

City of Tempe 2008 Community Attitude Survey

Appendix B **Open-Ended Comments**

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Overview

Respondents were given the option of providing written comments in response to the question “Are there any specific improvements that you would like to see the City of Tempe make in your neighborhood.” While the results in this Appendix are not statistically valid, they provide useful insights for interpreting the reasons residents think various issues are important.

The results were recorded verbatim, so spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected. The approximate number of comments about various issues is listed below.

More than 50 comments

- Streets/Street Lights

26- 50 comments

- Alleys
- Code Enforcement
- Home Maintenance
- Landscaping
- Rental Housing

15-25 comments

- Parks
- Police
- Traffic

Fewer than 15 comments

- Bike paths
- Parking
- Safety
- Taxes
- Transportation

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Q7. Are there any specific improvements that you would like to see the City of Tempe make in your neighborhood?

- Rental yards and appearance.
- More frequent street clearing and resurfacing as needed.
- I would like to see improvements made at Clark Park Pool.
- Our alley needs work. Clean up by city crews is good, but there are a few spots and holes that collect water, dusty, badly need gravel.
- We have an area by our trash containers where junk and boughs from trees are dumped. It is unsightly.
- Enforce more weed/nuisance landscaping issues.
- More control on weeds, etc. on private homes.
- Try better rat control in alleys and residences.
- Yes, weed control on both developed and undeveloped property. Needs stricter enforcement in order to keep Tempe the great place to live that it is. Thank you.
- Have renters take better care of yards.
- Old cement slab walls facing major streets deteriorating. Just had to borrow \$9,000 to replace my wall.
- More maintenance in the alley. More enforcement of zoning code with respect to private property.
- Lots of homes with students, lots of traffic and parties. Property starts to run down with students.
- Put in sidewalks on Curry Road east of Scottsdale Road. More street lights needed.
- Level and grade alleys. Put recycling pickup in alley.
- Street lights, more of them.
- Maintenance and improvements for parks. Policing for gang activity.
- Yes. Plumb to vertical street signs and light poles. This goes for Southern Avenue between Rural and McClintock. Leaning sign poles look tacky and cheap.
- Street lighting on the west side of Mill between Alameda and Southern. It is hard to see pedestrians at night. The existing lighting isn't adequate at the side street entrances.
- More frequent street sweeping, better tree maintenance on commercial property.
- Traffic calming on College Avenue, in process. Homeless and transient problem on Southern Avenue. Homeless and transient problem at library due to orbit. Bury the cables and phone lines.
- Yes, trees, weeds, grass need to be trimmed on private property. Alleys are an eyesore, weeds, debris thrown all over. Many sidewalks are cracking and in dire repair or to be re-cemented in front of owner's houses. Unsafe to walk on in many areas of my neighborhood, Meyer Park area.
- Would like the code enforcement like we had in 70's and 80's. For instance, cars parked in front yards, trailers, motor homes, parked in driveways and front yards. Repairing vehicles in driveways and vehicles not running in driveway.
- Rental signs (Advance Rental and Sales) on Dorsey are on rental property year round. Leads people to believe all property is rental here.

- Pave alleys, cut dust.
- Street lights. Speed bumps. Publish survey results on Internet.
- Stop dogs from running loose. Make dog walkers pick up after their dogs.
- Crime. Crack down on drugs at 400 W Baseline.
- The neighbors sharing the garbage receptacle in the alley won't walk to the next receptacle if mine is full to empty their trash. They just throw it in the alley. Can we put a bumper sticker saying, If full, please use another container?
- Pave the alleys. Arrest and charge people who do graffiti. Enforce laws for homeowners to take care of property.
- Alley maintenance and oiling.
- Enforce rental laws restricting number of people living in one residence. College students have 6 or 8 vehicles per house. Remove obstacles that block sight at corners.
- Green belts for walking. I wish there were parks or play areas closer. We can't visit a park without crossing a major street.
- Make rental houses take better care of their yards.
- Improve the neighborhood park.
- Street lights. More patrol.
- Not very happy about the signage at Tempe Market Place that is visible from the 202.
- Reroute the orbit bus. It is not needed and makes my neighborhood noisy, causes traffic and reduces quality of life.
- Street sign at beginning of cul-de-sac. Fix leaky drip systems.
- Quality of parks. More things to do in parks. Attract people to walk in neighborhoods.
- Street lights continue to burn out. They need to be replaced. Alleys are a mess.
- More street lights.
- Weed removal by neighbor sometimes not maintained.
- Someone should check on lawn care. A neighbor does not need to report a neighbor. That causes problems.
- People parking at corners.
- Control graffiti. Maintain infrastructure. Decrease ASU partying.
- There are some block walls at the entrance to Sierra Vista and at Broadway and at LaRosa and Broadway that look shabby.
- We're concerned over an unoccupied house that has an owner who regularly forgets or neglects the yard or condition of the home.
- Enforce dog laws. No animals unleashed. People who leave yard and home in poor condition.
- Be able to get into the park (Tempe Town Lake) to walk when there are large events. I do not feel safe walking in my neighborhood in the early morning and cannot get into TTL when large events are going on.
- Enforce speed limits in residential areas.
- Enforcement of rental codes. Too many cars parked on lawns. Clark Park looks at times like a homeless camp.
- Too many people let too many weeds grow. Enforce awful yard ordinance, if there is one.
- The corner of Scottsdale and Roosevelt has a Circle K and a Laundromat. The customers leave trash all over the place.
- Increase neighborhood lighting and routine police patrols.

- I wish there weren't so many rentals in our neighborhood, because neither the renters nor the owners maintain the front yards.
- The Neighborhood Enhancement Program does not go far enough in dealing with owners/renters who chronically neglect basic home improvement and landscaping.
- Stop urban sprawl. It is not working. Clean up Mill Avenue, make Tempe more family oriented.
- Bike lanes.
- Not pedestrian friendly.
- People parking on their lawn.
- Signs, slow kids playing or present.
- Poorly kept yards, too many people/cars in rental housing; too many cars/improperly parked cars/boats/trailers in driveways and side yards.
- Our alley has a 20' wall separating it from the freeway. It is pitch dark down there. I wish there were lighting in the alley.
- Yes, traffic lights need clock flashing. People know when lights are getting red, not running cross red light.
- More usable parks. Play structures. Skate parks. Basketball courts.
- Homeless are sleeping in an alley by the church. Moving too swift up the alley.
- Remove illegal advertising promptly. There are too many cars for sale, foreclosures, easy money, pool cleaning, etc. signs on right of ways. This cheapens the city. What code is enforced?
- Do not work on all north and south streets at one time.
- Install traffic calming solution to Alexander Avenue, between Rural and Mill Avenue. Traffic from Corona del Sol is very heavy.
- Citywide, less traffic law enforcement, speed cameras should be eliminated completely.
- No, we live in a terrific neighborhood.
- Better police patrols on side street.
- More police presence in my neighborhood. Condition of streets.
- Fix my water meter.
- I'd like to see them act faster on trashy carports, yards and cars that are parked on lawns, etc. that no longer run.
- Patrol more often at Daumler Park at Balboa and Evergreen. Lights in our neighborhood are very dim. Some people don't care for their property, which contributes to others' home values going down. Give those folks notices about caring.
- Pave alley. Set up no parking signs within 150 feet of all intersections. Cite, not warn, property owners who park broken down vehicles on property.
- Make landlords keep up rentals and yards.
- Police pull us over for no reason. They only do this because we are Hispanic. May God Bless you.
- I would like the recycling to be picked up in the alley. Also, control the dust in the alleys.
- Enforce variance requirements and code compliance with some residences. We have one house on the end who just does what they want without contacting city, uses front lawn as a parking lot and whose backyard is a disaster and safety issue as their fence is falling down.
- Asphalt in streets has been cracked for two years allowing rain to seep in.
- Fix cracks in sidewalks.

- Yes, I would like to see a limit of people living in a home that can be enforced. It seems that we have a problem. Anyway I can see that this is a problem in my neighborhood.
- Maintenance of private property. Limit number of rentals.
- Bus stops shaded and lit at night.
- Deal with unkempt rentals/empty houses, unkempt pools, etc.
- Revitalize Scudder Park (lighting, etc.). Speed bumps needed on Watson, Lakeshore to Rural.
- I would like to see better surveillance of and action toward shoddy houses, yards and pools.
- In July, we requested a street light cover over the light on Guadalupe directly behind our home because of how bright it is on our balcony at night. The work order was supposedly submitted, but never fulfilled.
- Pave the alley.
- I live in a mobile home park so a lot does not affect me.
- Yes, more road bumps (not signs) placed along College Avenue, south of the Post Office to the end near the freeway. People are traveling about 40-50 MPH. Very dangerous.
- Make homeowners take better care for homes and yards. Also, renters do not take care of yards. They are a disgrace on my street.
- The city should avoid overuse of traffic calming structures on College Avenue that are potentially damaging to cars and can make cars move from the center of the street into bicycle lanes. Specifically, roundabouts in intersections and football shaped center islands are things I personally would prefer not to have. A four way stop at College and Alameda should be adequate for calming traffic between Broadway and Southern.
- Increased police visibility/patrols in order to deter the increase in property theft and other crimes in our neighborhood.
- Speed bumps on Beck from Broadway north to 16th Street or other deterrent for speed reduction.
- Upkeep of vacant or foreclosed houses.
- Better lighting on College Avenue and east on Manhattan Drive. Unfortunately, people do not have money to put into maintaining their homes. Some rental houses not very desirable looking. Our homes are 40-45 years old. Poor landscaping and landscape maintenance.
- Include the county island property north of river into the city by whatever means necessary. It is an eyesore.
- We have a natural gas easement, alley in our neighborhood that is a dumping ground, ugly and a gathering place for drug users.
- Pave the alley.
- More police visibility in neighborhood.
- Enforce property codes with more determination.
- Control graffiti. Walkway from Grove Parkway to Elliot Shopping Center needs attention, policing.
- Have the occupants of all property (rentals included) be liable for appearance of yard, home and particularly alleys (some are pig sties). Levy a fine if necessary. So many owners just toss garbage, tree trimming, furniture, over the fence. Perhaps one of those large rubbish containers positioned at various locations would help enhance the appearance.

- Streets need to be repaved. Some alleys are tanned over, some are still dirt. Bus lanes to relieve congestion at intersections. Much retail space sitting empty, bring retail to core of city, away from ASU.
- Property maintenance.
- I am very disappointed in various building designs and landscaping requirements (lack of) near ASU campus, i.e. dorms at Apache and Rural, building at SE corner of McClintock and Apache, new apartments along Apache and West University.
- Rentals, especially used by college students, are a big problem. Yards are run down and often at least five or six cars are on the property and along the street. Restrictions on no more than three unrelated persons in a home are not enforced.
- Neighbor lets trees, etc. grow out of control. The only house in the neighborhood that looks shabby.
- Enforcement of number of vehicles parked at a residence.
- Keep light bulbs replaced in parks. Pole lights at entrance of Kiwanis Park off Baseline near railroad tracks on hill always out.
- Could you possibly pave the alleys?
- More control of rental properties, appearance and noise and cut through traffic. More enforcement of no right turn on LaJolla and Rural.
- Traffic calming.
- Fix sidewalks along Mill (at least between Broadway and I-60 on east side).
- Make rental property owners more responsible for the appearance of the outside.
- Stop light for pedestrian crossing somewhere between Freeway and Southern on Rural. I only walk or cycle, no auto. How can I cross on Rural at Laguna to get to library, etc.?
- Repave street, increase water pressure, paint street light poles.
- Reduce and/or restrict excessive curbside parking. Most is a result of auto maintenance projects.
- Get rid of the HOAs. They try to run your life and have no right to.
- Good service.
- Keep high quality streets, forget traffic calming ideas.
- Enforcement of timeframe for putting out articles for large item pickup.
- We have found lots of support from the city in planning neighborhood activities.
- Upgrade the park, move out the soccer fields.
- Fix the stucco; appearance of the outer wall.
- More alley clean up and large item pickups.
- Lower taxes on homes and property.
- Make our neighbor finish remodeling of house and stop parking in his front yard and clean the back yard.
- Some of our neighbors are complete slob. The LDS Church at Lakeshore and Gemini allows local high school students to congregate and leave trash all over the neighborhood. No code enforcement evident.
- Eliminate election signs, very ugly and too many.
- Better lighting (all lights on College are at alleys between Alameda and Southern). Better code enforcement and encouragement for owners to upkeep property. Utility improvements, specifically under-grounding of electric/phone/cable TV lines.
- Housing/occupancy codes. Rental properties seem to have too many people per rental.

- The traffic islands on Mill Avenue between Elliot Road and Secretariat Drive have had at least three trees die and not replaced.
- Policing Villas Las Palmas Pool area.
- Irrigation of adjacent school property brings terrible smell and mosquito problems. Alley traffic raises dust all the time.
- Enforce whatever codes the city has for homeowners/landlords to maintain their property so weeds/junk cars aren't devaluing the neighborhood.
- Shade screens for playgrounds.
- Clean dirty canal.
- More street lighting, slow traffic.
- Crack down on graffiti, and weedy yards.
- More Orbit routes/frequency. They are awesome.
- Orbit Bus service.
- Downtown Tempe is not my neighborhood but I have received comments from other women while we were in Downtown that they are uncomfortable with the vagrants and people hanging around asking for money. It's a deterrent versus draw to the business on Mill Avenue.
- Police coverage, we have quite a bit on teen hoods who like to race their cars and terrorize our parks and community pool area.
- Alisanos Community Association needs training in the areas of landscape, and water conservation. They waste all of our money trying to achieve unrealistic goals, i.e. perfect lawns in September.
- Better enforcement of codes. Too many neighbors getting away with non-maintenance of houses, yards, trees, etc.
- See that the home owners take better care of their property, weeds, etc.
- Streets are very dark at night. More light would make the streets feel safer.
- Private property maintenance. Get rid of traffic calming devices, especially temporary ones.
- Speed humps.
- Continue to improve the county island that's now Tempe along Carver and Rural. They have crummy yards and needs facelift. Common areas along streets need landscaping.
- Put in bicycle lanes on West Baseline Road.
- I would like to see an improved shaded table area.
- Enforce its own bylaws regarding junkyards/bird/dog raising in backyards. City inspector is useless.
- Lay additional gravel in the alley to eliminate standing water and muddy conditions.
- We rated #6 good but we have one exception because of one house directly across from us. The yard is a mess. Grass and plants all dried up from neglect and pigeons roosting on the property.
- Remove soccer from neighborhood park (Goodwin Park). Soccer parents are oblivious to residents, blocking traffic, turning around in driveways and blocking driveways. Over use of the park leaving large bare patches in the grass not giving it a chance to grow back.
- Keep weeds cut. Suggest businesses identify their property with numbers readable from a moving car.
- Move the light on Elliot from the canal to Mill. It is often very difficult to turn on Elliot and the light at the canal serves practically no one.

- Tree maintenance. Slow down traffic in neighborhood.
- More traffic control measures.
- Provide police patrols. Haven't seen a squad in the neighborhood in three years.
- How about keeping rentals or neighborhood homes cleaned up, i.e. tall grass, grass growing in rocky areas, dead trees, etc.
- Crack down on run down properties. Crack down on gang activity, homeless loitering, illegal drug selling, prostitution, and parking.
- Block bicycle bridge in neighborhood it is an intrusion and waste of money.
- Feeling of safety.
- Better drainage of streets. Corner of University and McClintock floods when it rains heavily.
- Some homes and yards are a mess and need to be cleaned up.
- The condition of rentals, controlling disgusting alleys. Noise control, constant barking dogs, loud parties (college kids in rentals).
- Street sweeping.
- Yes, force HOAs to plant grass throughout subdivisions, not only perimeter lawns.
- Make sure section 8 homes are kept up.
- Home mail delivery (I am a disabled veteran).
- Spray olive trees.
- Fences that face the streets. Get people to visit Tempe.
- Speed bump from Cornell/Wilson to McKemy/Colgate. This stretch is a haven for teenage speeders and includes a blind intersection at McKemy/Fordham, right across from two elementary schools. Weed control poorly enforced from Baseline to Guadalupe Roads and Kyrene to Hardy Road on private properties. Traffic signal needed at Kyrene/Cornell intersection.
- Some kind of law or rules on front yard maintenance. One out of 8 houses or so a family of pigs moves in.
- I really wish there were a bathroom at our neighborhood park.
- Remove the speed bumps.
- Finish paving from Priest to 48th Street. Also paving of Southern East from Priest to 101. Four years is too long.
- New street light at 530 W 19th is not bright enough.
- With the rail starting up, we need some more police protection around McClintock and Apache area.
- Make people clean their front yards/junk cars.
- Get stricter on landowners to not neglect houses and lawns they are renting out. Notify neighbors who are letting their trash spread in alley (like my neighbor).
- I don't always see the street sweepers come. Don't know how often they come but it would be nice to see them sweep a little more often.
- Speed bumps.
- Homeless and drugs. Too many college rentals with cars in driveway and slum looking. Too many empty stores.
- Keep up alleys like streets, parks like front yards with shrubs, flowers and shade trees and enforce existing zoning, site plan and use regulations.

- Enforce codes as much as possible, ticket those who park backwards (facing wrong way) on city streets, help us to keep loud and late partying to a minimum, always remember that Tempe does not end at Price Road.
- The city should not allow demolition of areas downtown before the developer has firm plans for construction.
- Closer Bark Park for dogs.
- Get moving on Scudder Park.
- Dog park area in the local park. Bike paths in Tempe Market Place. Bike paths through neighborhoods, so we don't have to ride on busy streets.
- Traffic control on South County Club way.
- Work with homeowners to improve curb appeal. Quality of yards and how many animals and what kinds are allowed in residential housing.
- Trim trees.
- Take out the speed camera. Seems all it does is to collect revenue.
- More green and more police in the neighborhoods.
- Improve neighborhood quality of code violation enforcement.
- Hold homeowners accountable for renters of their property.
- Reduce cycle failures in left turn lanes on Apache Blvd. And start using vehicle sensors at the intersections that will actually detect motorcycles.
- Our alley is not paved and the dust is awful.
- The police force may be a bit too abrasive, as influenced by the Sheriff's office. Police should understand constitutional law as part of their training.
- Stop light between Ray and Warner on Priest.
- Many of my neighbors don't take care of their yards. I would like to have the city enforce rules about removing weeds when they get completely overgrown.
- Continue code enforcement on private property, occupancy and appearance. Put some shade in the play area of Indian Bend Park.
- I would like to see the city maintain road side landscaping and enforce weed growth, etc. at private residences. It makes our neighborhoods look trashy.
- I'm lucky to live in the Eden area.
- Signs for traffic to slow down for children, or more speed bumps to slow traffic.
- Enforce shrubbery and tree trimming so that oncoming traffic (especially intersections) and street signs can be seen more clearly.
- Street lighting is poor. What happened to the city wide wi-fi computer connectivity?
- Do away with the hideous blue trash barrels and enforce yard clean ups.
- Yards are not maintained or inspected often.
- Underground power lines.
- Make residents put blue barrels away.
- Clean and streets repaired.
- Speed hump for east 8th Street/Hayden Lane. More street lights for East Hayden Lane.
- Homes zoned for single families should not be rented to 5-6 college kids. Properties look like hell and the parties and the break-ins.
- Limit and reduce the number of rental properties. Crack down hard on all property owners who will not maintain their homes. There are so many sloppy looking properties, it has to hurt the quality of people willing to move into Tempe (not to mention the home values).

- Drop the sales tax on food. You've just doubled it.
- Lighting, party (college student) management.
- The city has caused substantial damage to my fence because of poor watering in Stroud Park. They need to fix the fence (they recently changed the watering patterns in the park).
- Definitely clean the alleyways of grass and debris, especially grass and weeds. It doesn't seem to be cleaned at all.
- Asphalt alley. More aggressive with rental laws and codes. Better blight enforcement. Improve storm sewer capability, street floods.
- Address slummy houses and slum rentals in the three mile radius of ASU, Priest to Dobson, 202, Baseline.
- Focus on areas that need renovation.
- Work with Cox to move the cable TV control box in the alley which keeps getting hit by city trucks. Enforce tougher laws against gangs and criminal activity, burglaries, homeless and prostitution.
- Parking for Esquer Park and public restrooms for the park, more involvement by Park Rangers. Enforcement of city codes for private property.
- Make people take better care of their yards front and back.
- Restrooms at Meyer and Hudson Parks.
- Stronger ongoing code enforcement.
- Replace white stop signs. Make school zones more evident, use blinkers. Speeds should be 35 when in session. Other towns do this and use motion sensors to turn on street lights. Help us with student occupied houses.
- Get with our HOA, and see if they can paint our units. The paint is chipping and the fences are also looking bad.
- The city telling residents who do not keep up property appearance to do so.
- The alleys, they need to be cleaned and scraped along fence line and most of all they need to oil or tar to keep the dust down to a minimum. Also get rid of weeds and make home owners or rentals use the dumpster, not just throw over fence.
- Seal coat our streets.
- More patrols through our surrounding property to cut down on graffiti which has increased greatly this year.
- Upgrade and repair street lights, painting of common visible fencing at brick walls. Keep grass and plants groomed.
- Replacement of olive trees on Rural Road behind my house. I was told they would be replaced in two years and that was 8 to 10 years ago.
- I'm so sick of picking up dog poop on our front lawn from other people's pets.
- Everything.
- Discipline the neighbor that throws her garbage in front of my house please.
- Consideration of stop signs on Lakeshore south of Elliot or speed bumps on same. There is too much speeding and racing.
- Corbell Park needs improvements. More trees, playground equipment, cover for play area (shade). The condition of the playground at Corbell Park is deplorable. It is worse than it was 23 years ago when we first moved here.
- More maintenance of shrubs along McClintock Drive. It is getting dangerous and restricts visibility of oncoming traffic.

- Stones or pavement in alley like other alleys in Tempe. My house just has dirt in the alley.
- Speed bumps from Elliot to Dava on Lakeshore Drive.
- Enforce yard maintenance/pool maintenance.
- A few more street lights, upkeep on street name signs, police patrols more often.
- Slow traffic speed on my street by adding speed bumps. Enforce 35 mph zones at all times. Don't like sodium (yellow) street lights. Are there alternatives, especially on residential streets?
- Better control over rental property.
- Some potholes in alley behind my house have been there a long time since a leak occurred in some pipes under the road. Pipes not on my property.
- More police cars during weekends and daylight hours.
- Remove graffiti. Make the neighborhood safer by presence of the local police.
- Add a public gardening space. Require solar panels on all new public buildings and apartment/condo buildings.
- Fix potholes and sidewalks.
- Clean up abandoned property off of Farmer and 1st Street, parallel to the railroad tracks. There have been fires, auto break-ins, destruction of real and personal property. There is excessive drunkenness, killings along 1st Street and Farmer and vandalism.
- Right now, the streets are being resurfaced. Same with our neighborhood park.
- On the west end of Hanger Park, fix existing lights or add additional lights.
- Dog leash laws, rotten condition grass in the park. Get rid of moldy smell in the library. Clark Recreation has smelly carpet, needs renovation.
- Condition of alleys.
- Clark Park. Clean alleys.
- Private property maintenance.
- Better ordinances for noise/fast traffic on residential streets. Trashy yards, multiple 4+ cars at one house.
- Limit the population of Tempe.
- Weeds growing in street. Alleys are very dusty when garbage truck comes through. Saving historic places around Tempe.
- Too many cars always parked on the streets.
- Enforce existing codes on rental houses. We have many rentals which we turn in for code violations, and the city does not do much as we are told the city does not have the time to pursue each violation.
- Repair or replace trash containers in alley.
- We would like to see the improvements made to the canal for a multi-use path that have been planned for some time.
- Do not allow lawn parking, junk cars in driveways, unkempt lawns and front yards.
- Alley maintenance. Help homeowners replace old, broken, ugly, out of date fences.
- Don't add more traffic to streets, i.e. Walmart coming to area. Not a good addition.
- So many people throw everything in the alleys. Because of where our house is, we have to look at it. Also, there are a lot of rentals in our neighborhood. A lot of the rentals are not kept up and actually have trash in the front yard.
- More police presence.
- Street light at Lamplighter, dark at night.

- Better police.
- More lighting in neighborhood, clean up vacant lots and nicer entrances into neighborhoods.
- Enforcement of maintenance of private property. Rentals are not kept up. Looks slummy.
- Less dust and dirt from alley. Weeds along street fences pulled.
- Do some planting to beautify the area.
- Improvements to neighborhood parks. Make sure alleys are cleaned up. Watch for poor yard maintenance.
- My area is great, Village Landing.
- Abandon the College Avenue makeover. A disaster waiting to happen. Looks like it was planned by a VA engineer.
- Not at this time. My neighborhood is nicely maintained.
- Cars not allowed to park on front yards. Unkempt yards i.e. weeds, debris, cars parked on sidewalks.
- Change the schedule of when the street sweeper comes through to after bulky item pickup/removal is done. It is a waste of taxpayer money to have the streets swept while there are piles of tree branches, etc. laying along the curb.
- Reduce amount of grass (and watering) in greenbelt areas.
- Condition of alleys (trash).
- Maintain canal and MacDonald Golf Course better.
- Enforcement of city blight codes.
- Bike lanes set apart from streets rather than part of the street would improve safety and encourage more use.
- Too many for lease signs. More for lease sign to windows, not on street/sidewalk.
- Sewerage pipe replacement, to increase flow. We very well could have a plague again.
- Police should have greater presence. On SE corner of Rural and Elliot we had an armed robbery. Kyrene Middle School buses kids from South Phoenix. This adds an extraordinary burden to neighborhood safety. Keep parks clean, very important.
- Resurfacing of streets in subdivision.
- Ban solicitors from neighborhood. Littering front door with flyers.
- Speed limit signs would be helpful.
- Crack down on poorly maintained property and stricter rental property codes. House values are battered enough, poorly maintained rental property does not need to make it worse.
- Trees on McClintock need attention.
- I would like to see more enforcement of speed limit on residential streets.
- More street lights on secondary streets.
- Overgrowth over sidewalks. Quality of street repairs after a private contractor dug them up.
- Increased safety and focus on cleaning up areas around ASU. Houses are falling apart. It looks like you are in parts of West Phoenix.
- Decrease the number and the size of speed bumps between West Julie Drive and Guadalupe.
- Keep closer look on rentals that seem to be a problem, make it bad for them.
- Stop those loud cars with the loud boom boxes.
- There are a lot of rental houses that are terribly maintained i.e. three foot high grass, trash, broken beer bottles, etc. needs to be cleaned up badly.
- Yes, need a do not turn on red sign on the intersection of Mill Avenue and the US 60.

- Streets and tree trimming.
- Better public transportation, too much density in downtown Tempe. Don't enjoy downtown Tempe anymore, too much traffic everywhere.
- More police patrol at Warner Meadows.
- I like the plans to work on the canal. So many people use it for exercise. I'm glad there are efforts to improve on this.
- Remove speed humps. Reduce building restrictions on homes zoned agricultural. Help homeowners to improve their property instead of making it so difficult due to inequitable restrictions that other areas don't have.
- More bike lanes/bike safety.
- Beautification.
- Overgrown trees/foliage along streets or blocking signs and corners.
- Paved paths along canal.
- Seems like there is too much road construction, even when the road was perfectly fine. This is usually in well traveled roads, which causes interference in traffic. On the other hand, small streets do not get much attention, and their condition is poor. This should be reversed.
- No more speed bumps.
- Get rid of speed bumps in neighborhoods.
- Sidewalks and alleys.
- More support for the arts.
- I live in The Lakes and the neighborhood is taken care of by the association mostly.
- Speed bump on Apricot Street.
- Better enforcement of green pool violations. Make homeowners trim trees/bushes away from sidewalks. Minimize speed bumps/street striping.
- Police speed enforcement. Speed bumps.
- Speed bumps.
- Better lighting in my neighborhood.
- Improve park maintenance and patrols. Increase street lighting in many neighborhoods.
- A street light at Oxford and Rural due to the anticipated increase in traffic from Lowe's.
- Street department is not taking action to remove graffiti and vandalism despite repeated calls. Phoenix does a much better job.
- More street lights in neighborhood.
- Bike trails and marked bike paths expanded to improve ability to utilize bikes to commute.
- Keep sidewalks clear of shrubs and overhanging trees.
- Cite people who let weeds and grass grow.
- Reduce rentals, or at least enforce code violations in a timely manner.
- More traffic signage about caution children at play.
- More frequent street sweeping. Stronger enforcement of private property ordinances.
- Reinstate the green waste program.
- Bury utility lines and reduction in leased properties, enforcement of landscaping ordinances.
- Broken sidewalks need replacing. Trees are dying, why?
- Enforcement of inoperable/unlicensed vehicles. Enforcement of rental property upkeep.
- Strict rules in regards to rental properties.
- Possibly speed bumps in our street, enforcement of clean up of some private property.

- It would be nice to have a restroom at Rotary Park.
- Look into enforcing the home rental laws. We have neighbors that have 7-8 non-family members living in one house.
- More street lights on Southern and streets off Southern.
- Reduce graffiti problems.
- Lights at the Ramada at the park.
- Make sure the street lights are working.
- People and alley neighbors put trash on other neighbor's side.
- There are a number of properties with very poorly kept front yards. I would like more active enforcement of existing rules.
- Having homeowners and renters more responsible for the appearance of their homes and alley behind their home. The current code enforcement is by complaints from citizens and is a slow process on correcting the situation. They alley situation is a joke. They do not enforce the situation.
- More street lights.
- Street lights.
- We are residents of a mobile home park, which is gated with security.
- Trim trees and bushes that restrict the view of oncoming traffic.
- Quality of neighborhood parks.
- More trees in parks for shade. Distinctive bike lanes. More safety measures.
- When doing street repairs, contact all services (sewer, power, water, etc.) and only dig once. Seems you dig up the street over and over in the same spot with each taking their turn.
- Enforce maintenance of common areas.
- Change the turns from major streets onto side streets, they are big bumps now.
- More street lights.
- Pave my street, Secretariat, 1800 block.
- Speed limits and semi trucks going through neighborhoods, more speed bumps.
- Stop the people on bicycles from racing into the street from the bridge and obey the laws of the road. Also patrol the Ward School when people drop off and pick up students. They run stop signs and hold up traffic.
- Eliminating noise from jets and downtown Tempe events from infiltrating into Sunset/Riverside neighborhood.
- Please help end the adult entertainment industry infiltration. One FBI study in Tucson showed even greater responsibility in crime, less than gang activity. Our neighborhoods are showing this too. The parks are embarrassing in this regard.
- Sidewalks.
- Keep the streets open. North Tempe is cut off from Tempe too often for private purposes, Lake events.
- I'd like to see Tempe's rental codes enforced.
- Remove the large pine trees on Rural and Oxford Road. The needles cause problems by clogging the gutters and get into the air conditioning units.
- Enforce limits and restraints on rental property (especially the number of unrelated individuals sharing a rental and cars parked in and around rental homes).
- Please fix potholes. Maintenance of public property, hurts neighborhoods.

- Better upkeep of outer walls, on Guadalupe and Kyrene Street. More landscaping upkeep on these two streets.
- Maintenance of private homes and yards. Landscape of public right of ways and visibility for making turns into oncoming traffic.
- People's yards not as tidy as they could be.
- I would like the large roll of garbage containers offered at no cost or free for residents to throw away large items, may help alley dumping.
- Random police patrol Wednesday-Thursday night, midnight to 3 a.m. Usually Thursday night break-ins and auto theft.
- Rental properties are being used for business purposes. Too many residents in rental properties.
- Get rid of sand in Rotary Park playground. Too many cats use it for a litter box.
- Move Orbit bus to Mill.
- Education. Encouragement. Enforcement on recycling and proper refuse in alleys.
- Try to identify which neighbors are just throwing excessive trash in the alleys and make them clean it up. Some are just throwing their trash on the ground or over the fence, repeatedly. This is disgusting.
- Lights, sections are too dark. Speeding on Mill, University, Southern Broadway and Rural.
- That there be equal enforcement of the city code on housing maintenance. Some people get cited more than others. Some houses never improve, are they getting fined?
- Get rid of speed bumps. Those of us with bad backs suffer over each one.
- I've never experienced car theft or a burglary, but my neighbors have. My neighborhood on Baseline between Priest and Mill has been improved in the past year. I hope this continues in terms of making it look more upscale.
- More street lights. It is very dark in the evenings.
- Please better care for the water canal. It is too dirty. Please clean it. More trees on the streets, more pine trees.
- Put up dead end signs in cul-de-sacs.
- Graffiti is the major problem. I paint over it and the next day it is back. Not only on block walls, but also on city signs.
- Continue to improve city parks and pools. Some of these have fallen into degraded condition due to poor maintenance. When this happens, the public is less inclined (or afraid) to use the parks.
- Maintenance of private property. Alleys in general.
- More street lights on Hardy Drive. More police patrols at night. Covered bus stops.
- Have the neighbors park in their garage or park on the right side of the street. It looks like hell to have cars parked wrong way. Back in the 60's you got a ticket for parking wrong.
- Laws about cars and trash in front of home and on sides. This causes unsafe situations and loitering.
- The city is very good about coming out if you call them with a problem of neighbor's yard. I hate being the yard police. If someone once a month could visit each neighborhood and write a letter to people who have weeds or items in their yards, this would save me a lot of phone calls.
- Informing the public on the results of reviews, investigations, etc. performed by any organization. When any tax dollars are involved.

- Help disabled citizens (like myself) in making the front lawns using gravel and cacti to help conserve water. Programs like that would really improve the look of the neighborhood as well as conserving water. I live on a very fixed income. I would have done it myself if I could afford it. Also, I have excellent neighbors.
- Do more to keep the alleys clean.
- Not sure what can be done, but there is a lot of shady individuals in our neighborhood.
- I think that our neighborhood should have more street lights. Very important.
- Street side landscape maintenance adjacent to existing neighborhoods/homes along Rural and Warner Roads. Not necessarily a city responsibility/enforcement.
- The alley behind my house is very dusty. Paving it would help. There is far too much traffic in the alley by residents and outsiders.
- Alley's condition.
- Keep city trees trimmed more often.
- Better street tree pruning.
- Provide adult classic movies in the park. Cut back trees from sidewalks/paths.
- Speeding and traffic violations on major roads.
- Limit or deny any more speed bumps added to the streets. Police need to enforce any speeding issues.
- Lots of shopping carts from Walmart are left in our development by people living in surrounding apartments and also left at bus stops. Walmart is a horrible neighbor in taking care of them. They have been contacted by our HOA to resolve with nothing done on their part.
- Street lights working, bulbs replaced.



Overview

At the end of the survey, respondents were given the option of providing written comments in response to the question “what do you feel are the most important issues facing the City of Tempe.” While the results in this Appendix are not statistically valid, they provide useful insights for interpreting the reasons residents think various issues are important.

The results were recorded verbatim, so spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected. The approximate number of comments about various issues is listed below.

More than 50 comments

- Public Safety

26- 50 comments

- Growth
- Neighborhoods
- Taxes

15-25 comments

- Public Transportation
- Rental Housing
- Traffic flow/traffic management

Fewer than 15 comments

- Affordable Housing
- Alleys
- Appearance
- Bike Paths
- Buses
- Diversity
- Homeless
- Jobs
- Parking
- Parks
- Private Property Maintenance
- Recycling
- Schools
- Streets
- Traffic enforcement
- Trash

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27. What do you feel are the most important issues facing the City of Tempe?]

- Adequacy of city revenue. Promotion of redevelopment/rehabilitation of deteriorated neighborhood and commercial operations.
- Handling growth, transportation, tax base and getting people to use downtown.
- You're doing a super job with this city. I love the downtown area and how convenient everything is. Keep up the good work.
- Controlling ASUs impact on city. They are not the whole city.
- As ASU grows, neighborhoods are becoming rental properties. Value of homes decrease.
- Public services.
- Private property and its upkeep. Weed control and vacant land. Thank you. It has been our pleasure to be residents of South Tempe for over 30 years.
- Traffic flow, especially north/south via Mill, Rural and Hayden.
- Budget and maintaining city services.
- Traffic congestion. Litigation costs being passed on to the taxpayers.
- Keeping utility bills low.
- Being a locked in city. We are surrounded by other suburban cities.
- Traffic congestion.
- Help those who need geriatric oriented support services. Make transportation affordable.
- Promoting diversity across all income levels and quality of life via public venues.
- Managing condo development downtown.
- Over taxation. Continued cost of the Tempe Town Lake.
- Growth of downtown and new transit.
- More city job opportunities.
- Quality of neighborhoods, homeless and transient.
- City is landlocked. Protect rights of ASU. Keep outlaws out, and unscrupulous land developers.
- Taxes continue to go up. Schools continue to improve education and facilities.
- Appearance of many rental homes or foreclosure houses. Repair of neighborhood sidewalks, and clean up of alley ways.
- Overgrowth. ASU getting too big for its britches. Having to put up with college kids in neighborhoods. Need stricter code enforcement.
- Control rental property appearance. Police presence.
- Destruction of Tempe's historic areas.
- Town lake cost. Replace dam.
- Safety, auto thieves.
- Crime and police presence.
- Education and affordable housing.
- Low income families trying to rent high price apartments.
- Alley maintenance and neighborhoods.
- Construction at lake for resident's use.
- Save money on city offices and reduce taxes.

- Maintaining services and amenities in difficult economic times. Additional lakeside development.
- Keeping the city tax base healthy. Maintaining good appearance of neighborhoods.
- Improvement of neighborhood parks. Transportation.
- Traffic control and how to make Tempe walkable. Nobody walks.
- Not enough low cost housing for seniors.
- Public safety. Customer service.
- Adult recreation programs. Public safety.
- Neighborhood clean up. Better sewer roach control.
- Light rail, accidents will rise.
- Need to remain progressive and proactive.
- We need more diversity.
- I hope you have mercy with the Spanish people. God bless you.
- Public safety. I do not feel safe in my neighborhood.
- The encroachment on the city by the university. Apparent inability to completely manage local traffic during special events.
- Great city.
- Development. We don't need more Walmarts and check cashing stores. The areas surrounding downtown are being neglected. Tempe has a homeless issue, it needs to be addressed.
- Tempe's diversity plan rewards slackers, malcontents. Instills employer's fear of lawsuits. Costs of diversity staffing far outweighs value.
- Probably the budget, then the neighbor's weeds.
- Environmental issues, crime, and school system.
- Too concerned with appearances and corporate money. Not enough support for entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- Public safety and enforcement of traffic laws.
- Declining neighborhoods. Over commercialized i.e. Tempe Market Place competes with downtown Mill Avenue. Traffic congestion.
- It's going in the wrong direction. It's lost all charm.
- I work downtown and the parking is terrible.
- Live within their means, minimize taxes.
- Illegal aliens and speeding cars.
- Graffiti. Neighborhood upkeep. Aging strip malls.
- The number of sex oriented businesses has risen dramatically in my neighborhood. I do not like the diversity these businesses promote. Within one mile of my home there is a pawn shop, Adam and Eave lingerie shop, and a smoke shop. The quality of Tempe business is spiraling down.
- Public schools.
- Traffic in need to go where needed. Care for homeless.
- Keeping it clean and safe. My house was recently robbed.
- ASU, safety. Less tearing up of our streets.
- Police and public safety. Face lifting the city into the 21st century.
- Public safety. Continued growth and reviving.

- Parking. It was a huge loss when you let Changing Hands go from downtown Tempe.
- Growth. The new skyscrapers and financing.
- Managing the growth. Don't let it run over us.
- Overbuilding downtown. Forcing small businesses to move out.
- Upkeep of lake. Fewer events downtown.
- Tempe's continued growth and public safety.
- Surrounding neighborhoods to ASU.
- Enforce those who do not care for their property to be responsible. This is why some of us consider moving and paying for HOA fees. Send notices to those who are ignoring their homes and yards.
- Property taxes and utilities services too high, quality of living low.
- Public safety and parks and recreation. We love all of the classes for kids but there seems to be less and less each year.
- Making downtown user friendly (i.e. parking). Controlling the budget.
- Not letting the aging of the city make it look run down. Do not like the appearance of the strip malls.
- City is allowing too much density (apartments) in residential neighborhoods (single family homes).
- New businesses and restaurants.
- Eliminating gang graffiti; promptly, especially on street signs.
- Growth and budgeting.
- Rentals in our area.
- Sustainability and green city initiatives.
- Attracting retail business to the empty strip malls.
- Expansion. Traffic enforcement (especially school zones).
- Property crime, graffiti and vandalism.
- Maintenance of services due to budget restraints.
- Improving alleys.
- Neighborhood preservation. Public safety and communication.
- General safety. Population increase. Traffic problems.
- Cleaning up the older neighborhoods and alleys.
- Development of the downtown area. Maintaining good public transportation, particularly the Orbit Transit Service, during the current economic downturn.
- Affordable housing and crime prevention.
- Utilities and street appearance.
- Keeping public safety (police/fire) communication first rate and sufficient personnel in police/fire departments.
- Degrading old neighborhoods. Gangs, criminals getting out of jail.
- Size of ASU. Development of north Tempe. Include it in future plans or deed it to Scottsdale.
- No opinion, but I would like to thank the City of Tempe for the good service we have and the very helpful employees.
- Enforcement of property codes. Hire more inspectors. Have city clean violators property and bill them for services.

- Over populated, downtown over-crowded and over-built, streets too congested.
- Too many people causing rampant crime increase. City being taken over by Hispanics.
- With so much residential building downtown, I'm worried about traffic.
- Retail shopping away from ASU needs to improve. Too many retail/commercial buildings sitting empty. Rental properties not being taken care of by owners. Sad to say, one can't go out late at night for fear of crime rate. Bus routes need pullout lanes to relieve congestion, especially at intersections.
- Lack of adequate zoning and landscape requirements for new commercial, dorms, buildings, and centers.
- Limit spending. Stick to basic city needs.
- I know we need taxes, but in moderation. Great city.
- Overdevelopment of the downtown. Photo enforcement of speed traps on Tempe streets.
- More affordable housing. Keep Diversity Office separate from Human Resources.
- Lower the property assessed tax rate, do not have an untouchable windfall.
- More attention to the older neighborhoods north of 60.
- Don't care. I am a bitter person.
- Public safety. Transportation.
- Traffic congestion.
- Blending the residential areas of ownership with rentals.
- Clean appearance. Stop the tendency of neighborhoods to age poorly.
- Get rid of HOAs.
- Make Mill Avenue two lanes each way again and stop tearing up Rural.
- Public safety and creating and attracting jobs to Tempe.
- Maintain quality of services.
- Safety and downtown development.
- Don't know.
- Transportation. Alley maintenance.
- Code enforcement of private housing; properties not kept up, cars not operating, etc.
- Keeping up on the appearance of non-HOA communities and parks.
- City street lighting. Maintenance of private property. Help for the elderly with yards.
- Balance budget. Lower taxes, property taxes.
- Keeping neighborhoods looking good.
- Doesn't matter. I'm retiring in a few years, packing up and leaving Arizona forever.
- My answers are sharply influenced by age (86) and health (impaired) and physical limitations (slight movement in and around Tempe). But Tempe has been a very good place for me to approach my final days.
- Land usage, especially what to do with aging retail centers and vacant corners. Traffic and parking around ASU and Mill.
- Increasing property taxes.
- Escalating traffic and I resent the number of speeding cameras being used to generate revenue. This is taking advantage of taxpaying residents.
- Maintaining schools without raising property taxes. Increase sales tax opportunities to keep property taxes down.
- Transportation.

- Normal shopping (groceries, drug store, etc.) downtown.
- Crime. Dealing with poor housing.
- Keeping neighborhood's values and appearances high in the face of foreclosures. Maintaining a climate friendly and inviting to higher end small businesses.
- Light rail success. Downtown vitality.
- Burden on schools, police and fire services from excessive apartment development.
- Job opportunities.
- Enforce the sign ordinance (standards slacking off). Improve traffic flow and parking in downtown.
- Illegal aliens and private residence maintenance.
- Transportation and growth.
- Crime and traffic.
- Reasonable housing for Tempe teachers in Tempe.
- Roof rats education and regulation. Stop building in the downtown area. Restore the Floor Factory and focus on reducing the people that need more help/jobs/housing.
- Crime with declining economy. Support for essential programs like the library and Kids Zone with the declining economy.
- I do not go downtown because there are so many police and I feel scared (in the university area). You need to get the Alisanos Community Association under control. They send letters and fines and waste all our money.
- Budget and crime rates.
- Keeping it the best place to live in the valley.
- I think you should be stricter on architecture. The apartments on University and Hardy area are ugly.
- Recycling. Services. Safety.
- Avoiding bankruptcy in a depression without sacrificing public services.
- Traffic management during construction. Communication of alternative routes during construction.
- City must ramp up its appearance. City officials need to become friendly again. Too much infighting.
- Continue to do upscale project like Mill and Market Place.
- Safety. Transportation.
- Bike paths. Safety on the streets.
- Safety, appearance.
- I love Tempe, but am upset with the direction of downtown Tempe and Tempe Town Lake. In the name of progress, we lost the flavor of quaint Tempe and have become just another large chain city. What happened to the mom and pop one of a kind shops? I no longer go downtown.
- Cleaning neighborhoods. Too many ugly rental houses.
- Public safety. Cost of city utilities.
- Affordable housing. Connections to light rail for whole city.
- Schools and facilities kept up to current health and building codes, adequate sports facilities instead of neighborhood parks.
- Illegal immigration. Homeless people.

- Budget. Traffic.
- Mayor and other city council members are very committed to the City of Tempe. They work well with the university.
- Growth, influx of Hispanic and their lifestyle and problems.
- Crime and gang activity. Drug activity. Homeless people. Fiscal responsibility.
- Traffic/transportation, upkeep of rental properties and foreclosures.
- Taxes and costs to live in Tempe. People on fixed incomes are being priced out.
- Keeping the city neat and clean. Keeping a community type feeling, not big city.
- Too much emphasis on apartment building. Improving city services. Attention in older neighborhoods.
- Too many tall buildings in downtown area.
- Cut property taxes. Over \$200 a month to live in a house I own is ridiculous.
- Safety on streets. Safety at home.
- Upgrading old neighborhoods.
- Spending (budget). Building when already have many vacant buildings.
- Maintaining appearance of streets and public safety.
- Controlling the amount of section eight houses in one neighborhood.
- Social services due to slow economy; excessive condos.
- Budget. Economy.
- Make sure not to neglect south Tempe.
- Insufficient police presence in neighborhoods and in high traffic areas. Preventing increasing “ghetto-izing” of neighborhoods via code enforcements and allocation of funds for neighborhood refurbishing programs. Economy disaster; many vacant homes owners can’t get sold.
- Rental properties.
- Urban renewal and transportation.
- Street maintenance and traffic flow.
- Trim trees on Farmer (13th to 19th). No more new apartments.
- I love Tempe, used to travel everywhere around town.
- We need a dog park so our dogs can run.
- New housing. Sewer roaches.
- Prices of houses going down. Higher taxes.
- Rental properties. Graffiti.
- Clean up neighborhood. Landlords need to be held responsible.
- Keep north Tempe from becoming a working class slum or blighted area.
- Maintain and upgrade the quality of the housing stock. Keeping the city in a sound fiscal position, even at the expense of certain quality of life issues. It would be great if taxes reflected reality more. We understand that revenues (sales taxes, etc.) are down. We all need to bite the bullet.
- The empty offices and condos and retail in downtown Tempe. The downhill slide of Mill Avenue. It can’t compete with Tempe Market Place.
- Police on crime and burglary.
- Pollution and traffic issues.

- Good guys don't wear black, bring back the blue uniforms for police and bring back "to protect and serve" on police cars. Also, bike paths through neighborhoods.
- Grass in dog parks.
- Lack of affordable housing in safe, well maintained neighborhoods.
- Wasting taxpayer's money on unnecessary things.
- Balance the budget.
- Housing density and traffic flow.
- Lax rental enforcement. Lack of traffic enforcement; jay walking; bikes on sidewalks without lights and against traffic.
- Basic services, public safety, etc. continuity in the event of an unforeseen eventuality.
- Too much focus on downtown development and not neighborhood shopping centers. Tempe is losing its charm and unique character.
- Traffic caused by construction. Poor planning for traffic.
- The recycling program sucks and is offensive.
- Please keep it as wonderful as is. Maybe a few shade trees.
- Crime.
- Safety, small business growth/opportunities, sustainable development.
- Increased utility costs, public safety.
- Public safety (need more residential/neighborhood police patrol). I seldom see a police car patrolling the neighborhood. Keep taxes low (sales and property taxes).
- Please clean up neighborhoods in north Tempe.
- Public safety. Finance.
- Maintaining cleanliness of neighborhoods (i.e. getting rid of graffiti).
- Too much road construction.
- Our neighborhood is starting to get too many group homes. It lowers our property value. We need a limit on these.
- Bicycle safety. Bikers not obeying traffic laws.
- Home values are down. Property taxes are up.
- The numerous huge condos, apartments, etc. in downtown area, where to park? Major change in character of Tempe, people, safety.
- Crime, education and services for senior citizens.
- Parking, street maintenance, public safety.
- Money.
- Traffic.
- Declining property values for owner residents due to rentals in neighborhood with college kids.
- Rental properties are not maintained. Too much growth of condos in the downtown area, which has obstructed views of the desert/mountain surroundings.
- City lives too high on the hog. Tax on food is a disgrace. Shame on Mayor, city council and city manager.
- Traffic management and downtown parking.
- College student parties. Trash. Drunks. Traffic.
- Dealing with the upcoming economic crisis.
- Safety for students and transportation.

- Clean up of slum rentals and houses near ASU.
- Crime. Property values. Economy. Too much growth.
- Keeping crime down.
- Increasing property taxes. Activities and the cost of Town Lake being paid by taxes.
- Traffic. Safety. Bus lanes. Clean residential alleys and front and back yards.
- Too many street lane closures for constructions. Too much photo radar.
- Traffic lights enforcing traffic laws.
- Traffic downtown. Tempe Town Lake.
- Long term maintenance of infrastructure.
- Safety of people and property. Drug houses.
- Homeless.
- Stop promising votes on big ticket items and not holding them. Pay more attention to neighborhoods having student rentals. Enforce the rules on non-relatives living together and upkeep of lawns.
- Crime control, especially control gang activity.
- Alleys. Making people aware of rules to keep alleys clean.
- Extend light rail routes.
- Lowering prominence of the automobile and creating a more human-scaled city.
- Budget. Police coverage.
- Public safety and improving the appearance of the city.
- Over building the downtown area.
- Affordable housing, especially downtown. Traffic and road construction is awful.
- Improvement to parks, Kiwanis and Corbell.
- Do not take my alley away like I heard rumored.
- Real estate. Home values.
- Property taxes and expanding Orbit to south Tempe.
- Lack of jobs.
- Better communication. Expand Orbit.
- Traffic. Speed limits.
- Control of rental properties.
- Safety, always most important. Cleanliness, keep up the good work. Thank you.
- Quality of life. Transportation.
- Crime (burglary in particular).
- Sustainable development. Sustainable services.
- Taxation. Criminal activity in neighborhoods.
- Job opportunities and construction.
- Public safety and property maintenance enforcement.
- College students need babysitters. More bike police officers.
- Maintaining older neighborhoods and parks.
- Prioritizing with the city budget.
- Better planning for roadwork, the area around ASU is impossible.
- Economic development/commercial development.
- Uncontrolled growth (too many high rises). Maintenance.
- Bus service to light rail. Public safety.

- Increase in traffic.
- High property taxes, historic places being destroyed.
- Affordable housing. Renters and buyers. Vacant commercial properties while allowing new commercial properties to be built.
- Growth of downtown, Mill Avenue. Reduction in city services due to budget.
- Over tax in a down time.
- Rental property and the abuse of city codes on and in those rental properties.
- Public safety.
- Infrastructure keeping up with growth, enforcement of residential property codes in other neighborhoods (this one is well maintained).
- Not to turn it into another California city with nothing the way it used to be.
- Growth.
- Declining property values. Crime. Traffic. Too many multi-family units.
- Safety and upkeep of private property.
- Positive image, maintenance throughout growth and development.
- Traffic flow.
- Residential home maintenance. Alley maintenance.
- Police protection. Streets. Maintenance.
- Neighborhood maintenance and keeping parks safe (too many homeless people).
- Homeless. Crowding.
- Extend Orbit transit in south Tempe. Better flow of traffic.
- Too crowded. Downtown especially.
- Budget cuts. Government waste.
- ASU students not good.
- Police relationship with public (ASU students). Are they on steroids?
- Keep retail business to a minimum.
- Condition of neighborhoods; additional police and fire.
- Maintain the good, upgrade where cost effective.
- Increase sun protection at bus stops. Incentives for businesses (let's fill up the commercial vacancies).
- Better control of those who speed, switch lanes, tailgate. This detracts from quality of life, at least for me.
- Need more activity in downtown.
- Caring for poor and homeless.
- City safety. Community services.
- Growth, continue to maintain communities.
- Parking enforcement. Fraternal housing violations.
- Aging homes/landscaping and deterioration.
- Downtown is like all the cities. Has lost individuality. The money for roundabouts could be utilized in a more positive manner, i.e. reasonable housing for teachers, employees. Maintaining older neighborhoods.
- We need monthly meetings at the Pyle Center. We need clean water and larger sewer pipes.
- Appearance as city ages (especially in older neighborhoods). Public safety.

- Expand bus service to 24/7. Enforce speeding laws in high school school zones more effectively.
- Drug use in the high schools in Tempe.
- Budget.
- Stricter rental codes. Limit number of people/cars per residence.
- Parking in downtown area and lack of. Maintaining the high quality of city parks, specifically dog parks.
- Budget. Maintenance.
- Perhaps not the most important, but I would like street landscape on Rural north of Elliot.
- Overgrowth. Adequate transportation.
- Police education. Youth programs.
- Keep gangs in check and police with help.
- A police force that is inadequate to protect our citizens and seem to be more worried about prosecuting normal everyday people instead of real criminals.
- The mayor and city council are very hard working individuals.
- Crime. The overall management of growth in Tempe.
- Loss of hometown downtown. Too much vertical density downtown.
- Neighborhood appearance and noise.
- We need to encourage home ownership, all the rental houses seem to bring down the quality of life.
- Law enforcement and transportation.
- Population density, declining older neighborhoods.
- Keeping the city vibrant while being land locked, smart development.
- Police and traffic issues.
- I guess you can tell, I love my city. Tempe is an amazing place to live. Keep up the great work.
- Generating enough revenue to support city government services. Public safety.
- Good job. I love Tempe.
- Older residential properties need renovation and city is too limiting with zoning and building restrictions. High neighborhood petty theft. Programs to encourage/help property owners to improve/renovate their properties. More green programs.
- There are a lot of run down neighborhoods.
- Too many strip malls.
- Public transportation. New business development.
- Public and property safety and environment.
- Foreclosure upkeep. Safety, police seem uninterested in residential break-ins.
- Traffic management and code compliance.
- Residential street speed control.
- Local parks and access to them.
- Immigration.
- Growth.
- Customer service, when a complaint is made about neighbor's trash, the city could at least return the call.

- All the street repairs have to stop. You rip up everything at the same time. Broadway and McClintock should not be under construction again.
- Street maintenance. Eliminating medians on streets.
- No traffic enforcement in the south Tempe area. Too much money spent on Mill Ave.
- Growth.
- Transportation, home values.
- Public safety, fire protection, appearance of residential properties.
- Transit integration to help absorb influx school population. Maintaining fundamental integrity of existing neighborhoods (safety, education).
- Revenue and transportation and safety.
- Fighting crime and keeping neighborhoods graffiti free.
- Small business needs to be easier to accomplish without city hassle.
- Lower the property tax rate.
- Too many tall buildings. Expanding light rail/Orbit service.
- Improve traffic engineering. Residential appearance.
- Rentals are consuming neighborhoods, with parking, traffic and trash.
- The growth of Tempe.
- High and mid rise development. Preserving older neighborhoods.
- Lowering taxes and implementation of northwest community plan.
- More inexpensive housing for senior living. Subsidized housing.
- The only American is the Indian, the rest are immigrants no matter white, yellow, green or red. It is really sad the Americans forget why we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is when the Indians welcomed us to the USA.
- Development of downtown. Light rail.
- Enforce codes. Clean up Mill, downtown.
- Public safety. Keeping up with the projected growth of the city.
- Traffic, affordable housing, crime.
- Safety. Someone was killed in our street and neighborhoods having 7-8 non-related living in one house is insane.
- Being more green and water conservation.
- Crime/vandalism, poverty.
- Safety, too many crimes.
- Upkeep of neighborhoods, keeping downtown alive.
- Attracting new business.
- Controlling costs. Improving appearance of older areas.
- They way the homes are taken care of has declined. I feel there needs to be stronger enforcement. The alleys have weeds and trash. Neighbors need to be accountable for their alley. City needs to spray weeds.
- Overpopulation. Downtown Tempe especially with the high rises.
- Economic consideration.
- Good quality.
- Keeping taxes and service fees low. Spending my tax money wisely.
- Crime.
- Education.

- Growth.
- Public transportation, limited Orbit service.
- Schools, neighborhood park maintenance, controlling homeless population.
- Growth and safety.
- Controlling density of development.
- Street lights.
- Traffic management, water quality.
- Taxes.
- Foreclosure issues in neighborhoods.
- Alley maintenance and dust control from alleys. Bicycles and traffic on streets.
- Avoiding the creation of too much high density housing.
- Crime and adult industry encroachment.
- Unemployment. Poor economy.
- Lack of clear air. Poor planning of infrastructure. Poor communication of residents.
- Downtown building up too fast, where will they all park? Lots of small, private business.
- Lower taxes. Friendlier to business. Family friendly. Open the Lake to Tempe residents.
- Staying in budget.
- Pedestrian crossing. More bike paths.
- Attracting high paying jobs. Maintenance of safe, well kept (maintained) residential areas.
- Safety.
- Recycling.
- Public safety (crime rate on the rise). Budget cuts.
- Schools. Balance the budget.
- Stop high rise building downtown Tempe. Parking available for downtown activities.
- Many homes becoming college student rentals in neighborhoods that have always been quiet. People can't sell homes or don't want to take a loss so they rent to college kids that create too much noise.
- Keep safety up.
- Public safety. Management of rental properties in Tempe.
- Overbuilding in downtown Tempe. Over expansion.
- In tough economic times, please don't reduce libraries and park/recreation activities.
- Improve affordable parking downtown. Effectively tie in light rail and bus transportation and parking. Communicate that information.
- Getting in touch with departments. Traffic control. Too much speeding around ASU.
- Maintaining quality of neighborhoods. Improving education in K-12 schools.
- Affordable housing.
- Budget shortfall. Property tax rate.
- Roads and growth.
- Provide more activities for seniors as Scottsdale does.
- Cleanliness of water canal.
- Enforcing property maintenance codes.
- Opportunities for youth employment. Upkeep of city streets.
- Public safety and community services.
- Maintaining property values by providing for the public safety and quality of life.

- Maintenance and upkeep of parks and public facilities. Security (police/fire).
- Appropriate city growth in connection to ASU.
- Amount of open space, cleaning up neighborhoods. Bus service never on time.
- Helping person to build their own home.
- Affordable housing. Transportation.
- Safety and cleanliness. The neighborhoods aren't kept up enough.
- I love Tempe. I wish we could be a little stricter on rentals in neighborhoods. Those are the ones bringing down the area. Cleaning up the alleys.
- Overextending income. Extravagance.
- Help for disabled and low income, home improvements, give breaks to people who conserve water.
- Continue a strong focus on the arts. Clean up neighborhoods.
- Homeless in parks.
- Transportation options in South Tempe. Traffic flow issues.
- Managing development, public safety.
- More improvements in neighborhood and less on Mill and Town Lake.
- City staying out of debt.
- Public safety, public transportation.
- Parking in downtown Tempe.
- Safety and appearance.
- Revitalization of areas north of Baseline Road. Public safety.
- Traffic & declining neighborhoods.
- Growing university and expansion of students into residential areas. Numbers of rentals and therefore temporary residents who do not take care of the property or yard.
- I don't like the trash phone number now being a recording it's very difficult to get issues handled if at all. It worked great when a live person answered.
- City safety.
- Community activities, bike trails.