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15. Aside from transportation (traffic) related issues, what is the most important challenge or problem facing Franklin today?

- Good quality affordable housing
- more variety of housing options, i.e. smaller, affordable apartments
- (1) Managing population growth and the resulting demands on infrastructure (Schools, utilities, etc.) without increasing property taxes.
- n/a
- Over development of green spaces and spaces where there is not good access roads.
- Creating a community in which the children raised by the community can afford to live in the City of Franklin once they become adults. This is getting more and more difficult for the children of Franklin and creates a city in which we are losing our own to other cheaper communities. This loss opens the door to outsiders who think that Franklin is a great place to spread their MAGA extremism and that is something that we do not want in our community. Franklin has always been a community that accepts everyone but this is being threatened by those MAGA extremists who are moving to our community and creating a hostile environment for anyone who is different. Franklin is a place for diversity and freedom and we can not allow outsiders to come and ruin that for everyone.
- Fiscal balance and responsibility
- Public schools are behind the times. They need to promote IT skills (i.e. developers, analysts, cyber security) MUCH more for the future. Right now, it's barely an option. Local companies hire 80% foreigners on H1s for our great IT jobs. Train these kids up for tech!!!
- Too many apartments being built. Demand services but don't pay the taxes.
- Lack of sidewalks.
- Alt-right interference in public school curriculum and textbooks.
- More people are attending downtown festivals than the infrastructure can handle. New neighborhoods should all have sidewalks.
- Franklin is losing its Southern character
- Too much government oversight/restrictions on economic development
- Sorry but it's traffic!- the Mack hatcher complete loop around Franklin needs to be a priority not widening roads.
- (1) Roads & traffic (2) Roads & traffic (3) Un-checked residential growth & impact on schools.
- Growth and affordable housing.
- Loss of canopy & increase in density & flood risks. It would be nice if the city valued the historic trees and how essential they are in managing runoff & flood risks. So much emphasis is placed on maintaining historic structures while trees, some of which are older than the historic structures, are easily discarded.
- The environment.
- Affordable housing options of any/all kinds.
- (1) Too many new houses being built, destroying precious land, & causing more people to move here (2) Affordable housing has disappeared (3) Adding sidewalks instead of more needed lanes.
- "\$" keeping cost down.
- Outside crime coming to Franklin due to healthy / affluent city. Car break in's.

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- 1. Rising cost for city services such as water/ sewer. Curbside recycling should be available without extra fee. Hard to be retired in city I've lived in for over 20 years. 2. Lack of respect/support for teachers in this county who have helped to establish a top-notch school system. City and county don't mind taking credit, but I never see that they give due credit. 3. Mental health services, especially for teens. Too many suicides among our young people. Safety in neighborhoods. There are no sidewalks in more established neighborhoods. Trying to walk or ride a bike is always a little scary. Having to worry about speeding and erratic driving in residential areas, especially when people use the neighborhood as a cut-through to avoid more congested areas. Recreational/exercise activities for families are great and well advertised but don't see much for older adults. It may be available, but not as well known.
- Affordable housing.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
- Road way planning seems biased toward big developers and ignores issue of property value impact due to planned roadway expansions through quiet neighborhoods. Your quest to create major connectors to enable more housing / retail is negatively impacting your existing residents who are paying taxes already. You need to rethink urban planning to preserve quality of life & property values for existing home owners. Franklin seems greedy.
- Management of growth.
- Affordable housing. Too many people cannot afford to live in the community where they work.
- GROWTH.
- Maintaining historical knowledge of what happened here so we don't repeat it.
- My husband and I have grown up in Franklin since we were in elementary school. As of a month ago we are finally homeowners in Franklin. We feel so much pride to be from Franklin and to have witnessed Franklin's growth in the past few years. When we were deciding where to live after finishing our graduate programs, the only con we could think of about Franklin was its lack of diversity and celebration of culture. As much as I love Franklin, growing up here as a minority was hard. I worry that if we stay here if I have kids one day that they will face the same challenges. I want my future kids to feel accepted and loved and just as much a part of Franklin as the non-minority children. I think a place like "plaza mariachi" in Nashville would be an amazing addition to Franklin. It would serve as a cultural hub and a place for all communities in Franklin to come together and have activities. Thank you -u's for allowing us this opportunity to provide n -ut!.
- The continued growth in Franklin & providing limitations to that growth is very concerning. This massive growth (trying to fit as many homes as possible on little land) is gravely affecting our schools. Help these schools!.
- Poor road, high taxes, too much development. Franklin is losing its charm due to over development.
- COST OF LIVING IN FRANKLIN & SAFETY.
- Affordable housing.
- Better management of commercial/residential development that is destroying critical native habitat that is essential for supporting wildlife (mammals, birds, pollinators, etc.). It is essential for our leaders to conserve and restore native habitat (trees, shrubs, wild-flowers) and waterways.
- Over populated.
- It's popularity for all the reasons above is drawing a new socially & political mix of residents that is changing the face of Franklin, not necessarily for the better. I fear we are losing the warmth and welcoming spirit that has made Franklin such a welcoming community historically. It is a challenge that I am not sure how to successfully address in our current culture.
- Too many housing developments taking away the bucolic fields of Franklin, limit # of new subdivisions and increase land grants for Franklin farms.

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- Growth.
- Affordability.
- ADDITIONAL "SMALL COTTAGES" COMMUNITY FOR THE ELDERLY (55+) "AFFORDABLE".
- Keeping things affordable.
- Managing growth.
- The new apartment complex off of Royal Oaks will be adding at least 800 vehicles to an already crowded traffic area. We fought and won building this complex several years back. Unfortunately we will be leaving Franklin after the city snuck this project in during covid.
- No affordable housing for people on a fixed income.
- I am 81 yrs old, confined to a wheel chair, losing the sight in 1 eye and have been diagnosed recently with congestion heart failure. Many of these questions I have no knowledge of as I cannot get out on my own or take part in any of those things or use any of them. Thank you.
- Affordable housing.
- Affordable housing. More senior places to live that are not luxurious. Luxury makes apartments not affordable.
- Managing large multi-unit residential properties without destroying the feel of Franklin. Example of a bad one is at corner of Carothers and liberty.
- *Rapidly growing population of families moving here.
- Affordable housing.
- Builders are putting houses on top of houses. Yuck!.
- Poor water quality and the cost of water. Franklin's water is terrible to drink.
- Affordable housing.
- *Infrastructure. Manage growth,. It seems that there is something huge being built on every square inch. Our infrastructure can not handle it.
- Too much development <both homes & apartments> & not preserve green space. Thank goodness brown's farm is being held up - too much congestion for that area by the river.
- Population has taken away from the small town.
- I do enjoy living in Franklin, but sadly I watch it lose its small town charm by joining the race of growth and prosperity.

- Cost of living & affordable housing.
- Affordable housing!.
- EXCESSIVE BUILDING OF VERY LARGE EXPENSIVE RESIDENCES WITH TOTAL DISREGARDS FOR NEEDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
- I was born & raised here. I understand for economic growth we need to grow but I cant go anywhere in Franklin w/out traffic anywhere. The roads and space cannot keep up w/ the growth rising so quickly.
- Growth. I moved here in June '21 and am here every month for a couple weeks and will be fully moved here in June '23. It is the best town ever, but it is growing and a lot of out of state folks coming in obviously. Be nice if it kept it's personality in tact, which is why I moved here in the first place.
- Managing growth.
- Maintaining economic & residential growth, but considering overcrowding & what is too much growth.
- Rising costs of living associated w/ this being such a desirable city to move to. 2nd option: tension between "locals"& "transplants" (esp. re politics).
- Maintaining excellent education/ school system establish transit to Nashville.

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- FLOODING DANGERS. WHEN YOU COVER THE GROUND WITH BUILDINGS, CONCRETE OR PAVING, YOU CREAT RUN OFF. WE HAVE TO STOP THE RUN OFF AND HELP THE RIVER. THE RIVER NEEDS SOME HELP WITH CLEANING & CREAT SOME RUN OFF BASING. OUR WORST FLOOD IS YET TO COME!.
- Cost of living - overall economy.
- Environmental degradation esp. to Harpeth River. Lack of parks, green space and greenways, over development too many phosphates and sediments green ways should connect from all directions to downtown Franklin, so you can ride a bike or walk from home.
- Too many new homes/buildings are being built. It is becoming no longer affordable and is causing people that have lived here a long time or their whole lives to move elsewhere.
- Fixing side walks in subdivision; crimes; more senior citizens housing.
- -Behavior of children in schools!! -lack of parental involvement with children. The county/city needs a place for children with severe behaviors especially at the elementary level.
- I just moved here and rent an apt lower rents.
- Moderate price for housing...
- Property taxes going up yearly; a better rate for retired people for property taxes. Gas prices need to be lowered in order to purchase instead of going to joining counties. Forty cents on the dollar is too high, very greedy in our city of Franklin & nothing is done w/monies but pay our officials high dollars. It is sad to see the city of Franklin loosing out on gas prices that are lower in price. Wake up Franklin!.
- Over development, lack of parks, walking trails, tennis courts, etc. Communication of resources, opportunities, etc.
- Over-development, over building, over-growth. We have lost the small-town feel and friendliness this city had 30 years ago, and the loss of undeveloped, scenic areas all over Franklin and along 7-65 is tragic. Too much growth has ruined a once beautiful and non-crowded gem. Shame on the commissioners over the last 30 years for destroying historic Franklin.

- DEVELOPING IS OUTSTRIPPING INFRASTRUCTURE, HOW CAN YOU ELIMINATE TRAFFIC - ITS PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEM. TRY GETTING ON SUNSET/CROTHERS/MCEWEN AT ANY RUSH HOUR, TOO MANY NEW HOUSES/DEVELOPMENTS WITH 2 OR 3 LANE ROADS.
- Affordable housing
- Population growth
- Explosive growth.
- Not having enough room for the overflow of new residents.
- Natchez street not being honored
- Complete lack of diversity in race, ethnicity, religion and income reflected to people who don't live here. Every visitor I bring to Franklin comments on the total "whiteness" of the city, often followed by a "why do you live here" question. Oh, and celebrating our link to the Confederacy continues to be a horrible message to anyone who isn't a white southerner. Pulled up the City of Franklin Leadership Team web page to see how the city is facilitating/encouraging minority hiring and.....well, damn.
- That the infrastructure be laid down before further development and that farm land (I.e. Gentry and others) is preserved. Also that developers are not able to develop in flood plains...thank you Planning Commission and BOMA for not approving Brownland Farms.
- Increase in crime
- Too expensive to live here. Can't afford to buy a home or move apts.
- More medical professionals. Difficult to find doctors accepting new patients.

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- Having affordable housing, restaurants, and other businesses that are within a price range that everyone can enjoy and not those living in higher priced areas and relocating from out of state. The city needs to remember there is still a large group of citizens who have grown up here and stayed, and not just moved here because we had the money to do so.
- Extreme ideology of right-wing extremism and conspiracy theories
- Managing growth - schools, traffic, roads & streets.
- Uncontrolled growth.
- Politics. Example - people threatening others at school board meetings with nothing being done and no arrests. Please keep religion and politics separate!
- Street maintenance I think it is because of poor constriction.
- Allowing affordable single family housing development, specifically, permitting smaller, starter level housing.
- Folks in Franklin believe that we are the best in TN (which we are), but there is much improvement needed especially in education. Being the best in TN still leaves us far behind many states. Franklin should lead the way in demanding better.
- Affordable housing for work force.
- An important challenge is to continue growth in an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally friendly way, which conserves the green spaces and pastures, and health of the environment, which make Franklin a beautiful and peaceful place to live (and not just some other ugly suburban area with strip malls and power lines). It is also important to continue to support small business and mom / pop shops which make Franklin charming and special. This must be done by limiting chains and big box establishments, and conserving natural areas whenever possible.
- Too rapid growth patterns: population density
- Population growth.
- Affordable housing
- You have listed traffic above and please address the infrastructure. Subdivisions are going up but the roads are still two lane. Cost of living (buying a home), I could not afford to live here now on my teacher's salary. The county firefighters are volunteer? Seriously? I babysit, feed, and care for a volunteer firefighter's children as he trains. The "volunteer" firefighters should be paid. The population must be controlled unless the infrastructure is also given attention to. For example, Columbia Pike (as are Henpeck Lane, Coleman Road, Lewisburg Road) is still 2 lanes even though businesses, schools, and subdivisions have been added; I have lived here since 1999 and when I go "in person" to take care of my car tags, I see the exact same number of counters offered to customers and the exact same number of employees. Citizens wait hours to receive services; driver's licenses are the same. I spent 6 hours to get the Gold Star on my driver's license. Again, the same number of facilities and the same number of counters. It seems WE have grown but not the Government Services availability. At this point, I will not address the emissions facilities as that has been made void. However, it still baffles me that the testing center I had been going to still had two bays even though the population continued to grow year after year. I dearly LOVE Franklin and so proud to call it my home, however, I feel that we have "gotten too big for our britches" as my grandmother would say. We offer so many lovely things to visitors/tourists but have seemed have to forgotten about the hard working people that actually live here each and every day.
- Affordable housing for a working class.
- Connectivity from my neighborhood to downtown via safe sidewalk/bikeways.
- The migration of people from CA, IL, NJ, NY and the cultural challenges and dynamics.
- Franklin is a homogenous community. There is very little diversity.

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- cost of living
- Handling growth while maintaining the unique feel of Franklin and its reputation nationally as a great place to live
- Jerk cops
- With such widespread growth, creating a culture of a sense of belonging and connectiveness among the residents.
- Locals and diverse populations will soon be priced out of our home
- Growth needs to be manageable - more apartments - (new construction) not in best interested of Franklin.
- Cost of living people don't want to work bicycles decreased.
- Managing growth without raising the cost of living/taxes too much
- Housing-affordable for fire, police, teachers, nurses - essential people to stay-live in the franklin area. Housing for vulnerable.
- Managing growth such that it remains welcoming of newcomers and respectful of established residents
- Do not allow developers to get the city to annex their land into the city making the area too dense & put pressure on support services (roads, schools, law enforcement, utilities, etc).
- Helping school age children learn to be kind and considerate instead of just courteous. This is a serious problem across the schools.
- Uncontrolled growth and reduction of greenway space and natural feeling surrounding Franklin, both west of Franklin and along Carothers
- Wokeness in the Education System - needs to be cleaned up and focus on true education
- Affordable housing.
- Maintaining low taxes and good schools
- Housing for all incomes.
- Growth and infrastructure to support it
- Inclusiveness and affordable housing
- Housing, both affordable and non affordable. As more people want to move to Franklin, lack of housing keeps Franklin unaffordable, yet too much housing, puts a strain on affordability of city services.
- Nothing
- Affordability for line level employees.
- Infrastructure. Too much development is being allowed to take place without the corresponding infrastructure. Some schools are overcrowded and some roadways (for example the Carothers extension) do not seem to be designed with growth in mind. (In some cases it's not clear whether this is a Williamson County issue or a Franklin city issue.)
- Affordable housing
- The cost of living here is driving people away.
- high cost of living
- Trash men not stopping @ stop sign line @ 3 way stop sign & they are going to kill someone by not stopping ever.
- Overflow of new residents.
- Affordable housing especially for teachers and lower income jobs.
- cost of living
- Affordability of housing.
- Our population growth has been astronomic. There's no unwringing the bell, but can we please put a stop to the money-grab of adding new tax-payers and preserve some of what made people flock here in the first place. You used to regularly see people out on horse back and actual farms here. We don't need anymore cookie cutter neighborhoods that are worsening the flooding issues for the existing structures.

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- We need more side walks and bicycle lanes so we commute to schools or groceries via bikes and/or walk.
- Influx of new residents. Franklin is such a great town but growth is getting out of hand. It's losing it's 'small town feel'.

- stability of utility services
- Over-growth, sufficient infrastructure to absorb growth.
- Provide a tax discount for senior citizens on property taxes.
- Density! too many houses too close together-inadequate roads-way too many apt. bldgs!! - parking issues if you go downtown area! That is why I quit going-used to love Franklin, now rethinking it.
- Maintaining green space, preserving Franklin, having adequate infrastructure, more local restaurants and bakeries.
- Uncontrolled growth. Too many condo and apts.
- INABILITY TO MAINTAIN RETAIL WORKFORCE AFTER PANDEMIC. OVERBUILDING OF CONDOS/APARTMENTS (IN PARTICULAR HUGE DEVELOPMENT ON CAROTHERS) PUTTING STRESS ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRAFFIC. NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN PROBABLE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. LOSS OF SOUTHERN CULTURE THAT MADE FRANKLIN SPECIAL. CONCERN FOR "WOKE" AGENDA IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
- Controlling growth.
- Housing affordability and a variety of housing options for residents (potential residents).
- Affordability -- I don't what to do about this though. Franklin is exceptional which drives up housing prices and taxes and costs in general
- I don't no.
- Don't know
- Creating affordable opportunities, housing and employment to all of the city's residents. Not just the most affluent.
- Infrastructure for population growth
- franklin is being overbuilt with residential housing and high density subdivisions
- cant see bc no street lights
- Affordable housing
- Showing respect to all residents, not just Christians. One should be able to enjoy the community and it's many activities and resources without feeling ostracized for not being conservative or Christian enough.
- High cost of living.
- Little diversity or affordable housing.
- Housing prices
- Responsible growth that meets Envision Franklin and zoning while taking into consideration climate and infrastructure.

- waste cleaning
- Parking, sidewalks, clean chlorine free water crime.
- There needs to be more connectivity through greenways and cycling lanes throughout the city to encourage people to get out and not use their vehicles.
- Influx of growth and services growing to match them
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing may become a challenge. As more people move to Frankllin, affordable housing may suffer.
- Managing Growth. We live in a vibrant growing community but worry to much growth is going to bring unwanted issues to our community
- Managing growth and retaining quality of life.

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- Crime
- The "rising cost" of all utilities unless you are extremely wealthy!.
- Affordable housing
- Too much growth affecting natural areas of Franklin
- Flooding, water.
- to fast of growth and not being able to upgrade the infrastructure accordingly
- Sidewalks eg Mallory station road.
- Affordable housing.
- Affordable housing for first-time buyers and workforce.
- Rising housing costs
- Cost of living; downtown franklin - turning more corporate than historical.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. White Lives Matter and people of the like feel much to comfortable and supported here for it to be an inclusive environment for everyone. Most people here think the same when it comes to worldview and politics and are quick to reject other than.
- managing city infrastructure growth
- Infrastructure keeping pace with population growth
- too many traffic lights and needs a bypass
- maintenance and upkeep of city owned businesses and low-income housing buildings.
- Keeping what has made Franklin so appealing for the transplanted people- it's small town feel & friendliness.
- Increasing housing stock to improve affordability for those native to Franklin while maintaining high quality of life.
- MANAGING GROWTH AND MAINTAINING FRANKLIN SENSE OF COMMUNITY & QUALITY OF LIFE.
- Clean water and water pressure to residents
- Not important to everyone, but there is a great need for indoor tennis courts open to public w/o private membership or neighborhood restrictions.
- Housing costs
- To manage growth
- Traffic-out of control too many subdivisions without thought of traffic!.
- Growth and resident involvement with city government
- Development
- Walkability and connectivity
- management of incoming people
- Losing the heart of Franklin by over development.
- I would like to see sidewalks connecting all neighborhoods to downtown!.
- Affordable Housing
- There is too much growth for the infrastructure that we have available. There is too much growth for the land we have available.
- Growth of the community
- Growth vrs infrastructure
- Supporting population growth without changing character& high quality of life
- Affordable housing - houses not condos / apartments
- Out of control growth with lagging infrastructure
- Not enough sidewalks and bike trails. Need more people out of their cars and moving more.

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- Too many people moving here which makes it increasingly difficult for Franklin to retain its charm and character
- Traffic congestion & lack of downtown parking.
- maintaining high-quality education (which means not banning books or engaging in RIDICULOUS discussions about CRT)

- Preserving the natural beauty of Franklin and having that a priority when considering growth.
- Maintain an excellent education system
- Managing the growth rate of the city and approving subdivisions in flood areas and not considering the flow of traffic through existing subdivisions. I now have a \$22 a month increase on my water bill because storm water runoff is not up to code. A result of too much building. We must preserve Franklin's heritage. The destruction of the black historical district has erased the history of Franklin. Building new infrastructure and maintaining existing infrastructure. The population of Franklin has exploded and our perfect little gem of a city has become more stressful in general.

- Controlled growth for housing, control of expansion as possible. Middle income housing.
- Affordable housing and diversity in our community
- Affordable Housing
- Natives being able to continue living here due to affordability
- Education
- Affordability.
- Housing developments popping up everywhere.
- Housing inequity for service workers teachers, policemen, fireman.
- over population without commensurate infrastructure
- Lack of work force.
- Downtown area/tourist everywhere on the weekends! Not using crosswalks, stopping/parking in the middle of streets/hardly no police presence! / No parking enforcement on weekends! I have lived blocks from downtown for 32+ yrs every yr it gets worst.
- Retaining it's uniqueness & current quality of life with the influx of increased population. Certainly welcome them but need to ensure Franklin remains the desired location that drew them here initially.
- Crime in neighborhoods
- Affordable housing is key to Franklin's growth. When compared with other cities, the housing is highly expensive and economic diversity is missing leading to high inflation.
- Financial responsibility over spending
- Low income housing.
- Keeping community feel of a quaint town with so many moving here from other parts of the country. Stay with core values that have made Franklin a great place to live. Preserving the history of Franklin and not going "woke".
- Density of houses and apartments.
- code enforcement in older neighborhoods
- More police officers & let them do their job.
- Influx of new residence and infrastructure to support a larger population.
- planned development - too many housing developments with small lot sizes and without appropriate infrastructure; losing a lot of Franklin's character by getting rid of green space and agricultural farms etc; retail developments with too much repetition; too many banks taking up important space;
- Cost of living.

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- Balancing long-term growth without losing what makes Franklin a special place to live.
- None
- I, for one, would have loved to keep Franklin a small town feel. My issue is the growth. The word got out at how wonderful it is here!
- Lack of diversity.
- Responsible growth ... keeping the soul of Franklin intact
- Rate of growth is, ability to keep up streets, highways.
- Public safety is important. As the population grows, crime of all kinds can creep up. I accidentally left my car unlocked in Franklin Bridge golf course parking lot, and I found it had been rifled through. This is a simple example of a crime of opportunity. I hope the city will maintain an adequate police force that grows with the population.
- NA
- Lack of affordable housing options. Teachers and essential workers will not be able to live in Franklin.
- Affordable housing options, teacher pay.
- very expensive to live in Franklin, especially when factoring in housing costs
- Lack of Educators wanting to work here as they cannot afford to live here.
- Allowing for more well-thought out mixed-use or more dense residential developments to bring more housing supply to help with the affordability issue here.
- balancing new residential construction without losing farms and greenspace
- Maintaining our small town charm while managing growth.
- unknown
- Education and racial issues
- Maintain quaintness of downtown to continue to attract tourists.
- Affordable housing for the low income residents
- Expanding & upgrading infrastructure for utilities.
- Slow down growth, for infrastructure to catch up! Stop commercial landscapers from blowing gear clippings, leaves in to road and stormwater system!
- Lack of diversity and the influx of less friendly residents changing the feel of Franklin.
- Keeping housing affordable.
- Affordable housing for low income families.
- Treatment of minorities and the lack of workforce housing. Get the housing on the Hill done! It's been talked about way too long. Similarly developers come in with ridiculous plans and expect the city to cave. Educate the alderman on the danger of building on flood plains. The Browns' farm discussion was ridiculous. Yes the family has a right to sell the land, but not for a prohibited use. Don't ever allow building on flood plains.
- Keeping liberal ideology out.
- Affordable housing!
- Diversity, affordable housing for people who work here. Too many nurses, teachers, etc., can't afford to live here. Too much kowtowing to high-end developers.
- prices of homes
- AFFORDABLE / WORKFORCE HOUSING PROVIDING EMPLOYEES FOR EMPLOYERS BY AVAILING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN FRANKLIN *TIME TO ACT AND QUIT TALKING!.
- Too much growth with housing. Franklin is losing the small town feel.

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- To properly manage growth. Just because everyone and everything wants to be in Franklin, doesn't mean we need to allow it. It impacts everyone's lifestyle.
- N/A.
- Housing affordability - having a variety of housing options
- Growth of homes/commercial buildings which may not have proper infrastructure build pace to match
- The same as everywhere in TN right now, the theocratic, anti-science, fascist movement that's taking over the entire state.

- Growth & affordable housing.
- GETTING QUALIFIED ASSOCIATES TO GO TO WORK! LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE RUNNING SHORT OF HELP WHICH LEADS TO POOR CUSTOMER SERVICE!.
- Lack of safe bicycling lanes / limited recycling options
- zoning and enforcement
- Growth outpacing services
- Overcrowding, too much congested housing in city and rural areas. Need more outreach to mentally handicapped and seniors.
- Growth.
- Affordability - most things in Franklin (Williamson County) are much more expensive than surrounding counties, especially auto fuel.
- Communicating and discussing plans and changes before it happens.
- Education/Schools
- Affordable housing
- Out-of-control growth and continued annexation.
- Affordable Housing
- Managing growth and housing
- Quality of maintenance of city property (other than facilities less than 5 years old) and infrastructure.
- Franklin has grown TOO MUCH and lost the appeal. My Husband was raised here, and I've lived here 32 years, we raised our children and now grandchildren here and praying they'll be able to do the same. Cost of living for young families to buy homes is almost out of reach, especially for the 25-30 single adults trying to transition from renting to owning. I honestly do not see the Franklin that is being 'marketed' as a go to small town to visit and reside in. I see a town that is taking on a Disney persona of sorts and becoming a product being sold to consumers rather than providing a community for residents. The Franklin from 1995 - 2010 was a wonderful blend of small town meets development and provided a wonderful community for us to live, work and raise our families. Franklin has been allowed to grow too much and all that was the appeal then has been lost. Franklin is too crowded; the developments have taken over too much green space and the distinction of small-town franklin no longer exists - downtown is for tourists not locals to enjoy on the weekends.

- growth is exploding, keep the home town feel
- There are 2: maintaining quality education and preserving open space/restricting more residential/commercial growth.

- Lack of sidewalks around downs avenue soccer fields
- Providing schools for the growing community
- The constant growth and losing the open green spaces. Allowing building in downtown Franklin that takes away from the small town charm.

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- Uncontrolled residential growth, increasing density of residences with little improvement in infrastructure.
- Controlling growth
- Control of the rapid growth
- historic preservation
- Watching for speeders and aggressive drivers. Why not make Franklin a safe city as one of our goals!
- over growth of subdivisions over open space
- 70 % taxes going to schools... we need a say in what is being taught. No taxation without representation.
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing for the middle class
- The loss of green space
- Growing too much. Don't lose the beauty. Seeing all houses is not why we moved here.
- Enough housing. Need focus on more single family homes and not apartments.
- 1. Williamson County Schools: overcrowded schools, liberal/ racially charged curriculum in the elementary setting, higher needs of students moving into WC due to current political climate, and teacher shortage.2. General erosion of our traditional family values.
- Affordable housing
- I do not see any effort to keep depraved social agendas away from our kids. For example, I have little faith in the public library blocking a drag queen strip show for kids when I see critical race theory books featured on displays for easy access. All other opinion metrics in this survey are moot if Franklin becomes the next frontier of a demonic manifest destiny of South Sodom with nice greenspaces, efficient traffic flow, and a bustling downtown commercial district. If pedophilia is the next member of the LGT-FU rainbow jihad, perhaps we should think about this now. ...and pay the police officers more money so they don't have to write tickets to pay for gas, training, and the ability to afford Franklin housing. Please consider that gerrymandering city borders are likely to increase infrastructure and service costs. We need to annex neighborhoods that benefit indirectly from the City of Franklin without contributing to the tax base. For example, the neighborhoods between Mack Hatcher and Stream Valley...
- Growth / Community Planning
- High Cost of Living
- Carpetbaggers
- So many farmlands being lost due to housing.
- There are too many apartment buildings too close together. The rent for these places is still unaffordable. Young families can't afford Franklin.
- You keep approving new housing developments without dealing with widening the roads. You have never finished widening MCEwen from Wilson Pike to the traffic circle. 431 to the Goose Creek Bypass is very congested. This road needs to be widened before more developments by Stream Valley are approved.
- Conscientious growth so that Franklin doesn't lose it's charm and special status
- unrestricted growth
- Affordable housing
- Economic sustainability of growth, especially the disconnect between city growth and county schools.
- Preserving green space
- Affordability of housing. I was nearly priced out of the market to live here.
- low cost housing

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- There are too many people moving into this area. Natural/open space is disappearing rapidly for new developments. We are losing the small town character that made this such a nice place to live. the pace at which new neighborhoods are being build should slow down. Less building permits should be handed out. It's not all about money.
- Light rail system
- The amount of growth Franklin has seen, but still mainly offering single family housing is not sustainable. Rezone and make areas more dense to stop the outrageous sprawl. Also, with all the road work there' s no reason not to have BIKE LANES! Also this form should have more specific questions.
- Lack of workforce/affordable housing as well as a lack of a variety of housing styles and options
- Too many people moving in. Education.
- managing growth and traffic flow
- Affordable housing and fair treatment
- Population density without the infrastructure to support it.
- Maintaining the quality of life that the residents currently enjoy.
- storm water management
- Too much growth too quickly; need more greenspace
- Zoning
- Reduction of property taxes for elderly who depend on Soc.Sec. for survival.
- Infrastructure
- high can't afford the rising cost of rent in Franklin. Affordable, rent controlled housing would be a blessing and would change many of my answers
- affordable housing
- too much development and fixing traffic issues (especially in Cool Springs area)
- Everything that involves a growing population!
- Responsible growth
- no affordable housing for lower income families
- Growth, Franklin will not continue to be a great place to live if we continue to allow the population to over run our city!!
- Growth and the infrastructure to support it
- Making sure there's some commercial for the residents who are farther from I65, there's a large area of residential with no commercial to support it.
- Cost of living
- management of new developments
- Too many new apartment buildings
- Social and recreational activities. Highest educational level
- Quality affordable housing
- Housing
- Growth
- Political divisiveness

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- Insuring that ALL are welcome not just those who can afford to live here. We can begin by ensuring there is affordable housing and employment opportunities within the private sector as well as city government. I fear Franklin has become a community of the white and wealthy. We lose so much by insulating our community from the rich diversity, history, and experiences of those who are not just like us.
- Housing density is way too high! So disappointed in all of the endless high density housing around Carothers and many other places. We can't handle this density and keep same type of environment/town feel that we have enjoyed. This does not attract people that build wealth by homeownership, not to mention all of the Traffic issues. Please take some lead from Brentwood on this.
- Air Bnb's taking over and making residential areas less desirable for home buyers. Air Bnb rules are not enforced when owners lie about their residency and provide fake documents, fake/altered proof so they can still run their Air Bnbs. Franklin gov, doesn't investigate enough to ensure that owners are actually reside in the homes they are renting and doesn't enforce the occupancy and/or living requirements. Air BNB ruins the neighborly feel of the residential areas.
- High density of multiple residential properties!
- There's a serious lack of racial and religious diversity. Those who aren't white Christians can feel out of place and even uncomfortable here. I'd love to see community and cultural events/programs that celebrate and highlight other races and religions.
- population explosion
- Safe alternative to walk and ride bikes.
- Outgrowing it's roads and infrastructure
- Too much home development
- Declining quality of public education.
- maintaining the safe environment we have enjoyed for years