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Reference 1 - 0.16% Coverage

improve government and politics. Dealing with some bad laws - HB2 in particular, we need to be more inclusive. Roads, transportation system need improvement; road projects start with a grand idea but take too long to implement and are very inconvenient for the public during construction. Need to take into account how badly the public is impacted during construction. need better planning for City improvements

Reference 2 - 0.06% Coverage

Getting too big; everywhere building more places to live; need less traffic; would like more bike lanes with more friendly attitude for bikers; need dog parks.

Reference 3 - 0.02% Coverage

Considers repeal of HB2 as most critical issue of moment.

Reference 4 - 0.11% Coverage

Would like to improve school funding such that resources and materials are fairly distributed and equally funded Would like additional programs/activities and resources for the Senior Citizens and Medicaid recipients Meet citizens medical needs as deemed necessary

Reference 5 - 0.17% Coverage

Widen I-77 to include multiple lanes to reduce terrible traffic congestion Do more to become proactive in preventing and reducing crime Implement additional community outreach to engage all citizens Become proactive in crossing community barriers and engage all citizens regardless of sex, race, creed, denomination, nationality, etc. Implement activities to integrate schools more such that schools become less segregated

Reference 6 - 0.28% Coverage

roads; repair pot holes reduce the homeless population enhance transportation opportunities throughout the entire city, not only select areas Regarding abandoned businesses/buildings, implement marketing strategies to open for operations versus sitting vacant indefinitely. Fairly distribute resources geographically to prevent abandoned businesses/buildings from remaining vacant longer in certain areas versus other areas More resources for Senior Citizens More affordable housing More Resources and activities for youth outside of school programs to deter criminal activities Equitable distribution of resources for revitalization, upkeep, and maintenance of all neighborhoods versus particular area

Reference 7 - 0.11% Coverage

raising consciousness of Charlotte citizens. (no ideas given) make Charlotte a more creative community - events like today. agencies and depts. should join together and conduct these at least quarterly, maybe monthly. community will begin to expect them...and look forward to them.

Reference 8 - 0.09% Coverage

Uptown needs to be more easily accessible to those not familiar with it. Uber helps. But many older adults are scared to travel uptown. Advertise or place notices in magazines/flyers/tv to show seniors how to get uptown.

Reference 9 - 0.25% Coverage

Charlotte is a vain city. too "car-centric" Need to change culture - citizens need to be more active and less into appearances. While this isn't specific idea - it's important for city planners and leaders to realize it's a cultural change that is needed. Not just more transit options and greenways. People need to think it's cool to walk to get groceries. Even if car is faster. idea: make parking less easy and more expensive. there are too many free parking decks in Charlotte. In Seattle, companies charge employees to park in decks OR give them \$\$ if they walk, bike or ride transit instead. This is tied to City program.

Reference 10 - 0.01% Coverage

get rid of BH2, roads, traffic

Reference 11 - 0.02% Coverage

improve on Southern hospitality as it used to be

Reference 12 - 0.01% Coverage

everyone to just get along

Reference 13 - 0.05% Coverage

public transportation - make it available in all areas instead of certain areas, not too many bus routes in my area, get ride of BH2

Reference 14 - 0.05% Coverage

City is too spread out - need to improve public transit, preserve historic building and other assess that reflect Charlotte's history

Reference 15 - 0.05% Coverage

Be serious about growth, get rid of toll lanes, value people, easy land mall area, improve streets, more

mass transit,

Reference 16 - 0.02% Coverage

Control the number of migrants coming to the City

Reference 17 - 0.06% Coverage

More diverse in terms of ethnicity and greater appreciation for other cultures Improve school systems to be more global in education content

Reference 18 - 0.01% Coverage

Deal with cultural and bathroom issues

Reference 19 - 0.04% Coverage

eliminate parking on central avenue, it causes a lot of traffic when it goes to one lane because parked cars

Reference 20 - 0.08% Coverage

Charlotte need to continue to grow but to do so without losing it's traditional values. Race relations need to improve, both how black people view white people and how white people view black people.

Reference 21 - 0.02% Coverage

more dog parks around the city. more trails to walk on

Reference 22 - 0.03% Coverage

To be more accepting of all people, no matter race, gender, or gender identity.

Reference 23 - 0.08% Coverage

Charlotte needs to do more for black people. There are not enough opportunities for black people in Charlotte. There are too many black people in bad neighborhoods and low income housing and in jail.

Reference 24 - 0.03% Coverage

-more public transportation -improve roads -repeal House Bill 2

Reference 25 - 0.01% Coverage

Strongly desires for H2 to go away

Reference 26 - 0.11% Coverage

- No equality here, like there is in San Jose - Black community isnt getting attention - Black neighborhoods need to look as nice as rich white neighborhoods - People in Cherry feel abused - Why change the name of Charlotte to inner City (?) - Lots of issues with race

Reference 27 - 0.05% Coverage

improved accessibility; more walkable areas especially outside of uptown area; improved bike lanes and bike connectivity

Reference 28 - 0.01% Coverage

Charlotte needs to STOP this HB2 bill

Reference 29 - 0.12% Coverage

Expressed great concern over foreigners moving to City displacing local people from jobs and manipulating the American "race." Also concerned about the spread of AIDS, which he considers rampant. Has a child in public school, concerned about pedophiles; thinks uniforms and stricter control is needed.

Reference 30 - 0.15% Coverage

Have less people! The roads are too small. Some are not pedestrian friendly. There are certain things that you do still need a car for, you can't bike to a brewery, so the roads need to accommodate vehicles primarily, pedestrians and bikes as a secondary goal. The McGee and Providence Rd intersection needs more lanes and storage. The Tilly Morris intersection also needs to be redone.

Reference 31 - 0.02% Coverage

Negative impression of Charlotte; Traffic; Crime

Reference 32 - 0.13% Coverage

- Create more accessibility to arts offerings around town by creating "mini-Epicenters" (she lives in Ballantyne and cannot make weekday performances that are Uptown because it takes too long to drive from her house to Uptown at that time a day to make a show). -More light rail lines that can connect you to all sides of Charlotte

Reference 33 - 0.01% Coverage

more LGBT outreach

Reference 34 - 0.02% Coverage

more support for non-discrimination policies

Reference 35 - 0.03% Coverage

Reduce crime, is not happy about outcome of HB2 as a member of that community

Reference 36 - 0.02% Coverage

-improve street lights and signage -Repeal House Bill 2

Reference 37 - 0.10% Coverage

have screen on green movies and advertise in the newspaper; HOV lanes to assist with ongoing traffic only for 2+ passengers; more KIPP schools available; interview African-American Imams when needing clarity on Islam oppose to foreigners all of the time

Reference 38 - 0.03% Coverage

Transportation, traffic, improved traffic safety, don't tear down anymore history

Reference 39 - 0.02% Coverage

More harmony in schools and government,

Reference 40 - 0.02% Coverage

More open dialogues regarding race relations.

Reference 41 - 0.03% Coverage

catch up with growing trends and grow along with the population

Reference 42 - 0.14% Coverage

He was unhappy the city passed the antidiscrimination ordinance. He is supportive that of state HB2 and thinks Charlotte should repeal the ordinance and that would be an improvement. He's happy living outside of the City and schools were a reason he didn't want to live in the city. He doesn't mind the commute and his traffic (on 16?) isn't bad.

Reference 43 - 0.13% Coverage

White folks run things, more equality needed, more transportation, round the clock, better routes, more street lights, more homeless shelters, move shelter from downtown, rehabilitation programs for people who have been arrested, affordable housing, rent control, need focused growth and finish projects in more timely manner,

Reference 44 - 0.02% Coverage

More social and political event to "put Charlotte on the map"

Reference 45 - 0.08% Coverage

Don't become Atlanta Hold onto the old and preserve Charlotte's History. Charlotte does not have a lot of History. Hold on to culture and preserve Charlotte's identity. Don't lose identity because of migration.

Reference 46 - 0.07% Coverage

Local government needs to stop making every issue a big deal. Not everything is a racial issue and politicians need to make decisions that benefit the community, not to get reelected.

Reference 47 - 0.07% Coverage

I don't like the new law, with everyone in the bathroom together. Too many apartments are being built. Where do the animals go (wild life)? Need to preserve some natural areas.

Reference 48 - 0.02% Coverage

They would like Charlotte to be a more friendly City.

Reference 49 - 0.06% Coverage

They think that people's attitudes need to change. They would also like to see more respect given to the education system and the people who work in it.

Reference 50 - 0.02% Coverage

A more diversity of people (International); Traffic

Reference 51 - 0.03% Coverage

Don't be overly political for instance the LGBT issue right now.

Reference 52 - 0.10% Coverage

Make it a more open community... i.e. the LGBT issue currently going on. and also, would like to see

less developer influence in the construction around the city. Expressed concern for the school system and it's re-segregation going on now.

Reference 53 - 0.03% Coverage

wanted Charlotte to be like it was 50 years ago; small and quaint

Reference 54 - 0.04% Coverage

Construction needs to be fixed (road work). City Council made the worst decision ever (LGBT issue).

Reference 55 - 0.02% Coverage

preserve history Improve school system

Reference 56 - 0.01% Coverage

quit tearing down old buildings

Reference 57 - 0.04% Coverage

fix pot holes in streets Make sure the elderly and the misfortunate are taken care of.

Reference 58 - 0.05% Coverage

More spanish translation for all services provided by the city and more information about those presented to hispanic communities.

Reference 59 - 0.05% Coverage

getting people to believe we have value; folks should make a difference by engaging the community; interest in helping people

Reference 60 - 0.07% Coverage

Transportation system needs to be improved...light rail; more African-American businesses (i.e. clothing and grocery stores); Muslims need to develop properties for senior citizens

Reference 61 - 0.06% Coverage

More pet friendly areas/parks; more hotels so we can host bigger events on a national scale; have a plan for better roads and keep residents informed on changes

Reference 62 - 0.03% Coverage

Don't like the gender neutral bathrooms. Traffic continues to get more congested.

Reference 63 - 0.13% Coverage

Find a way to respect ALL citizens. New NC legislation is WRONG. Set up city facilities operated by private contractors. They could organize restrooms however they wished. Also, build sports fields off West Blvd. Buy property there now and build. Great revenue for city or county. Safe, close to town. Really needed in Charlotte.

Reference 64 - 0.04% Coverage

Race relationship among the communities More positive and productive activities for the youth

Reference 65 - 0.07% Coverage

Would like to see the diverse cultures collaborate more, have a mutual respect for one another. Would like to see another organization like the international cabinet.

Reference 66 - 0.05% Coverage

Wished that people had more honest conversations about race and everyone had a better sense of how hate crimes originate

Reference 67 - 0.03% Coverage

1. Stop tearing down old buildings! 2. Preserve architectural history

Reference 68 - 0.14% Coverage

friendlier towards immigrants, quality and affordable childcare for working families, more cultural attractions that are affordable for families

maintain the hometown feeling in a growing city, reduce box stores, increase diversity in area schools /all school should have the same resources, changes in police/fire codes that prevent citizen protection

Reference 69 - 0.03% Coverage

promote interest and pride in neighborhoods, promote history/culture/arts

Reference 70 - 0.06% Coverage

improve schools, offer technical training schools, clean up N.Tryon Street, better mental healthcare for the homeless, communications between races

Reference 71 - 0.12% Coverage

He feels like culture has no cultural identity. Nothing has grabbed him. Can't seem to find a place where cool music is playing every night or street festivals or buskers are around entertaining. He also feels like the division between the rich and the poor is more apparent here than in Asheville or Columbia.

Reference 72 - 0.12% Coverage

Improve public transportation and more cross sectional options - not just one way rails to town and back; more like a network of rails (like a subway); preserve older cultures because too many high rise apartments are taking over charming, cultural neighborhoods; control spread of high rise apartments.

Reference 73 - 0.04% Coverage

Develop more dog parks and spread them more throughout the City rather than concentrate them in certain areas

Reference 74 - 0.03% Coverage

Lack of historic buildings or information relating to them in and around uptown.

Reference 75 - 0.14% Coverage

Didn't plan for all the growth. No planning for the expansion of roads. Woodlawn & S. Blvd are always in a grid lock due to traffic. Treat ALL areas of Charlotte and the people the same. Only seem to care about the richer areas of Charlotte. The City & County will only rezone for tax money to spend on sports but they need to take care of Charlotte first.

Reference 76 - 0.04% Coverage

Expand light rail and public transportation. Promote more diverse events/entertainment. Respect history of city.

Reference 77 - 0.01% Coverage

friendlier people and neighbors

Reference 78 - 0.11% Coverage

- Opportunities for young professionals that are not centered are drinking (ex: Crowders Mountain, White Water Center) - Embrace our small city feel because like it and that's why they're moving here  
- Focus on bolstering local, historic businesses that are diminishing

Reference 79 - 0.10% Coverage

Change City council, better programs for senior citizens, stop raising water prices and taxes, clean up our streets, don't give all the money to stadiums, better the school system, pay teachers more better salaries, educate people, better the police system

Reference 80 - 0.12% Coverage

Charlotte needs to do a better job of assimilating newcomers, get them to call CLT home - everyone seems to be from somewhere else. Reclaim it's own history, keep and refurbish old historical buildings, attend to racial/cultural differences. CLT would be united if more people called it home.

Reference 81 - 0.05% Coverage

Less people Stop tearing down historic buildings and sites for new buildings...not everything new is better Support small businesses

Reference 82 - 0.01% Coverage

TOUGHER LAWS FOR IMMIGRATION

Reference 83 - 0.12% Coverage

All people be able to live here. Need low-income housing. Ordinances to require affordable housing in all areas of town. Should give back to the historic districts, specifically Brooklyn, Cherry, & 1st/2nd/3rd Ward. Remember to listen to the citizens. Don't think you know it all. Get input.

Reference 84 - 0.08% Coverage

hasn't been here very long, still getting adjusted, thought the traffic was a challenge but didn't present ideas to improve it, more translation for city services, her first language is Spanish

Reference 85 - 0.11% Coverage

Do more to value our history and initiate programs to educate newcomers on the history of Charlotte. Stop tearing down old buildings and start preserving them. Change the zoning code to institute changes to preserve our history. Involve more citizens in decision making.

Reference 86 - 0.04% Coverage

Needs improvement on City streets, better commuting, cleanliness and citizens hospitality

Reference 87 - 0.17% Coverage

Give Food Truck Friday a permanent location where they can have tables, covered areas, bands etc.

Something similar to the Farmer's Market but for food trucks. Continue to redevelop South End and other areas. However, focus on keeping the cultural elements and character rather than making everything the same. Preserve character of Charlotte. - He wants to see a rail system that goes to the airport and across town.

Reference 88 - 0.02% Coverage

-more diversity acceptance -fix the roads

Reference 89 - 0.03% Coverage

Generally good; not too much wrong, basically a "new" city; races need to mingle more.

Reference 90 - 0.07% Coverage

She really did not have that many ideas she was strong about racial tension between certain ethnic groups and believed that everyone needs to start working together.

Reference 91 - 0.09% Coverage

Don't have progress for progress's sake: "Progress is empty if you forget what got you there in the first place" More parks - make them a priority Don't just focus on progress, focus on preserving culture and spirit

Reference 92 - 0.03% Coverage

Need to preserve more historic properties and physical history of the city

Reference 93 - 0.07% Coverage

Make it easier to get to places for people in wheelchairs or with disabilities. Its just not that easy to get to shopping, across streets, down lousy, narrow sidewalks.

Reference 94 - 0.23% Coverage

1. Charlotte's identity is as a corporate town; people don't come here to visit unless they're here for a convention or a specific event. It's too sterile and lacks an edginess that other towns like Asheville have. 2. I believe leaders have allowed developers to do whatever they want and bulldozed so much of Charlotte's history. The architecture of newer buildings -- with the exception of the Hearst Tower -- is very sterile and boring. 3. Traffic, traffic, traffic. It's awful. Widen Park Road. At the very least, add a turning lane. It's getting increasingly dangerous.

Reference 95 - 0.10% Coverage

Would like to see her neighborhood park (Anita Stroud) improved so seniors can make use of it. Needs better accessibility for older residents so they can relax, find peace, and enjoy the space. It would be nice to create something for the children in an area too.

Reference 96 - 0.07% Coverage

Greater emphasis on sustainability, particularly sustainable development and sustainable growth. Also, more support for local arts, local culture, and local artisans.

Reference 97 - 0.04% Coverage

Keep "charming" older buildings and special places instead of tearing them down for big apartments.

Reference 98 - 0.01% Coverage

More roads, more equality of rights

Reference 99 - 0.03% Coverage

Better transportation and sidewalks. More balance between City/County

Reference 100 - 0.03% Coverage

People need to be nicer to one another. Help the homeless population.

Reference 101 - 0.35% Coverage

Too many apartments are being built too rapidly with apparently little thought going into supportive infrastructure. Charlotte could do more to preserve its history and character that makes the city great. As an example, she cited demolition of the Common Market building in South End to make way for apartments. It seems like Charlotte is so excited to grow so rapidly that they're not thinking about where people are going, what they will do in the neighborhoods they move into when attractions in that neighborhood are being destroyed. She also cited lack of historical preservation protection for strip of storefronts in Plaza Midwood. She advocates to preserve character of neighborhoods in such buildings. She is a proponent of mass transit, which has a good direction now. She hopes it remains. She would love to be able to walk or ride a bike to attractions city-wide.

Reference 102 - 0.49% Coverage

He wants to see a stop to tearing down old and historic buildings. Young white people are showing up, buying cheap houses, tearing them down and rebuilding. This displaces poorer people. There should be an expansion of protections for old and historic homes to stop their demolition. - road names change too often. roadways should stick to consistent naming protocol. Too many roads have similar names. - More needs to be done regarding education to get scores up. He feels that high school graduates are more well spoken than he is, but due to school they still don't achieve on tests. - There

need to be limits on how many apartments are built. The City may not realize the problem they are creating by creating dense population zones without the adequate roads and infrastructure to support them. He feels that in 5 years the mistake may be realized. - Traffic is a problem. He would like to see less time for left turn arrows and more time for through signals. There needs to be more separation on busy 4 lane roads. South Blvd in South End is a good example. Traffic traveling in opposite directions are too close to each other. And then a crowded apartments crowds the train line. Too much is trying to be fit into too little space.

Reference 103 - 0.11% Coverage

Improve the roads. Schools in Charlotte are bad, he thinks it would be beneficial to build a school for the Plaza Midwood area. Take more care of historical buildings and less new condos. Try harder to attract more and better music acts, use the Ericsson stadium more for music.

Reference 104 - 0.08% Coverage

Would like to see Charlotte offer classes to seniors like they do in Asheville. Working people should be able to afford a decent place to live. We need to pay our teachers here a decent wage so they won't leave!

Reference 105 - 0.05% Coverage

Better and more jobs; better or improve quality of life; restructure government to better represent all of its citizens.

Reference 106 - 0.04% Coverage

-save more historic properties -less mid-rise apt. building -more public transportation

Reference 107 - 0.08% Coverage

Men should use man's bathrooms and women the women's bathrooms. If someone is not sure of his or her gender maybe there should be a third bathroom for others. Constituent feels that is safety issue.

Reference 108 - 0.06% Coverage

create more opportunities for diversity and mixing of different people - Charlotte is so segregated by different groups - race, ethnicity, religion, age, income

Reference 109 - 0.23% Coverage

There is a huge focus on millennials but at the exclusion of older citizens and seniors. Charlotte is not a place I want to retire because there isn't much to make we want to stay here. There's a lack of employment and volunteer opportunities for seniors and retirees, there aren't enough senior centers, and public transit -- particularly light rail -- isn't widespread enough to be accessible to seniors. The

public education system here is poor and grossly underfunded. All my friends with school-age children send their kids to private schools because the public schools are so bad.

Reference 110 - 0.08% Coverage

make the distribution of amenities ("spots") more equitable. she feels the city should incentivize more economic development; new businesses should be concentrated into two or three communities (area).

Reference 111 - 0.03% Coverage

Omit the race card from news and media, it is stuffed down our throats, All lives matter

Reference 112 - 0.25% Coverage

teacher pay needs to be increased even if tax increases are needed, bring major league baseball to Charlotte, invest in roads and transit to prevent traffic problems, install left turn lights everywhere, install street lights so you can see to walk and drive at night, plan/direct growth you want to see and invest in it, guard against what you don't want, improve the appearance of the City, ensure resources are evenly spread throughout the City and most the money isn't spent in places like ballantyne, invest/improve neighborhood schools so kids don't have to be bused across the county just to have a shot at a decent public education

Reference 113 - 0.06% Coverage

support start up and tech companies, raise importance of culture and guard against losing culture due to new development, improve public transportation

Reference 114 - 0.18% Coverage

1. ASC needs to commission some artwork that isn't a copy of something done in another city (be original) & stop commissioning brown art (Onion Rings on Wendover, wheels along light rail line, Old Growth @ Airport. etc.). Charlotte is a vibrant city & our public art should reflect that vibrancy.
2. Charlotte needs a clear identity, and if it's "Charlotte - a place for transplants to prosper or Charlotte - boring, but nice", then so be it.

Reference 115 - 0.02% Coverage

Save history. Don't demolish everything.

Reference 116 - 0.08% Coverage

More improvements to transportation (she doesn't drive, but bikes and rides bus and light rail) so they go more places; progress comes with more people, but we need to keep the big city, but small town feel;

Reference 117 - 0.03% Coverage

diversity more things to do more cultural experiences outside of food

Reference 118 - 0.72% Coverage

- Said that people and City must be pro-progress. He would love to pay less in taxes, probably voted against the arena downtown, but in the end says that it is progress, and is good for the town, and people have to support this kind of thing. - Have people vote on more issues, hold referendums. - A suggestion box of sorts would be nice. People can address Council, but that is unfriendly, outdated, etc. - Mass transit must be improved. Would like to see a direct bus from their part of town to airport. Would like to see mass transit between Davidson and Charlotte. Says trains would be packed on that line. - Continue to find ways for urban environment to be as friendly as possible to natural environment. - Constituent was initially for a 4-lane Rea Road and very much against "complete street" concept being proposed. Now they love the complete street and walk along it regularly to go the grocery store, which was impossible before. More complete streets are necessary. - More safe bike lanes and walking trails/greenways. These amenities attract the kind of people we want in Charlotte. - We need to attract better musical acts. Raleigh, Gboro, Asheville all attract better acts than Charlotte. - Improve the NASCAR museum by putting a car museum inside. Could overlap with Charlotte history by showing pictures of old downtown with cool cars featured in the photos. - Raleigh has festivals like hopscotch music festival, and it's a great way to orient visitors downtown with various bar, restaurants, venues, etc. Charlotte should trade notes with nearby towns for similar ideas to use here in Charlotte. We have Speed Street, but many people are turned off by the NASCAR element. - The museum of modern art needs to have a greater presence, needs to have more exhibits, needs to be thriving.

Reference 119 - 0.04% Coverage

Less churches; More breweries; Taller Buildings; Bigger airport; Better public transportation (Lynx)

Reference 120 - 0.03% Coverage

IMPROVE ACCESS FOR TRANSIT FOR EVERYONE IMPROVE FOOD, MORE DIVERSE FOOD AND PEOPLE

Reference 121 - 0.05% Coverage

Uptown is very corporate and doesn't reflect or represent well the culture and character of Charlotte as a whole.

Reference 122 - 0.04% Coverage

wants an improved road network, also wishes Charlotte would do more to preserve its history

Reference 123 - 0.21% Coverage

Improve traffic conditions, for example, some major shopping centers are built along two-lane roads, which causes major problems for locals. Use light rail to focus, encourage development in proper place. There needs to be more shopping downtown - it would be nice to be able to take lunch break to do Christmas shopping. Some areas need to be more developed prior to building shopping malls. Charlotte needs to do more to promote itself as a college town, especially as it pertains to UNCC. They barely seem affiliated.

Reference 124 - 0.03% Coverage

Embrace and showcase diversity. Have more than just banking here.

Reference 125 - 0.03% Coverage

The aura at the Epic Center; Northerners stop bringing extra drama down South

Reference 126 - 0.01% Coverage

racial equality

Reference 127 - 0.01% Coverage

To be 1 city, not segmented in areas

Reference 128 - 0.04% Coverage

- race relations - shrink the economic disparity gap - the quality of education is bad

Reference 129 - 0.08% Coverage

She wants people to be willing to have conversations to overcome differences. The city needs to think about how to develop its identity, or, preserve its character. Charlotte needs to honor its past.

Reference 130 - 0.08% Coverage

transportation as her commute from home to work in the morning equals 1 hour & during the evening from work to home (Cornelius, NC) over 1 hour; increase diversity, minimize racism in public places

Reference 131 - 0.18% Coverage

The configuration of the I277 loop junction with Independence is hard to navigate and seems dangerous. More interactions between neighborhoods. Less old south politics. Citizens says "services don't serve everyone". There's "factionism" And folks who live here longer usually get more attention. City should be conscious of the effect physical growth has on the quality of life for the

people who live around it. "Too much growth at once" she said.

Reference 132 - 0.05% Coverage

- Limit/Reduce noise levels - Keep things quiet - Improve traffic by creating more lanes so we can get places faster

Reference 133 - 0.07% Coverage

- Stop building commercial/residential properties that block views - overbuilding is taking away natural beauty and culture - Not ready for so much change so abruptly

Reference 134 - 0.04% Coverage

preserving historical structure, smarter management of growth, less traffic, expanding public transportation

Reference 135 - 0.01% Coverage

Better teacher pay. Social values.

Reference 136 - 0.05% Coverage

Not much now since he just got back. He would change the general negativity between people but that is found everywhere.

Reference 137 - 0.03% Coverage

Have a vision to become one charlotte verses north/south/east/west divisions

Reference 138 - 0.03% Coverage

diversity is still an issue, city if segregated (school, employment

Reference 139 - 0.03% Coverage

people need to think of Charlotte more holistically, instead of their own neighborhoods

Reference 140 - 0.16% Coverage

Keep some of Charlotte's history. City is growing too fast and tearing down older buildings for new ones. It would be nice to preserve some history. See less money spent on things like Light Rail and instead more money to improve on crime. Keep some land more spaced apart. When he was growing up, there was way more farm land and distance between houses. Now developers cram everything

together.

Reference 141 - 0.08% Coverage

More opportunities for culture. We really need to do a better job with arts program and funding. I wish there were better operas, performing arts and that is was more accessible to all people.

Reference 142 - 0.05% Coverage

Newcomers don't affect the coziness as much, as the responder intimated they do currently. "Growth is affecting coziness"

Reference 143 - 0.17% Coverage

Continued development in public transit to increase accessibility and relieve growing traffic congestion. Extend Charlotte's welcoming reputation and opportunities for upward mobility to ALL citizens, not just those with greater privilege. Ongoing opportunities for people of different backgrounds, social strata, to create connection and sense of shared investment in community. I worry about the widening gap between some communities.

Reference 144 - 0.04% Coverage

Charlotte uptown needs a unique place to attract tourism's; such as: 100 story tower, like the SKYDECK in Chicago.

Reference 145 - 0.13% Coverage

traffic needs to be improved - not enough roads for all the people coming here; continue to add transit options - likes the Blue Line, but shouldn't just be in one corridor - rapid transit should extend in all directions, particularly to airport (which would help with parking); need to preserve the remaining historic buildings and places.

Reference 146 - 0.09% Coverage

Wish it was more walkable - though that is improving. Concerned about affordable housing for the poor and the elderly as the city grows. Would love to see the city restore old buildings. Everything doesn't need to be shiny and new.

Reference 147 - 0.13% Coverage

Charlotte needs an unique identity. NASCAR does not reflect majority of the Charlotte metro and it's does not global appeal . Energy is too business oriented. Nashville has its music and hot chicken; Memphis has the Blue; San Antonio has the River Walk; Charleston has its low country charm. Even Greenville has its Fall Park.

Reference 148 - 0.03% Coverage

More public transportation Desegregated schools Unisex bathrooms

Reference 149 - 0.02% Coverage

respect past, don't forget about where we came from.

Reference 150 - 0.19% Coverage

Doesn't like to see historical buildings torn down and replaced with new ones. He would like to see more invested in improving and keeping the historical buildings. Also, speed street used to be a lot better than it has been the past few years and should be improved. There should be more cultural and music festivals uptown as they have in other cities. Charlotte should also be made more bike friendly and do more to encourage people to walk or bike instead of drive.

Reference 151 - 0.09% Coverage

Make it more ascetically pleasing. New housing developments being built should have better street views. We need more affordable housing. We need more age friendly housing. Currently there are not a lot of options for those 60 and over.

Reference 152 - 0.09% Coverage

Relieve traffic congestion. can't get in or out of uptown. More retail uptown. Less catering to banking only. More quality and original character to uptown. keep social service organization uptown - make it a "real" community.

Reference 153 - 0.14% Coverage

Respect and preserve history and historic buildings while also building new and modern. Stop apartments from all looking the same and make sure to make development walkable to discourage the use of cars. Add retail to all new developments along light rail developments. Stop pandering to the developers who come here to make money but don't live here.

Reference 154 - 0.13% Coverage

Need to limit the desity of new developments - the small town character is being ruined. More City sponsored community resources are needed for the middle class - like subsidized activities for kids. Don't let the City develop in a way that ruins the small town character. Preserve trees and add more parks for growing population.

Reference 155 - 0.05% Coverage

Build on strong schools; Eradicate homelessness; Welcome & integrate immigrants; Improve

affordable housing for residents

Reference 156 - 0.06% Coverage

Keep home atmosphere, be neighborhood focused, know your neighbors via workshops, meetings, have better ways to find out citizen needs and desires

Reference 157 - 0.09% Coverage

Preserve history, historic structures, etc. no toll lanes, repair roads potholes, elevate traffic, add lanes, more green space, expand light rail, improve transit so it is more useful, do better celebrating culture and diversity

Reference 158 - 0.03% Coverage

embracing people of color and providing opportunities for people of color.

Reference 159 - 0.11% Coverage

-more inviting public spaces to engage/connect with others -large flagship urban core park -better design guidelines and retail space for urban core -signature piece of architecture/art that identifies Charlotte (eg: St. Louis Arch/Washington Monument/Space needle)

Reference 160 - 0.21% Coverage

1. Charlotte needs to work together to build cooperative businesses that build the wealth of the community vs. the wealth of the individual (e.g. grocery co-op, coffee co-op). 2. Charlotte needs to work together to ensure the community has the resolve (residents, corporations, government, institutions, etc.) to eliminate segregation across the city in every organization. - Continue to build dense, urban spaces that include the full diversity of all residents; political will to ensure all residents are included.

Reference 161 - 0.03% Coverage

Safer; Not as crowded; More girls, less dudes; Better restaurants

Reference 162 - 0.05% Coverage

Keep more historical resources and architecture; Better planning for expansion; New buildings don't add character - they look bad

Reference 163 - 0.01% Coverage

Stop it from looking like Atlanta

Reference 164 - 0.08% Coverage

Charlotte needs to leave behind some of the old south ways and join other cities throughout the country by treating everyone the same regardless of race, religion, sexual orientations, or socioeconomic status.

Reference 165 - 0.08% Coverage

We need to stop wasting time and money on issues as silly as allowing a man to enter a women's restroom just because he want to be a woman or because he thinks that he is a woman trapped in a man's body.

Reference 166 - 0.03% Coverage

don't tear don't and rebuild everything. preserve the history and richness of Charlotte

Reference 167 - 0.07% Coverage

improve the acceptance of international groups and "flavors" by sanctioning "little [country]" similar to larger cities. This will allow the intl community to feel welcomed and flourish

Reference 168 - 0.14% Coverage

The City is very racially and economically divided as are many cities. More effort should be taken to improve this. These divisions are seen in schools and neighborhoods. There needs to be more environments and opportunities for young professionals to congregate and socialize aside from bars and breweries for those who do not care for alcohol.

Reference 169 - 0.06% Coverage

-better roads -no toll roads -no street car expansion -better historic preservation -continue revitalization in distressed business areas

Reference 170 - 0.06% Coverage

save historical buildings and renovate; improve roads before building in areas; change zoning of schools to allow more diverse student populations in school

Reference 171 - 0.06% Coverage

Does not like the recent non-discrimination ruling Too many new apartments being built (flooding market) Wants Independence Blvd to be finished quickly

Reference 172 - 0.29% Coverage

Need to improve planning. Retain old buildings even if they cost more to renovate. Old architecture is valuable. Make sure the City is diverse, convenient and walkable. More support to the pocket neighborhoods around uptown that are residential - make sure the apartments and townhouses don't take over all business. All these people need places to shop and eat too. Make sure communities are planned to be livable w/o driving. create culture uptown on weekends. Right now uptown is dead on the weekends. No clubs in uptown. More local restaurants and small music venues. Make sure uptown reflects the south. More support for neighborhoods that are reinventing themselves (i.e. NODA) but aren't getting enough police support.

Reference 173 - 0.12% Coverage

More bike lanes and sidewalks, especially in his neighborhood (University City) Integrate minority, immigrant and refugee populations in mainstream - refugee resettlement, especially hispanic, minorities should be less insulated, be part of Charlotte's identity Finish light rail quickly Buses not too bad

Reference 174 - 0.08% Coverage

- culture and sense of place, like NYC has. People never brag that they are from Charlotte, even if they have been here for a long time. - Food, specifically ethnic food. Everything is very white bread

Reference 175 - 0.03% Coverage

would like to see a more inclusive environment for Latino community- feels

Reference 176 - 0.04% Coverage

Need more public art; Harris Blvd needs more pedestrian and bike accommodation; improve bus and transit service.

Reference 177 - 0.06% Coverage

School system needs support and improvement. Community segregation / racial issues need more focus and need to make real progress in this area

Reference 178 - 0.04% Coverage

1. Add mass transit to Matthews & extend south beyond Pineville 2. Stop knocking down old buildings

Reference 179 - 0.05% Coverage

Actually preserve the arts, instead of tearing down old places (chop chop was example) to develop more apartments on

Reference 180 - 0.19% Coverage

1. promote more events around Charlotte - I live in Mint Hill and it appears that most events are driven to be Uptown 2. promote underdeveloped areas - Charlotte seems to certain areas. I would love to focus on revitalizing outer areas. 3. light rail is a good idea, but it only services parts of the area - hopeful that the transportation system improves 4. continue conversations about gentrification and what that means for Charlotte, how does it impact Charlotte

Reference 181 - 0.01% Coverage

more diversity and inclusion

Reference 182 - 0.01% Coverage

need to control growth

Reference 183 - 0.04% Coverage

Stop putting up new developments that look cookie cutter. Don't let go of the Charlotte charm

[<Internals\WhatIdeasToImprove\\_MidMayThruJuly\\_07.19>](#) - § 78 references coded [14.68% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.16% Coverage

Repeal HB2, more local businesses and restaurants (fewer national chains), slow down building apartments, more theater choices

Reference 2 - 0.20% Coverage

Improve roads and streets Make each area have its own "brand"/culture -- have its own personality Provide additional attractions that are not already here

Reference 3 - 0.11% Coverage

City Council - change and hold fast to HB2, do the right thing, don't mix bathrooms.

Reference 4 - 0.56% Coverage

Need to work on traffic. Roads on the north side of town need to be widened and the stop lights need to be timed better. You have to wait a long time when no one is coming. The City and County need to do more to preserve history. There always seems to be funding for entertainment but nothing to fund history and to save historic sites. The schools need help. They need to be improved or everyone will move to keep from sending their kids there.

Reference 5 - 0.77% Coverage

It would be great to improve the relationships between all religions. This person also believes the city (whichever department) should be the conduit to helping people of all religions know what services are available when they arrive in Charlotte and providing better ways to show all people these qualities and amenities. They wish that the city would take a more active role in educating the entire Charlotte population of all religions and how kind people are from all religions. This person believes the city should have more opportunities for all kinds of religions to come together and get to know each other.

Reference 6 - 0.16% Coverage

numbering streets instead of naming; make it easier to drive around - crazy traffic and road patterns  
get rid of HB2 issues

Reference 7 - 0.07% Coverage

get rid of democratic mayor, keep HB2 active, no toll lanes

Reference 8 - 0.08% Coverage

Reduce the number of condos being built and the overcrowding

Reference 9 - 0.42% Coverage

incorporate parks throughout charlotte and link them together with bike friendly corridors. Not just isolated parks and scary bike lanes.. More large murals throughout the city The City needs to focus on supporting the arts better. The Arts and Science Council uses the same artists over and over. Need to diversify art around the city.

Reference 10 - 0.09% Coverage

stop the old south mentality, believes people are stuck in the past

Reference 11 - 0.15% Coverage

1. Improve mass transit 2. Move past HB2 / have more tolerant/inclusive laws - "It's hurting Charlotte and our state!"

Reference 12 - 0.14% Coverage

-Preserve existing architecture and re- purpose older buildings - stronger design guidelines for new development

Reference 13 - 0.05% Coverage

better aesthetics along Independence Blvd.

Reference 14 - 0.23% Coverage

Improve race relations and balance out the playing field so that we all are equal. Make nice living a standard and stricter punishment for those that do not want to live a nice life

Reference 15 - 0.36% Coverage

Focus on biblical basic morals (love thy neighbor but don't accommodate everything they do) versus mainstream special interests that get attention. We pay more attention to not offending the small transgender population than to mentoring people out of poverty, helping foster kids, etc.

Reference 16 - 0.18% Coverage

retain the small town charm improve transit systems improve road and street traffic improve congestion issues especially during rush hours.

Reference 17 - 0.82% Coverage

Traffic is bad. I wish more people took the bus or light rail. Sometimes I'm the only one on the bus and it seems like a waste. HB2 really upsets me. Why didn't the city leave the bathroom stuff out of it? It was the least important part of the ordinance but got the most backlash, and everyone knew Raleigh would do what it did, and they threw the baby out with the bathwater by killing antidiscrimination laws. I thought city government was in the business of providing services to citizens, not setting social policy and addressing things that weren't an issue before. I have never heard of anyone having a problem with creepy people in bathrooms.

Reference 18 - 0.17% Coverage

Light rail to rock hill. And more places in Charlotte- it is very difficult to get around town as it is now. Trans-friendly ordinance.

Reference 19 - 0.21% Coverage

Need better transportation infrastructure more better connected rail, stricter zoning to protect character of historic neighborhoods No more cookie cutter apartments

Reference 20 - 0.13% Coverage

better mass transit more diversity school system/education more opportunities for minorities and women

Reference 21 - 0.05% Coverage

Allow immigrants to come over and stay.

Reference 22 - 0.04% Coverage

continue diversity and job growth

Reference 23 - 0.06% Coverage

better community relations to break down barriers

Reference 24 - 0.14% Coverage

better community relations and improve ways to help fund children college tuition. Better funding for school system

Reference 25 - 0.08% Coverage

more jobs, more diversity and more funding to the school system

Reference 26 - 0.13% Coverage

More street connections, greensways and preservation of historic places. We need urban growth boundaries

Reference 27 - 0.09% Coverage

More art, better bike facilities and greater connectivity in the area

Reference 28 - 0.06% Coverage

renovate or tear down the old apartment buildings

Reference 29 - 0.07% Coverage

more efforts to include the international community

Reference 30 - 0.42% Coverage

Improve transportation. More buses and trains. More affordable parking in uptown. Keep the youth here - they are vital for their energy and new ideas. Support a small town feel and the kindness and respect that goes with it. Improve safety - more police on patrol. Try to slow growth so that more careful planning can be done.

Reference 31 - 0.53% Coverage

improve light rail and public transportation especially from Lake Norman area to uptown Keep southern flavor of Charlotte alive. Support celebrations of its history. more activities to highlight its history. More retail (grocery stores) in uptown. Improve convenience of bus transportation as well as information about bus routes and schedules. more public access to the three lakes. Big parks and beaches for the public.

Reference 32 - 0.09% Coverage

Build racial trust. Work on upward mobility opportunities for everyone.

Reference 33 - 0.25% Coverage

1. More banking options in her zip code. 2. More theater options for seniors. 3. More overall options for seniors - there seems to be a youth culture in CLT right now & senior community feels ignored.

Reference 34 - 0.06% Coverage

encourage diversity and encourage employment

Reference 35 - 0.08% Coverage

Charlotte can be more inclusive of the immigrant community.

Reference 36 - 0.04% Coverage

Don't over-grow like Atlanta.

Reference 37 - 0.07% Coverage

improve relations between the different ethnic groups

Reference 38 - 0.19% Coverage

Too much active construction which is an eye sore, taring down old neighborhoods and building more expensive housing, uptown is becoming less affordable

Reference 39 - 0.38% Coverage

We need more art in our city landscape..... My idea is to use city owned vacant lots on busy streets between buildings to create a pop-up Art Park where local artists can hang outdoor art or do murals. Put in seating area and landscaping, etc...where citizens can come in, sit down and enjoy the art!

Reference 40 - 0.29% Coverage

Hope that our school situations could be remedied, more adequately provide for the least of the children, recognizing that parent involvement is part of the solution. Hope we can learn to embrace the growing diversity in our community.

Reference 41 - 0.25% Coverage

if the brooklyn neighborhood is going to be recreated what is going to be done to pay homage to what the neighborhood actually was. will the history be showcased throughout the development of the project

Reference 42 - 0.14% Coverage

more amenities such as bars and restaurants in outlying areas outside of downtown and south end. more parks.

Reference 43 - 0.17% Coverage

more diversity as it relates to events that are brought to charlotte. also, preserve the history of charlotte instead of always rebuilding

Reference 44 - 0.07% Coverage

slow the growth, lessen congestion, more open mindness

Reference 45 - 0.04% Coverage

Passing LGBT Laws, LRT expansion

Reference 46 - 0.12% Coverage

He is tired of all of the condos being built. Would like to see more historical buildings.

Reference 47 - 0.14% Coverage

Quit giving developers free reign to throw up ugly/ cheap new apartments. We have no preservation of our history

Reference 48 - 0.25% Coverage

Traffic can be a pain. Tired of seeing active, vibrant areas torn down just to put up more apartment complexes, condos, multi-use units. This is probably what contributes to the awful traffic problems

Reference 49 - 0.09% Coverage

improved schools, more diversity, better low income housing options

Reference 50 - 0.06% Coverage

Schools, roads, how we treat others - diversity

Reference 51 - 0.15% Coverage

improve transportation; improve inclusivity in Charlotte - be more welcoming and accepting of all people and their ideas

Reference 52 - 0.65% Coverage

- Need to grow language / translation resources - not enough resources available for schools, CMPD, Hospitals, language barriers keep problems from being solved. - Discussed the Mayor's Youth Employment Program - she expressed that opportunities like that need to be more widely communicated and available. -Need to bring different segments of the community together to educate and build understanding - the segments need to get together, get organized, and work together to solve problems, rather than just getting mad.

Reference 53 - 0.21% Coverage

add beauty to the city by adding more trees add more restaurants that you can walk to  
more people are moving here need to prepare attract more people to live here

Reference 54 - 0.13% Coverage

Do a better job of showcasing, and preserving, its history and defining 'who' Charlotte wants to be.

Reference 55 - 0.16% Coverage

He said no one really knows who Charlotte is, but he thinks better branding of who Charlotte is will help attract more people.

Reference 56 - 0.07% Coverage

Stop tearing down all of the old historic buildings.

Reference 57 - 0.17% Coverage

Charlotte needs to be more considerate of the region and vice versa. This is in regards to all the municipalities surrounding Charlotte

Reference 58 - 0.07% Coverage

More retail shopping; more entertainment; enlarge the city.

Reference 59 - 0.05% Coverage

Community forums - diverse understandings

Reference 60 - 0.18% Coverage

More appreciation of the history of Charlotte; Charlotte is too quick to tear down old buildings. Train needs to be expanded to more areas.

Reference 61 - 0.49% Coverage

Because folks come from all over, uptown can be directionally confusing and knowing where to go to have fun and eat after hours and during lunch. The hotels don't offer much in the way of maps of the streets, parks and the businesses also need to be depicted on the maps as well. New comers and visitors need that to navigate the uptown streets better. Directional signs would also help.

Reference 62 - 0.07% Coverage

Decreased crime rates, preserve history & tolerance.

Reference 63 - 0.06% Coverage

The preservation of historic buildings and traffic.

Reference 64 - 0.18% Coverage

Figure out HB2. Not have elected leaders posture and put the city in bad position to lose business, etc. Also wants to expand I77 w/o tolls.

Reference 65 - 0.27% Coverage

-repeal HB2 -consistency in road naming (a street should meet certain criteria as should road, avenue, circle, place, etc) -more affordable housing for public sector employees and low income -improve traffic

Reference 66 - 0.13% Coverage

-manage growth better -emphasis/encouragement for the rehab of older buildings -more affordable housing

Reference 67 - 0.15% Coverage

Would like to see more outdoor festivals. Alleviate traffic congestion. Work more to preserve history

of Charlotte.

Reference 68 - 0.14% Coverage

-repeal HB2 -more money for the arts -more coordination between the university and the university city area

Reference 69 - 0.19% Coverage

We have a great need to have a better understanding of the Hispanic community . Educate others. We need more translators. Better education for kids.

Reference 70 - 0.15% Coverage

open street event, communication between cultures/people, restore public education like 20 years ago, equality in education

Reference 71 - 0.20% Coverage

preserve history building between Barnard and ImagineOn, add more public spaces in uptown and all other areas, make city feel with sense of close community

Reference 72 - 0.23% Coverage

control growth, maintain and keep city with high quality of life, real city park (natural green area, lakes), infrastructure for growth, land use for charlotte, parks around city outdoor

Reference 73 - 0.51% Coverage

More start up needed with venture capital available, flexible places, flexibility in leases, bandwidth needed to build infrastructure around, roads need improved, intersection need improved at Providence and Kingdom, 3rd 4th St connector, fix water leaks faster, city politicians need to learn to compromise and get along to get things done, fix hb2, keep up with infrastructure and manage taxation

Reference 74 - 0.20% Coverage

Not thrilled with HB2, would like to see more protection of civil liberties for all people, concerned that HB2 has broader implications beyond LBGT community

Reference 75 - 0.09% Coverage

Stop building expensive apartments and tearing down historic buildings.

Reference 76 - 0.15% Coverage

bring more butchers and small delis to the area, specifically uptown - this gives the area a small town/neighborhood feel

Reference 77 - 0.08% Coverage

Education system; Better wages; Better jobs; Improve racial issues

Reference 78 - 0.07% Coverage

to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.