

Los Alamos County Comprehensive Plan 2016

Full Report on Responses to Public Opinion Survey – May 2016

Introduction

This report is a supplement to the Summary of Survey Results, June 22, 2016 Report. This report is available to download on <http://www.losalamoscountycompplan2016.com/surveys>. The Summary Report provides additional background and analysis of survey results. This “full report” contains the complete record of survey responses, including comments to specific questions; and it does not include analysis or interpretation of the results.

Methodology

Los Alamos County staff and the Architectural Research Consultants (ARC) team designed the first random sample survey to elicit further information on key questions identified in Round 1 meetings so as to inform Round 2 discussions.

ARC, working with a printer, mailed out 3,000 surveys to randomly selected addresses of the 9,711 delivery addresses in Los Alamos County based on zip codes. Surveys were mailed to individual addresses with names to personalize the mailing. The survey designers considered this approach to be more personal, hoping more recipients would open the mail (e.g., not treat it as junk mail).

Each survey had its own code. If a respondent responded online and mailed back a paper survey, only the online survey was tallied. With the unique code ARC could see that a respondent had already filled out a survey.

An address list broker collected addresses to create a master list. The address list broker utilized a variety of sources, including mailing addresses, magazine subscription lists and other lists that are sold. These lists were filtered using National Change of Address List (NCOAL) and other methods to remove duplications and misspellings, in an effort to create an up-to-date and accurate listing. The printer then created a random list of 3,000 addresses and assigned unique codes to each survey.

Of the 3,000 surveys distributed, 599 surveys were returned and tabulated. A total of 417 paper surveys were mailed back and 182 surveys were filled out on-line. ARC entered the paper survey responses on-line to create a complete set of responses for tabulation purposes.

All comments were typed in in order to have a complete record of comments. Many respondents wrote comments in the margins of survey questions that did not have space to comment. In the interest of completeness, any relevant marginalia were entered in an open-ended comment box, labeled with the number of the question they corresponded to. This way we were able to capture

the full written survey.

One of the advantages of a mail survey is that the survey is sent to currently active mailing addresses. Filtering and quality control techniques were used to achieve good replication of active mailing addresses, while there are some errors. This means that each household or business received one survey. The address-based survey distribution is most closely tied to households. Since businesses were also within the pool of those surveyed, this is not strictly a survey of household residents.

Confidence Level for Survey

A sample size of 599 at a 95% confidence level provides a maximum margin of error of approximately 4.1% in either direction. In theory, in 95 out of 100 cases, the results will differ by no more than 4.1% from what would have been obtained by interviewing all County households.

Note on Age Distribution of Respondents: Survey respondents were somewhat older than the total pool of households in the county. Respondents who checked the box in Question 15 “I am already retired ” made up 223 of 513 entries (43%) – there were some who did not respond to this question. The number of householders 65 years and older was estimated at 1,757 of a total of 7,495 households (23%), according to U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Detailed Survey Results

1. Where do you live?

White Rock/Pajarito/La Senda:	207	35%
Barranca Mesa:	86	14%
North Community:	67	11%
North Mesa:	67	11%
Western Area:	67	11%
Eastern Area (Downtown):	68	11%
Other Area in Los Alamos County:	29	5%
Outside Los Alamos County:	3	1%
	594	100%

2. Are you or a family member now or have you or a family member been at any time in the past an employee or contract worker at LANL?

Yes:	519	88%
No:	74	12%
	593	100%

3. Should the County plan to grow by at least 2,000 new residents (this equates to approximately 870 new or reoccupied vacant housing units) by 2040?

No:	115
Maybe/No:	83
No Opinion:	66
Maybe/Yes:	162
Yes:	148

4. Where should new housing be located in the Los Alamos Townsite?

Results Breakout

These ranked items are weighted by order of selection: items ranked first receive 3 points, items ranked second receive 2 points, and items ranked third receive 1 point. Items ranked fourth and beyond receive no points in the sort order preference calculation.

Downtown (new construction on Central and/or south of Trinity; second story residences of existing commercial buildings): 903

DP Road: 593

Distributed throughout existing neighborhoods as casitas/guest houses and only as appropriate in terms of density, lot coverage, setbacks, parking, and other zoning requirements: 576

Vacant land on the North Mesa (Note: 17 acres are already zoned PD-5 for 75 units): 708

Undeveloped County- owned open space east of the horse stables and zoned P-L (W-1) and P-L (W-2): 301

Other: 177

Other Comments

- improve some of the run-down houses in neighborhoods

- I don't think we should build new houses
- Get the neighborhood ordinances to have actual legitimacy & quicker resolutions.
- Don't know but I do know open space development is last
- UNM Housing! Rezone eastern area for higher density
- Not familiar with all possibilities; but DP Road should never be developed for housing. It is impossible to remove the radioactive waste contamination over 65 years along DP Road -- never mind if you did take off the top 25 ft of the mesa (mid-1970s esti)
- no new housing
- Rehabilitate blight areas first!
- white rock
- Golf Course
- Quemazon
- vacant land
- more senior housing like Oppenheimer
- If you think LA will grow by 2,000 you're smoking and inhaling.
- Negotiate with Forest Service or BIA
- Obtain surrounding land from the Fed/State government and sell it to private developers
- The county should revitalize existing housing stock (i.e. dogpatch) before doing in-fill or new development.
- Fix up the dumps around town! (Orange, Walmart, etc.) The neighborhoods are tacky.
- Probably not needed
- Ponderosa Estates, North Mesa private land, leave to private developers

- North Community (tear down the "Dog Houses") or replace the post-war era tiles.
- Empty lots
- Use golf course and stable area for affordable housing
- not County business - private
- LEAVE THE AREA EAST OF STABLES ALONE!!!!!!!!
- Take care of abandoned properties- don't expand!!
- No need for new housing; we have plenty of vacant shit now!
- Mitchell Plateau, above 48th to Quemazon & ICE RINK
- White Rock
- Incentives for rebuilding existing homes in poor condition
- Fix up or tear down "derelict" properties
- White Rock
- None, fix the mess we have first
- New downtown multi-story with 4/5 levels 1-commercial 2-office 3-5-residential
- Rendija Canyon

- I do not think the new housing is necessary.
- ranked other because I don't believe open space should be used for development
- Let's improve what we've developed already before developing on greenfield
- Other than downtown second story residences !
- high density, mixed use, walk to amenities
- Tear down old UNM-LA housing
- denver steel area
- We do not need to grow
- Empty lots such as Pinion Trails, northern area
- North Mesa west & southwest of ballparks
- On the main road entering Los Alamos from the East i.e. not hopelessly far from Santa Fe
- Replace old QUADS with nice appts or condo. (reduce fire hazard)
- Please leave open spaces and don't crowd current neighborhoods!
- Federal land transfers. (Where appropriate)
- Small vacant pieces here & there
- None
- How much new housing do we really need?
- Infill housing only in neighborhoods, new downtown both cities. I consider DP downtown. do not mess with density in existing neighborhoods. Do not concentrate low-income/workers housing unless its police and fire people. Avoid neighborhood problems and
- people are already buying lots/building houses
- don't know
- Get rid of the horses!
- Annex land below Main Hill and build homes there.
- East Gate
- none
- Vacant commercial & housing areas already in existence
- Santa Fe
- Near the cemetery (East)
- Do not build new AT ALL
- In Canyons
- No new construction. There is sufficient existing housing. More construction removes open space and devalues existing property.
- STOP BUILDING!! IF YOU PLAN ON BUILDING YOU BETTER DROP OLD STRUCTURES WE A[re] LOSING GREEN SPACE
- In the canyons around town
- White Rock
- No new housing
- Unused Lab land?? Area close to undeveloped Camino Entrada
- White Rock by Rocket Ship Park, Abandoned Shopping Center

- Current trailer parks on North mesa reconstructed for townhomes. Tear down junk homes & rebuild multi-family. There is plenty of affordable housing & apts, just not much in middle income housing of quality, repair the old poorly built structures.
- I answered NO
- Ponderosa Estates
- Jemez
- No new developments. rehab existing housing is more green than building and larger footprint of community
- Don't build more housing!
- Create more R-A zones
- Let private developers come up with creative plans.
- more apartments, not just houses
- Not in downtown - space needed for future commercial use
- In-Fill in burned area
- OLD AEC/DOE SITE
- NO
- Ski Hill
- Renovate existing housing and encourage home ownership over rental or commuting
- Everywhere - not the stables
- White Rock
- Nowhere
- Encourage building on vacant residential lots (vacant due to fire and other). I tried to buy a residential lot in TX - but they require construction to begin within 2 years of purchase - why can't that be adopted here?
- Old DOE office building off Trinity
- Couldn't figure out how to change positions. First choice would be vacant land on North Mesa
- Rendija Canyon Shooting Range
- the former Hilltop House hotel, the former Smith's site, lot next to the Quik Lube
- New housing should only replace old housing.
- Infill
- Rendija Canyon (Retired community)
- [arrow pointing to undeveloped] Keep open for recreation
- No new construction. revitalize existing. Don't transfer county land to developers or sell at below market value.
- What else is there? White Rock?
- Existing vacant space - business?
- Vacated buildings in WR & Los Alamos (strip malls, by Smith's stores.)
- Not Needed, Zero growth!
- Use what we had. Update trashy apartments - LAUNM student housing phases sitting vacant

- Move horse stables and put new housing there. Infill empty lots all over the place.
- None of the above
- Repair or replace derelict housing. Don't use undeveloped land.
- Old water treatment site
- Vacant land in White Rock
- Urban renewal; bulldoze Shriner's and Elks buildings
- town population seems to be decreasing - not increasing. Please use money on updating existing housing, sewers, electrical lines, etc.
- Infill lots
- Anything is better than DP road for housing.
- definitely NOT the open space east of the horse stables
- Other vacant lots in existing housing areas

5. Where should new housing be located in White Rock?

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A-19: 1105

Rehabilitated Longview Area: 1062

Distributed throughout existing neighborhoods as casitas/guesthouses and only as appropriate in terms of density, lot coverage, setbacks, parking, and other zoning requirements: 750

Other: 137

Other Comments

- Take back run down houses!
- We don't need houses
- Don't know but any open space would be last
- Higher Density, longview:dualpurpose business/housing. don't destroy open space in our county. No Sprawl!
- A-19 is not suitable for housing development because several basalt flows are beneath the thinly developed soil which makes the cost prohibitive; Four types-of-waste had disposal sites on Mesita del Buey including liquid hazardous chemical disposal in un
- fill vacancies and foreclosures
- no new housing
- If you think LA will grow by 2,000 you're smoking and inhaling.
- Pajarito Acres area
- South of Pajarito - negotiate with DOE
- No new housing is needed. Condemn & tear down blighted rental homes & replace with affordable homes
- What is "A19"

- Assisted Living Facility ? Longview Area
- See #4
- Read #4
- buy out Pizza Hut & replace with business-town home lofts
- fix up "derelict" properties
- infill in commercial area along ST Rd 4 - multi story... rom for several buildings.
- I do not think the new housing is necessary.
- Rejuvenate existing neighborhoods and appeal. promote sustainability
- I have no knowledge of White Rock possibilities!
- high density, mixed use, walk to amenities
- I don't know -- I don't live in WR.
- restore old housing and keep old houses in good shape
- unknown
- Empty lots such as Pinion Trails
- rehab of undesirable &/or derelict property
- Pajarito Acres near Highway
- Federal land transfers. (Where appropriate)
- None
- Again, how much new housing do we really need?
- finish existing neighborhoods, such as Pinon Trails
- I guess this ranking is ok, not real familiar with WR, but again, i moved here for small town, and while we want to grow, we don't want high density areas.
- not sure
- none
- Not happy with changing of longview area - needs to serve commercial & community. Find other options
- Just don't build new
- No new construction. There is sufficient existing housing. More construction removes open space and devalues existing property.
- IF YOU PLAN ON BUILDING YOU BETTER DROP OLD STRUCTURES, YOU ARE ENCROACHING ON NATIVE LAND
- Next to library/rocket park
- no casitas/guesthouses
- Since you like to eliminate parks, how about Rover Park too.
- I don't know what A-19 is. I just want WR people to stop complaining.
- Don't build more housing
- more R-A
- Convert other commercial zone to residential
- Have no opinion. Don't know enough about WR to rank.
- new housing should only replace old housing.
- No new houses
- [next to rehabilitated] Please fix this eyesore

- No new construction. revitalize existing. Don't transfer county land to developers or sell at below market value.
- By Smith's - Mcdonald's, etc.
- See 4 above
- Bad idea to encourage casitas/guesthouses.
- None of the above
- Repair or replace derelict housing.
- Infill lots
- Vacant lots around White Rock

6. Do you believe there is a need for affordable housing in Los Alamos County?

Yes: 433 0.751736111
 No: 143 0.248263889
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7. If yes, how do you believe it should be provided by one or more of the following methods?

The responses provided here are only from surveys where question 6 was marked 'Yes'.

Allow for more accessory apartments/granny/mother-in-law flats where appropriate in terms of density, lot coverage, setbacks, parking, and other zoning requirements: 229

Require a certain percentage of any new residential construction to be affordable (inclusionary zoning ordinance): 248

Establish a dedicated revenue source for low/moderate income mortgage assistance: 188

Develop subsidized low and moderate income housing: 195

8. Is there sufficient parking downtown?

No: 65
 Maybe/No: 59
 No Opinion: 20
 Maybe/Yes: 158
 Yes: 287

9. Do you support "infill" development in the downtown core, especially along Central and Trinity that would take away parking?

No: 252
 Maybe/No: 82
 No Opinion: 58
 Maybe/Yes: 99
 Yes: 87

10. Do you think Los Alamos needs a municipal parking structure?

No: 350
 Maybe/No: 85

No Opinion: 35
Maybe/Yes: 92
Yes: 34

11. Do you support reducing parking requirements for commercial development in the downtown?

No: 188
Maybe/No: 78
No Opinion: 115
Maybe/Yes: 113
Yes: 74

12. Parking Comments

- More biking trails, walk ways
- There is plenty of parking downtown! I would absolutely support reducing parking requirements, as this would improve the character and walkability of the downtown area.
- I have seen too many high buildings which block the view of the mountain when people drive into town.
- Q7: No HUD housing unless strict slumlord rules already in place. Require parks to serve each development.
- May need more when manhattan project national park comes/opens
- Bus service for evenings and weekends, especially for special events. Higher population density in eastern area supports carless residents and short/long term visitors. Underground parking for municipal. We have limited space, that is a huge part of what makes Los Alamos special. We should use the space wisely, not sprawl on it.
- Since you provide no maps or location descriptions of the development proposals, it is impossible to be precise. Furthermore, if I were not a former Planning & Zoning Chair of a Los Alamos Comprehensive Plan, I couldn't intelligently answer most of these questions. This questionnaire doesn't suggest that the County really wants informed public opinion. Los Alamos has and always will need affordable housing; BUT, it is never going to happen. The real estate developers make all kinds of claims to reduce zoning requirements and then proceed to limit purchase access to their friends and fellow real estate people who promptly hook up with contractors to offer the lots for a good profit only if the purchaser agrees to let the contractor build their from one of the contractor's house plans. There are variations of this... The public never has access to low cost housing and an inexperienced planning & zoning commission gets duped! The public gets less for a high price. The County is land-locked and the public has few choices. Where does the County think the money is coming from to offer mortgage assistance and housing subsidies? I've listened to some recent County discussions on trying to build every kind of recreational/free-time facility imaginable. Some of which would "destroy" historical sites in downtown. If a handful of people want something, the

County Council and Staff think they should have it? The Feds haven't bankrolled us in years; but recent change in LANL management from public university to private-company/public-university gave the County a windfall in sales taxes. The County for several years has been spending as if there is no tomorrow. Santa Fe city has a very serious shortfall of funds and is proposing to solve it by raising/creating all kinds of taxes. People have always thought twice about locating here to work for the Lab or start a business. A raising of property taxes (on always over-priced property), sales taxes, and business taxes isn't going to attract them when they look at the community amenities besides recreation. If the out-of-doors obsesses one, choices (always so few) in housing, restaurants, groceries, pharmacies, clothing stores, sporting goods, entertainment, and "you-name-it" which might not even be here, may not make any difference. BUT, it will make a difference to the bread-winner's family and pocketbook. A big reason the national economy is in the tank is the government sponsored/pushed housing subsidies/mortgages which caused the national housing market to collapse. The big banks didn't dream that up but they took advantage of it and the tax payer bailed the banks out when they collapsed. And Los Alamos County is going to follow this example? When we came to town, we lived in a mobile home in Royal Crest for 5 years until we had the money to move-up (an old government duplex) in this high-priced housing town. So, don't label me as someone who doesn't realize... But, I don't want the County to RISK tax revenue on high-risk buyers. There are no guarantees the County won't need that money to take care of serious County needs instead of the frills the County seems to think currently we need. Also, County government seems to think we are going to turn the County into a tourist mecca. It isn't a new idea. But, I don't think, in a one-industry small town, whose current residents value the quiet, low-crime, rare traffic ... The current residents add the value to this town -- not tourists! Most of the things the County seems to be considering would seriously impact current residents!

- The county needs to do more to remove the Laboratory from the town site and make rent more reasonable for private tenants. If we can't manage to keep small businesses open, nobody will want to come to downtown and park there anyway.
- Regarding #11, we don't know what are the current parking requirements for commercial development in downtown.
- We need to focus on creating retail space for shops -- not lab contractors or realtors or dentists for pharmacies.
- Existing businesses already experience difficulties with parking. Listen to their concerns!
- If there is commercial development in the downtown area, there definitely needs to be parking associated with any it, especially if the development entails a place where more people will come to....example, Bathtub Row Brewery....looks like they need lots of parking!
- Parking is fine as is.

- There is a huge amount of parking available at the old Smith's store lot.
- Business owners have a tough enough time as it is without more rules!
- Why add more vacant bldgs to those we already have.
- Yes to 11 if you build #10
- What's the point in development if there is no parking?
- Walking is good for most of us- Shuttle Bus park to shop
- Parking access (walkways, passages, access) to current parking could be improved
- In 42 years of living in here I have never had a problem finding parking Anywhere in this Los Alamos County!
- There is no question directly associated with this line.
- Are you crazy? You have too much \$ & time on your hands.
- Depends on circumstance
- Use existing vacant buildings both in Los Alamos and White Rock before building anything new or sacrificing parking for new construction
- Only if not for LANL purposes
- Plenty of parking is available - better signage should be placed
- Should be able to park [RVs] on street. No trailer parking on street was a poor decision that I wish they would reverse.
- Note: am already retired
- I don't understand question 11 so I did not answer.
- The County (Counsel) will do what it wants regardless
- Q23: [marked both no and yes] "(Not in immediate area)" Q34: "Widen sidewalk for walkers"
- It seems the LA county is determined to drive business on Main Street out of business with lengthy construction, reduction of convenient parking space for esthetic reasons.
- By going to walking in downtown only, ADA issues become even more of a problem
- Quemazon access at 48th & URBAN also Sandia
- Q10: "Not yet"
- Also consider underground parking in addition to a parking structure
- Too many special interests want lots of parking and at the same time want anti-automobile measures such as roundabouts, bike lanes and slow-moving boutique street construction.
- Stop these surveys and get something done. Wasting money on infinite surveys and consultants has become a habit in this County.
- That's all the County wants to do is change ordinances, zones, etc. to get what they want. We can't keep the stores we have in business never mind trying to build others for new ones.
- there aren't that many events that cause huge amounts of traffic downtown...use our/expand existing shuttle system, prioritize parking for disabled/elderly who can't walk or bike;
- Parking structure will allow more infill with higher density a more walkable community & a lively downtown

- enhanced public transportation can reduce parking needs. Also if there is a transfer center in town center that would help make ACT more useful.
- Most of New Smith's land is already parking with fine bus service.
- I cannot answer the question about whether we need affordable housing without "affordable" being defined. Do you mean on a teacher's salary? On a minimum wage income? I am very strongly opposed to developing existing open spaces.
- Parking is more than adequate in the downtown area. Infill of some areas would be appropriate. In terms of new commercial entities, I would prefer to see MariMac plaza repurposed before new buildings are constructed on land that is currently vacant or being used for parking.
- We can't support the businesses we have now!
- weekdays are the problem
- I am not in favor of growing Los Alamos. I like the small town feel; and I value the safety that is associated with a small town !
- While affordable housing is desirable, I do not see how it is possible given the limitation on land. Subsidized housing would be a disaster as it would be limited and inequitable.
- I don't even know what you mean by "parking requirements", so there is no way for me to have an opinion on point 11 above.
- far too much of downtown is widely spread out parking & pavement
- We do not need new housing developments, we are over-built right now. Leave the open spaces alone!!! They are for recreation, not houses or buildings, or developed parks.
- Parking now is mostly OK but if more housing or infill parking availability will need to be maintained.
- There is adequate parking downtown now. If there is "infill" development (and there should be), then a municipal parking structure might be needed.
- Q9: You don't need to eliminate parking to have infill. Restore previous parking spaces. Q11: I don't know what these requirements are. Q24: Multiple vehicles parked on property line - lot used for parking neighbors friends trailers
- Support infill - use empty bldgs. such as Merimac & across from the pond
- Maybe if there were more places to shop we would need more parking, but the county has made the town so unfriendly to business that there is no point.
- There is way too much parking downtown; consolidate & compress all that surface parking. E.G. 2 full blocks of surface parking for Muni. center? Wasteful & unsightly. 1/4 block on each side of Central/15th - unsightly & bad use of central downtown
- We don't want to fill in completely; without parking businesses can't prosper. If a LARGE business/restaurant/hospital is ADDED in the future additional parking should be put in At That Time. Q18: When people have a similar investment in their property they are more likely to have a similar desire/ability to maintain that property. This is one reason why rental

properties bring down property values. Renters usually have little commitment. Q21: Somewhat-- if a street is lined with parked cars & lawns have cars parked on them, then a fresh look at restrictions should be taken.

- Could put parking structure where upper lot of LA public library is now
- **Q25:** "LA needs low cost lots for parking of RVs & trailers. I dislike seeing big RV & trailers parked on people's property.
- Everything should be done to encourage walking and biking in downtown, but also allow for handicap parking close by as we have an aging population.
- There is a good sized parking lot rarely used on the corner of Trinity & 20th
- #11 is yes if there is a large municipal parking structure
- I frequently go downtown and see no parking problem. Why does this non-problem keep coming up. If I can find out the councilor who keeps it on the docket, I'll work to ensure s/he does not get re-elected.
- Parking downtown currently seems adequate. There is a need to actually use all of the existing commercial space, TOO MUCH of it is EMPTY! Part of the commercial area issue is tied to affordable housing and these need to go hand in hand.
- Improve bus circulation so people can park once in a centralized lot, then walk/ride the bus everywhere else.
- Property owners should convert or rebuild existing structures to satisfy demand. There should be a tax on vacant structures.
- While i support a parking structure, it needs to be nonintrusive to the feel downtown or a residential area.
- The government that governs best, governs least.
- People should take the bus downtown. We have a sea of parking already. Have you been to other towns? Parking is much tighter in other towns. We have too much parking.
- Stick to present requirements
- Parking is seldom a problem in LA
- I'd want to know when/where parking shortages occur.
- Unsure what this entails
- Please stop trying to ruin this town. The reason I moved here was because the majority of the inhabitants work at the lab and it is save. If you continue to try to "Fix" something that isn't broken we will leave. The Crime increase from the New Smith's is unacceptable, only going to get worse with trying to draw more Riff Raff into town.
- Never not found parking except for Violas @ Lunchtime
- The prior idea of a walking mall is unrealistic. Parking for existing businesses is sufficient with easy access for the mobility impaired.
- Have lived in Los Alamos for 20 years total
- Parking structures (garages) are the worst idea yet for a town this size.

- There are currently little used parking areas - e.g., Mari-Mac shopping center and north side of Deacon Street. If commercial development is located near these areas, they can make use of this parking.
- There is no need to worry about parking. Just replace when needed.
- We need commercial development
- Infill would require a parking structure
- I can't make an informed guess if I don't know the current laws of requirements; such as for #11
- I support anything that makes it easier for small businesses to start and stay in downtown Los Alamos.
- I just don't understand why there is discussion regarding commercial development when there are so many vacant commercial properties at present.
- Not enough van accessible
- I don't go downtown much on weekdays, is parking normally a problem?
- **Q10:** Yes for Trinity, Maybe/No for Central **Q11:** Depends where and how most!
- Infill the huge parking lots in prime downtown space, build a parking structure! South side of Trinity is an abomination
- Parking is already at a premium for the post office area. If anything, more parking is needed there.
- I support increased zoning and enforcement of new zoning in the "downtown" to focus retail/walk-in business and move other business out of downtown.
- Making downtown car free with better bus service and 2nd story residences would change the character of the town for the better and accommodate increased population better.
- As is evident throughout the town, there is not enough parking to accommodate demand. If you take away any existing parking, you will only make it a bigger problem. There is nothing more frustrating than not being able to park conveniently!
- Eliminate LANL Offices Downtown
- Being able to run downtown and park in front of a store is part of the small town charm of Los Alamos. We already lost parking and maneuverability due to those awful bump-outs. I'd hate to see downtown built up too much and lose its small town feel.
- Although Los Alamos County supports mainly lab employees there are those residents who do not work for the lab. Salaries may not be as high for non lab employees and it is difficult finding housing at a lower price. One of the reasons we moved to White Rock is because we could buy a house at an affordable price. This county needs more affordable housing for permanent and temporary residents and more services to provide for these residents. I fully support more business downtown and to fill vacant buildings. It's not very appealing to drive around both Los Alamos and White Rock and see mostly vacant buildings.

- A huge frustration in larger cities is lack of parking once at destination. If parking capacity is reduced by too much, risk of frustration and lack of business rises.
- The parking requirements are directly connected to whether there are going to be additions to housing and businesses in the downtown area - so a first step is to figure out what facilities would be there and then work from there to determine parking needs.
- There appears to be sufficient parking.
- The townsite is small. You can walk to most places within 10-15 minutes. Another option would be to catch the transit Circulator bus. If you don't want to walk (sometimes I don't), you can move your vehicle to one of several large existing lots.
- We already have too much, look at Smith's lot
- LA has vast wastelands of parking lots that are never full, are unsightly, and could be developed for retail. Perhaps the county could provide incentives for real estate owners to decrease parking and build in-fill projects as well as beautify existing facades.
- We don't need to be a Big Town
- parking for existing businesses is adequate. unrealistic to expect people to walk from garage or down a pedestrian mall to go shopping. mobility challenged people want to park near doorway of store.
- Q8: "Not in front of Post Office"
- What does #11 mean?
- Crossroads Bible Church should not of been able to build such a large building without enough parking spaces
- Sure would be nice if you'd define some of your land terms, since some of us have no idea what things like "A19" mean.
- Don't know what this means
- Quit filling in existing parking with infills
- So many empty buildings with parking already
- I'd like to see a parking structure, despite the fact that I feel that there is more than enough parking, because it would condense the amount of space devoted to parking
- Per question 6: there is a need for affordable studio and one-bedroom rentals. There is no further need for "affordable" houses. There appears to be some demand for modest condominiums, but not enough for the county to take action. Per question 11: we have no idea what the current parking requirements are or if they retard appropriate development.
- Commercial space is currently underutilized; do not need more.
- Reducing parking in the center of Los Alamos will discourage shopping by those who don't live within walking distance. White Rock residents will be encouraged to shop even more "off-the-hill." Add parking meters and strict enforcement, and the problem becomes even worse. Municipal parking structures are expensive and feel dangerous, especially at night. Internet

shopping (with its prices, selection & convenience) makes it very difficult to run retail stores -- don't make it worse!

- Existing parking is generally too tight
- Is there a plan to look at for Q9? What are the requirements for Q11?
- **Q13:** Lived 41 years on this street.
- I think businesses should decide how much parking they need and pay for it as part of their space. No government interference is needed in this matter. I strongly oppose any subsidized housing.
- need access
- Make Central a pedestrian walkway without cars. Q7: Affordable housing does not have to be mobile homes.
- The parking lots are almost never full.
- yes structure if decreased parking along core for development
- Plentiful parking today may be adequate parking when Los Alamos receives more visitors to the Manhattan Project Historic National Park.

13. How long have you lived in your current place of residence?

1 to 5 years:	94
6 to 10 years:	87
11 to 15 years:	85
16 to 20 years:	79
21 to 25 years:	42
26 to 30 years:	53
31 to 35 years:	26
36 to 40 years:	56
41+ years:	64

14. Do you anticipate relocating in the next:

0-5 years:	99	17%
5-10 years:	102	17%
I do not anticipate relocating:	391	66%
	592	100%

15. Do you expect to retire in Los Alamos?

Yes:	213	59%
No:	149	41%

I am already retired: 43%, 226 (of 513 entries)*

**Due to a recording glitch, these results come from the printed surveys and online replies made after 4:45 on May 24, 2016.*

Note: On 6/29/16 ARC ran cross-tabulation to exclude answers from those who are already retired in Los Alamos, removing 88 "yes" responses and 12 "no" responses.

16. If no, would the availability of different housing options be likely to change your mind?

The responses provided here are only from surveys where question 15 was marked 'No'.

Yes: 36
No: 112

17. If yes, how do you believe it should be provided by one or more of the following methods?

The responses provided here are only from surveys where question 15 was marked 'Yes'.

Smaller more affordable: 10
Closer to downtown/shopping: 4
Assisted living option: 7
Other: 9

Other Responses

- Closer to the Sunport
- Patio homes
- adult/senior living
- Most of us own our homes and don't want to be segregated. If everybody over 65 moved into the downtown area, it would not improve the town's image or local businesses
- In my home
- Nice, upscale
- We need more activities for visiting grandchildren including a leisure pool, possible indoor rink, etc.
- Help staying at home
- Current house -> ranch style -> assisted living
- Full-life care
- Higher quality builders
- pedestrian bridge from North Mesa to downtown
- Demolish the Long View abandoned buildings and build senior housing (apartments of good quality.)
- assistance in the home
- Modern or remodeled updated, and well maintained homes & neighborhoods, & curb appeal of homes - create more sustainable, natural for this area.
- I AM already Retired.. and living in my family home.
- short walk to stores, trails and amenities
- Stay in my home
- Affordable assisted living
- Nicer neighborhoods, updated housing

- Retirement Community within walking distance of downtown
 - N/A
 - Easier access to Albuquerque airport needed: more options on public transit to airport or some other way so older folks don't have to do the long drive.
 - Stay where we are
 - More upscale housing
 - Look at making more duplex quiet communities like on Ponderosa within the same area.
 - Retire in place.
 - out-of-town, near children
 - Something like Circle Dr area, for retirees, but more affordable, in WR.
 - Non-duplex & Non-quad
 - current home
 - more frequent bus to outer mesas
 - own my own home
 - Current resident
 - i own a small house in a quiet neighborhood and would stay there. Stop building duplexes.
 - Same house
 - Affordable assisted living option
 - single story near downtown
 - my own house
 - Similar to Aspen Ridge in White Rock
 - Better sidewalks!!
 - Existing housing options that provide single level structures.
 - There is a sufficient amount of low income housing, STOP EXPANDING!!
 - New houses
 - possible hospice facility, if needed
 - Don't see a need for significant change
 - The county needs to work on enforcing the nuisance code to make neighbors comply with the norms. As a result of no surveillance or enforcement there are neighborhoods that make for a very uninviting environment, such as Capulin Rd., and Capulin Rd. @ Tsankaw
 - Single level town homes, Condos
 - Assisted living for young people with disabilities in community (physical) & supports.
 - Public transport longer hours/days
 - Not housing. Shopping & Restaurants
 - Newer and maintained housing options
 - Small single story near shopping (possibly condos) (walking distance)
-
- I'm in my last home
 - Nicer property

- Older person housing, no stairs
- Condos for seniors
- Stay in home as long as possible
- Like where I am
- More rental options exclusive to seniors
- Condos in the downtown area
- Maybe affordable condo - more HSD Housing options
- Communities of small homes; small lots. This is happening in more progressive cities/states
- Independent living for seniors

18. Should the County require buffer or transition areas between single-family housing and more intense development?

Yes: 396 71%
 No: 163 29%
 559

19. Do you have sufficient parking at your residence?

Yes: 541 0.916949153
 No: 49 0.083050847
 590

20. Do you think carports and/or garages in residential front yards should be subject to design standards (such as matching the style and materials of the house)?

Yes: 339 59%
 No: 237 41%
 576

21. Do you think carports and/or garages should be subject to less stringent design standards in order to broaden residents' possible use/placement options?

Yes: 258 0.464028777
 No: 298 0.535971223
 556

22. Do you have an RV?

Yes: 88
 No: 504

23. Have you experienced any problems related to RV parking in your neighborhood?

Yes: 131
 No: 395

24. If yes, was the problem:

The responses provided here are only from surveys where question 23 was marked 'Yes'.

Finding on-street RV parking

Yes: 34

No: 25

Finding space at a commercial RV storage lot

Yes: 28

No: 28

Streets blocked/hard to navigate due to RVs parked on the street

Yes: 99

No: 13

25. How much would you be willing to pay per month to park your RV?

Not willing to pay: 11

Less than \$50: 24

\$50 to \$100: 11

\$100 to \$200: 0

\$200 to \$400: 0

26. Do you support increased tourism as a driver of economic development?

Yes: 482 0.851590106

No: 84 0.148409894

566

27. Which aspects of the County do you think should be promoted for tourism?

Requires modification.

Manhattan Project National Historical Park

Low: 34

Mid/Low: 38

No Opinion: 46

Mid/High: 163

High: 280

Bandelier National Monument

Low: 15

Mid/Low: 20

No Opinion: 22

Mid/High: 115

High: 398

Valles Caldera National Preserve

Low: 16
Mid/Low: 30
No Opinion: 34
Mid/High: 156
High: 332

Fuller Lodge Area & Los Alamos History

Low: 17
Mid/Low: 44
No Opinion: 48
Mid/High: 226
High: 226

Science, including the Bradbury Science

Low: 15
Mid/Low: 24
No Opinion: 29
Mid/High: 223
High: 273

Museum and Sciencefest

Low: 22
Mid/Low: 48
No Opinion: 95
Mid/High: 208
High: 177

Hiking & the County's natural beauty

Low: 25
Mid/Low: 34
No Opinion: 37
Mid/High: 171
High: 303

Sports activities, including Pajarito Ski Area

Low: 22
Mid/Low: 37
No Opinion: 48
Mid/High: 189
High: 274

Cultural activities

Low: 48
Mid/Low: 65
No Opinion: 128
Mid/High: 190

High: 123

Other

Low: 2

Mid/Low: 0

No Opinion: 10

Mid/High: 16

High: 43

Other Responses

- Indoor Ice Rink
- interesting downtown (more small businesses)
- Community education UNM LA for tourists - history, art
- Los Alamos Reservoir
- Skating rink outdoor
- Brewery safety education, family friendly
- PEEC
- Nature center, eventual kiddie pool
- motorized recreation access to public lands, e.g. Motorcycles, four wheel drives and such
- country fair
- Diversity events
- Medical personnel, facilities
- Golf Course
- RV park downtown
- PEEC
- Swimming pool Green whale
- Not enough water to support ski area
- RV park camp ground
- No Tourism
- Hobby Clubs
- Road Biking
- The Science Museum Can be improved with history of Nuclear development and appropriate new Displays.
- Mtn Biking/Rock Climbing
- Mountain biking
- Quality of Life
- Rock climbing, canyoneering, rafting, bicycling
- golf course
- In the first place I don't think people want to come here and secondly it is crowded enough as it is.
- National Park Package Deal
- More Variety of Walgreens, restaurants (Taco Bell, KFC, Applebee's)

- Nature Center

- Triathlon/races
- The county is already promoting all of the listed.!!
- Shopping
- We have trouble getting the word out. The only reason i ever heard about Los Alamos and came to interview is because my brother is an engineer at Jefferson lab in Newport News VA and he had been here as a consultant. This place has tremendous appeal to
 - nearly attractions such as Chimayo, Abiquiu, Taos
 - Arts & Crafts fairs
 - Beer co-op
 - Please don't make Los Alamos a Gatlinburg, TN or a mini Branson, MO
- Children's activities
- More bicycle paths
- Mountain Biking
- Surrounding areas
- 100 years of Scouting in 1918
- mountain biking
- Better shops after rent rehab
- bicycling
- Improvements to Biking Opportunities
- Bike Races
- Quality of life in county
- Olympic Training!!
- Nature Center
- Good weather, walkability
- Mountain biking
- Nature Center, Painters, Artists, Photographers - more Art - To DO, not to buy
- Founder's Days historical event
- Restaurants and hotels
- Sports events
- ice rink
- Tournaments
- Other Sports/recreation attractions
- Make permitting etc. less onerous - especially signs.

28. How do you think the County could better support the business community, including Lab spinoff businesses?

NOTE: This online survey answer options for this question were a wrong set until corrected on Monday, May 23, at 12:45 PM. Those responses, while still in the database, have been omitted from this report.

Evaluated entries: 535

Zone changes

Low: 54
Mid/Low: 56
No Opinion: 183
Mid/High: 90
High: 51

County-built business incubator

Low: 92
Mid/Low: 60
No Opinion: 156
Mid/High: 98
High: 35

Incentive programs (such as increased heights)

Low: 99
Mid/Low: 59
No Opinion: 159
Mid/High: 90
High: 30

Infrastructure investment (utilities, transportation, etc.)

Low: 40
Mid/Low: 42
No Opinion: 78
Mid/High: 161
High: 134

Incentives for Storefront Renovations

Low: 49
Mid/Low: 46
No Opinion: 89
Mid/High: 161
High: 105

Permit More Food trucks

Low: 81
Mid/Low: 56
No Opinion: 114
Mid/High: 114
High: 92

Wayfinding signage and directional cues for visitors

Low: 36
Mid/Low: 51
No Opinion: 71

Mid/High: 178
High: 121

Other
Low: 0
Mid/Low: 0
No Opinion: 11
Mid/High: 9
High: 68

Other Responses

- Restaurants open on Sunday
- Decrease Rent
- have a strong fine system that would force slumlords to invest in the town by fixing or selling these dilapidated buildings instead of using Los Alamos as a tax write off.
- Set a system/limit to LANL commercial rent, so commercial real estate owners know what to expect and can lower rates after LANL allotment is full
- Lower Barriers for small non-tech business
- work to reduce rent prices for commercial space so that companies don't have to expend all of their earnings (or go under) just paying rent
- Affordable retail space, more liquor licenses for bars and nightlife
- Allow more creative ways to increase foot traffic & find us in this geographically weirdly laid out old town, flags, feather banners, decorative art
- Easier to get business permits (simpler)
- demo of vacant commercial buildings that are below current code (i.e. Metzgers gas stations, Smith's)
- Better & more restaurants
- SIGNS on SR4 in White Rock for businesses that are not visible from SR#4
- plan infrastructure upgrades more efficiently!
- Allow more visible signage
- Rent control. The greedy real estate owners are killing small business investment and local entrepreneurship.
- More Classes/Workshops/Funding for small business & entrepreneurial community
- Improve overall shabby appearance of retail space; incentivise property owners to fill in vacant businesses by lowering \$
- Lower rents for small businesses - less competition from Lab renters
- Special taxes penalizing owners of vacant rental commercially-zoned properties!!!

- Lower the rents; have LANL pay into the community.
- broadband
- High speed fiber
- Better signage and easier for businesses
- Lower rents
- Streamline permit process
- encourage lab renters to move to lab property
- Small business tax incentives especially retail
- lower rent for small businesses
- County purchase services and supplies from local businesses.
- Commercial air service
- Get LANL out of townsite!
- Independently owned stores
- Internet Infrastructure fiber optics
- Tax owners for vacant storefronts to reduce rents
- Have a tourist information center at the entrance to Los Alamos during summer months.
- Again, fix what we have first - we look like a dump
- Build startup community by offering more training and connecting to startup and investment community state wide.
- Not sure what to do - but yes - make it easier for business
- Code easing - relax
- TV Advertising
- Stop going with the saying "if you build it they will come" we have the history
- reduce county red tape
- Consider improvement & access to DP Road, and development of entrance into Los Alamos inviting
- Too much signage at present
- lower rents for space
- Close Smith's
- Standards & codes more feasible for renovations
- Zoning to discourage non-retail biz in downtown central shopping dist.
- Kick lab out of storefront town commercial real estate
- Affordable housing for those working in service industry
- The county should stop meddling in private development
- Fiber Network
- raise requirements for existing commercial properties (see comments at end)
- less red tape
- White Rock needs signs on State Rd 4 for grocery store, post office 7 restaurants
- Rents!! Hard for small business to get affordable rent and staff
- There are MANY signs, now, just maintain as needed.

- Less expensive rent
- Lower overall taxes
- Make it easier to do business in the county- seems to be a lot of regulations and roadblocks
- Restrict Lab to south side of bridge.
- Restrict Central Ave store fronts to Retail
- help fix Service Clubs Appearance & storefront
- community broadband network yearly inspections of vacant buildings.
- Advertising in National media
- Business space where LANL is not competing. Lab spinoffs should be required to reside and produce in Los Alamos.
- Rent hikes drive out business, stop hiking rents on small business
- Get the lab out of the downtown area
- Too many former stores now occupied by lab offices
- Convert to electric shuttles/trolleys
- Enforce affordable commercial leases on Trinity & Central. Use eminent domain if necessary
- Having a connected, walkable downtown.
- Permit more beer/wine and/or alcohol
- Reduce rent for small business
- Get the Lab out of the designated cultural district downtown
- No more roundabouts
- you have got to find a way to control rent. It is suffocating the businesses and restaurants. Even as a resident, the lack of restaurants in LA is depressing
- Don't be so bureaucratic
- tackle the extravagant lease costs - they are higher here than in Santa Fe!
- Due to lack of revenue this will be difficult. DO NOT do ED at expense of basic services
- Reduce county staff regulation
- Relax Liquor licenses for Restaurants
- lower rent or help paying rents
- encourage landlords to rent; empty is ugly
- Incentives for filling or penalties for empty downtown space
- Moderate priced housing and better trade options at the high school would give them better employees
- Subsidized rent for small business or tax break to give them a chance
- Lower shop rents
- High-Speed internet, develop local sources of venture capital
- Rent control
- work with property owners to negotiate lower rents - more affordable for businesses to maintain brick & mortar stores
- Stop ripping up Central Ave

- 1st Class Restaurants
- Free county land
- Don't allow landlords to evict good businesses to space to LANL (laundry & pet pangaea)
- Zone for "no office space" so commercial zones don't out price retail
- Lower cost rent for businesses. availability of property where businesses are not competing with the lab for space
- Lower rents
- Trail Markers
- Lower the ridiculously high rental space amount - free advertising!!!
- Subsidize business in downtown vacancies or find a way to cause lower rent
- Lower Rents
- Rents are way too high
- Improve permitting process
- Lease permits, better access - e.g. street closures in tourist season
- High-speed fiber optic internet everywhere in Los Alamos. 2.) Stop requiring us to report what business equipment we have
- Prohibit leasing space to LANL, establish maximum leasing rates to prevent landlord gouging of small businesses
- Fix building permit problem
- especially in ways that helps the schools
- Reduce regulation and eliminate incentives. Get out of the way.
- remove old business
- Good restaurants. More shopping - the museum (science) doesn't even have gift shop
- Allow banners and signs.
- Better processes for businesses to request Variences
- more efficient and transparent interactions with small businesses
- Greater flexibility for business signage/promotion
- More businesses open on Sundays
- Easier to see & read business signs.

29. What other activities would you support or participate in if they were available?

Paintball: 61
 Indoor ice skating: 136
 Tough Mudder (obstacle race): 54
 Mini-Mudder (obstacle race for children):52
 Ski hill seasonal slide: 207
 Mountain biking: 202
 SplashPad: 99
 Bowling: 291
 Manhattan Project National Historic Park tours: 277
 Zipline: 186

Recreational pool: 210

Other: 81

Other Responses

- I am past 80 some of these are appealing but not for me
- Maybe Rio Grande Zipline
- Indoor walking & Running track & recreational center in White Rock
- Golf course improvements
- Climbing/bouldering gym
- Scenic, convenient campground for visiting outdoors enthusiasts. Maybe near the tent rocks in Pueblo Canyon where the old sewer plant was located.
- need a teen center just for middle schoolers!!
- Sports center in the old Smith's building, no ridge development!
- More long distance running races
- Los Alamos Reservoir
- Urban bike path
- free bike library, like Fort Collins, Colorado
- You forgot the arts - it's why I won't retire here
- Pool in White Rock
- Enlarged therapy pool for adults & NO children! Move the kids out of therapy pool.
- General outdoor activities
- indoor trampoline
- motorized recreation opportunities
- Most of these are for younger people. Need more for retiree esp sponsored trips to SF & ABQ; more frequent kite days, lecture series on range of topics.
- Aquarium
- Camping area ski hill area
- Racquetball courts #1 REAL bike paths/lanes around town
- Get F**king Real!
- Anachronist village artist studios
- Bike path around loop
- Senior Center at White Rock with food facilities like the one at Los Alamos.
- None
- ongoing art& science labs
- Climbing gyms, archery, neighborhood walking trails, comfort bike trails
- None taxes are too high.
- Am 86 yrs old/none apply
- BB - Town Teams
- Game/Activity Center - perhaps with Bowling
- refurbished golf course
- Disc Golf Courses

- Cultural, music, art
- pickleball
- Indoor roller skating
- Better road bike trails
- Indoor Rollerskating
- Shooting Range
- Trampoline park, water park
- increased activity for senior citizens
- Disc Golf
- NONE
- Shopping, wine tasting, dining, concerts, miniature golf, horseback riding, comedy club, movie theater that serves wine
- Also, Rock climbing, with the canyons and mountains here, i do not see much rock climbing. If we do paint ball, build a "replica town" don't offer it in an open field.
- Public outdoor summer pools (every other town I have lived in had them).
- Leisure pool need hot tubs
- Indoor sports facility
- I would support none of these if they were built using tax payer's money.
- Air soft range
- [Mountain biking] has wrecked many Los Alamos trails. What used to be beautiful single tracks now braided & widened
- None of the above
- indoor soccer fields
- Hiking tours
- We love the undeveloped outdoors
- Indoor walking course for bad weather. Santa Fe track above pool in Chavez center
- more maintained hiking trails
- Pickleball Indoor Courts
- Tennis on usable courts
- Improved Road Biking Opportunities
- Better maintenance of the overlook soccer fields
- leisure pool
- Nature education through current Nature Center
- It would be an asset to the community to build an outdoor public pool that does not require membership
- Trampoline Park
- None of the above
- bicycle rout from WR to the hill
- Renovated Golf Course
- Mercado - food trucks craft type vendors - located at old Metzgers by H.S.
- Escape Room
- Covered rink - rollerderby

- More neighborhood basketball courts (renovate)
- Dance Hall with suspended wooden floor
- None of the above
- A tennis center - we have to have the LAHS invite at Capital H.S. This town loses lots of revenue.
- Tubbing @ Ski Hill
- Winter golf practice
- hiking
- All of these may be attractive some of the time -- but to generate enough participation -sustained!! - to warrant the cost? NO
- we need better rec facilities in general for all interests
- Public outdoor pool - seasonal
- Batting Cage
- trampoline park @ old smith's
- Hiking, Camping, Rock Climbing, Rafting, Skiing, Canyoneering

30. Do you support keeping all or most currently undeveloped public land as open space?

Yes: 445

No: 120

**31. Would you support some development of public land for:
Requires modification.**

Housing?

No: 172

Maybe/No: 93

No Opinion: 33

Maybe/Yes: 183

Yes: 80

Active recreation (playfields, archery, paintball, etc)?

No: 87

Maybe/No: 70

No Opinion: 53

Maybe/Yes: 217

Yes: 135

Playgrounds or tot lots?

No: 93

Maybe/No: 70

No Opinion: 56

Maybe/Yes: 208

Yes: 134

More dog parks in neighborhoods?

No: 136
Maybe/No: 105
No Opinion: 78
Maybe/Yes: 164
Yes: 73

Industrial or manufacturing uses

No: 236
Maybe/No: 90
No Opinion: 60
Maybe/Yes: 121
Yes: 41

Other

No: 7
Maybe/No: 1
No Opinion: 11
Maybe/Yes: 4
Yes: 24

Other Responses

- Development of some water features in an open space/recreational outlet
- hiking/biking/climbing/outdoor
- Middle school teen center.
- Free market business use
- Renovation & new equipment for existing playlots
- motorized recreation opportunities
- More parts less building as in jail & counsel projects
- Agriculture
- green spaces or parks such as in denver
- We need more Open spaces
- Infrastructure improvements, RV Park for active use, visitors.
- PUBLIC LAND = PUBLIC
- DP road
- Named walking trails, public gardens
- Would like to keep open lands for hiking, natural beauty, one of our top "selling" points for visiting and relocating!
- parks, picnic areas
- Ski hill overnight lodge
- Bowling Alley
- Maybe use existing fields (soccer, baseball) for other activities during off season
- hiking/biking trails
- more walking pathways

- Bike/walking trails around town not mixing with autos
- SHOPPING
- indoor ice rink
- near airport IDP Rd It depends greatly on location
- Commercial needs should go into unused developed areas that need rehabilitation
- More and better picnic grounds for residents and tourists
- more accessible access, trails, etc.
- Picnic Areas
- flower gardens
- Retirement Village
- Stop it
- Family activities
- Community broadband faster than 1 gigabit internet
- Businesses on DP Road
- Recreational pool with slide
- Outdoor Recreation

32. Do you support expansion of the paved Rim Trail to access other parts of the community?

Requires modification.

Ashley Pond/historic district/commercial core?

No: 66
 Maybe/No: 28
 No Opinion: 48
 Maybe/Yes: 135
 Yes: 309

PEEC and the Aquatic Center?

No: 83
 Maybe/No: 21
 No Opinion: 39
 Maybe/Yes: 144
 Yes: 287

33. In the next 5 years, should the County focus on developing bike lanes or bike trails?

No: 73
 Maybe/No: 34
 No Opinion: 57
 Maybe/Yes: 170
 Yes: 257

34. Do you support narrowing vehicle lanes on Trinity Drive to add bicycle lanes?

No: 273
Maybe/No: 47
No Opinion: 33
Maybe/Yes: 121
Yes: 119

35. What do you anticipate will be the potential future impacts of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park on Los Alamos County?

Traffic congestion/parking problems: 212
Improved economy: 320
Greater use of recreational facilities: 216
More tourist oriented businesses: 348
Increased need for hotel/motel facilities: 269

Comments

- The town itself is ugly, not a place where tourists would want to stay. they would for the day only.
- increased need for camping, no new hotels till the ones we got are full, again, high density grow up, not out, with subterranean parking.
- won't have much impact -- it suggests nerdiness -- not "sexy"
- I'm skeptical of interest in this project
- none of the above
- I don't anticipate much change at all.
- Hopefully will force county council to prioritize becoming more business friendly in their decisions.
- Maybe the answer is "all of the above," but any impacts will depend on what there is to do and see at the MPNHP -- right now, there's not much.
- A favorable opinion of Los Alamos
- Careful, logical planning needed! Encourage private development.
- Not sure yet
- expect impact to be small
- More diverse economy
- hopefully demand increases for more & better restaurants
- no idea, truly
- small impact
- All of the above, but not as much as I hoped.
- Promote all of the above, but let the free market "decide"
- I have seen in other areas, increased tourism leads to increased kindness all around!
- I dont see a significant impact to the community from MPNHP
- Don't worry about traffic
- must focus on improve of all utilities!
- Need more businesses/restaurants
- we need an RV park downtown; get rid of outdated men's clubs!
- LA will absorb Historical Park without stress

- could also make no impact
- minimal impact
- I can't see people traveling here to see the MP
- bullocks
- Since Santa Fe is so close, people would most likely make day trips to Los Alamos
- This County's Uniqueness is Manhattan Project. Try to highlight that in every tourist brochures and publicities.
- Let it materialize and then look at what impact/fix
- no significant impact
- not sure how much demand - visitors need reasons to stay
- none
- minimal impact
- Millions of taxpayer dollars wasted best buildings burnt in fire.
- Wait several years (5) before spending county money to assess impact of park
- I do not believe the MPNHP will have a demonstrable impact on the county relative to other attributes in our area.
- Terrorists, picketers, strangers with unknown motives, crime, pollution.
- Few visitor as about it now
- Don't know
- not much affect
- no opinion
- I think my impacts will be small
- Increased crime and need for a public intoxication ordinance
- Don't think it will be a big deal
- Need more restaurants
- The impact will be minor
- watch close - no opinion
- I doubt it will make any difference!
- Don't know
- More restaurants with better hours - consistent
- Dumb question: Either wait & see, or get expert opinion, not a popular vote
- Not Crummy Digs if you're going to attract tourist H expr is good Hampton is good comfort inn is ok. We can't really know at this point. The Hotels/motels in town/county should have occupancy rate data.
- I don't think the tourist will be increased by this addition
- Need to help keep current businesses open/reduce rent/help with code updates (grandfather in some things)
- Small impact, but not negligible
- More eating locations
- I don't see the Historical Park drawing? lot of visitors to the community

- negligible impact give only a very minute number of people visiting Bandelier even mention visiting Bandelier. People will not want to stay here with Santa Fe so close with all the things it has to offer.
- none of above
- Need for restaurants open evenings and weekends, other than McD's and Sonic
- The Manhattan Project NHP will be largely irrelevant to the LA County economy.
- Don't anticipate a change
- increased need for bars/restaurants with full liquor licenses
- I am not really sure that people know/care about the Manhattan Project to drive tourism to the extent that the county seems to believe
- I don't think it will have that much impact.
- I don't know; I have low expectations for that park.
- I support increased population and tourism and bike trails, but we can't afford to put them on the main roads because of safety for riders and drivers. It would be much more pleasant to bike to work along a canyon trail than Diamond.
- very little
- we think tourists will take day trips
- This is a really stupid idea
- Increased crime
- Do not believe that Historical Park status will have a significant impact on local resources.
- With the increase of tourism it will affect the commute to and from work:
6:30-8:30am 3:30-5:30pm
- Probably not a lot. Younger <50yrs folks not going to come
- Doubt that it will have much impact
- RV parking, overnight with hook-ups. Restaurants!!! Laundromat!!!
- I don't think it will draw many tourists.
- Slightly more traffic and improved economy. Don't think it will add demand for hotels, etc. due to nearby resorts and Santa Fe
- Not high on my list of adventures
- The county is not prepared, strategically, infrastructurally, or in the attitude of many residents, for the changes the Park will bring.
- I don't care!
- Not sure how big the impact will be, honestly.
- Changes will be slow & modest in scope
- It needs to be marketed with other attractions
- No change
- Impact depends on how many buildings at Lab will go on tour
- Don't think it will bring people in something for people to do that were already visiting
- What is the Manhattan Project National Park? Do we need it?
- Need to make relevant to younger generation

- impact will be minimal
- Not optimistic but hopeful anyway
- perhaps more tourism
- Need restaurants!
- really not sure
- none of the above
- don't believe there will be significant impact on resources
- All, but small
- More Restaurants
- Slight
- These are possible, but by no means assured.
- I can't wait. What a history this town has!
- No opinion
- Though possible, all are very unlikely
- Traffic might increase somewhat, but "congestion?!"
- limited impact - few "new" tourists
- probably not much will happen
- Minimal impact. NOTE: options here different from written survey.
- don't think it will have much impact
- Increased need for physical security

36. Do you think Los Alamos County has changed significantly in the past 5-10 years?

Yes: 431
 No: 141
 572

37. If you answered yes to question 36, how has Los Alamos has changed?

The responses provided here are only from surveys where question 36 was marked 'Yes'.

Municipal buildings and architecture

Improved: 228
 Somewhat Improved: 109
 No Significant Change: 28
 Somewhat Worse: 22
 Worse: 31

Central Avenue "Main Street" improvements

Improved: 171
 Somewhat Improved: 129
 No Significant Change: 38
 Somewhat Worse: 32
 Worse: 50

Better shopping opportunities

Improved: 80
Somewhat Improved: 139
No Significant Change: 90
Somewhat Worse: 43
Worse: 67

More access to trails, open, space, recreation

Improved: 135
Somewhat Improved: 190
No Significant Change: 67
Somewhat Worse: 5
Worse: 11

Other

Improved: 30
Somewhat Improved: 1
No Significant Change: 6
Somewhat Worse: 9
Worse: 40

Other Responses

- Lab Governance
- Large Smith's added
- Private property appearance
- We have much more vacant retail space and sad, empty shopping centers.
- Teen Center in LA & WR, Skate park, library (WR), new judicial complex, new Taj Mahal - Oh! I mean county complex!
- auto service options
- Restaurant variety
- water and sewer infrastructure improvements. New schools (YAY!), Ashley Pond improvements (yay!)
- Trinity is ugly
- We now have a parking lot in which you can lose your car!
- Population is becoming more diverse. Little bit more poverty
- Public School Buildings
- It seems that shopping opportunities have gotten worse in the last 30 years, better in the last 5-10. Hobby Lobby? Shalako shop? ect.
- Fewer small shops
- Attractiveness of neighborhood housing stock & establishment & enforcement of codes to improve it.
- the county will blow it so,ehow
- less friendly community, many many more vacant and/or distressed properties than ever and increasing
- Nature Center

- Traffic calming
- streets & utilities
- More vacant and unused properties, less focus on White Rock streets
- Bus & Public Transport
- Wonderful White Rock Library
- County Government Growth
- Bus system
- CRIME
- contemporary architecture---very lovely and cute buildngs!
- White Rock Library
- Better Transportation for seniors who can't drive. The Current system is at the mercy of some women who favors their friends only. Minorities are ignored. This is prejudice. This place was developed by others and be thankful.
- They consistently reduce services and charge more - can't manage personnel or budget
- Ice rink, ski hill are no stable
- Liquor Establishments
- spending
- quality of public works/utility services
- Home Values
- Vandalism of parked cars on trail parking lots BIG problem.
- it looks less dated
- Traffic congestion & roadways
- more empty potential retail space, more paved parking
- White Rock Landscaping/art
- Fire burned rec space
- public transit
- Pond, WR Library
- Overall look w/ boulevards etc new pond.
- Teh laboratory as a partner in the community.
- Local government taxation.
- bars/restaurants with full liquor licenses
- Atomic City Trust
- Permitting is more difficult, and residetns are not maintaining or improving their property.
- Over building and over spending
- Bus Service, PEEC
- Acess to water recreation and motorcycle/ATV acess is deplorable.
- The numerous new County buildings, facilities and hiking trail. Also many new LANL buildings/leases
- restaurants (rent is too high!)
- Empty bldgs & empty commercial properties
- Crime

- Traffic, Light pollution
- The County & Judicial buildings are extravagant, overlarge, ugly, & unnecessary
- Personal properties. Don't like the huge Smith's - would rather have plain grocery store
- State Rd 4 And Sherwood
- Family Recreation
- White Rock Library
- transportation / bus service
- Restrictions to figure skating at ice rink
- Roundabout on Trinity (planned)
- More young adult options
- White Rock still needs help on Longview Drive
- PEEC
- The view from Trinity street of the new jail is very poor design & planning - I see trash bins (and this is what I see most of the time). Very ugly & embarrassing to county.
- Improved Road Biking Opportunities
- Housing
- Need more street lights
- Less variety of businesses
- Less shops. Rent too high
- Nature Center
- Gas stations; too few land lords own too much property and wield too much power over county
- upkeep of residential lots
- No coherent plan
- Street Size
- bus service, smith's marketplace, more trails, school/county infrastructure, WR visitor center, WR library.
- Seems some neighborhoods have preferential treatment - infrastructure, roads, sidewalks, etc.
- county landfill & recycling
- teen center & skate park
- Rents are still way too high
- County Council members have been self-serving
- Bus service & Eco Station
- DRUGS/CRIME
- The school admin, coop mkt area... when there is so much (wasted) vacant lots
- recreational and sport facilities
- Operating Costs
- more pride
- upkeep to private homes

- excellent bus system
- More updated buildings around downtown
- Less shopping choice - business has left for 30 years

38. Do you anticipate that Los Alamos County will change significantly in the next 5-10 years?

Yes: 319

No: 234

39. If you answered yes to question 38, how do you think Los Alamos county will change?

The responses provided here are only from surveys where question 38 was marked 'Yes'.

- Less safety, more traffic, less quiet
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- It will grow. Sadly congestion & poor traffic flow issues will increase. LACo has limited space - as all know. Shoving MORE humans, vehicles... into our limited acreage will not improve anyone's life.
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- Visitors & tourists due to the park
- Contracted Corporate leadership of the lab encourages short term residents who seek simply to extract from our community over half decade time spans. We will need to battle the desire of these people to have expansive, affordable high end housing that consumes our space and beauty for their short term amusement. Force them to spend money on quality development of our city core, not the fringes. Our policy decisions will define what the change looks like.
- Improved economy
- Better economic development, more tourism
- Continued beautification, improved trails, shopping/restaurants
- I'm hopeful that steps will be taken to encourage the Laboratory to leave townsite facilities, making rental rates competitive for different types of small business. More small business will add character to the town, and if the Laboratory is healthy, facilitate tech transfer and innovation. Los Alamos should be a center for innovation and excitement, but feels stifled instead.
- I anticipate more new housing built resulting in more vacant houses, foreclosures, and rundown lots. I also anticipate our taxes going up.
- It will continue on its trend of slow death. It is not attracting young professional adults and that is an unhealthy imbalance. I see it becoming a retirement community. We already have a hard time attracting talented

graduates from the universities and that is, in no small measure, due to the lack of nightlife.

- I hope that we will become more business friendly, address downtown blight and create more mental health interventions, a healthier school system & more for families/kids to do.
- The influx of young people should bring a new vibrance.
- It needs to be clean, inviting, and efficient without diminishing it's natural beauty. Welcoming visitors and stressing the positive influence to the state and nation of the work being done at the lab and how the existence of Los Alamos influences their own lives.
- Anticipate more people moving here, so we will need more rental and real estate properties.
- Younger lab families will have different wants and needs
- small businesses come and go frequently
- Not for the better. Trying to be something we aren't
- Increased tourism potential to national parks
- Same responses as 37
- Same responses from question 37 continue to apply.
- The current trend shows that it will take significant effort to pull LA out of the current decline.
- More business growth/and development on Trinity near Smith's.
- NA
- More visitors, hopefully better restaurants & stores
- would like to see more restaurants, businesses, make Los Alamos more lively
- A change in the demographic - with older people leaving and younger people coming to LANL.
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Hopefully allow more food trucks so we have more options to eat.
- need for more restaurant options, shopping to keep business local. more start-ups
- If the lab really does grow, I would hope to see our population increase
- Same responses as in 37
- Hopefully more visitors, nice to have more jobs, families, dynamic feeling
- More development. I;m concerned about preserving natural beauty of the town. There are many old and abandoned buildings that should be put to use, renovated, and advertised with incentives to occupy them before expanding "out" to provide more opportunities for small local business.
- Hopefully more lively & economically diverse/sustainable
- More affordable housing so that people who work here doing things other than the lab will be able to actually live here! I feel shame whenever I meet an employee at Smith's because I know they have to commute to work here. It's worth it to them, but such a shame to the environment, and they could lose their job if they lose their car. So many teachers also have to commute. All who don't have well paid spouses. Librarians the same. The

small business I work for would directly benefit because our #1 employee has to commute 1.5 hours each way and therefore cannot work unless it is a many hour shift. She cannot substitute for anyone. Most of all, it feels wrong that so many businesses cannot afford to compete with the Lab by paying their employees a comparable amount, or at least enough for cost of living in the county they work in.

- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- More jobs, affordable housing, tourists, more things for families and kids to do.
- County deals such as the Smith's Marketplace are not necessarily in the interest of the people who live here. The focus on tourism could come at the price of negatively impacting the local population. The county needs to remember that the people who live here matter.
- The lab will suck up whatever it can from the community & give very little back
- More people
- Completely dependent on laboratory
- More recreation, building upgrades
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- More retirement, younger families - demand for more versatility
- I think that with continuing shrinkage at LANL and without another option for decent income we will continue to see the same degradation in the community that we have seen since the absentee management of the Laboratory took over. There is less and less ownership and subsequent pride in the community over the past 10 years or so.
- Same responses as Q37 apply
- More growth, increased tourism
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- they will give back street parking for trailers & RVs
- more bike access, bike trails
- More lab hires and younger community.
- [Same responses from question 37 apply]
- improved streets, traffic control, utilities, public & home wireless networks
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- Increase in services: computer-related; medical; "handyman"
- Sneaky Politics
- more diverse shopping opportunities ... more tourism ... better new building designs and inspections ... better enforcement of building and neighborhood codes
- More young people, more abandoned buildings.
- People are retiring and leaving due to lack of business restaurants, facilities
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Hopefully become more like a real, self-sustaining town without the reliance on LANL and the high commercial rents.

- I am hoping the influx of young families will continue & tourism increases.
- Too many bronze plaques with names on them [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- West entrance Yellowstone
- I see every blade of grass covered with pavement and all access to horseback trails blocked. The stables will be taken over and removed to make way for ridiculously expensive housing.
- better shopping
- More tourism will improve use of existing facilities
- This is a qualified Yes because it is clear the NNSA wants a not-for-profit institution to manage the Laboratory. In that case, there will be substantially increased hiring, increased demand for housing, increased commercial development and a larger overall population. The county government will have to wean itself from dependence on GRT from the laboratory and greatly shrink in scope.
- More tourist-type industry, more biking trails
- Increased focus on tourism; reduced attention to residents
- Los Alamos will grow more assholes
- Congestion/population/ethnic diversity
- It will continue to update structures and public buildings, increase public trails and parks
- LANL's budget drives the county's changes, unless we are more proactive of incentivizing entrepreneurs to start tech companies here.
- The community is decaying. The County is turning into a red-neck noisy pickup, motorcycle and ricer-car community. Loud music, vehicle exhausts, disruptive neighbors, barking dogs, drug-use, residential crime, decaying schools, ineffective police department, tolerance for criminal poacher policeman at high rank, and much more go unresolved. Socialism. White Rock is left out of most of the improvements for the county. White Rock should secede and become its own community.
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- more people
- Hopefully they'll get their heads out of where the sun doesn't shine when LANL reduces work force, hopefully new contractor will be non-profit.
- Trinity is too heavy traffic for bike lanes unless they are separated from cars...we need all the lanes for cars and they drive too crazy for bike lane; We need more summer student short term housing/dorm space. Zoning process needs to be expedited but not weakened too much (we and others doing renovations at times saw ridiculous delays without valid cause.
- Manhattan project national park
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- More tourism. Larger retiree population. Increase in young to mid-career LANL employees.
- Town can become younger

- With community involvement activities will closely meet citizens needs
- The increase in older citizens will have a need for more special housing from good independent living (read Oppenheimer Place) to more assisted living. This could become a great place for people to come and retire, good climate and lots to do. Tourism will make more people familiar with the area and if we have good facilities for retirees living space, it could attract more folks.
- Trying to build a big city with big buildings ruin our little town
- housing, population, tourism. No liquor license in WR is Ridiculous!!!
- Same as Q37
- Unknown, but keep in mind - not all change is for the better.
- More and improved trails. Better bicycle access/bike lanes. More attractive entrance into town.
- I believe that continued decreases in the LANL budget and associated reduction in hiring as existing employees retire will result in an aging population and stagnation in housing prices.
- See Question 35. Let's keep it/make it classy. upgrade eye appeal. [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- I think there is a trend towards "making the town bigger" and that is a change I do not like.
- No Comment
- Hopefully more improvements in public spaces, more businesses, need to attract younger families
- hopefully it will grow and reinvigorate, including White Rock businesses
- Hopefully grow bigger with more places to shop and eat.
- Hopefully
- More crime [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Better for our visitors vacationers
- More tourism in area - so more people needing motels/hotels and more restaurants and shopping.
- Need a crystal ball! More people, more traffic, high speed internet (fingers crossed!). Hopefully the number of jobs at the Lab stays level or increases. More retirees living in town, so more housing needed for new folks. Hopefully business community (shops & restaurants) becomes stronger.
- The capital improvement funding is still available and will be used for new community structures
- [illegible]
- increased traffic congestion, fewer retail choices
- one hopes that retail will be encouraged by zoning. That empty land/or derelict property will be improved; that a true "downtown shopping and cultural area will be developed.
- Hopefully more tourism and economic development, along the lines of an area like Durango, CO.
- Bring in business and locate at new DP Road site
- Primarily, more tourism.

- Senior Center in WR, housing N of State Rd4
- not sure, but it's becoming more a part of the communities around it. There's good & bad including Increased Crime
- more balanced community offerings, continued rehab of unsightly areas in main business areas
- more diversity
- Increased downtown rigor
- Hopefully, influx of permanent new & younger families. Much greater needs by aging population. Overall, probably relatively stable # of residents
- tear down of old (non historical) buildings - newer buildings. More people living in the area.
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- By having reliable air service for Los Alamos to Albq airports
- lab budget changes, less families with kids
- loss of tax revenue as LANL O&M contractor returns to a non-profit; more retirees in town; somewhat smaller LANL budget in real terms.
- Mostly for the worse. The population is aging rapidly. I think the Lab's mission will have to change or it will have less employees meaning less families in LA, less income to spend and less GRT. I do not think the Valles and historical park will measurably change the dynamic of the County. Bandelier is a destination, the County is not and is unlikely to change. Manhattan project only interest seniors of a certain age. Everyone else could care less.
- More Growth
- If Los Alamos county along with LANL increases dedication to develop tech-based small business, then the county will grow. The greatest impediment is to embrace Santa Fe county and the Espanola valley in the growth of small tech-based business
- It seems as though there is a strong desire to develop more reasons to live here besides LANL, and more ability for non-LANL workers to live and work here. This needs to be a continual goal, and i hope we see changes toward this in the next 5-10 years.
- I think LA County government will increasingly interfere in its citizens lives while trying to convince us that increasing taxes for lower overall results is a great idea.
- Los Alamos is likely to be a younger community in 5 years with the recreational and family needs associated with that shift. Tourism is also likely to be a significantly larger portion of county economy, with the need to manage its growth and use of spaces. If done well, this could really help local shops, particularly retail and restaurants. We need to encourage incentives, with managed growth, to foster this!
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- More traffic Less parking Higher cost of living

- More retirees will be deciding to stay in Los Alamos. That will impact housing for younger families.
- I am concerned that the County will continue to make expenditures and investments that are not sustainable if management of the Lab is taken over by a non-profit consortium, which I do support.
- tourism
- If growth and marketing is handled correctly. It is such a beautiful area and that is the biggest draw next to the lab jobs. The look and feel of a small town should be preserved with concentrated efforts on increasing business, housing and outdoor recreation. I support a splash pad or some summer-time cool off for little kids and parents. However, cold places and summer indoor activities and I really believe that the majority of people will come here for the trail, mountains and wildlife seen almost every day in town. When you are inside bowling, you could be in Wisconsin in the winter. In the 1970's Moab was a gas station and a snack bar, but they jumped on river rafting and biking. Now, its booming. People need to get over liability and do zip lines through the canyons.
- Commercial businesses, LANL budgets deckers, NMGRT reductions to County
- Depends on gvt. & economy but LAB will be the driver
- More beautiful to match the surroundings
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- It will become more industrial with pit manufacturing ramping up. More construction workers who want beer and rowdy activities will need to be accommodated. Law enforcement will need to adapt to a more aggressive culture.
- It has the potential with the National Sites
- New LANL contract will change population demographic [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- More visitors
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Lots more tourism business/increased population
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Hopefully, more diverse employment opportunities and businesses, more tourism, better schools, better infrastructure (Especially residential internet options)
- More things will be taken away like businesses we need i.e. the laundromat, etc.
- White Rock "downtown" will improve
- If the county council has it's way this town will lose all charm. Crime will continue to increase and there will be no reason not to move to Santa Fe
- less shoppings, less gas stations, more property not taken care of, more county doing bad surveys like this one.
- With potential downsizing of LANL, community will become a smaller workforce and larger retiree community. Creating long term projects that

assume otherwise only creates a tax burden on fixed income households without assurances of cost recovery. Stop assuming that Los Alamos is a large tourist destination. Stop assuming that we need to build tall buildings to make our downtown more vibrant.

- I am hoping we grow outdoor rec. access
- If the county governance continues on their wrongheaded development & building spree it will be even worse than it is now.
- Better schools, increase in population
- Wealthy people unwilling to spend money. National Historical Park should force change for the better
- The "Development Faction" will probably get their way, thus destroying the "small town" feel of Los Alamos.
- Better housing options, more restaurant selections, more diverse employment options
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- With the current National Debt, I foresee hard time throughout the country. The labs may suffer cutbacks which will be hard on the community as a whole.
- Not sure but need more shopping & entertainment
- Given uncertainties of the lab's contract, it's hard to tell.
- Perhaps the county government will adopt good zoning practices. Perhaps the county government will create building practices that are clear, sensible, firmly established.
- Q37: Wasting money on large bldgs - overbuilt bldgs Q39: For the worse no matter what the public wants
- Hopefully more restaurants, local and national chain businesses.
- More businesses that are not LANL oriented.
- Many, many more tourists.
- MPH National Park
- MPNHP increased tourism, Lab hiring & contract change effects on employment
- Since the lab is hiring again there will be increased economic activity
- If LANS hires 4000 new employees some of them will want to live in town and if there is available housing, that may provide a large enough base of shoppers to improve the private business situation in town.
- I don't know
- More tourists. More stupid traffic patterns like the ones between the Reel Deal and the police center, along Central, and Route 4 in White Rock.
- More tourist oriented.
- Same as in 37 above.
- Rim Trail extension
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- Traffic calming increasing congestion unless trend changes.
- Demographics

- Main Street improvements, shopping opportunities, improved hotel/motel facilities
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- I hope we will grow. More residents and more businesses.
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Will continue to be a has been science magnet. More decline.
- It should complete the underground of utilities in North Community, remove all old poles. FEMA provide LA county for this after the 2000 wildfire. Sixteen years later it is not done!
- If affordable housing doesn't become more available, the Lab will not be able to attract the 2000 people it needs to hire over the next 4 years. Retail will suffer as the population gentrifies. Downward spiral of attractiveness for young people
- Continues loss of local retail/service business
- More emphasis on the Manhattan Project Historical National Park, better local shopping, and more parking issues.
- Pit production at the lab will increase the population.
- Improvements are great, but I [do not] want "significant change"[.] Maybe, but ugly VFW, Elks Club will still exist. Could new property buyout be offered to these folks?
- More people, more housing development, more congestion, more fights over development
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- County staff will increase and stifle economic activity with over regulation and expanded bureaucracy
- More aging of the population, and more retirees. Hopefully, continued investment in recreation such as the Golf course improvements and road biking opportunities.
- So many of my younger friends are moving to Santa Fe or other communities. I like having retirees here, but don't want that to be the core of Los Alamos.
- More retail and maybe a hotel will develop as a result of more tourism.
- Much larger tourist population
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply]
- More young people with kids.
- It is important for LANL to remain strong, but it would be good to develop economic drivers independent of the Lab.
- Hopefully more restaurants!
- Taller buildings, elimination of cars from downtown, no more dead downtown after businesses close.
- The answers to question 37 will continue to apply
- Hopefully, there will be more retail available and more restaurants that will stay in business! Maybe not try to be "high end", but moderate for the average citizen.
- A new generation of people

- We can either take advantage of the upcoming opportunities (lab hiring and Manhattan Project National Park) by providing better recreation (bike trails) and good, but affordable housing especially in downtown area. Hodge-podge, mashed together and crumbling buildings - I'm looking at you Hilltop House, Old Smith's, Hallmark store (how long has that place been empty?!) McDonalds and those crap buildings/storage next to it, Legion, Shriners, Masonic Lodge, the CdeBaca properties - all need to be seriously upgraded. People who only drive on Trinity and don't see the new Smith's store probably think our town is a slum.
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Well we will have a new contractor, so we'll see what that changes. As a taxpayer and LANL employee, I would rather see a non-profit university come back as the manager. This last (and first) Fee contract to a for-profit was a disaster. I'd like to see a return to 60% of LA workers living here, like when I first came, instead of the reverse with 60% commuting. Hoping the LAGC fairways and trails will be renovated (as promised!) and tourism has positive changes rather than turning us into what a lot of national park towns look like. I think the Lab diversifying from weapons to Bio/solar fuels, bio research for terrorism, IED research and training, geology, climate change/modeling, and so many other disciplines is great for the town.
- With NPS taking over the Valles Caldera and the Manhattan Project Historical National Park, there will be an increase in tourism. The county needs to anticipate these changes by developing more services for these people.
- Less shops because they can't afford the high rent. It's a disgrace what landlords are charging
- more businesses will leave due to anti-business climate
- increased demand for housing from LANL expansion, changing demographics
- Depends almost entirely on LANL.
- I hope for greater shopping and restaurant opportunities.
- Bike paths & lanes
- For the worse. There has been one housing development after another since I moved here, & the population has not grown much.
- Fear that there will be more spending on new construction like there's no tomorrow! Fear there will be more increases in GRT to support construction. We don't need to build everything all at once. Would like to see a graduated build out. Would like to see some sort of coordination between GRT, Property Taxes and Utilities, so not all are increasing at same time.
- more congestion, more restrictive access to public lands
- hopefully more commercial business following the lead of those in smiths marketplace
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]

- I expect general improvements in all things - but, no more Big Box stores like Smith's (ugh!)
- reduction in lab employment will lead to lower funds available to support efforts committed to now
- More businesses and places to work
- See #40
- Influx of younger people/facilities, Need for more local businesses/shopping/entertainment
- LANL's reputation will continue to decline, though LA county will decline
- Retirees leaving town, younger folks moving in, increased demand for recreational activities.
- A safe commute by bike from White Rock to Los Alamos. A resurfaced and covered skating rink for rollerderby.
- Growth
- Same answer as 37 applies
- tourism/outdoor rec will increase
- I hope it changes. Need more opportunities on the hill for restaurants and shopping. So many businesses move in and then leave. If high rent is the problem then something should be done to help that.
- Improved appearance of Trinity Drive would be nice.
- The Lab says it will hire 2000 replacement employees in the next 2 years. The average age of the population will change (downward if new employees elect to live on the Hill or upward if retirees stay here). Thus, the County needs to decide whether to support facilities to attract retirees or younger families.
- The new national park will bring in lots of visitors!
- Lab adding 2000 more jobs will bring younger people to the lab and community.
- Retires citizens move/die -> provides local housing options. Hope shopping is improved.
- Hope it will be a better place to live. So many empty - trashy/old buildings = Not attractive/useful. LANL will pay very high rents which make it impossible for locals to afford
- Everything is getting better! [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- I think tourist related amenities will appear in response to Park
- [Same responses from question 37 apply]
- Older average age, same population
- Unknown due to unpredictable possible changes in lab. Effective water management might make living here more desirable compared to surrounding areas.
- Demographics - more retirees
- climate disruption is upending our social systems throughout the world
- Better services, such as the great bus service. Better social services for kids, families, and retirees. A greater proportion of the population will be

well-off retirees. They will have stable incomes and are great for volunteering. However, there will also be a need for more assisting living arrangements at various levels.

- Larger influx of younger LANL employees
- Greatly increased housing cost.
- Likely more drugs/crime; likely more access to trails, etc.
- And not necessarily for the better. Too much building based on WISHFUL thinking
- More public funded projects
- More lab employees
- It needs to change and continue to improve in order to attract the next generation. Many are not interested in a place like this. Obviously, we need a thriving LANL to survive, and we are struggling to keep talented people. The recreational facilities are below par. And the schools no longer are a reason to stay. They aren't great anymore. In fact when we go to ABQ or S.F. for sporting events we go to other schools that have wonderful facilities. IN POOR AREAS!!! It boggles my mind why we can't raise taxes and pay for improvements.
- LANL will hire more - hopefully educated
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Municipal construction just to spend GRT
- Younger, more diverse population
- I hope the younger population of Los Alamos with more kids will continue to change the city toward balanced normal city with diverse infrastructure.
- Become younger (lab hires)
- Aging population.
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- More retired people; not as many young families; housing expensive and ugly
- [Same responses from question 37 will continue to apply.]
- Modernize buildings.
- Population decline - tax base decline
- As our national culture changes, priorities change. People will demand whatever support is required for lives increasingly dependent upon electronics. There will be an increase in homeowner solar-energy systems, which will affect the county's utility system. On-line shopping will further impact the viability of local shops. The ability to work long-distance via Internet possibly will increase or affect our population—as long as the county can continue to provide amenities that entice people to live here. The role the various county departments play in keeping our town's infrastructure working will always remain crucial to the quality of life here, but we sense a loss of community involvement accompanying the general cultural changes from a community-focused to an individual-focused way of life. Values have changed.

- Tourism, alignment with whatever LANL is doing. We need to consider that additional visitors are not always good. It could lead to protesters of the Manhattan Project, terrorism because we are more visible to the world and more accessible, and other petty crime, trash, etc. unless the County maintains and plans use of areas well.

40. What do you see as potentially positive drivers of change in Los Alamos?

Increased tourism: 351

Population growth: 175

Manhattan Project Historical National Park: 290

Expanded mission for LANL: 308

Other: 92

Other Responses

- More criminals, unsafe town like Espanola or Santa Fe
- Change in local government. Change in older community members: Think for the future not just for themselves.
- UNM Los Alamos!
- We need to incentivize UNM-LA to expand enrollment. Can that be done?
- LANL needing 2000 employees might motivate them to work to make town more desirable.
- A climate that is very hard to equal.
- aging population and deaths will keep town small and property values under control
- Younger neighborhoods
- Encourage Retirees to move out of Los Alamos to free up housing for working people (yes I'm retired)
- In the 38 years I have lived here LA county population has been around 18,000 - that probably won't change no matter what you do.
- lab business spin-offs like UbiQD & business that chooses to stay here, like Descartes labs.
- Technical Spinoffs
- Greater support for small business. Renovation & Reuse of old buildings
- Expanded mission should show a decrease in money towards weapons, but an increase in a variety of other kinds of research.
- younger families moving here
- Population growth associated with solid incomes and not simply growth for growths sake
- Take care of schools and rehabilitate WR retail
- Expand mission of UNM-LA
- County managers and Counsel
- Needs economic growth from businesses not associated with lab.

- Loss of LANL GRT with new contract
 - LANL Retirements & new hires
 - Remove County Council, elect a Mayor
 - Valle Caldera
 - Technical schools UNM & UC
 - Keep LANL on other side of bridge
 - Technology Company Incubator
 - Pajarito Mountain Ski Area
 - increased population of non-professional lower class.
 - County's garbage collection. Don't privatize this as some of the idiots on County Council tried in the past!
 - Nothing
 - expanded hiring for LANL
 - UNMLA - needs to become a true 4 year university w/ graduate programs
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- Getting Bechtel out of LANL They do not live here or pay taxes but kids go to school here.
 - more integrated recreational facilities
 - Big box store - Smith's marketplace didn't cut it
 - U.S. economy
 - More construction companies that focus on home upgrades & repair, sustainable landscaping, and neighborhood appeal.
 - remember not all change is for the better
 - no opinion
 - the county budget grew with gross receipts taxes
 - More private business and industries
 - None of those
 - More shopping, places to eat open evenings and weekends!
 - Care for the people who already live here
 - waste of taxpayers Dollars
 - Please consider what is best for current residents rather than providing for non-existent tourist.
 - may be a decrease depending on LANL funding
 - Retirees staying here
 - Nice restaurants to be open on weekends; East Indian cuisine
 - Quality of Life
 - growth of small tech based businesses
 - Expanded degree programs at UNM-LA, or another new college startup.
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- Most changes in this town don't seem to be positive
 - Different mission for LANL
 - Outdoor organized sports.
 - none
 - Growing aging population

- Develop college level educational institutions.
- lower taxes for businesses
- Re-do of older houses, businesses & MariMac - Smith's former space.
- Stop trying to make Los Alamos a tourist destination
- Increase local sympathetic businesses which are in alignment with LANL resources.
- old people stay
- Most of these are more likely to cause NEGATIVE effects.
- None of the above!
- Startup scene
- Encouraging young families to settle in Los Alamos County.
- Encouragement of 19-34 yr old to live in Los Alamos
- Smith's finally selling their old location in an effort to not appear the monopoly that it is.
- Increased retail opportunities
- Sustainability! Bringing in more younger people
- Keep high quality of public schools.
- younger population not stuck on how it's always been
- Take advantage of our awesome recreation venues - bike paths, bike paths, zip-line...
- Need growth - need shopping & restaurants
- I think it will stay the same. People will continue to live off the hill. Hotels are dire - High rents.
- Creating opportunities for small businesses that would be of interest to tourists to survive
- These are all negative drivers of change in Los Alamos
- An expanded PR dept.
- Valles Caldera, Bandelier, Recreation
- Decreased mission for LANL, population loss
- Population change - not growth
- Awareness of environment - clean up the litter, cut down dead trees, clean canyons -overlook
- more businesses
- demographic change
- LANL as it is now - Weapons mission!
- Local business being able to survive
- Possible tech breakthroughs by lab spinoff companies
- At least a \$15/hour minimum wage
- retirement of current LANL employees and their subsequent replacement
- None
- Crackdown on drugs/crime
- Promoting silicon style of tech-oriented business.
- High cost of most items is a negative.

- New people from outside NNM & Los Alamos
- bowling alley, performing arts center
- Customer driven county attitude
- Schools and University, recreation and local scenery/beauty.

41. Other Comments

- This is Shangrila. It is beautiful has great climate, undisputed quality of life. Support high quality education, support more shopping i.e. other super markets, liquor stores, wine stores.
- Fine Smith's owners for store fronts on their properties each month that remain vacant. Incentive to fill those spaces that detract from a thriving community.
- You don't get it. Los Alamos needs nothing more. Look what you've done for the Oppenheimer street from Central to Trinity. It is the worst I've ever seen. Please stop destroying the natural beauty of Los Alamos.
- Q28: Have "LAB FREE" zones & support local businesses. Otherwise, Slumlords just hold out for gouging fees. Q40: Also: Find the slumlords & fine them! Q41: I've filled out at least two other comp plan questionnaires in 16 years and, as you can see, nothing has changed for the better. county loves to spend money on this kind of thing, but never just looks at what is in front of them and spending money on both community developments.
- I am irritated by the lack of UNM LA in this survey. We need to work with UNM to get quality HIGH DENSITY student housing in Los Alamos and let them be part of the growth solution. We are an educated community that clearly values education, the student housing has been a travesty over the past 20 years. Quality student housing now, will also help us hedge against the annual uncertainty of the lab.
- I wish there were more focus on what do we have to do to maintain what we have and plan for unexpected events such as what happens if the government significantly reduces funding for LANL.
- We have the potential to be like Jackson SY. A ski area & two national "parks" (monument). Our streets should be teeming with tourists (lots of retail, restaurants, B&Bs). Another model town is Salida, CO, just 5000 residents & look at all the options there!!!
- I've said my piece in the comments above.
- Find businesses to fill the vacant stores - Smith's Hallmark and others - would like to see a Walgreen's - More places to eat.
- Tax money is better spent on maintaining what we have (e.g., removing asbestos from school buildings) rather than wasting it on expensive "great works" projects that benefit only developers, not Los Alamos residents.
- This is an amazing place for outdoor recreation, but it is not quite up to standards for a destination. The restaurants and bars are virtually nonexistent. The mountain bike trails, for example, are really interesting, but the network is comprised of short spurs and "loose threads" that don't

go anywhere. We need to look to places like Sedona and Durango as examples of thriving small-town tourist destinations. Both of those places manage the influx of tourist traffic, while keeping their neighborhood zones quiet and desirable.

- (Stop sending out useless calendars) This town needs to STOP wasting so much money on Public Art, busses to Bandelier (fix the bridge already) and useless County Complexes. Start investing in creating a viable business district, an attractive town and more for families to do. Open a teen center for middle schoolers. Get more mental health providers here.
- County Engineering group is a great hindrance to the public needs Major overhaul.
- Strongly oppose extending Canyon Rim trail along Los Alamos Canyon west of 20th St. (Take it through the historic downtown instead!) Continuing along the canyon takes the path too close to many private residences, including our own (one proposed route passes only a foot from our back door). 2) Keep open space open! Develop existing empty buildings (like the old Smith's, vacant housing, etc.) rather than taking open space for development.
- Please improves lanes for bikes. Please do what it takes to improve the appearance of Trinity. Please spend money to beautify North Community.
- County zone changes that make it impossible for a long time resident to make a home more energy efficient and those that encourage empty business spaces should definitely be addressed with common sense being applied in each case. And, yes. I have personally experienced the home energy efficiency mentioned. Still fuming over that one!!
- Would like to see our community have more options for people who wish to live here as they retire and to entice the younger people to move back to town after college. It's not just shopping, it's the way the town looks. As it is, it's so sad to drive down Trinity and see the ugly fraternal order buildings and the empty lot where Los Alamos Inn was. I hope someday that someone can put pressure (peer pressure or otherwise) on the fraternal order clubs to do something about the way their property looks or move them somewhere else for the benefit of the whole of the community. There are fewer of them than there are the rest of the town. It's prime real estate for fast food joints or retail.
- I live in the North Community and there are lots of abandoned vehicles sitting in people's yards or on the street, no upkeep of many yards, crowded parking on the street in some places, some properties that are not taken care of, sidewalks and lawns that no one ever takes care of, trash along some natural borders, etc. Just wish there could be some clean up around this area so it could be a lot more inviting
- I'm not opposed to county encouraging local business development (trying to oppose the outlandish rents being charged by downtown property owners, for example, by offering empty county space for rent), etc. But I'm opposed to promoting tourism or population growth in a big way. A lot of

the town's charm and quality comes from its small, affluent population. There's not a lot to gain by subsidizing housing for poor people that I can see.

- enforce weed ordinance; take care of abandoned homes; too many County employees per capita vis a vis other comparable communities; get trailers (even attached to vehicles) off the streets; provide more RV/trailer parking spaces - eliminate vehicle parking in front yard grassed areas. Continue to improve appearance of community.
- Yes - older neighborhoods (Western Area) need an expanded code to eliminate neglected properties. No parking of ANY vehicles in front of yards including RVs because it least to devalued property value & it's UGLY and it contributes to ugliness & neglect of neighborhoods. Makes neighborhoods look like slums.
- Developers of residential areas should be required to maintain wider streets and real park areas, contrasting to the Quemazon area where this did not happen.
- the idiots who continually propose narrowing arterial thoroughfares should be placed in a mental facility.
- Open the Los Alamos Reservoir. Allow for motorized vehicles on some trails. Listen to the citizens.
- I believe the cost of land in town is too high. This hurts the ability for those in the community to open their own businesses. This to me, upon appearance, it because of the fact that there are still too many LANL ran offices on the town site, and those buildings could be used for more profit-based companies and businesses that would contribute to more jobs in the town.
- Bring more small business opportunities to increase attraction to Los Alamos
- Let's keep working on infrastructure for water, power, and sewer - we are not yet up to present standards yet. Let's continue to support our schools. If there is a way to promote the Science Museum, along with the Manhattan Project Park, or the Ski ARea, or the Ice Rink - let's do it! I'm at a loss, that people think that tourists bring economic development - I'm not sure they do - they do help the hotel business - but, not much else - and these aren't the types of jobs you think of for economic development. Nor does a new sports center - parents of student athletes and adult athletes tend to be penny-pinchers. I wish I was better educated on the questions about affordable housing. I think it is good that the County has offered low cost loans to help people fix up old houses - we have a lot of them that need help. But, I am not familiar with what really works across the country. The Pinion Trails development in WR was supposed to be affordable - and it is anything but. I do think the market is continuing to suppress housing prices - and so, this will help. With lots of folks retiring in the next few years, there will be downward pressure on housing prices.
- Just getting businesses to pull weeds (ex. VFW) & clear out litter & trash would help enormously!

- County should provide more incentives for business to start, stay and come to Los Alamos. Lots of vacant buildings right now, which is a shame.
- We live in a food blackhole :(The coop is nice but a Whole Foods or Trader Joe's would get 100% of my monthly food budget if they moved up here. We average &800/mo on food, driving to Santa Fe regularly to get healthy prepared foods - I'd rather spend that & here.
- Restaurants - not enough; close too early, limited weekend access; the arts are not well represented; virtually no stimulation or culture in Los Alamos - it's pleasant but suffocating
- Promote small business NOT rental to LANL. Expand beyond LANL. We need to not be dependent on LANL for Los Alamos' economy. More inovative schools.
- No roundabouts
- We NEED a backup plan for survival if the lab is closed. Without it, do we even have a separate county?
- At each County Council meeting Item #1 on the agenda should be... "How can we return money to the taxpayers of this county" so that they can spend it in ways THEY see fit.
- Really want bike trails to connect to downtown, nature center, recreational kiddie pool. We bought a condo in Frisco, CO because of off road bike trails, cross country ski park, restaurants and hiking. We have biking in Los Alamos but would love safe biking & the other amenities.
- More vendors, food trucks, and carnival like booths (face painting, souvenirs, balloon popping darts) at community events would likely be profitable. Event turnouts can be very large and a greater selection would add to the experience and allow for more local entrepreneurial ventures.
- Concerned re: climate change impact, more drought, ponderosa/piñon die off. Our "mountain Town" image is heavily dependent on current climate. No one seems to be talking/planning for this impending change.
- Just remember my feelings (and my friends and family's feelings) that weapons research should decrease while other kinds of lab missions increase. And more importantly that it is shameful that so many businesses cannot afford to pay their employees the basic cost of living to live in the county they work in! At least if my car breaks down, I have neighbors who won't mind dropping me off at work. I doubt many neighbors would drop a friend off an hour and a half away... Thank you for listening. :)
- I have lived here as an adult since 1956. We retired here because of the great access to trails, great year-round climate, relatively low crime rate, friendly people & nearness to mountains. I deeply regret loss of small stores - shoe shop, bookstores, hobby, etc.
- Projects need to be demand driven & cost effective per number of users. Building new housing areas such as A-19 only allows existing housing to blight existing neighborhoods & make them unattractive to new buyers.

Clean up what exists now, then see if new development is necessary.

- Neighborhoods look run down & sloppy & low. Small business can't make it. Need a laundromat - How can people come to a town without a laundromat??
- I believe there is opportunity for White Rock to expand its business. The visitor center is packed with cars during the summer, but there are very few restaurants for those people. I do not know if it is too hard for businesses because of county and/or state regulations or if there are other factors such as building costs or rental costs. Why do so many restaurants fail in Los Alamos county?
- I'd like to see the county adopt a living wage requirement.
- Allowing businesses to have more say and impact - supporting business owners instead of making it difficult for them to get started and succeed.
- There are increasing numbers of apparently abandoned homes in more and more neighborhoods where the properties are quickly becoming dangerous eyesores. This deters potential growth of the affected neighborhoods and is driving potential positive population growth off the hill to more family friendly locations. We dont need more abandoned crack houses in our neighborhoods....
- Quit re-doing central! You've already destroyed what was there.
- Give back street trailer parking. Spend county money for a county service to trim trees if people call in. Lower tax rate.
- if commercial rents were not so high, more small businesses could stay
- Q29: Bus to SF, Espanola nature tours, bingo; movies & restaurants, easy fishing trips, computer repair shop, miniature golf;
- Yes. Please get rid of all the post WWII era government "Dog Houses"!! Or, at least consider replacing all of the outdoor tiles!
- Questions on this survey were worded such that I doubt you will be able to interpret the answers correctly.
- New people coming to Los Alamos want to get rid of all the old stuff (anything - manhattan project)
- Major problem in downtown is the high rent demanded by landlords and the willingness of lab to pay those rents. Thus small business is unable to compete. Central Park square was once a thriving collection of small businesses .. retail and restaurant .. now houses small non retail firms of various kinds .. area needs to be revisioned and remodeled to be an area attractive to out of town shoppers as well as to local shoppers. Would Boulder, CO allow this blight to exist? The new Smith's supermarket is attractive to some but it poses a major problem for the frail elderly ... daily staples are flung at extreme edges of store making it difficult for elderly to access. Merimac Center will continue to degrade until the retail space is rented and utilized. it is tuning into a nuisance ... ditto the hilltop motel/restaurant/ spa. The space occupied by Smiths for many years

needs to house another grocery store ... we need competition in prices as well as in selection.

- We currently have one store, one convenience store in town.
- I am SOOO disappointed in the County for chopping down large beautiful trees so it might be easier for construction. Please, I beg you, put a stop to this nonsense!! Filo and the others are destroying our town.
- Protecting small businesses should be a priority too.
 - Reclaim destroyed land such as: garage mahal (county trucks at east gate). (2) Trackers on all county vehicles. (3) Fix the pond screw up. (4) Los Alamos used to have nearly 20,000 residents. We have just under 18,000. Quit! no more projects unless one is dropped.
 - Change all street light fixtures so light shines down/reduce light pollution. 2. Eliminate vertical lights on pillars at new gold course building/ eliminate light pollution. 3. Install cinder block wall along diamond from Orange/Sandia to Arkansas. The multitude of different type of fences is a distraction and an eyesore. Doesn't blend in with beauty of Los Alamos 4. Would give residents along Diamond some parking.
- L.A. has been much loved home for 72 years. at one time it was predicted to grow to population 35000 and need a bridge across pueblo canyon. Fortunately these did not happen. I expect LA to decline as will the lab. It will always be a great place to raise a family and simply enjoy life without trauma
- Los Alamos is a fantastic place to live. Please, please, do not take away the reasons many of us came here. The open trails and the stables are the main reason we plan to stay here after retirement. I feel the comprehensive plan has totally forgotten that there is indeed a stable area in this town. We are a benefit to the community and not just because the land it sits on has the developers drooling. Do you have any idea how many people enjoy walking through the stables and continue out to the mesa? This open area must be left alone for hikers, bikers, horseback riders and dog walkers.
- Landscaping - for an affluent town, most people don't take care of their yards. Embarrassed when family visits this town.
- Los Alamos needs a bowling alley
- The county needs to find a way to make it uneconomic for commercial property owners to have structures unoccupied for long periods of time (e.g. the old Smith's), possibly by having a way to increase property taxes after a period of inactivity, say one year, to cover the estimated loss of gross receipts from a business located there. In that way, property owners would be motivated to find new uses for their property, or be penalized.
- No evidence that federal spending will increase for increased employment at LANL
- Pajarito Acres seems to have very poor internet connectivity. Is there any plan to address this deficiency?

- Ban roundabouts!
- Don't Squander county monies
- LANL contract changes & related effects from political changes (New Mexico & Federal) may have significant impact.
- Need a left turn lane and light for entering hospital from Trinity *Need shoulders & bike lanes along NM4 between WR & LA!!! *I know it's SF county, but it's used by WR residents every day!
- Truch route "4 lanes"! More trails into pueblo canyon from stables, expanding "perimeter" trails, upgrade zipline trail. Bridge at Buckman. Resurrect "Ranch School" theme park, equestrian/outdoor complex, on Kmage mesa, Los Alamos Canyon Parkway
- Parking alongside roads in neighborhoods, including trailers and RVs. Houses have 3 or 4 cars parked on roads which makes them impassible particularly in emergencies plus it's an eyesore for neighborhoods and reduces property value. Just as unkempt yards, etc. It's a real problem in this county!! The community seems to have need for 3+ cars per household. Not sure why.
- Diversify from LAB, Be your own/independent
- #NAME?
- The county needs to build a bike trail between LA & WR. It's way too dangerous to allow bikes to share shoulderless roads with cars. Fix sign laws in county. Stop being so anti-business. Improve processes to make it easier to start a business in the county.
- My wife and I travel to Tucson and Aspen to ride their extensive bike paths - as do others. Why don't we have more here? There could be a path around the loop. The road west of Ancho canyon is terrible and no shoulder. Why no bike path? Would likely draw tourism. You should visit Carbondale, CO. It is a town that is vibrant because of their bike path.
- This survey is tilted to its own purpose and does not allow reflection of opposing views. Good luck.
- Simply put, I feel it is useless to fill these out. Historically, LA County does whatever it wants no matter what the citizens want. It certainly seems that way.
- Open your eyes! Why don't new businesses want to move here? Quality of living is getting much worse.
- Please stop making those cut outs on the streets - winter driving on the streets with those cut outs is terrible. Why can't streets and their access be straight and NOT like the one by the movie theatre. At night, stranger think it is a nightmare.
- Increase the area of the county by asking Santa Fe County to change their boundaries and have White rock as contiguous part of Los Alamos. This County has a step-motherly attitude towards White Rock. All the business in White Rock died except Smith's. Where Rock used to have so many facilities people liked to use. They all disappeared one by one. The County

should spend some money here and attract more businesses and services like doctors, nurses etc.

- County Codes - some are too restrictive for the residential areas preventing home owners from making reasonable property improvements, or doing things needed to make living in their homes more satisfying. This is a County code driven community and there are way too many unnecessary codes. Those who create and enforce these codes are not understanding the negative ramifications of their actions. There are too many unnecessary and unreasonable codes and this makes living in Los Alamos/White Rock less appealing. The County should become more flexible regarding codes involving residential areas. They should consider allowing more variances on a case by case basis rather than just saying absolutely not to requests that will not devalue the surrounding properties, or requests that do not affect the safety in the neighborhoods. I have spent thousands of dollars improving my property and thereby improving the value of other homes in my neighborhood. But I am not permitted, due to certain codes, to improve the value of my property further due to unreasonable codes. The codes in this county have gotten out of control and there appears to be nothing the average homeowner can do to change it.
- I think the County needs to review their mission because it sure doesn't serve the residents. They reduce services and then charge more. Won't follow/execute ordinances, i.e., people living in work shops full time (area not zoned this way, it's a life safety issue [138 Aragon]), White Rock looks horrible, staff see (when they get out of their office) the abuses of ordinances but don't do anything. County wants to do away with qtr bulk items (already reduced what they will pick up which is a sin) as some folks can't get to the dump or have vehicle, they reduce services but never get rid of staff. It's not the same town which is very sad. I support growth but fix what we have before doing other stupid things, i.e., LA bus has 1 or a few riders pretty much throughout the day and look what it costs.
- We could be a destination for outdoor sports like Estes Park - market that ! Expand and advertise our trail network for weekend or vacation outings. Older lab employees are retiring so there will be new hires but not sure how many retirees will stay here vs moving elsewhere. Huge demand for summer student housing needs to be met...these summer students are potential future lab employees/residents so we need to leave a more positive impression of our town as a place to live.
- we need to spend less money on ourselves (county buildings & horse arenas) and use that money to create recreation & other activities to enhance the visitor experience
- Consider the use of empty buildings instead of building new structures. too much is being spent on sculptures. Funds could be used for other needed services.
- Small towns in NM are dying thanks for keeping LA vibrant!

- I know UNM fights this, but the future industrial/economic growth for this community is a 4 year university. This community has the resources because of LANL to be great in this area. Tourism is minor at best.
- No
- I like to see a formal government instead of complete council power
- review building permit process. Example - tuff shed says it's next to impossible to do business in Los Alamos.
- Stop spendin money on "art in public places." The general account office will take a dim view of this and it might cause it to cut off lab funding. Some of this so called "art" is junk.
- White Rock needs businesses to support Bandelier visitors. We finally have a couple restaurants but no type of stores for misc. hiking, backpacking, shoe type stores.
- liquor license issues are perennial & irritating - too expensive & helps make the county unfriendly to businesses. Cost should be tied to market yield - restaurants/facilities in WR fail to serve the Bandelier market. the Senior Center in WR is behind schedule and people are VERY upset!
- Developing trails & biking in the City helps local residents and does not attract tourists. I would suggest developing trails outside the city along the Rio crest - to Bandelier - in the area by the main hill road. By putting bike & trail paths through areas of natural beauty, finding vistas for viewing scenes which are only available here will draw tourists as Moab Utah does.
- on-line survey did not function
- There needs to be low-income housing that is affordable to those who work here who are paid low wages!! Not everyone works at the lab or the county. Several low-income apartment buildings were demolished to make room for the new, extravagant Municipal Bldg, but no new apts. were built.
- I do not believe we need to provide housing for everyone working in Los Alamos. I do not support increased construction of housing and am very strongly opposed to developing housing on existing open space. Our open space is a treasure to be preserved.
- Better medical services within Los Alamos County would be of benefit to all. LAMC is simply adequate. It has an aging infrastructure, it's imaging capabilities (with few exceptions) are antiquated, and hospital services are--in general--poor. LAMC does not adequately demonstrate an interest in serving the community. A good example of this shortcoming was the staffing of the emergency room with contracted emergency medical services company that was not in-network with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. I still find it incredulous that LAMC would not assure the emergency services provider was in-network with the insurance company that covers the vast majority of Los Alamos residents. Similarly, only in recent months has an orthopedist started practicing in Los Alamos after an absence of such care for several years. That said, and will all due respect, this orthopedist is in his mid-70's. Although he is very likely well-qualified, I don't think I would make this my first stop for a serious or complicated

- orthopedic issue. I'm surprised the survey did not address air transportation from the LA airport. As we know, recent attempts have failed miserably for a variety of reasons. Given the relatively easy drive to ABQ, commercial air service will work only if it is structured such that LA residents find it of value in terms of (1) schedule, (2) airfare, and (3) destinations served. Personally, I'm more than happy to drive the 2 hours to ABQ rather than wait 2-3 hours for the next flight to/from Los Alamos. On the other hand, if flights were available to Durango and Phoenix, I'll be first in line! Many small communities throughout the nation, some relatively close to major airports (closer than LA is to ABQ), secure federal funding to provide air service. Is this not an option for Los Alamos?
- Before talking about expansion, how about addressing the success/struggle of businesses & restaurants in Los Alamos and White Rock. Survival is difficult. I like Los Alamos as a quiet, safe community with many opportunities for outdoor recreation, and local events.
 - Utilities maintenance - status? Highway maintenance - status?
 - Let Trinity Drive Like it. No Roundabouts
 - Keep Smith's grocers in White Rock!
 - I just will repeat my previous statements that reflect I value the small town feel of Los Alamos: "BIGGER IS NOT BETTER" The Los Alamos Public Library continues to be one of the biggest assets in this town ! -- AND the Senior Center ! AND THE UNM BRANCH CAMPUS.
 - I liked the town atmosphere in the early days - Do not lose sight of our original purpose!
 - I give high marks to our bus system; it is a very positive asset and one that I hope we will not lose.
 - NO
 - If county wants to grow, could promote Los Alamos as a destination retirement community. See question27 for its appeal to some retirees.
 - Police Dept. needs to be expanded due to rising population, tourism, crime, and civil duties being absorbed.
 - This area cannot accommodate more intense development! And, it is not needed!
 - Trim down & more efficient county services
 - Atomic City Transit is a great thing; need to make sure it stays that way!
 - Control cap spending & save for future LANL down-sizing
 - I believe the county government should better control expenditure and costly development projects. County Council should actively question cost & need for proposed expenditures!
 - Businesses need to be allowed to sign. Would like to see an emphasis on maintenance of existing structures. WR needs utility infrastructure - new sewage treatment & lines for all utilities. Maintenance also needed for medians & roadsides. Signage for visitor center blocked by other signage.

- Grocery store options, Smith's is a monopoly - Causes me to leave L.A. occasionally for shopping. Develop Mari-Mac, WR village, & area on Trinity where LA Inn was and Hilltop House was-
- I really feel one of the top priorities is the fixing and improving the sidewalks and streets in Los Alamos. We spend so much on lavish buildings and the infrastructure is falling apart. If you want visitors you should make the city a place that looks good. Not buildings, but good streets and sidewalks would impress a lot more than potholes and cracked sidewalks that they can trip on.
- Entering town from East, there are so many eyesores. Count the empty buildings. Do something to fill/rebuild old Smith's Hilltop. Relocate historic service org. on CBD sidewalks. Quit using prime retail space w/ windows on street for non-retail ZONE!
- I would like to see empty/vacant businesses & homes rented, renovated or town down. I know of too many unfinished homes that are left to rot. More aesthetics for the whole town.
- Get the lab out of the townsite, their presence drives up rent for local businesses.
- The older business properties are poor: high rent for poorly maintained buildings with crumbling parking lots. Lots of empty storefronts. Surely there is some kind of sensible regulation (or enforcement of regs) that could give landlords incentives to do better. We have lots of empty storefronts (the worst being the old Smiths), surely there must be some way to give incentives for those properties to be put to better use.
- Housing proposed for North Mesa should avoid impacting the stable area (location) the stables have been, and should continue to be a necessary part of Los Alamos history. Access to riding areas should be improved.
- Forget "Branding" the County with a stupid new, expensive slogan. "Where Discoveries are Made" is accurate, not arrogant, is simple, and on-message.
- How about a plane (shuttle) between LA airport & Denver airport - maybe this would be more useful than the plane to ABQ was. We need better connection to airports/the wider world. This is a major disadvantage of living on "the hill" - long trip to airport & ABQ airport isn't a great hub - let's get connected to Denver.
- Truthfully, we don't want so much affordable housing opportunities that it attracts the unemployed moving here from ALBQ & other nearby places just for the cheap rent; it increases crime & drugs & causes fires (meth etc.) One of the attractions of this town is its low crime; that's one of the reasons we moved here FROM Santa Fe. Don't mess it up, & don't forget the larger a town gets the more violent crime.
- Would not like to see town "over built" based on 'flat' or 'increased' predictions of LANL budget. Would like eyesores to be redeveloped - old Smith's, Longview, etc. But should be driven by free enterprise NOT

guesstimates based on LANL. County should not invest in housing for example.

- I couldn't answer questions 4 and 5. There was nothing to click on.
- Consider a drop-in supervised shelter for those with none. Consider incentivizing youth business development and management opportunities. Central & Trinity traffic flows need to serve tourist & recreational opportunities. Revitalize quiet enclaves North of those for aging populations
- Los Alamos is a small town. It is off the main roads. Try as you might it's not going to become a main tourist attraction. County spends TOO MUCH money on consultants. Wasted money. There are smarter people right here in Los Alamos.
- This town has always been about LANL. Any decrease in funding/opportunities at LANL impacts the entire town (whether we want it to or not). The main problem with the downtown area and businesses in my opinion has been that when LANL started renting space downtown, it drove the rents up, making it difficult for small businesses to succeed. We now have businesses that come and go, strange disjointed architecture/downtown plan, a few other employers than LANL, some new growth opportunities, but STILL the town is and will be dependent on LANL funding. We need to carefully weigh which options we go with and not spend all the CIP/other monies that we currently have, since we do not know the future. Any County buildings or parks we build will have costs of implementation/building AS WELL AS CONTINUED COSTS OF MAINTENANCE, UTILITIES, STAFFING FAR INTO THE FUTURE!! PLEASE DO NOT LOOK AT ANY IMPROVEMENTS AS ONE TIME EXPENSES AND DO NOT PLAN TO PAY FOR INCREASING COSTS WITH MORE PROPERTY TAXES (OTHERWISE MORE PEOPLE WILL MOVE OUT). I like living here because it is safe, has wide open spaces, beautiful scenery, and lots of hiking trails. I could make more money working elsewhere.
- The county should embrace what it is, a town that exists to provide housing for LANL. The county should work to improve its positive attributes (good schools, good access to outdoor recreation, good healthcare, educated, small town atmosphere, etc..) such that we are better able to compete with the surrounding communities when new LANL hires are choosing where they want to live. Because we are landlocked, so to speak, we can never grow to as big as Santa Fe and Espanola, there simply is not enough land on which to build. These communities are also relatively close to us. Because of these facts, it will be very difficult to attract significant commercial shopping and entertainment businesses. (They have a bigger population to support them, and Los Alamos and White Rock residence can drive to them easily.) No more money should be spent attempting to attract commercial businesses that are not already looking to locate here. Los Alamos and White Rock are not near any resources that require extraction (mining, agriculture), nor are we a

transportation hub. Industrial/manufacturing businesses are either build close the raw materials required, close to their major customer, or at a transportation hub. LANL is not the largest customer for very many, if any, industrial/manufacturing businesses. Intellectual business will also bypass Los Alamos and White Rock, because we are not at a transportation hub, that allows them quick access to the world. No more money should be spent attempting to attract industrial/manufacturing/intellectual businesses that are not already looking to locate here.

- Needs the eating places open in the evenings & day weekends. East Indian cuisine. Buffet for lunch is very popular. Need more vegetarian restaurants.
- I feel this county is spending money like a bunch of drunks on such things like the municipal building, golf club, fires station in white rock. All of these projects have been overkill.
- Los Alamos County must continue to keep top-notch schools as one of their highest priorities. I support Smith's BECAUSE the monthly rent goes to LAPS.
- I think we need to move toward "sustainable" county infrastructure than can be maintained with lower tax revenue.
- #40: "drivers of change"?? What are you asking? Are you asking, "Which of the following would be positive for Los Alamos?"
- LANL will continue to consolidate; no new significant missions are possible as they will be strenuously limited by DOE politics-and-policies. The Manhagttan Project Historical National Park will at best only incrementally increase tourism and economic activity.
- We think the County Council should STOP SPENDING money on fancy new buildings that only enrich their pocketbooks. Los Alamos is on a dead-end street, it won't ever be a tourist 'destination'. Bandelier draws in visitors who sometimes stop in Los Alamos. Some hotels and restaurants in White Rock might draw some of those tourists money. Do NOT take away traffic lanes on Trinity to accommodate bicycles. You have already bottle-necked traffic to a crawl on Central, route the bicycles down Central.
- Some LA County Councilors believe that retirees should get the heck out of here so that families with kids who populate the schools can move in. It's wrong to discard those retirees and it risks backlash in the voting booth.
- No
- Total number of lab employees is likely to stay steady, not grow. The shift will be high attrition of baby boomers with the new employees being much younger. While some retirees will stay, many (have and) will move. Coupled with increase tourism, this requires growth in new family oriented recreational opportunities; e.g. new rec pool, indoor skate or hockey rink, bowling, etc. (The old Smith's seems so obvious to try this, some combined skate and bowling, or something.) If the population shift and tourism are managed well, particularly coupled with affordable housing and business incentives, this should help local retail and restaurants. The last issue is flight access. Flights to Albuquerque are worthless. Given the

timing, they simply do not substantially reduce travel time. One potential here that may work would be to try regional flights, Houston, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix all mean only two hops -- LAM to XXX to FINAL -- and that would be a big time savings! (Probably hard to arrange, but maybe?!)

- Indoor ice rink & rec pool would be great!
- Do not want high density.
- The lack of nightlife is going to effect the ability of the Lab/other high tech businesses to attract young people to the area. Los Alamos needs more than two places that can serve more than just beer and wine. Keeping restaurants open w/o a full liquor license is almost impossible.
- Atomic City Transit used to work fine- might have needed a little "tweaking", but instead County hired an expensive out-of-state consultant to come in and procede to f*** it all up!! We need MORE bus service, not less! Please return peak AM & PM service on all routes, return the trolley downtown to 3x/hr, restore the 2M route to go all the way to the transit center, add night & weekend service, and restore better holiday service, so I don't get stranded in White Rock on New Year's Eve with no ride because I didn't schedule a week in advance.
- Again please ensure expenditures and investments are well thought out, deliberate and sustainable. And do not plan for constructing roundabouts
- Los Alamos needs to develop as a tourist site - day trip from folks visiting Santa Fe.
- The climate is changing and our water is limited. We should not try to increase the population. We have lived here much longer than any other place because we love the environment and all the outdoor activities that are so close to home.
- No roundabout at entrance. The divided road is easy to follow and the pond a visual delight.
- I think i already covered my comments in the appropriate sections above.
- It is a travesty to force taxpayers at gunpoint to finance such boondoggles as the Wal-Mart Chinese white plastic stork in front of the new White Rock library, or the egregious art monstrosity at the turn to the overlook. I expect fiscal responsibility when the nation is trillions in debt.
- The central avenue traffic circle is the stupidest thing the county has done since I've lived here. It is a totally inappropriate traffic control feature !!!!!!!
- Can't think of any but thanks for asking!
- Too much money spent on niche projects - should invest in fiber optic cable for community
- Much more emphasis on architectural standards, maintenance of housings and yards and regular enforced clean up programs
- Get rid of those ugly fraternity lodges on south side of Trinity & develop the land. Those organizations are dinosaurs left over from the 50's & their buildings look like it.
- If Los Alamos really wants to be something when it grows up it should develop a poly-technical university that is independent of UNM. Being a university town would have huge benefits to our culture, employment

opportunities, consumer base, restaurant potential, economic development and quality of life. DP road area should be developed into this university land.

- Need more restaurants with alcohol. Need Hot Tubs for Relaxation.
- There are too many empty commercial bldgs! wealthy landowners holding on to buildings or charging exorbitant rent. It looks like a ghost town with a giant Smith's.
- Would support improvement to our existing sport facilities, such as Spiro, Barranca and North Mesa Soccer fields. update Bunryan Softball field. Get rid of gophers!
- Landlords who do not rent because of way too high rental costs should be taxed!
- No.
- The electronic version of this survey did not work on iPad. Question 27 asks for ranking but does not provide a way of doing this.
- Please quit using tax payer's money to fund every special interest groups projects. The property tax is spiralling out of control.
- Enforcement of ordinances already on records re: (1) number of vehicles (mobile & non) (2) and other "trash" parked on residential properties and on street used by small businesses (ie private schools, take-home parking police vehicles.) Residential areas have become very "trashy" throughout the county.
- Encourage a sense of ownership by all county residents so as to increase the sense of pride in the community, and willingness by all including our youth, to keep it looking nice - decrease vandalism
- You need to force commercial landlords to improve their properties and keep them up to code. That should not fall to tenants.
- Stop spending money like spoiled teenagers.
- We need more businesses oriented towards the regular people here, too many little businesses that don't make it. Get more restaurants that will stay, bring back a laundromat, a card store like Hallmark, this place really has nothing as far as businesses for the little people.
- Parking & driving is so hard on the narrow streets of Los Alamos. Stricter weed abatement programs i.e.: we need more weed control & prevention. We also need a better dog or leash law. Loose dogs at North Mesa Stables are so dangerous! Thnx
- Why, the council never reads or pays any attention to surveys. It's just pacification to make residents feel like they have a say in between voting council members out.
- make trucks go up truck route!!
- Stop allowing out of County residents equal use of County resources paid for by County residents. Previous initiatives of property tax increases to fund UNM-LA improvements, were inappropriate. Allowing enrollment of non-County students in Los Alamos County schools shortens the lives of school resources at County resident expense. It is understood that the

schools get State money for headcount, but the burden of infrastructure and classroom resources falls on the residents.

- It is CRUCIAL for the survival of the town to capitalize on revenue other than LANL. Los Alamos CAN be a mountain town resort LIKE Durango, BUT we must capitalize on outdoor rec.; improve facilities such as the hockey rink, and local trail access.
- The change to Atomic City Transit resulting in an 80% reduction in WR rideship is pathetic. The county response is slow. Fix it now.
- Need more restaurants open on weekends!
- Thank you!
- Quit thinking "development" & "growth" & building and start thinking about maintaining and preserving our town. Encourage small businesses by booting out the lab from downtown so greedy landlords would have to lower their rents so small businesses could afford them.
- Smith's may be bringing in higher GRTs, but at the expense of our smaller businesses! Maybe Smith's should put in a laundromat in one of their store front spaces -- or lease space at a reasonable rate to local entrepreneurs
- I'm mostly happy with Los Alamos as it is. Promoting tourism or increased population will likely change Los Alamos for the worse.
- Questions 4 and 5 did not allow for re-ranking. Question 4 I'm OK with the proposed ranking. For question 5 my ranking is: 1. Rehabilitated Longview area 2. Distributed throughout existing neighborhoods 3. A-19
- I heard negative comments about celebrating atomic bomb with Manhattan Project - How can this be done to give positive feelings & comments in future?
- Infrastructure repairs and upgrades of greatest importance.
- It should be to better the lives of residents - 1st and foremost! Whit Rock sidewalks & areas look disgusting! The county should make the tax payers' neighborhoods a priority!
- PLEASE do NOT put in more roundabouts. They are a traffic nightmare. Half the people on Barranca and North Mesa have not the foggiest clues on proper driving etiquette when navigating the one we have. I cannot imagine how folks would deal with a double lane configuration at the entrance to town.
- Need to attract younger people
- Enforce Codes such as parking, trust, cars in backyards, RV's on the street, Improve Building Department so it is easier to build properly & renovate without crazy mind changes.
- Since you now have separated Whit Rock from Los Alamos with the New Zip Code tourists will be more confused than ever. Make sure your plans are practical before you start building
- I think we have enough art display. Spent money for more practical way.
- Improve public transportation. At all costs. Reaching Barranca Mesa from Smith's is still a 45 minute affair. Reduce to 15 minutes with direct bus.

Consider bus splitting at roundabout to serve Barranca and North Mesa or move main transit center to Sullivan field. Increase frequencies. If you can offer it, they will come!

- About the implementation of the county nuisance code, I strongly believe that the county authorities need to send agents to inspect the neighborhoods where those rules are not followed. As I denounced above there are certain streets, such as Capulin Rd. and Capulin Rd. @ Tsankawi, where some dwelling are in a bad state of disrepair. Violations range from abandoned cars which have been holding a "For sale" sign for the past five years, parking of husbandry/cattle vehicles on the streets and front yards, to the keeping of large amounts of electro domestics, trash, and unauthorized furniture on porches and front yards. Although we own two properties in Los Alamos and pay our taxes, we do not feel that the county complies with its part. The property prices have fallen in this neighborhood deeper than in the other neighborhoods after the housing market exploded, probably dragging down the prices in other areas.
- Forget obstacle courses such as roundabouts and narrower lanes and get the Trinity Drive project finally DONE. With regard to tourism, ask yourselves why tourists come to visit Los Alamos. What is it that is so UNIQUE about this place? To make the visit more pleasant, provide good parking with maps and clean toilet facilities and a shuttle to tour the highlights of the community. Provide an overlook with a panoramic view of the area, off the ski hill road, for example. We have good lodging facilities. Encourage good places to have a dinner.
- The county continues to be a place that is not really meant for people under 30 or 40 to live in, happily, with full lives.
- There are a lot of vacant lots and rundown buildings in downtown Los Alamos. I would like to see those spaces improved and filled in with buildings and trees and pedestrian and biking.
- Most goods in town are over priced for in debt college students and young families; on top of cost of living. This town is not worthwhile for living in unless you work for the lab; your community is displaced.
- Please put a light at 20th and Trinity to make turning and pedestrian crossing easier. Its way past time there was a light at this very busy intersection, especially with the youth and teen center now in the community building. Make snow removal easier by eliminating all of the weird traffic bubbles along Central. Return Route 4 in White Rock to four lanes to improve traffic flow. Fix the intersection, including a light, at DP and Trinity.
- It would be nice if money was spent on new projects instead of re-building buildings for existing business and the old buildings just sitting there empty. Fill the old building BEFORE building the new ones.
- You ignore small business needs, if you want them to survive you must support them in every way by dropping the constant red tape.... we go elsewhere!!

- I think this survey is focusing on what I call "window dressings" instead of looking at the major things that are driving/impeding economic development and growth in Los Alamos County. There are MAJOR, MAJOR hurdles to small business development in LA - namely the high cost of rent downtown, the lack of suitable space for businesses, and the lack of employees (partially addressed here with respect to affordable housing). Adding splash pads and tot lots and talking about all these little fixes isn't going to change those basic issues. Until we fix those, economic development of the downtown, and thus growth, will continue to be stunted - regardless of what happens with the MPNHP. My suggestion would be to relocate all Lab office space downtown to OUTSIDE the designated art/cultural district. This would have the effect of forcing landlords to stop asking inappropriately high rates for rent (because now they can't just wait for the Lab to rent their space and pay them). In conjunction, it would be great to INCENTIVIZE landlords to rent to small business in some way. Right now the cost of doing business downtown is just too high. FAR too high for success in most cases. Something bigger needs to be done.
- Make the outside of the library more inviting. Looks like the backside of a warehouse now. Also more picnic tables sheltered from south wind would be great. Need a painted crosswalk at Sycamore and Diamond. Dangerous as is.
- No.
- I support maintaining small town atmosphere. Avoid urbanization & congestion. Preserve open spaces.
- Almost every decision is "for the children". A community needs to be build to address needs of adults & seniors also. Not just families. A community should nurture, protect, and support the children. Children should fit into society; not building society around the children. A town for all!
- The town still needs to modernize the older neighborhoods such as here in the western area. Half of the area is still visually blighted by old utility poles loaded with scads of ugly wiring that should all be buried by now. While we beautify the downtown area, let's beautify older residential areas, too.
- main need is to update infrastructure. Internet access system for community. Water, sewer, utilities lines in old areas of town should be done
- Why do we need subsidized housing when the residents are using them to blow up the places with their marijuana wax enterprises? Also, I'm tired of parents who work at the lab and don't live in LA using Mesa Library as a daycare in the afternoons for badly-behaved kids. Why should I pay my property taxes to send foul-mouthed roughians to school for free?
- Please fund the leisure pool! Our family would use it all the time. We are willing to increase our property taxes for it, but no one asked us to vote on the golf course improvements. We don't golf but we would love to swim.

- Need more parking [for RVs]! We have no offstreet place to park our trailer & the new ordinance about unhitched trailers is TOO stringent - can't get a spot at county lot.
- Carefully planned expansion is good. Use of DP road is good. Use of land across from Ashley Pond by Kwik Lube is good. Policing messy yards is excellent.
- Yes! AS a 95 year old retiree I think it shameful that there are so very few handicap parking spaces at the Medical Center, of all places.
- Q33: Need to ticket unruly bikers! Q34: Bikers don't bother to use [bicycle lanes]
- Make Los Alamos County government more efficient and less an employment job shop!
- Don't let Los Alamos become an retirement community - make it attractive to the next generation Also, could the County incentivize Longview Drive barons to cooperate on urban renewal?
- Junk cars in residential areas get addressed and then nothing happens!!! There appears to be less pride in our neighborhoods. Awful looking front yards -- weeds, weeds & more weeds.
- I am very opposed to on-street parking for RVs because they hamper visibility!
- This survey seems to assume that growth in LA would be good. I disagree. I hope the town concentrates instead on maintaining the quality of life that already exists here: small town, isolated, low crime, good schools, undeveloped lands close.
- The county should be ashamed that only rich kids can go swimming (afford the high pool fees) and those with a stay-at-home parent. Providing a good indoor/outdoor leisure pool (examples in other parts of country) should be TOP priority (freezing Aquatic Center is NOT an option) (2) I suggest a bulldozer & redevelopment for Hilltop House thru MVD building.
- Please add a recreational facility, like the Chavez Ctr in Santa Fe for indoor ice skating, basketball courts, racquet sports, and perhaps even indoor shooting range. Indoor ice skating is most important.
- County over-regulation stifles local business and imposes too much effort and expense to homeowner-driven home improvement.
- The elephant in the room is the fact that property owners of business district change such high rates, no one can stay in business. So we will never have a thriving business community.
- RE #32...I like the idea of having an easily walkable trail, but not necessarily along the edge of the canyon. Why not funnel people downtown to our businesses and museums? Zoning should force a real downtown and not a scattered set of businesses. Long empty spaces should be penalized -- LA as a community helped Smiths significantly with new improved space, yet they allow their old location to remain an empty eyesore. Shouldn't be allowed. Discourage LANL from renting downtown.
- Stricter codes for unoccupied buildings. In particular, the abandoned pizza hut in White Rock.

- Community broadband!
- Look for ways to stimulate better upkeep of residential properties and front yards facing the streets.
- We think Los Alamos/White Rock is in good shape just the way it is! We really like the "small town" atmosphere with larger/city amenities (wonderful library, in town concerts, friendly, helpful people, several/many different churches mix of cultures, bus service, great fire/police protection!) Lose Alamos is a great place to live and grow!
- Making it less difficult for independent small businesses to operate. Give them the same incentives and tax breaks that were given to Smith's.
- I hope development will be senior friendly so population will continue to include local retirees and seniors who move here to retire. those folks have money and time to invest in the life of the town.
- Has the County considered trying to make Los Alamos attractive as a retirement area? A surprising number of older people either chose to retire here or chose to remain in retirement. Los Alamos has much to offer this population, although it would definitely need to overcome the problems of distance from centers of health care, etc., more public transportation options for those who cannot drive, and more support services and housing options for older residents. A community that has both young families and a senior population can often thrive.
- This town will always be a company town in many ways. Trying to get the downtown landlords to rent out their spaces at a reasonable rate to small businesses would be nice rather than have empty buildings for a long time. We need a laundromat in town! This is coming up at Lab recruiting discussions.
- 1. Could the county not make the current owners of commercial/retail space downtown bring their properties up to speed or at least make them look nice to the outsider. This town presents itself poorly in so many of these areas. Why does our town look old and tacky - except where there have been improvements made? 2. The idea of putting in the roundabout at Central & Trinity is awful. Traffic is not that bad, except maybe during the peak traffic times and that will always be a problem. It will just have to be torn down in a few years after it's determined that it is a disaster - then it'll cost the taxpayer!!!!
- Restrict LANL lease space to 1%. All LANL should be on the other side of the bridge to allow a more competitive commercial real estate environment.
- Please improve the homeowner permitting process! I have had multiple experiences with the community development office and none have been positive! For example it should not take three weeks to receive a fence permit, especially when you submit all the required documents. Thanks
- In the 70's we had a real town with the LAB. The lab moved into town the land lords got greedy and killed the small businesses. Until that changes not much will change.
- 4/6-I hope LA Co promotes renovating houses rather than high density housing. 19-I am one of the few duplexes without off street parking. Right

now, that is not a problem, but I cannot get out of the way for snow plows.
26-Your questions do not always give the correct choices. I am Moderately in favor of increased tourism. Not in favor of kitschy shops.
36/37-More limited choices. LA has changed a bit since LANS has taken over; not all for the good. Smith's has brought more strangers to town and I'd like to see how the crime rate has changed. Additionally, we have even less stores than a few years ago. I don't need a children's dentist or Verizon; I'd like shops like the old Hobby Bench, Reeve's, the shoe repairman. And the addition of bump outs on Main Street has not made crossing safer, but now jams traffic as no one can get around someone waiting to make a left. That said, it seems to be cleaner and the seasonal banners/flowers and benches were nice additions.

- need shopping & restaurants in L.A. & White Rock.
- In the 5 years we've lived here we've lived in both Los Alamos and White Rock. Since most tourists go through White Rock to get to Bandelier and the Valles Caldera I believe services should be increased in White Rock. In my experience working at Bandelier most tourists ask what is available in White Rock in terms of lodging, recreation, and restaurants. When they realize that most services are in Los Alamos many would just say "we'll just go back to Santa Fe." I think the county is missing a large captive audience that is willing to spend their money in White Rock but there's not much here. I also believe with all the families in this community there needs to be more services. I would love to see an indoor recreation space available to all ages and an outdoor public pool that does not require a membership. When family or friends visit they always seem to comment on the disarray seen in neighborhoods. There are cars parked in yards, weeds growing very tall, and dilapidated or vacant houses and business properties. With the money in this community I think it would be beneficial to beautify our neighborhoods and business properties.
- Need more local shops. The old hallmark store's rent is \$8,500 per month. What small business can afford that, along with staff wages, insurance, stock, etc. Landlords should be forced to lower rents or the LANL should be forced to rent buildings for small shops. Put a bowling alley in the old Smith's - what an eye-sore.
- Los Alamos county has three main problems that need to be addressed. (1) Current housing (in particular) and commercial structures (to some extent) visibly are showing their age and little care or attention has been given to maintenance or renovation. Poorly maintained housing options are a major deterrent from wanting to permanently settle in Los Alamos County. (2) The housing that is somewhat maintained either falls into being apartment/rental style units (ex. Las Ventanas townhomes) or very expensive (ex. Quemazon area) which again discourage wanting to permanently settle in the area. (3) Commercial vitality appears to be severely limited particularly for shopping/dinning. It is usually preferable to drive to Santa Fe or even Albuquerque to shop at main stream stores (or just shop online) and dine in known restaurants than to deal with the local

options. There is a complete lack of "fast casual" restaurants in town (ex. Panera) and aside from The Blue Window, there are no options for a nice sit-down restaurant. The new Smiths Plaza on Trinity is very nicely designed but most of the storefronts are sitting empty and the old plaza looks neglected. These are not good signs for vitality in the town.

- Desperately need to maintain soccer & sports field better! gopher holes are UNSAFE for everyone.
- Los Alamos needs more small businesses and restaurants.
- Need to get rid of blighted areas in downtown that are on canyon. It would be wonderful to have restaurants that are direction on canyon - but no - we have car repair & storage units there instead. Restaurants on canyon would also be a tourist draw.
- Support lab mission. Nuclear weapons is the third most popular topic in science entertainment behind supernatural and aliens. Promoting nuclear weapon history would result in huge influx of tourist money. When the head of National Geographic Television visited Ashley Pond "An elephant isn't what I first think of when I hear Los Alamos".
- I think that there are a large number of projects funded by the town that feel like "make work" projects - changing curbs, sidewalks that don't yield any real change. It would be helpful to support plans that actually make a difference. The changes to the bus system are dreadful - the Barranca bus route is now not practical and it has greatly diminished the ridership. That is not what changes to the bus system should be all about! The survey was problematic in that we were asked to give opinions when not enough information was provided. For example, when asking about new facilities - are these publicly funded or private? Also, there were many opinion questions where people could pick a particular choice for several reasons. I think it would be helpful to know why it was chosen. Eg. if you don't want paved trail expansion - do you not want them paved, or do you not want more trails. With an online survey there were so many more opportunities to provide background information and explain choices AND get more detailed feedback from participants.
- We note the bias in this survey pushing for casitas, granny houses, accessory structures and the like. The survey should be looking for community ideas, not promoting county staff's agenda. Encourage rehabilitation of old structures.
- Bike lanes events and activities for 20-30 year olds
- I've lived in this county for 15 years. The whole tenor of neighborhoods has declined. The appearance of many lots has not been improved by the ineffective laws passed on maintenance. Right now 18" is the limit at which you can allow weeds on your property. Come to White Rock and step on a goat head - a plant that grows along the ground. You will understand what I mean. Many lots are left to grow weeds for weeks until owners cut them down with a weed wacker (encouraging new growth), or spraying with nasty chemicals. I am not asking for immaculately manicured/landscaped lots; only that people understand that owning a lot

- comes with some responsibilities. Your question about housing included the Longview area in White Rock, which I appreciated. Those buildings have been mostly empty for 15 years. Other than a satellite barber shop and a Montessori school, nothing else has managed to survive there. White Rock deserves some more recognition. There was talk years ago about putting in a miniature golf course here. The county punted, and made a tiny one up at East Park. Developing a better mini putt facility would certainly draw in people, as the nearest one I can think of is in ABQ.
- Los Alamos is the only place I know & where one can do significant science in a small town. I want it to stay that way. Those who want growth should move to a city that promotes it. Thank you.
 - When we first moved here 15 years ago or so, there was a "downtown development plan" or something like that. That fell by the wayside, with the school district deciding to do its own thing, shifting the center of the townsite, with tearing down the new municipal building, and with developing the area where the co-op market and Holiday Inn is now. 2) When LANL ceased to be a non-profit entity, there was a huge influx of GRT, yet, LA keeps raising the GRT rate. If anything there should have been a decrease! Construction should be spread out over time, not all at once. 3) Better/firmer zoning to keep street level store front properties as retail, vs LANL contractors, would improve the options for residents, even if the landlords have to take a hit on rent. 4) It seems that Central Avenue is always in the middle of some sort of construction. Do it once and be DONE. 5) County should assist with funding to improve Duane Smith Auditorium... yes, schools are meant to be funded out of property taxes, but since the auditorium is the county's only venue, it seems it would be appropriate for the county to contribute in some ways to improving and enhancing it. It could be a one-time grant, or some sort of help on an on-going basis, rather than trying to build a stand alone, separate site, as has been discussed in the past. 6) And absolutely NO TRAFFIC CIRCLES on 502! Central Avenue can handle bikes and pedestrian traffic. Trinity is a major artery, not meant to be a meandering byway. 7) Did I mention.... NO TRAFFIC CIRCLES!
 - Mountain Town hurt by too much tourism: Estes Park, Co.; Aspen Co.; Queenstown, N.Z. We don't need trinkets & t-shirts business
 - Incentive residential growth, incentives to builders & incentives to local residents to sell VACANT lots (i.e. Arizona Ave)
 - Do you know how many people in SF ALB & surrounding areas do NOT know of the museum, rec. areas, etc.
 - Atomic City Transit management touts the new (as of Jan. 25) schedule for its improved on-time performance. Is that the metric that matters? How about people's needs? I've heard that ridership is down 35%, which says a lot about how the new schedule meets people's needs.

- I have watch much retail perish due to lack of help and exorbitant rent. Try new zoning - keep trails wild & hard to find unless right in town. Bring in more pubs, clubs & put benches in places with great views! Zone the road through W.R. as Commercial & bring a YMCA & Starbucks to White Rock!
- granting smiths exclusive provider of types of businesses is a major failure on competition. free shuttle is good idea - ATC needs to run weekends and be re-reorganized to be friendly to kids/teens. people not going to lanl need to be able go straight between downtown & residences. not all traffic needs to go thru transit center.
- State Route 4 between White Rock and Tsankawi (including the intersection at Tsankawi) needs to be upgraded, including bike lanes and maybe a roundabout at Tsankawi. It is not currently safe.
- Bit baffled by some of the questions about commercial development given how many vacant commercial buildings we already have.
- county should purchase Hilltop House and demolish it. In its place build a park and visitor center. Forget the traffic circle at this location.
- NEED pest control (Skunks, racoons) like we used to have - MORE musical/arts centers - entertainment/litter control
- No
- I would like to see businesses filling the currently available spaces rather than building new space. We should focus development at the core of the town, not spread it out.
- Stop tearing up central avenue and destroying the nice trees to replace them with cheap, trashy locusts. Concentrate on finding businesses for existing empty locations (old Smith's center and many other empty buildings), rather than building new commercial buildings; renovate the older ones. Fix the utilities (we have an astounding number of brownouts, power outages and gas problems compared to other communities of our size and the internet options are embarassing).
- Face it - this a Lab supported town i.e. one industry. Tourism will require a real push!
- Improve the aquatic center - make it more kid friendly!
- This is not a 10 minute survey
- I think the county should charge a small fee for bus riders. It's not fair that the tax payers have to pay for all these giant empty busses driving around!
- The aging population could present an opportunity. Attractive options for retirement can be added as for example a Continuing Care Retirement Communitu CCRC. Other options for assisted living and a better Nursing Home would make retiring in Los Alamos more attractive.
- Lower rents to attract businesses to come here. Clear out old buildings such as on Longview. Replace with housing. Rebuild all schools to increase property values and provide best possible education for students.
- Stop doing construction on Central as Summer starts. Redoing main street war > waste of money and is way too modern looking now. So sad all the trees are dead. LA waste a lot of money "redoing" things.

- Tourism is fickle and usually makes life worse for residents but better for absentee landowners. It should be avoided as a major economic driver. Los Alamos County should devote some of its unused, undeveloped land to RV parking, preferably free. If possible, the shooting range should be rendered less noisy.
- Questions 6 & 7: I can't answer these questions the way they are written. More people need to afford housing in Los Alamos, but that is not the same as providing "affordable housing". Employees of LA County and the LA Public Schools should be able to afford housing on their salaries without subsidies. Raise their salaries if need be to make this possible. A minimum wage of at least \$15/hour would also help employees afford housing without zoning tricks or large subsidies. Repairing or replacing derelict housing might be a way to improve neighborhoods while providing low-cost housing. Subsidies to encourage "sweat-equity" might be ok for improving neighborhoods (and the tax base). Finally, granny flats appropriate to density, zoning requirements, etc. would be ok.
- Can we get better internet on Barranca?
- Did I mention fix the building permit problem???
- Please support the schools even more. I know the County does some things but it is not enough. Connect with LANL. Get them to understand their role and why they should care. And have them influence. The schools used to keep people here. They no longer do.
- When the County spends less the cost of nearly everything else will decrease and improved living conditions will result. My property taxes are way to high compared to others.
- Because of the internet, financial services are less tied to any particular geographical location. Large investment funds and advisory companies are located in similarly obscure locations. Because of its scenic location and relatively average tax rate, it's possible that Los Alamos could hope to attract a financial company (in addition to LANB) to set up its headquarters here, provided that the internet service were adequate (currently, Centurylink is the only professional option, because Comcast service is "spotty" to say the least).
- Student housing is a huge drawback and keeps the next generation from moving here. I would like to see UNM-LA thrive and become a four-year college.
- We need some cultural development as well: art galleries, cooking school, dance classes/ competition, chess club for adults ... something; may be some kind of community club to do all of this? the biggest problem now is to find space , because rent is killing all of it in the very beginning.
- The industrial side of trinity looks like a dump! It is embarrassing.
- How about a full-service car wash? More restaurants? Hallmark-like store? New visitor center in Town Site? RV Parking in WR? Starbucks in WR? Open road with access around lab to West Jemez Road for Safeway to BNM!! VCMO?

- County needs a Beautification Campaign and/or Incentives to motivate homeowners to fix up properties. Houses are run down and yards are overgrown and infested with weeds. Such properties are an embarrassment to the County, uninviting to newcomers, and lowering surrounding property values. For example, see Sherwood Blvd in White Rock from Smith's to La Senda.
- Real problems with existing utilities & lack of variety of stores (ex: only Smith's is located here & we currently have no laundromat!) We need to entice or subsidize vendors of quality merchandise & services.
- The few rich people (millionaires) take out 1 page ad discouraging citizens from voting on new rec facilities. They stress how taxes will be raised and there are many "taightwads" who only believe in money not our children's future
- The recent county projects are beautiful but overbuilt. the pond is lovely - was an additional county employee hired to maintain it? We will always be a small town - the improvements don't need to be so complicated and grand.
- The County and Manager MUST become more customer focused. In a state with poor business practices, we stand out as the WORST. The county does not facilitate business or make small business feel welcome. SO they all close and everyone spends all their extra income out of town. FIX THIS PROBLEM!!
- Very disappointed in recent County Council 4-2 vote declining transparency in law suit settlements against L.A. County
- The recent reinterpretation by the CDD of a single family as up to five unrelated persons not linked by any kind of affinity or goal, who do not know each other, and who may rent rooms for as little as a month has repercussions on single-family neighborhoods that negatively affect density, parking, and the traditional character of neighborhoods. Such revolving itinerants have no personal, emotional, or financial investment in a neighborhood; they are not "neighbors" in the traditional sense, nor do they constitute a family by anyone's definition except that of the CDD. Our citizens have not been told about this recent reinterpretation and how it can affect all single-family neighborhoods in our county. The topic must be discussed. The Comp Plan meetings are a beginning.
- Los Alamos is a great place to live. It doesn't need more "new things". It just needs to support what we already have, and it needs to plan for a gradual decline in the LANL budget.
- raise incentives for business in white rock bus transportation into la senda/pajarito acres
- DP Road is the only real industrial area for businesses in Los Alamos County and those businesses and their needs are overlooked. This area needs some help from the County to upgrade utilities, roads, and incentivize upgrading the appearance of the area. (My husband and I have a business on DP Road: it still has only septic tanks instead of sanitary sewer service, for large manufacturing requirements)

- Tourists would prefer to stay in Los Alamos hotels that are NOT on the bed bug registry. Horse stables should be improved for the animals.