to prevent flooding on Main Street</li> <li>- Create a fishing pier/boardwalk that follows the curve of the river (lease or city own)</li> <li>- And possibly have a raised seafood restaurant with parking below for customers and fisherman</li> </ul> <p>B. Bennett Creek Market - work with Bennett Creek to relocate to near downtown area. (Route 10, 460, or 58)</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Noise barriers, buffers to help with the sound of traffic that has now filtered into the peaceful neighborhoods in Harbour View and The Riverfront. The wildlife and deer have nowhere to go. There should be consideration for deer management that might be something like a controlled reduction in population by bringing in bow hunters. It's not fair to the deer and other wildlife who share their home.</p>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I think you should revisit B2 zoning and put better ordinances in place for buffers between commercial and residential properties. There should be a specific set of criteria for this better than what already exists. Security and privacy is important to residents, so privacy fences should be mandatory and tall enough to really do the job and installed before any construction begins or simultaneously with tree removal. There is NO excuse for leaving a home exposed to Harbourview Blvd. for more than a year just because of covid. That poor family had teenagers toilet paper their house last summer and has had several instances of trespassing. In my opinion a buffer fence should have been installed before any land clearing began. B2 zoning should also be revised to limit the types of businesses that are allowed to be built next to a house. Businesses shouldn't be allowed to have a driveway onto a neighborhood street.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Suffolk is a beautiful city because of its green space. In the quest to move forward, don't lose that beauty by allowing overdevelopment. People move on, businesses move on, and blight is unsightly. Modest, sustained and sustainable growth should be the goal.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Stop the building cancer, it's turning the city into just another Virginia Beach. As I said growth is not always a good thing.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I am in the process of hiring an attorney to fight to have mail delivered to my elderly parents who I regrettably moved into Suffolk. They live in a small neighborhood in Chuckatuck, right off Godwin Blvd. Mail is delivered all around them, however for some reason mail does not get delivered to anyone in the development on streets Hawk Lane, Brown Lane, Wren rd. etc. They have mailboxes FOR SHOW. I have never heard of such a thing. You want people to MOVE INTO Suffolk? How about bringing Suffolk up to standards with the rest of Hampton Roads. Mail delivery is a basic necessity, especially for the elderly who have constant medical prescription deliveries. I don't know how it is legal to even let someone buy a house without knowing there is NO US Mail Delivery. I didn't know mail delivery was a problem in the United States of America, but apparently, it is a problem for Suffolk. Consider ALL the updates Suffolk needs</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>A community swimming pool located at the Whaleyville recreation center would give this area of Suffolk a place where swim lessons and water aerobics and lap or open swim close to where they live. Going to the YMCA is too far for after school programs and too far for seniors who might need transportation to get to the swimming pool. The YMCA is also not price friendly to many who need the health benefits and swim lessons.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>I think we have a lot of good ideas generated in the City, but safety will be an ongoing concern. People are not going to move to certain areas, dine, go outdoors, etc where they don't feel safe.</p>



<b>Online</b>	Bring changes before the taxpayers and let them know and vote before just going ahead with all these huge buildings causing traffic problems with more trucks on the roads that are already not adequate for traffic we have now.
<b>Online</b>	Owning our own water supply again! Can't believe the last transaction our city signed! Our water & sewer charges are way out of reasoning! Cost of water/sewage treatment in NC are so much cheaper for the same services!! City Council members & citizens, wake up!!
<b>Online</b>	Yes get rid of the mayor he sucks!!!
<b>Online</b>	<p>I once heard at a community planning workshop that people have a right to sell their property. That is true, but just because someone buys it, it doesn't mean they should automatically be allowed to develop it past the zoning they purchased it in. The adjoining neighbor purchased their property with certain expectations as well. If they purchased a lot next to a conservation zone, they may expect the development to be limited in its intensity; otherwise, they may have decided to purchase elsewhere. If allowing a higher intensity development in a previously conserved area diminishes the value and peaceful enjoyment of the adjacent owner that was there first, then a higher density should be reconsidered especially if the adjoining land owner has already put a substantial investment into their property to built and establish a residence.</p> <p>If conditions exist when a property is put into a conservation zone, then those some conditions should not be considered as reasons for a property's removal from the conservation zone. If water and sewer exists when a property is put into a conservation zone, then the fact it has water and sewer should not be the reason it is removed from said zone.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Try listening to your citizens for a change. If certain areas want development, fine. If other areas don't want it, stop forcing it on us. We are the largest city in VA. We don't need to become VA Beach or Chesapeake.</p> <p>Growth for its own sake is not good. It just makes us feel like city council is greedy for taxes. As a rural dweller I pay plenty of taxes with very limited services. I'm okay with that to live the way I do.</p>
<b>Online</b>	If we don't want Suffolk to become like Chesapeake it will be necessary to become engaged with the forces thst seek growth at all cost.
<b>Online</b>	A new high school in Harborview to reduce overcrowding and would help to alleviate morning and afternoon traffic on Nansemond Parkway.
<b>Online</b>	Backyard chickens in north Suffolk would be wildly popular with residents and make us feel more connected to the rest of Suffolk

<b>Online</b>	It seems that the plan currently in place is more of a suggestion than a guide. Were large warehouses in the 2035 plan? People give their opinions and hopes for the future but if the powers that be ignore those voices and do whatever they want in opposition to the will of the citizens of the city, people will lose faith and no one will win anything. It is my sincere hope that the listening you all are doing is followed up in good faith with action.
<b>Online</b>	Keep Suffolk rural. Nature trails and parks.
<b>Online</b>	Think of Suffolk as our hometown, not how can we get the most tax money. Make decisions as if they affected you, do you want industrial warehouse or 112 homes, or an apartment building next door to you? NO? Make meetings to discuss these issues at times when the working class can be there, instead of the middle of the workday. It would build trust and transparency, instead of going the path of least resistance to push things thru.
<b>Online</b>	Mainly the transportation around the Port 460 project, especially on the West side of it what will be required of the developer is well below what is needed for the traffic that is sure to come from it.
<b>Online</b>	Downtown Suffolk needs a parking garage and a good old fashioned ice cream parlor.
<b>Online</b>	I've lived here for 25 years and raised 2 children and both are having trouble affording a home. My youngest may not be able to afford to purchase for at least 5 more years of saving unless the prices of homes comes down. I know that we can provide affordable townhomes in the Route 10 corridor that is mixed use and would help anyone starting out with good credit.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Bring restaurants and activities that are UNIQUE!!! STOP with the same FAT-food chain restaurants. If you have to do a chain, do something like CAVA. Bring CLASS to Suffolk!</p> <p>Modernize and remodel the trashy shopping centers! Every single one is trashy and run down. Tear down buildings and rebuild!</p> <p>Publix is a fabulous start!</p> <p>Bring businesses like Orange Theory Fitness.</p> <p>What about pet stores??? Nothing like Petco or Pet Smart, but something like The Nautical Dog!</p> <p>Rebuild and make the place inviting!</p> <p>Please and thank you!</p>

<b>Online</b>	I would prefer that people be limited to one or maybe two community engagement sessions, as they appeared to dominate the conversation at the last session my husband and I attended. I would also prefer that some sessions be specific to those who live in a specific borough as development is different in each borough.
<b>Online</b>	There is an area in the center of the city that when obstructed by flooding after rain, will shut off one end of the city from the other. It has been this way since I was a child. I now have grandchildren. This is an embarrassment and an inconvenience. Build a high bridge at Constant Wharf, please. It is beyond foolishness to carry on this way any longer when the problem is so easy to remedy.
<b>Online</b>	STICK TO ZONING PLAN of 2025 and 2035
<b>Online</b>	There used to be a slogan "Surprising Suffolk". We we are tired of being surprised! We want to know what is going on in all 430 square miles of the city. I want to say that Jennifer Moore is doing an awesome job posting information in general as to what is upcoming in the city. There is one thing I would like to say regarding the schools, back in the day, all grades were in one school in one location, and there were several located in the city and at that time Nansemond County. Everything old becomes new again. We should look at the aspect going forward of having a complex with different buildings for grades broken down so grade one is not in the same building as grade 12 but the same complex so buses go down the road and pick up everyone instead of several trips for certain age groups and schools. Also, it would help teach the teenagers some responsibility if they were assigned a younger student to be a mentor to on the bus and around the school if needed. Having responsibility and being held accountable builds good character and sets the standard to being a good adult. THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS AVAILABLE!
<b>Online</b>	In addition to planning increased shopping and businesses, etc. I think it is vital that Suffolk gets ahold of existing issues such as School Crowding and Transportation issues. We also need to plan for additional transportation methods in the city such as more buses, trolleys or better biking access to businesses. We can't plan our way out of the pre-existing issues.
<b>Online</b>	Consider opening more land near 58 for housing developments and commercial. Having HWY13 widened to open that corridor to development.
<b>Paper</b>	Stop development. Stop development. Stop development. Stop development. Stop development. Stop development. Stop development. Stop development. Stop development. We have had enough.
<b>Paper</b>	Revisit personnel selected to serve on planning commission. It has become painfully obvious that the citizen's best interest is not represented.
<b>Meeting</b>	Kings Forks and Route 10, all the trees were taken down
<b>Meeting</b>	Don't feel safe, too many gunshots and sirens
<b>Meeting</b>	Driving on Pitchkettle, people are speeding too often
<b>Meeting</b>	Residents are not happy with how land is being developed
<b>Meeting</b>	City has pushes residents too far, residents are going to start fighting back

<b>Meeting</b>	City Council doesn't listen to "we the people"
<b>Meeting</b>	Green infrastructure plan was adopted by City Council and nothing was done with it, "it's just a plan" – we should implement plans that are adopted
<b>Meeting</b>	460 rezoning, people didn't know til it was too late to object
<b>Meeting</b>	"Carpet baggers" coming in buying land and putting up "cheap" product
<b>Meeting</b>	Change the way we communicate rezoning's
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop saying, "we (residents) want things when we don't!"
<b>Meeting</b>	Talk to residents before voting to see how they will be impacted before approving developments
<b>Meeting</b>	Downtown has plenty of opportunities for redevelopment, need City investment
<b>Meeting</b>	Portsmouth Blvd is depressing, all the traffic issues
<b>Meeting</b>	Turn land onto Washington is insufficient
<b>Meeting</b>	More sidewalks
<b>Meeting</b>	Put the newly approved tax revenue back into the City, where is all this money going?
<b>Meeting</b>	Western Tidewater Health District would like to be part of the Suffolk 2045 conversation and would like to see Suffolk 2045 engage with more state offices located in Suffolk
<b>Meeting</b>	Parking Downtown is an issue, what about a small parking garage?
<b>Meeting</b>	Developers should have apprenticeships for young residents in Suffolk, give them some training
<b>Meeting</b>	Look beyond letting developers do whatever they want
<b>Meeting</b>	City should be posting about where they are in terms of hitting goals set forward in the 2035 Plan
<b>Meeting</b>	Fix the schools – where is money in the CIP? Capacity is an issue – fix what's here or build new ones
<b>Meeting</b>	Maps should specifically say where development should go
<b>Meeting</b>	Water in Eclipse and Crittenden is tainted and unfishable
<b>Meeting</b>	Village of Eclipse does not want to be in the growth boundary
<b>Meeting</b>	You're saying the Dillion rule limits requirements on developers to an extent but other localities impose stricter regulations, why can't we? We can say no to development
<b>Meeting</b>	Quality of life regulations, residents over developments
<b>Meeting</b>	How quickly does the 2045 plan come online to replace the 2035 plan?
<b>Meeting</b>	How do we pay for the things we want? Taxes, grow the tax base to pay for all the things we want
<b>Meeting</b>	Investors and developers should pay for things mentioned tonight
<b>Meeting</b>	Haven't heard anything tonight that is out of line for the City to pay for
<b>Meeting</b>	What have the schools done with the COVID money?
<b>Meeting</b>	Stop rezoning farmland

<b>Meeting</b>	Old warehouse graveyard, nothing but concrete, leave farmland alone and redevelop the land covered with concrete already
<b>Meeting</b>	No more solar, no reclaiming land after solar farms in the Ag district
<b>Meeting</b>	Length of solar farm life is too long
<b>Meeting</b>	Extreme amounts of money payed out to farms but they aren't being taxed appropriately
<b>Meeting</b>	Deals made where taxes were miniscule compared to the value of the land
<b>Meeting</b>	Behind closed door deals need to stop
<b>Meeting</b>	Plenty of money in land around the City
<b>Meeting</b>	Policy where senior officials are not able to benefit from economic deals
<b>Meeting</b>	Duman Facebook live last night said the comp plan is just that, only a plan that can be changed
<b>Meeting</b>	Federal and tribal lands are called out in the 2015 maps as being within the northern growth boundary, why?
<b>Meeting</b>	There is a sign that states the federal land was donated to Suffolk for the citizens to enjoy and yet the property is fenced with no trespassing signs
<b>Meeting</b>	Redo/revisit/invest in new Village plans that are attainable plans for those folks
<b>Meeting</b>	Suffolk, be realistic about where we are today and how we incorporate the ideas we are coming up with
<b>Meeting</b>	City leadership needs to change
<b>Online</b>	<p>My children attend Suffolk Public Schoolsâ€¦ my youngest is a 5th grader at Southwestern Elementary my oldest a Junior at Lakeland. My child at Southwestern rides the bus home from school each day. We live 6.2 miles from Southwestern. He is on the bus for at least an hour every day, most days he arrives home after 5pm. More than 10 times this year his bus has been placed on what is called a combined route. This is when one driver takes over another driverâ€™s route including their own. On those days he arrives home closer to 6pm. Transportation will notify you if that is going to happen so you can leave work early and pickup your child from school instead of letting them ride the bus for up to two hours. We have staggered start times in Suffolk to help with our transportation challenges. Elementary school is the last start time of the day, 9:25AM, and these kids are at school the longest. I drop my son off at before care at 7:30 am. If his driver has a combined route, his school day is almost 12 hours. We do not have the drivers to support current routes and enrollment. This is a fact. I mentioned my son is a student at Southwestern, this school was built in 2014. The school is full, there are 29 students in his 5th grade classâ€¦ one teacher for almost 30 students. In 2019 the average classroom size for primary self-contained class in Virginia was 19 students. The schools are full, there are not enough bus drivers, there are not enough teachers or support staff. There are 14000 kids enrolled in SPS and we do not have the infrastructure in place to support what we have. I watched Dr Gordonâ€™s latest FB live. Current proposal is that teachers are getting 6.14% raises in 2023-2024, raising bus driver salaries to \$19/hour, additional support staff to be added to all schools so that teachers can focus on teaching. But the school system needs funding from the state to</p>

	<p>make that happen. They need \$4 million extra to make this happen. There is a facility study that will be out March 9th that will cover what additional school buildings/maintenance funding will be needed. Last year the City Council unanimously approved the City’s Fiscal 2023 \$767.6 million dollar budget which included \$67.3 million to SPS and as a tax paying citizen I know that the more money needed to run our schools means the more money we need coming into our city with taxes and growth; it is a viscous cycle. A recent housing development proposal suggested that the development could generate 71 students to zoned schools and that they would pay \$2.5 million in proffers for these students. My issue with proffers is it does not fix right now. If a housing development is going to be built in area that already has schools at or nearing capacity, as most Suffolk schools are, it should be off the table and that is not happening. We need revenue to fund our school budgets but are we selling our souls to do it? Our school buildings are aging, our build new school timeline is not aligned to our city growth timeline, our transportation cannot support the number of miles that we are filling with houses, we cannot get enough teachers. So how do we get our focus to making SPS the best in class? Shouldn’t it be how do we help our school system get what it needs today and not just the future. Because the money these developers throw in their proposals for all these new housing developments is not what is getting it done. Our city, and I know the federal government must help to, but how does our city focus on fixing what we have now instead of continuing to exacerbate the issue. A school division that already cannot support the current size of our city. I am living it; I am on year 13 of parenting SPS students. I see it with transportation, classroom size, teacher burnout. Even just 5 years ago to get a call about a combined bus route was like a once-a-year event; now it feels like once a week. We are failing our school system each time we approve a new neighborhood or farm to be split over and over and adding more and more children to our school system. We fix today...not tomorrow.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Think hard before you let business. In our city. Car washes within a few miles of each other. Dollar generals everywhere. Traffic getting so bad. Been in Suffolk over 50 years. Sad to see what it will become.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Cities need to grow. Please encourage it, the alternative would be detrimental. Not many cities in hr are growing. Take advantage of it</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>€ I commend the city staff for making the extra effort to gather community input. I sincerely hope you use it</p> <p>€ This is always an emotional process. Please keep treating the citizens with respect as you proceed.</p> <p>€ It seems like the Planning Commission is tied far too closely to the developers. Please find a way to get more diversity of thought and fewer developer representatives on the commission</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Upgrade all roads before building new roads!!! When two school buses must stop and pass carefully to avoid breaking side mirrors, THERE IS A PROBLEM with our current roads!</p>

<b>Online</b>	<p>The 2045 committee is full of members who are developers, real estate agents, real estate attorneys, former politicians. How about be fair to the taxpayers and put some every day citizens on this type of non-partisan committee? Perhaps then the plan will be 'fair' to citizens.</p> <p>Also, if a plan is being presented March 22, how can you possibly utilize input from A survey that runs until March 15? I had this thought when attending teh 'winter listening sessions' . They just seemed like a PR attempt. And yes, I know the survey was open for months.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>The Nansemond River needs to be protected, promoted and developed into the truly great resource it is. It bisects the city but is hidden from view for most and is neglected and ignored.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>More green spaces for wildlife. More parks, recreation areas, and more water recreation facilities.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Rezone parcel at 17 N and Harbourview Blvd, next to SentaraBelharbour, from B2 to OI</p> <p>Consider a museum ther</p> <p>That property backs up to homes</p> <p>Gas station and convenience store amendment to include 500 to 1000 feet from homes, schools, parks, playgrounds, rec centers and areas of environmental sensitivity.</p> <p>Consider public hearing for B2 property which has an app in for a hotel</p> <p>Change zoning to OI, parcels in front of the Masters Condos on Champions way and Harbourview Blvd.</p> <p>Change zoning to OI on parcel south of Towne Bank realty on Harbourview Blvd, across from the Montessouri school</p> <p>Return offensive comments to sender for editing which are received eventhough not seen by the public anymore</p> <p>At the very least....Minimum standard landscape buffers...no deciduous varieties..evergreen only when sharing property lines with homes...more than 1 tree and 2 shrub replacements when putting drains in on marsh or rpa areas, leave existing trees when able as well..during process leave what can be left through the stages of construction. Fences and berms when homes share property lines. Encourage developer communication with homeowners.</p> <p>Protect the homeowners please.</p> <p>No one needs an emergency room entrance seen when they open their back door</p>



	<p>with a wall of windows on the back of the house...open to the world 24 hours a day.</p> <p>Consider no 24 hour businesses when homes share property lines</p> <p>Protect the homeowners during the construction process</p> <p>Consider the elevation of the project as it relates to the homeowners land. Consider non led lighting when homes adjoin property and shine away from homes</p> <p>Keep track of proffers. Ours were lost at the Sentara site. My home...broken into. My car stolen</p> <p>My insurance lost.</p> <p>My insurance costs high</p> <p>Tax assessment is unaffected by the surrounding construction or development. Not fair. The mental health of children..after a break in. The effect construction affects children's health. Hours of construction need reduced.</p> <p>Landscape buffers need to go in right away.</p> <p>City should speak to homeowners for their perspective from their property line.. encourage developer communication with homeowners</p> <p>This is feedback from someone else..the run down hotels in Downtown Suffolk..going in and coming out. Purchase and Consider support for those in need in a program of some sort, rather than a shelter being the only option....not my comment. It appears there is not much beyond a shelter for women and kids in crisis etc..in Suffolk. They are hoping for a safer intervention and help to change their lives, besides the shelter only option.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>No hotels from entrance of Harbourview Blvd at 17 N intersections all the way along the Blvd to the turnabout.</p> <p>Change zoning to office at corner of 17 N and Harbourview Blvd. Eddie and Charles Russel properties as well as the parcel across from the Montessori school and South of Townebank Realty, Harbourview Blvd</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Increase the rpa line on the marshes and waterway areas especially those adjoining homes so there is more woodland Preservation and less buffer to install..but does not negate the requirement to add a evergreen buffer in addition because when the leaves fall, homes are exposed to businesses. No parking lines at the back if a commercial property which face homes. We don't need people parked watching us and there are plenty of spots in front. No traffic patterns towards homes on a commercial site . Headlights seen in our main living spaces is not desirable.</p>

<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>We need public hearings when an app comes in for a hotel in a residential neighborhood and sharing property lines or is adjacent to homes. Any time an app comes in for a hotel in this type of vicinity to homes.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Don't automatically approve every request for rezoning property or construction - city planning staff should carefully review and analyze requests, not simply cut and paste from the developers proffers into their report.</p> <p>Maintain greenspace and wildlife corridors - do not sacrifice quality of life for profit. Real estate offices, developers and construction should not take priority over residents.</p> <p>City staff and Council should openly listen to comments from residents and business owners, not belittle them or have their minds made up prior to project approval meetings.</p> <p>Incorporate low impact development into all new construction projects to improve water quality and minimize stormwater runoff. Incorporate a requirement for inclusion of native plants in new construction projects</p> <p>Enforce environmental regulations and improve outreach and communication for requirements. Numerous projects in the city are not in compliance with current stormwater regulations and reporting the issues to staff does not appear to make a difference.</p> <p>What is the use of the continuous updates of a comprehensive plan that is used only to defend exceptions to the rules, rezoning or development projects rather than to defend quality of life. Areas in the plan are identified as being zoned for agriculture or a certain type of residence density, yet requests for changes to the zoning are almost always approved.</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Definitely need to try to incentivize citizens to be more involved with volunteering and such. Being more active in the political side of the house and more involved.</p> <p>I haven't ever seen the mayor in the south side except the food festival!</p>
<p><b>Online</b></p>	<p>Consider the impact of these developments on current traffic. When huge amounts of cars are exiting 58 via the same exit, they back up onto 58 creating bottlenecks on 58 which also causes accidents. There are only two ways to get into central and western Suffolk. There has been accidents on 58 during commuting times several times a week for months now that add several minutes to hours in some cases on commute times. If traffic doesn't move smoother, added commute times because of congestion will be an unattractive reason for anyone to want to relocate to Suffolk.</p>

<b>Online</b>	Its sad. We moved to Suffolk 10 years ago. We loved the quietness with less traffic. Now the traffic is terrible everyday! It's because of greedy leaders...period!!
<b>Online</b>	Nope, I covered everything I care about in the previous comments.
<b>Online</b>	Stop approving builds. Fix the roads.. fix the traffic, schools are beyond full and above capacity and over crowded..
<b>Online</b>	Please bring something other than food lion to rural Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	- Stop, take a breath, and think about the needs of the citizens of Suffolk first.  - Route 58 construction - This has been going on for years now. Many people I talk to don't see the benefit once construction is complete. They see it as more money being mismanaged.
<b>Online</b>	Consider your city and the people in it.
<b>Online</b>	There is zero excuse for NRHS to be as packed as is it. Please consider working with the school system (which I know you do) and develop a plan for a new high school in North Suffolk. It is very much needed!
<b>Online</b>	We need more schools to stop overcrowding. We also need to look at some of our older schools and work on either rebuilding them where theyâ€™re at or finding a new location. Some of our older schools are in a really bad shape and some of our newer schools are still overcrowded.
<b>Online</b>	You need to work on the stop lights timing on Godwin Blvd. The current timing on the lights causes traffic to get backed up.
<b>Online</b>	PLEASE stop the over building of Northern Suffolk!! It's getting so congested around here and has lost it's rural charm. PLEASE consider more community spaces and offerings verses increased housing. Improve and enhance what's already here instead of crowding your current community out. When people are happy with where they live it translates into a happier community overall.
<b>Online</b>	Remember that angry people are the loudest. People happy with your choices donâ€™t organize and camp outside City Hall. They donâ€™t schedule themselves as public speakers at Council Meetings. Donâ€™t bend to the minority just because theyâ€™re the loudest and give you headaches.  Invest is enhanced upkeep of public property. From parts to medians. Some more obvious public fishing options and a fully fleshed Seaboard Trail would be nice.  Downtown is amazing. I drive through Virginia and see so many similar small towns that have public art and gorgeous upkeep with thriving small businesses. We desperately need to fill the store fronts and get Downtown up to snuff. I know youâ€™re working on it. I know about the new park and library. But it canâ€™t stop there. We need businesses to invest in the area.
<b>Online</b>	Suffolk needs to figure out what makes it special. We need that special attraction that's always there.
<b>Online</b>	Rebuild the Kings Hwy bridge!!! We need another route to North Suffolk to alleviate the quagmire of congestion that Bridge Rd has become.

<b>Online</b>	<p>Highway and street maintenance have become terrible with dead animals not being picked up timely.</p> <p>Signs falling down and blocked by tree growth.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Please bring something other than food lion to rural Suffolk
<b>Online</b>	playgrounds, nature trails on southern/western side of city
<b>Online</b>	Don't allow the intimidation and emotions of the non-growth advocates to dictate the direction of the updated Comp. Plan. Suffolk is one of the few cities with land availability. There is a fit for both perspectives.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Please consider putting in the storm water drainage and sewer in the already drowning communities. The downtown area is steady dying instead of perking up. I'm looking to see the day city hall will be moving to Northern Suffolk. No one is really doing a thing to make Suffolk look like the downtown Suffolk we used to know or even better.</p> <p>Carolyn O. White, Pughsville</p>
<b>Online</b>	Keep our taxes low
<b>Online</b>	Bring a Krispy Kreme, Dairy Queen out to downtown. We are tired if Wendy's and Taco Bell. McDonald's workers are rude
<b>Online</b>	You need to develop the old Brady's marina with a decent public boat ramp and perhaps a seafood restaurant. There is no public boat ramp on our beautiful Nansemond River which is a shame . The only public ramp is on Bennett's Creek and is not really accessible for our 23434 population who might like to fish, waterski and boat up toward the Hilton.
<b>Online</b>	<p>Listen to the homeowners/taxpayers.</p> <p>Elected officials should REPRESENT their constituents.</p>
<b>Online</b>	more nature/small park spaces. stop turning every open field into building, there are some small spaces around that could easily be some nice green spaces to have small community gardens or a few trees and picnic tables or something. places for community gardens would be great...whether its food or even just flowers.
<b>Online</b>	Stop building
<b>Online</b>	Slowing down development. A 20 year plan doesn't mean you build the entire 20 year growth area in 5 years.
<b>Online</b>	It is not all about money. Some things you do because it is the right thing to do, not because it is going to make money. Quality of life counts.
<b>Online</b>	Bring a Krispy Kreme, Dairy Queen out to downtown. We are tired if Wendy's and Taco Bell. McDonald's workers are rude
<b>Online</b>	People live here because they want to be in Suffolk. If they wanted Portsmouth, Norfolk, Newport News, etc, they would live there. Please stop developers and your city counterparts from destroying our rural city. Growth is inevitable, but that doesn't mean it can't be controlled.

<b>Online</b>	Please stop and look at the damage you have caused fix it and then start your next project we can't continue on this path we have to much work to get fixed at this time to add more
<b>Online</b>	<p>We need to promote Agro-tourism</p> <p>We should have a large agricultural center with a working farm. This should be a teaching center where people can learn about sustainable living practices. Have some cabins for lodging for families and groups to learn</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>We would like you to listen to the people of Suffolk that already live here. We don't want growth, we want what's already here to be properly maintained so that we can enjoy it. But the city and its partners in avarice don't care and seemingly don't listen to the residents, the ones, you know, they're meant to be serving. They have the audacity to think they know what WE want and what the (their, not our) FUTURE should look like. When I drive down Bridge Road nowadays it's unrecognizable from 2019, and to call Bridgeport an attraction (per the signs on I-664) is laughable. Abomination, yes, attraction, no.</p> <p>STOP RUINING OUR SUFFOLK - FOR THE RESIDENTS, FOR THE WILDLIFE, FOR THE FLORA AND FAUNA.</p> <p>And can we have a large enough police force to maintain order in relation to the size of the population? Bridge Road from just beyond Shoulders Hill Road to the Isle of Wight county line has become like a racetrack. Posted speed is 45mph, try 55mph+ as the de facto speed most people go. And who gave tanker drivers the OK to speed excessivley considering their cargo? Frightening.</p>
<b>Online</b>	<p>Maintain recycle pick up and provide additional green space.</p> <p>Less is more when utilizing real estate in neighborhoods.</p>
<b>Online</b>	Take advantage of the opportunity to grow the the city. Do not let the non-growth supporters ruin our future.
<b>Meeting</b>	NO NEW HOUSES until we have schools, fire stations, and real plans for development. NO conditional rezoning!!!!
<b>Meeting</b>	Your schools are subpar, overcrowded, and the teachers are handlign what admins and parents should be
<b>Meeting</b>	The public schools are overcrowded
<b>Meeting</b>	Consider a full sports complex for communitky sports league, possibly a minor league sporting team
<b>Meeting</b>	Our fire and police are overextended. We need concrete plans for schools and emergency services beforebuilding additional housing

## General Comments

Source	Comment
Care4Suffolk Meeting	2045 planning is complex and has lots of uncertainties. City Council have authority to approve rezoning or other deviation from the plan - result is chaos. What steps are being taken to make sure city council receive basic training in long range and short term planning
Care4Suffolk Meeting	1. To stop this developer from buying up all this land and doing what he wants for the almighty \$. 2. How do things get passed when its clear that the community who put the city council in office vote against what the community wants? 3. How many accidents does it take to fix Manning Rd.
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Put conservation easements on our farm land
Care4Suffolk Meeting	I would like to know or suggest that when plan is drafted that it be available for public comment before finalizing!
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Put the green infrastructure to work. Walkable community.
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Provide trails for horses
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Establish an agricultural farm museum - a working farm for educational and tourism opportunities
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Stop rezoning and development! Work on what we have, repair our roads and bridges, our schools are overcrowded, fix our problems!!
Care4Suffolk Meeting	We need entertainment opportunities for children and young people
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Suffolk is surrounded by water but only 1 public pool. Every child needs to learn to swim. We need an Olympic swimming facility
Care4Suffolk Meeting	1. Require all roads to meet state requirements before housing development there. 2. Police to enforce traffic laws for trucks and speeders. 3. Water and sewage capacity. 4. Fire Dept on Lake Kilby upgrades. 5. Build only in areas with interstate. 6. Stop changing zoning that is already agreed on by the city. 7. Build schools to stop overcrowding. 8. Hospital capacity not up to capacity.
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Museums - Peanut History, American Indian, History of Suffolk
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Stop development until we have roads that can handle it! Schools can not support what is being built. Using a company not a part of Suffolk has no vested interest except money. Each person that works with rezoning should have to physically go to the location! (before votes). You should not vote on zoning is you do not set foot on the property (zoning, or counde)!
Care4Suffolk Meeting	Crowding of: roads, stores, offices, banks, schools, basically everything we have here in Suffolk is overcrowded! We are rapidly losing our rural-small town feel, this dea of cluster housing is a bad idea for Suffolk! Suffolk's rural charm is leaving us, too many rooftops. Let's go with no less than 1 home per acre - RR zoning - over - please. Too many 18 wheelers in the wrong places! Suffolk has 1 interstate highway I-664 and thats it! Maybe, just maybe, we need more interstate highways for all your trucks! Now the "trucks are coming." What are

	you going to do? The trucks are here! Where has our quality of life gone? We smell the dump every day!
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Types of housing in a neighborhood? Pughsville has "new" any and everything, 2 beach houses on Wise St, with septic mounds never recorded in Richmond, once there was a ranch style (one floor and two stories per lots) now it's all 2 and 3 stories to a lot less land - smaller homes.
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	2nd question: what we love to see and not able to enjoy today? A simple newspaper box in Pughsville. I have to ride to Chesapeake just to get a Suffolk-free paper - I wrote to the opinion paper of the News Herald. It was never published nor did I get a reply.
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Global warming possible impact on community building materials and location
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Ask developers to incorporate natural resource of fruit and nut trees and bushes not be cut down. Be a continued food source in which God intended for people to feed on.
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	More parks, natural areas (Blackwater, Riverside) No more warehouses!! Buy up development rights from farmers. Light rail to Norfolk.
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	2045 Planning is complex and has lots of uncertainties. City Council have authority to approve rezoning or other deviation from the plan - result is chaos. What steps are being taken to make sure City Council receive basic training in long range and short term planning?
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	To stop this developer from buying up all this land and doing wha the wants for the almighty \$. How do things get passed when it is clear that the community who put the city council in office vote against what the community wants? How many accidents and deaths does it take to fix Manning Rd?
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Put conservative easements on our farmland.
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	<p>I just wanted to let you know that I attended the meeting last night and I thought it was very well chaired by Jennifer Moore and by Mr. Cannady and thanks to Ms. Dears for recording our suggestions.</p> <p>I know in the next few weeks you will all be putting in extra time by having meetings in all of the boroughs, but this is really beneficial to the citizens of Suffolk. There were an abundance of good suggestions presented last night and I am anxious to see what the other meetings will provide as well.</p> <p>Thank you for going the extra effort to listen to the community and keep our beloved City of Suffolk on track to grow but still remain a place we want to call home. Mr. Fawcett indicated he didn't like to have to go to Virginia Beach and experience all the traffic etc. there. Let's not make Suffolk the new Virginia Beach! Thank you for the work you do for our City!</p>



<p><b>Online "Contact Us"</b></p>	<p>The parking lot where Regal Theatre is located is a complete dump. The owners of the shopping center does not take care of the property. The grass is tall and the flowers and trees are dead. It is a complete eye sore considering it's across the street from million dollar homes and a golf course. Can we get another movie theater company? Like Cineopolis or Icon that at least offer reclining seats a IMAX or Dolby options along with bowling, arcade, etc. . The selection is mediocre at best. Also, what's up with the old Harris Teeter building? Can we get a Publix, Wegmans, or Trader Joe's there? That shopping center has so much potential for thr location, but major changes are needed. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Online "Contact Us"</b></p>	<p>I would like to thank all the planning members that came to the meeting with residents on 11/17/22. My husband and I moved up and down the East Coast during his 30 yr military career and lived in several different cities from RI to NC. Some cities had really nice downtown areas and some did not while others really didn't have a downtown to speak of. Suffolk has major problems with its downtown area compared to cities that have successful downtowns. First, the residential areas close to downtown are run down, not maintained and make downtown feel unsafe. The residential areas need to be revitalize. If someone was to buy up some of the run down neighbors and level them, they would be the perfect area to incorporate some cluster homes that provided green areas for people to relax in. Shops, downtown Suffolk needs some quality shops, more restaurants, bar &amp; grills and maybe some microbreweries. The most successful towns I've lived in had a variety of gift shops, specialty stores, restaurants and breweries. There's no place to shop in our downtown, only a few restaurants and it doesn't have a safe atmosphere where you want to walk around and window shop. We only have the main stores in our area to shop and that's Belk, Walmart and Lowes. We have to may mattress stores, title loan and cell phone shops and not enough other shops which is why may residents leave the downtown area to do their shopping or do it online. There are a few downtowns that really have their act together that I've come across that draw people in to shop, have dinner and feel save to walk at night. That was Newport, RI, Annapolis, Md. and St Michael's Md. Many of these areas have water activities to draw people in, but Suffolk could have its own unique activities to draw people in, like horseback riding, a skeet shooting range, a petting zoo, regular concerts where the peanut festival is held, arts and craft shows. All of these can be set up in the country, could benefit our residents and generate revenue. Many of us want to keep the rural feel of our area and I feel there can be a balance, but the city core needs more attention. People don't shop here because there's no shops, many of us don't work here because all the high paying jobs are in other cities. The only thing Suffolk has right now is it's rural appeal but the increase in traffic , highly congested developments and warehouses popping up are slowly deteriorating that appeal. If anyone wants any insight on various cities that seem to be successful and those that are clearly not from someone that has moved around a lot, I welcome you to reach out to me. I would like to see our city become one of the successful ones without losing site of what makes our area an attractive place to live.</p>

<b>Online "Contact Us"</b>	From a professional perspective, it seems like Suffolk may suffer if future industrial development goes to jurisdictions to the west as the traffic and negative impacts will still dry through Suffolk while not being able to capture the benefit of the tax revenues and immediate jobs. Maintaining growth for the industrial demand on the current growth corridors where there is already truck traffic will mitigate the broader impacts to the community.
<b>Online "Contact Us"</b>	My hopes are on a grocery store being persuaded to build one somewhere close to the junction of Carolina Road(hwy 32) and US 13 to the south of the city center. Anyone living here in South Suffolk has to drive through town, adding to the congestion to get to major shopping. A grocery store is usually a hub around which other stores will congregate. Kroger? Harris Teeter? Lidl?
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	It's very far to drive to the YMCA, can we get a community swimming pools at the recreation center in Whaleyville?
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	A park where the vacant VDOT building is on Main St? Less truck expansion, why no expansion toward Whaleyville? Municipal channel on charter spectrum?
<b>Online "Contact Us"</b>	When, are we going to get better provider of cable in the norther area of suffolk/Rt 17. I have elderly parents in the area but Charter keep raising the rates on basic cable and customer services is not the best. The try to offer some type of help. That takes an act of congress to fix. My parents on fixed income and they can't afford it. no one cares about the elderly plus the rehab facilities in the area are worse
<b>Online "Contact Us"</b>	How much of the 2035 Plan was actually achieved? The question was asked at the first 2045 meeting and we were told that the information would be posted on this site.
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Density - why is rural conservation 3 acres and ag is 1 acre per dwelling? How secure is Suffolk's city water supply? Outlaw data centers for bitcoin mining
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Implement a lighting ordinance to save the night sky
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	"Get a life" - Roger Fawcett, Suffolk City Council
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Does the planning team, mayor, and ocuncil not have an obligation to refrain from the continued push of development until the requisite city services can be established in areas already stressed... police, schools, roads, utilities
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	What is the plan to address the daily "multi-mile" backups on Hwy 17 and its feeder roads in Northern Suffolk? Who in the city's organizational leadership has that responsibility?
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Nansemond Indian Nation and City of Suffolk collaboration on cultural/environmental education and outdoor recreation. Improving Nansemond River water quality and developing coastal resilience.
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Preserving unique character of Sufoflk, natural spaces
<b>"What's On Your Mind" Card</b>	Agritourism - "any activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows public for recreational, entertainment, or educational pruposes, to view or enjoy rural activities, including farming, ranching, historical, cultural, harvest-your-own activities or natural activities and attractions. May include farmers markets, farm stays, farm vists, roadside markets or stands.