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Reference 1 - 0.03% Coverage

Look ahead to improve transportation, plan well, more buildings, growth in the area

Reference 2 - 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 3 - 0.15% Coverage

improve infrastructure and traffic; he lives in northern Meck so I-77 toll lanes is a hot issue, he thinks the toll road was a bad idea financially and would like to see it reversed. Downtown has restaurants, etc., but needs more activity after working hours, grocery, more entertainment. Stonewall St project will be an improvement, addition of baseball uptown was good. Need more progress

Reference 4 - 0.08% Coverage

Stay ahead of mass transit to avoid choking the city with automobiles. Encourage independent businesses: retail, restaurants, custom homebuilders , etc., and discourage cookie cutter, mass chain development

Reference 5 - 0.09% Coverage

More transportation infrastructure, such as roads, light rail; reduce crime; improve schools; balanced growth; fair and affordable housing development; diverse reorientation on public and private sector boards and commissions

Reference 6 - 0.05% Coverage

Keep the boroughs with the small town feeling. She doesn't like all of the rapid development happening in these neighborhoods

Reference 7 - 0.01% Coverage

Parking and construction

Reference 8 - 0.07% Coverage

In older cities can walk anywhere needed; here must drive. Need to evolve more arts venues and things

like classic/vintage cinemas. High spot is good Indian restaurants and festival.

Reference 9 - 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 10 - 0.01% Coverage

- Regulate apartment growth

Reference 11 - 0.05% Coverage

Improve health care system, finish independence Blvd construction, safer Charlotte. we need more police in the streets to improve safety.

Reference 12 - 0.10% Coverage

Programs to reduce the amount of citizens within the lower class socioeconomically as well as target programs to address and reduce the homeless population Equitable distribution of resources throughout entire City to make all of CLT beautiful and presentable

Reference 13 - 0.10% Coverage

Definitely need to reduce traffic congestion Strategically plan construction/development to prevent multiple nearby sites from being affected Strategically schedule road closures/blockages such that fewer nearby thoroughfares are impacted simultaneously

Reference 14 - 0.13% Coverage

need to mitigate traffic congestion appreciative of the light rail; however, currently operates within concentrated locations; would like to see light rail running north, south, east and west too Need to improve planning of construction; strategize to prevent closures of so many nearby thoroughfares simultaneously

Reference 15 - 0.04% Coverage

stores and restaurants remain open for business longer businesses hours of operation remain open later

Reference 16 - 0.08% Coverage

desires enhanced transportation operational services 24 hours daily and 7 days per week desires equitable distribution of resources and materials for schools desires for restaurants to remain open longer

Reference 17 - 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 18 - 0.03% Coverage

more variety of restaurants; stricter erosion control enforcement on developments

Reference 19 - 0.11% Coverage

Make it easier to get to uptown, such as an EXPRESS LIGHT RAIL line. This is brilliant to me. She explained we have express bus routes why not an express light rail line. The light rail isn't fast enough, too many stops along the way from south Charlotte. Also MORE UPTOWN SHOPPING.

Reference 20 - 0.06% Coverage

Slow down permits on building. make building/development more intentional. City should use "timing" as indicator - not just approve plans as fast as they can.

Reference 21 - 0.05% Coverage

need more neighborhoods like NoDa. encourage businesses/retail/restaurants to open in neighborhoods need more cooking and nursing jobs.

Reference 22 - 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 23 - 0.12% Coverage

Need more cheaper housing for older adults living on fixed income. Specifically in area without drugs. City should take old buildings and make them into apartments for elderly instead of tearing them down. Also, need city to incent farms/growers to raise more organic food. Also, need more bodegas.

Reference 24 - 0.15% Coverage

traffic congestion; need provisions to decrease the volume of traffic need to strategically schedule construction during non-peak hours versus peak traffic hours Schools within Charlotte are becoming completely segregated again; more integration needed within various schools Students should be allowed to attend school of their choice Schools should be more accessible

Reference 25 - 0.11% Coverage

Would like to have more retail shopping options Would like to see the wealth and resources evenly distributed throughout the City as some locations are beautiful, while other locations needs serious revitalization Would like to see projects completed quicker within low income areas

Reference 26 - 0.07% Coverage

Reduce community crime; improve affordable primary care; reduce homelessness; improve transportation system and infrastructure; reduce air pollution; raise teacher pay

Reference 27 - 0.03% Coverage

more specialty clothing stores (not at the malls), more better car washes

Reference 28 - 0.04% Coverage

restaurants down town to stay open later, lower state tax or make more visual improvements from them

Reference 29 - 0.02% Coverage

move faster on road construction, do something about traffic

Reference 30 - 0.02% Coverage

better roads, more restaurants on Independence Blvd

Reference 31 - 0.02% Coverage

More pedestrian friendly, less apartments styled after barracks

Reference 32 - 0.08% Coverage

Better accessibility to all parts of the without getting in a car (transit, trails, etc.); More retail options than just with major mall areas (Uptown - hint, hint); More major employers within the City limits

Reference 33 - 0.04% Coverage

More parks like First Ward Park. Construction all over the City needs to be completed more quickly.

Reference 34 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 35 - 0.04% Coverage

School system, reduce school day. Reduce urban sprawl. Leave trees. Better planning. Limit box stores.

Reference 36 - 0.02% Coverage

More job opportunities for people without college degrees

Reference 37 - 0.04% Coverage

More openness in hiring processes (less of who you know) Improve parity in public schools

Reference 38 - 0.04% Coverage

Growing too fast - so needs to slow growth Needs to revise tax structure to reduce the burden on residents

Reference 39 - 0.11% Coverage

Provide jobs on the East side of the City; Utilize vacant lots and create businesses; Make US74 not so much a divider between the City - add rail and other things to blur the north from the south. Revitalize the Eastland mall into multicultural center and shopping - not schools and offices

Reference 40 - 0.03% Coverage

More community parks uptown, less apartments to keep areas green and build community

Reference 41 - 0.02% Coverage

Pay teachers more to retain the good ones

Reference 42 - 0.06% Coverage

The city is behind on roads. Apartment complexes are popping up, but will they stand the test of time or just go by the wayside in 20 years?

Reference 43 - 0.02% Coverage

Finish all construction; affordable housing and insurance

Reference 44 - 0.02% Coverage

Increase minimum wages; revitalize black communities

Reference 45 - 0.02% Coverage

Lessen number of ABS Stores; More programs for youth/teens

Reference 46 - 0.01% Coverage

Retail shopping mall uptown

Reference 47 - 0.07% Coverage

need additional companies and corporations; would like to see additional night life entertainment uptown: plays, etc.; would like to see additional retail shopping opportunities uptown

Reference 48 - 0.04% Coverage

more jobs for homeless more shelters for homeless repair the streets such that less potholes exist

Reference 49 - 0.01% Coverage

less construction mess

Reference 50 - 0.04% Coverage

- More jobs - More spots for taxis - enhance taxi standards - more transportation options

Reference 51 - 0.06% Coverage

- Move people that hang out at the transit center, find something else for them to do or hang out at - More jobs - Trains that go out more - east to west

Reference 52 - 0.04% Coverage

More shopping malls College student bus passes... need discount ticket program for students going to school

Reference 53 - 0.05% Coverage

still getting acclimated, traffic isn't great, but it's still better than what it was in CA. There's diff styles of house painting than CA

Reference 54 - 0.04% Coverage

- Need more jobs - Equal education, better schools and equal education opportunity - Spread the wealth

Reference 55 - 0.05% Coverage

More manufacturing jobs, more jobs that are higher than minimum wage Affordable housing Equal education and better schools

Reference 56 - 0.06% Coverage

More retail uptown - stores like in the mall - boutiques at reasonable prices - low income and affordable shops - ppl love to shop when they are traveling

Reference 57 - 0.02% Coverage

construction construction buildup traffic schools

Reference 58 - 0.03% Coverage

do something w/Independence Blvd do something w/Eastland Mall traffic!!!

Reference 59 - 0.06% Coverage

the train on central Ave impacts traffic at rush hour. There are a lot of abandoned buildings that need to be addressed. Torn down or renovated.

Reference 60 - 0.02% Coverage

More parks, more transit, more upward mobility for our poor,

Reference 61 - 0.05% Coverage

More diverse restaurants and areas to shop for familiar items. More public gathering spaces in the areas where they live.

Reference 62 - 0.02% Coverage

finish the Epicentre, more grocery options downtown

Reference 63 - 0.02% Coverage

more food truck events, more farmers markets

Reference 64 - 0.02% Coverage

-improve roads, sync traffic lights better -uptown retail

Reference 65 - 0.04% Coverage

increase minimum wage and teacher's pay, less traffic, more roads, reduce vehicle accidents

Reference 66 - 0.16% Coverage

Road improvements, still too much congestion in and out of uptown during rush hour, schools need to improve, students shouldn't be graduating high school without knowing how to read (she is a college professor), schools need to teach cursive and teacher salaries need to be raised, light rail needs to circle the City and connect more areas to uptown (like Matthews) to reduce congestion on the roads.

Reference 67 - 0.05% Coverage

Would like to see more technological advancement, more options to pay with cell phones and chips, faster public transit other than buses

Reference 68 - 0.03% Coverage

Expanding public transit and providing more opportunities for shopping uptown.

Reference 69 - 0.08% Coverage

More corner stores, more little places like Philadelphia where he used to live, that you can walk to grab some food or a drink. He misses the more urban living and he thinks Charlotte can do that in more places

Reference 70 - 0.12% Coverage

Roads need improved to prevent bottle necks with proper planning to ensure traffic, runs smoothly, more law enforcement, decentralized schools with more accountable and rewards for good teachers and correction for bad, use taxes for owned property is bad, need more dog parks, swimming options at lake Norman,

Reference 71 - 0.01% Coverage

state tax - decrease for retirees

Reference 72 - 0.03% Coverage

traffic needs to be addressed. More restaurants on the south side

Reference 73 - 0.02% Coverage

better planning for neighborhoods and shopping

Reference 74 - 0.01% Coverage

more restaurants to stay open late

Reference 75 - 0.02% Coverage

road work, deal with crime, and how police treat people

Reference 76 - 0.09% Coverage

improvements on the more challenged areas in Charlotte; far too many homeless people (they go from pillar to post seeking food); people still need salvation (need people to continue sharing the Good News that Jesus saves)

Reference 77 - 0.04% Coverage

Too many guns on the streets; elected officials should encourage the State to increase the minimum wage

Reference 78 - 0.06% Coverage

Better inform citizens of available programs, neighborhood improvements and affordable housing, raise minimum wage, improve mass transportation and streets,

Reference 79 - 0.07% Coverage

Affordable house city wide and in nice areas, more job opportunities, schools need improved, programs to help children grow and succeed especially in the black community,

Reference 80 - 0.09% Coverage

Improve schools by dividing into districts, don't bus, increase teacher pay, improve challenge schools, focus on hold child not test scores Plan growth and road seems that support long term needs, stop building huge ugly apartments,

Reference 81 - 0.08% Coverage

Traffic, more and better public transportation, build the silver line, provide tax incentives not to use your car, uptown needs shopping! Like other cities, don't build south end and apartments everywhere

Reference 82 - 0.02% Coverage

fix the traffic and stop building apartments

Reference 83 - 0.07% Coverage

Schools are important. Reward teachers with higher salaries and bonuses. Pay them what they are worth. This is valuable to Charlotte's future. Find money wherever possible.

Reference 84 - 0.02% Coverage

Charlotte needs more mixed-income housing and development.

Reference 85 - 0.03% Coverage

New restaurants, potential for us to be like the Charleston restaurant scene.

Reference 86 - 0.05% Coverage

Improve school system and schools in general, renovate/rehabilitate/reactivate vacant buildings or shopping centers.

Reference 87 - 0.22% Coverage

The zoning is antiquated. All of the apartments are being built with no retail frontage and the result is 300' of blank walls. The planning is too cumbersome on the front end. In other cities, like High Point for example, the developer can easily set up a meeting with all of the appropriate city staff and they can gather feedback and the developer can then comply. Here, the interdepartmental fighting is horrible and the public sees it. The area plans are only updated on a 20 year basis and the planning and zoning department lacks vision.

Reference 88 - 0.29% Coverage

The traffic and planning plans need improvement. A good example of planning gone bad was East Blvd. It used to function well with 4 lanes for cars. The idea of bike lanes and planting strips is cute,

but not practical. There should have been bus pull out areas like Raleigh has. Traffic in the one and only lane should not be impeded by a bus. This increases traffic incidents and road rage. Also, when a project in land development has reached final plans and construction has started, the inspectors have too much authority to superceed sealed and approved plans- this type of behavior usually is hinged on an interpretation of fire code and costs a project money midstream in construction. This is not fair.

Reference 89 - 0.12% Coverage

She would like to see the homeless population being given more opportunities to change their situation and more shelters available to them. She is not sure how many shelters are programs are out there but she has noticed that the population of homeless has increased drastically since she moved to the area

Reference 90 - 0.09% Coverage

He would like to see more opportunities for communication or networking with people in his age group that is productive, maybe that could include getting together for volunteer work or being active or a combination on both

Reference 91 - 0.02% Coverage

Support of local artists/businesses. Update the laws

Reference 92 - 0.03% Coverage

She wishes that more retails was on the ground level of in uptown.

Reference 93 - 0.17% Coverage

Stop spending money on foolish things like street cars and HOV lanes that no one uses and start moving traffic, expecially around the airport. Need rapid transit from uptown and southend to the airport which could go down Woodlawn Road and Billy Graham Parkway. Create an airport tax to pay for it. Make the people who deplane in Charlotte pay the transit tax and others who are just going through to the next stop don't pay the tax.

Reference 94 - 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 95 - 0.01% Coverage

lower taxes

Reference 96 - 0.01% Coverage

higher salaries and improve roads

Reference 97 - 0.01% Coverage

Lower taxes, roads, and sidewalks

Reference 98 - 0.04% Coverage

Biking accessibility Greenways Light rail Traffic Architecture of new apartments is horrible

Reference 99 - 0.04% Coverage

More farm to table and farmers market type opportunities.

Street level retail in uptown

Reference 100 - 0.02% Coverage

More light rails, more shopping in Uptown

Reference 101 - 0.07% Coverage

Better transportation (some areas not well serviced by light rail and buses) Homelessness (extremely high) - provide more jobs for those who move here expecting employment

Reference 102 - 0.03% Coverage

finish road projects, more convenient ways to get in and out of locations

Reference 103 - 0.02% Coverage

He'd like to see black owned business being promoted more

Reference 104 - 0.06% Coverage

road systems, schools, teacher / police pay

She would like housing to be more affordable and for jobs to pay better, it would make living here easier

Reference 105 - 0.02% Coverage

get companies to actually complete road projects

Reference 106 - 0.05% Coverage

More jobs so everyone can work. Decrease homelessness. CMS could improve the number of teachers in the class, especially ESL classes.

Reference 107 - 0.06% Coverage

Deal with congestion and traffic. "My City" is disappearing. Shops along Independence Blvd are gone. Skateboard church is being torn down over at South Park.

Reference 108 - 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 109 - 0.10% Coverage

Need more food trucks, in more locations. For example one day a week in uptown near CMGC, courthouse, sheriff's office (maybe they could park in the circle). Next day, another location. Then need to promote/advertise so people know where they are.

Reference 110 - 0.03% Coverage

Create more jobs, have less crime and more affordable housing choices

Reference 111 - 0.09% Coverage

Develop downtown and its immediate surrounding neighborhoods and "they will come". When I moved here, no one; NO ONE lived downtown. We had just a few bars, Stool Pigeons, Grand Central, RiRas... Most of which are not still around

Reference 112 - 0.01% Coverage

Traffic; Reduce property taxes

Reference 113 - 0.02% Coverage

Repair roads; the seasonings of the food is very lacking

Reference 114 - 0.01% Coverage

Have to build up not out

Reference 115 - 0.03% Coverage

Lower property taxes, they are too high. Require regulations on out of state tuition.

Reference 116 - 0.16% Coverage

More entertainment, concerts in particular. Would like to see food trucks around downtown, great way to grab a quick bite without getting in the car and driving.

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 117 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 118 - 0.14% Coverage

Repair pot holes. Promote Charlotte! Improve after school programs to teach a trade, allow time for a meal. Less time for construction, it shouldn't take years for 1 mile. Dragging it out is a waste of money. Decide what we want to do and do it. (ex. Complete all of Independence at once, not in sections, which takes longer and costs more money.)

Reference 119 - 0.01% Coverage

Need more job opportunities.

Reference 120 - 0.06% Coverage

complete construction projects - too many project are left unfinished. re-do schools - they are too small for the kids and need improvements.

Reference 121 - 0.01% Coverage

quit tearing down old buildings

Reference 122 - 0.08% Coverage

More street lights and other forms of natural surveillance around the city. Update existing building code to help create natural surveillance in the way we build things in order to keep our people safest.

Reference 123 - 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 124 - 0.07% Coverage

Require diversity and artistic elements to new apartment building development. Keep moving forward on the transportation plan - good public transit essential for growing city.

Reference 125 - 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 126 - 0.05% Coverage

To receive sponsorship for the (HELP) "Helping Everyone Live Positive" organization. In addition, aiding the Vets.

Reference 127 - 0.17% Coverage

Public education needs to improve; Need to bring together the charter, private, and public schools to form a consortium to improve access to quality education regardless of family income/status; able to share good ideas of what is working and what is not. Homeless population in Uptown seems to have increased; Need more support for social services like drug rehab, shelters, etc. to address issues. We need more retail uptown

Reference 128 - 0.23% Coverage

Improve transportation options, public transportation and road network; improve school system with emphasis on both neighborhood schools and increasing choice and diversity; smart managed growth; continue investments in jobs and public infrastructure

Housing. So much homelessness; new apartments too expensive for many to afford. Need to up wages; many don't want to be rich, but just comfortable and secure. Have many programs to reach out to poor, but often programs do not go far enough to reach the needs. Specifically mentioned Mayor Roberts, elected to make positive changes.

Reference 129 - 0.18% Coverage

Had a car; now occasionally drives wife's truck but otherwise is on transit. Complained of condition of roads, but mostly about CATS system. buses late with rude drivers; LYNX system better, but not enough trains especially on weekends. Goes into town 6 day a week; must be at work at 6 am, but trains do not start until 6:30. Noted crime and prostitutes around is neighborhood on Nations Ford. Also says taxes here at state level worse than Rhode Island.

Reference 130 - 0.06% Coverage

Better job and schooling here. Has part time job with Microsoft. Job pay not great here; horrible

minimum wage, though he collects more with Microsoft.

Reference 131 - 0.10% Coverage

- Charlotte needs to find a way to utilize vacant or otherwise underutilized buildings in an effort to help low income residents and the homeless population. - Eastland Mall - let's fix it - Make government programs and services for low income residents

Reference 132 - 0.08% Coverage

Continue to build mass transportation (i.e. trains) out to surrounding suburban areas to connect it with uptown Charlotte. Also, funnel corporations/business/retail to uptown so it is more of a destination.

Reference 133 - 0.09% Coverage

Traffic; Infrastructure; Housing (access for everyone in terms of resources and economics; Voting restrictions: IDs should not be required; Charlotte Water: why are we paying for water when it's a natural resource?

Reference 134 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 135 - 0.02% Coverage

More small businesses; more transportation/light rail

Reference 136 - 0.05% Coverage

More shopping in uptown. He lives in a hotel and when his wife visits she doesn't have enough shopping opportunities in center city.

Reference 137 - 0.03% Coverage

Traffic flow and roads. Stop the over building of apartments and shopping centers.

Reference 138 - 0.04% Coverage

Stop building apartments on every corner of the city but if you do can they not be so ugly.

Reference 139 - 0.15% Coverage

Better neighborhood grand planning â€” too many big block apartments without neighborhood engagement features, more mixed neighborhoods â€” multiple price points within neighborhoods- will help diversify schools community â€” increase funding somehow for teachers and schools; continue

economic development to bring in other industries and provide growth and diversification away from banking

Reference 140 - 0.08% Coverage

Do not put a toll road on 77. Increase teacher's and police's salaries. increase police force to decrease crime. Build more Fire Dpt. facilities. There are too many pot holes in the road, please fix them.

Reference 141 - 0.03% Coverage

bike lanes. pedestrian friendly sidewalks, less condominiums--bring back Southend

Reference 142 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 143 - 0.02% Coverage

stop those industrial warehouse apartments

Reference 144 - 0.01% Coverage

More summer jobs for students

Reference 145 - 0.03% Coverage

More benefits for small businesses because they are helping economy.

Reference 146 - 0.01% Coverage

More jobs

Reference 147 - 0.04% Coverage

Build 5-spoke train system! Get trains to airport, UNCC, Davidson/Cornelius. Make it happen. Raise sales tax.

Reference 148 - 0.10% Coverage

city council needs to learn how to say "no." City has got to control growth. Let counties keep developing at their speeds. But control city development better. Just because developer has money and wants to develop, council shouldn't automatically say yes.

Reference 149 - 0.11% Coverage

Schools! Need more good teachers to stay at weaker schools. Schools are failing because of teachers leaving. Her son isn't failing but she is worried. What about outside incentives to keep teachers at low performing schools? extra vacation; bonus, not salary increase, extra resources

Reference 150 - 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 151 - 0.03% Coverage

Provide more opportunities for convicted felons who need to be reestablished in society

Reference 152 - 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 153 - 0.01% Coverage

More Jobs

Reference 154 - 0.03% Coverage

better traffic = more roads, lower taxes, keep government locally centralized

Reference 155 - 0.10% Coverage

better city planning for roads and building new apartments, etc. need more pedestrian areas. Walkable areas as well as public transportation that is safe and convenient. Improve CMS. Promote public schools and stop changing student assignments so often.

Reference 156 - 0.04% Coverage

Help our homeless neighbors; get them trained to begin entering the work force and to become self sufficient.

Reference 157 - 0.09% Coverage

Need to continue to build education & transportation systems Keep our trees Grow gradually Make

sure the new infrastructures (i.e.apartment buildings) are built to last not portable (needing to tear down after 20 + yrs.)

Reference 158 - 0.07% Coverage

Lower taxes would be the biggest. Better health insurance. Pay public teachers more so our kids get a better education. Pick up recycling weekly instead of bi-weekly.

Reference 159 - 0.01% Coverage

Taxes and Transportation

Reference 160 - 0.02% Coverage

THE LEVEL OF PAY NEEDS TO MEET MARKET VALUE

Reference 161 - 0.04% Coverage

Continued focus on economic opportunity. Specific idea discussed on legal mentoring program for young offenders.

Reference 162 - 0.13% Coverage

Unfortunately from what I have read rather than observed there is a good deal of poverty and income disparity in Charlotte. This might be no worse than other cities in America but precisely because Charlotte IS so vibrant and economically healthy this does need to be resolved. Minimum wage increase? Affordable housing?

Reference 163 - 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 164 - 0.07% Coverage

Restaurants should open later (until midnight) - often time there is no way to eat after 10 p.m. except fast foods; Provide alternative solutions to traffic, especially I-77

Reference 165 - 0.21% Coverage

1. Rename streets to one name when crossing intersections. Very confusing navigation for newcomers.
2. Business needs to have an easier time doing business in Charlotte with less regulation.
3. Use social media (like voicemail broadcast) to notify citizens of big issues facing the City, like lightrail

cost, contentious zoning votes, meetings, sort of like Amber Alerts are done. Get the public more involved by being more transparent and open to social media, not just feel good stuff like what's on facebook and twitter.

Reference 166 - 0.22% Coverage

Charlotte needs change in leadership, in the Mayoral level, to help school system that is in trouble. Charlotte needs to get rid of hospital monopoly, needs more hospitals for competition. About safety issues, the police is doing a great job, however we need more policemen in our streets to fight crime. We need tougher laws and tougher sentences for repeated felons. Need to find a way to get rid gangs. There are too many people out of job, Charlotte need to create more jobs. The homeless population is growing something needs to be done about.

Reference 167 - 0.07% Coverage

Sustainability needs to be a top priority for how we grown. Need to support clean air and water. Ensure art/ design is part of neighborhood revitalization and new growth.

Reference 168 - 0.09% Coverage

Leadership need to place a greater value on art in every aspect of planning and growth to keep charlotte unique. Creative Urban Design needs to be a priority that is considered in all infrastructure being built or rebuilt.

Reference 169 - 0.04% Coverage

Complete construction projects that's set for improvement: Focus on one project at a time.

Reference 170 - 0.14% Coverage

We need a law that every new road will have bike lanes and signage (like Portland). Need electric buses - CMS should use them. State needs more renewable energy incentives. Municipally owned utilities could help control sustainability like Denver. Building code for natural structures should be allowed. Should have stringent requirements for sustainable design.

Reference 171 - 0.04% Coverage

Do a better job attracting companies to relocate to Charlotte. We're losing too many companies to South Carolina.

Reference 172 - 0.02% Coverage

Job market/opportunities, Lower the cost of living

Reference 173 - 0.09% Coverage

fix the traffic! would like to see greater planning efforts with surrounding counties and the state to help solve transportation issues; would like to maintain a low tax rate and to improve the school system; no toll roads!

Reference 174 - 0.09% Coverage

He would like for road conditions and traffic to improve; maintain a low tax rate; maintain a balance in the political perspective of local government; improve the schools; would like for light rail to run to surrounding counties

Reference 175 - 0.05% Coverage

improve traffic, roads, pedestrian access to and from downtown; more retail near uptown; more grocery stores and shopping choices

Reference 176 - 0.07% Coverage

School system is an issue; is why they have considered moving out of the city; would like to see more retail downtown; traffic has gotten steadily worse over the last nine years

Reference 177 - 0.11% Coverage

She would like for the public school system to improve; she would like the road system to be friendlier to bikes and pedestrians; she would like to see more retail downtown rather than driving to south park or to north hills; would like the city to become more of a 24 hour city

Reference 178 - 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 179 - 0.05% Coverage

Need more tourist attraction, more coffee shops. Better and more places for people to go out and have fun like Dubai.

Reference 180 - 0.07% Coverage

Resident said there is no fix to these problems. but if any thing, she would like to see more diversity in schools in our communities, lower taxes, better school system.

Reference 181 - 0.11% Coverage

more public transportation options and accessibility more festivals and public gathering spaces More character to recent developments, they look too similar More urban trails and green space more diverse food options, local options, less commercial and more local

Reference 182 - 0.03% Coverage

more unique food options - food trucks for example help on interstate traffic

Reference 183 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 184 - 0.10% Coverage

Economic development in poorer neighborhoods - what can we do to help them? Construction overload - so many streets closed, hard to get around More "Share the Road" signs to protect cyclists and runners Hates Time Warner Cable - can we get rid of them

Reference 185 - 0.06% Coverage

Need to connect outer areas to center city with light rail. Use more funding methods. Get towns and neighboring counties involved. Use special tax if needed.

Reference 186 - 0.05% Coverage

She would love to have a 24-hour coffee shop closer to her - more things tailored towards students living/working in the uptown area.

Reference 187 - 0.01% Coverage

MORE JOBS

Reference 188 - 0.05% Coverage

Need better opportunities for jobs. Hard to find a job outside of his current work. More training for people on jobs.

Reference 189 - 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 190 - 0.05% Coverage

Not enough sidewalks/ very dangerous walking on grass or streets. Need to improve CMS, more construction, raise teacher pay.

Reference 191 - 0.08% Coverage

Expansion of public transportation in a quick and efficient manner (I-485 was used as a note of how long construction projects can take). Cost-effective construction. More resources spent on public education.

Reference 192 - 0.22% Coverage

Pull in more supporting/affordable stores in uptown that better support families who want to live there. A zoo closer to the Charlotte area that would be a big draw for families (if Charlotte wants to compete with other top/big cities they usually have one). When not all art event seats are full give tickets away to families so they can experience what Charlotte offers. They'll buy tickets next time when they see what they've been missing! Expand light rail further out to Mathews and Ballentine and other areas. City needs more connections.

Reference 193 - 0.02% Coverage

People need to think about the "have-nots" more.

Reference 194 - 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 195 - 0.02% Coverage

Less taxes and continue to develop public transportation.

Reference 196 - 0.01% Coverage

lower taxes

Reference 197 - 0.02% Coverage

public transportation, school system, teacher pay

Reference 198 - 0.11% Coverage

He would like to have more public transportation options and things that are located closer to where you want them to be. He wants developers/planners to be more creative with their buildings. He thinks everything new looks the same, specifically all of the apartments in SouthEnd.

Reference 199 - 0.12% Coverage

1. Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre needs to go. It's inconveniently located, is difficult to get in and out of and parking is terrible. 2. Traffic jams 3. **I sometimes feel more like an observer than a resident many places in Charlotte -- especially uptown -- feels like the city caters to rich people.**

Reference 200 - 0.03% Coverage

Stop the cookie cutter developments. Re-use/ revitalize what already exists

Reference 201 - 0.01% Coverage

More jobs; Higher wages

Reference 202 - 0.01% Coverage

Lower taxes

Reference 203 - 0.02% Coverage

specific development ideas & zoning changes

Reference 204 - 0.02% Coverage

Increase global prominence, provide for income mobility

Reference 205 - 0.08% Coverage

Uptown needs to be expanded and include more retail. Would love to see the university area have more small business as well.

More retail in uptown, expanded light rail in northlake huntersville area

Reference 206 - 0.15% Coverage

More bike lanes and more bike friendly. It doesn't seem very safe to bike in Charlotte. There is also a need for more side walks, more pedestrian-friendly, and better transit. In West Charlotte, where she used to live, it also seemed like there was a lot of crime and that when the power went out they were the last to get it back on. More equitable service across Charlotte.

Reference 207 - 0.07% Coverage

Not much. Likes transit, but wishes had more forewarnings about closings. Roads could be "wider;" not keeping up with the fast growth. No real issues; good job opportunities

Reference 208 - 0.10% Coverage

School system: need better teacher opportunities and pay (sister was teacher but now attorney). Schools should listen to teacher ideas. Also Roads especially in some neighborhoods, never touched or improved. Streetcar was a waste of money, is of no use.

Reference 209 - 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 210 - 0.03% Coverage

more entertainment would be nice and more businesses/skyscrapers

Reference 211 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 212 - 0.15% Coverage

1. Create partnerships between literate adults and illiterate children to increase literacy rates for children (Youth Reader Program). 2. Senior Citizen care- medical care too complex - documentation needs simplification and it should come from the state/local level. 3. Inmate reentry programs need to be reorganized - governing boards have ineffective leadership - no true results

Reference 213 - 0.03% Coverage

More shopping areas, and more activities and events - for both adults and children

Reference 214 - 0.04% Coverage

Wants less trees because it makes it feel like less of a big city. Wants more job opportunities.

Reference 215 - 0.05% Coverage

To stop growing so fast, it is difficult to get around with too many people. Slow down growth and allow the City to adjust to it's size.

Reference 216 - 0.02% Coverage

Slow down construction. Too many apartments.

Reference 217 - 0.09% Coverage

Charlotte needs to do more to revitalize the Independence Blvd-Albemarle Rd-Eastland Mall area. Charlotte also needs to have a more politically conservative city council. City council has been too liberally minded for too long.

Reference 218 - 0.10% Coverage

Improve salaries of performing arts workers. Performing arts is lacking. Terrible symphony and opera. Lowest paid in the country for this size city so it doesn't attract good performers. Traffic aggression is a nightmare. Needs more policing of speeders.

Reference 219 - 0.11% Coverage

Improve the quality of the opera and symphony by paying better salaries to draw better leaders and musicians. Also be more aggressive with implementation of rapid transit to all corners of Charlotte and partner with outlying towns to go all the way into other counties.

Reference 220 - 0.07% Coverage

More retail shopping in the uptown area to make visitor experience better. Where can you easily go to pick up a shirt if you spill something or buy shoes if you break a heel?

Reference 221 - 0.08% Coverage

More small businesses; restaurants open later; schools need improvements, too many people are moving south for better schools, she felt they need to set smaller goals and improve little by little;

Reference 222 - 0.07% Coverage

More stores in uptown; would like to see more restaurants and businesses open later; more hotels to promote tourism, but need to find a balance so Charlotte doesn't grow too big.

Reference 223 - 0.05% Coverage

Construction is blocking major streets but understands that it is a temporary inconvenience. Nothing else suggested

Reference 224 - 0.14% Coverage

Road construction projects are good and should continue; Path we're on is a bright future; Airport needs to stay viable for locals - heavily dependent on American Airlines and we are not their largest

hub; Blue Line will improve Charlotte; I-77 improvements - don't agree with toll lanes, money shouldn't go to the company it should go to the City

Reference 225 - 0.12% Coverage

Growth is changing the city - not a lot of retail in uptown; Would like to see more upscale restaurants in uptown, will likely happen as growth continues; As light rail expands, would like an extension of rail trail; Entertainment is needed that is easily accessible and readily available - especially to visitors.

Reference 226 - 0.21% Coverage

Retail in uptown is needed - Epicentre is a bad attempt; Transportation - as population grows with its status as a large financial city, city needs to address transportation options for all these people; Late night food is limited - need more as uptown expands and grows; Some areas outside of uptown are not experiencing the level of growth and development that others are (e.g. West side of Charlotte); People coming from airport's first impression is along Wilkinson Blvd - not a great impression for Charlotte and experience for visitors

Reference 227 - 0.07% Coverage

Traffic and public transportation should be improved; Construction is overwhelming; Number of apartments going up seems excessive - would like to see more townhome communities

Reference 228 - 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 229 - 0.01% Coverage

bring retail to uptown

Reference 230 - 0.05% Coverage

Like to see more development and opportunities on the west side of town. Also something needs to be done with Eastland mall site

Reference 231 - 0.12% Coverage

The infrastructure hasn't kept up with exploding growth, which is causing quality of life issues - overcrowded schools, too much traffic and congestion. Many multi-family apartment complexes and condos going up all over Charlotte - are we ready to deal with those people as far as roads, schools, etc?

Reference 232 - 0.06% Coverage

Higher teacher salary, more affordable housing and a more integrated community demographic - not all the same demographic living in one area.

Reference 233 - 0.10% Coverage

More employment opportunities especially for people with a record. The system of the courts, and the police. Feels that they don't care about the low income community. There are no opportunities for people without a record to live by the law.

Reference 234 - 0.04% Coverage

Reduce amount of companies here, too much competition for entrepreneurs. Reduce taxes on businesses.

Reference 235 - 0.07% Coverage

Does not like the street car, wishes that funds had not been spent on it. Hopes that the city does not continue with streetcar construction. He hopes that Charlotte continues to expand.

Reference 236 - 0.13% Coverage

Please be more budget conscious. Push to the public what our goals are financially and work toward the goals. The priorities for government are to provide public safety, roads, public transportation and basic core services like trash collection. Budget for those core goals and work toward the goals. Don't run everyone's lives.

Reference 237 - 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 238 - 0.13% Coverage

Need more public transportation. Need more jobs for the younger people. **Need more monitored activities for our youth so they won't end up getting into trouble. All corridors need to be developed and not just certain ones. The NW corridor really needs to be developed more to entice**

businesses to come to the area.

Reference 239 - 0.07% Coverage

Don't know; try to look at bright side. Price of gas and priced of cost of living could be better; perhaps raise minimum wage. (Was on her way to work wearing a Wendy's shirt)

Reference 240 - 0.09% Coverage

Equal or higher pay for City employees, compared to other cities, reduce taxes and stop nickel and dimming the citizens to death. STOP the chronic nepotism in City gov't, leaders in gov't are not in tune with the average citizens.

Reference 241 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 242 - 0.04% Coverage

-Improve traffic signal coordination -less taxes -coordinate construction and lane closures better

Reference 243 - 0.07% Coverage

-Neighborhoods more integrated socially/economically -Support of more micro-business owners (10 employees or less) -CPCC to offer more classes to help small business owners -

Reference 244 - 0.15% Coverage

Raise the price and taxes for cigarettes and alcohol and lower the taxes for working people. Also a great idea to drug test applicants for welfare the same way we have to give urine samples when applying for jobs! Need public transportation at Sunset Road from Betties Ford Rd to Mande Rd. Constituent says she and her neighbors walk about an hour to nearest shopping centers

Reference 245 - 0.03% Coverage

Stop spending million in downtown, better education and better pay for teachers.

Reference 246 - 0.05% Coverage

Lower traffic (more lanes on 485, especially around Ballantyne and Providence) CMS is horrible Tax breaks for film makers went away

Reference 247 - 0.09% Coverage

Independence Blvd. is such a blight and needs to be improved and redeveloped; The City should spend some money in less affluent areas, especially to improve bad schools; We need to focus on traffic and growth management

Reference 248 - 0.02% Coverage

less commercialized with more small business

Reference 249 - 0.05% Coverage

Reduce congestion on 485 by any & all means...improved transit system to start... Continue to encourage economic development...

Reference 250 - 0.20% Coverage

would like to see more public transportation heading from city to suburbs. would like to see the crime rates drop and more poor areas to receive funding and grants for redevelopment. more emphasis on mass transportation to get more cars off the road. would like to see duke energy clean up the Catawba river systems and start using wind and solar power. also would like to see teachers in CMS Receive a HUGE pay raise in order to keep talent in our are. More parks and public evens are also high on his list.

Reference 251 - 0.04% Coverage

the influx in apartment building construction. it hinders the scenery and traffic. MORE RETAIL!

Reference 252 - 0.04% Coverage

bring more tourism to city. fix road pot holes faster. More public swimming options, ie pools and on lake norman

Reference 253 - 0.04% Coverage

Mass transit! - rail, subway or metro system to connect downtown. More economic diversity in big business.

Reference 254 - 0.04% Coverage

Better Roads to decrease Traffic congestion, Need more job opportunities here and in NC in general.

Reference 255 - 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 256 - 0.05% Coverage

Police take advantage because they wear a badge. People need jobs. If more people had jobs, there would be less crime.

Reference 257 - 0.06% Coverage

no more taxes. Please. Improve the law enforcement, fire, ems. Be fair as it pertains to tearing down low income housing communities & moving people out.

Reference 258 - 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 259 - 0.01% Coverage

SLOW growth

Reference 260 - 0.02% Coverage

Slow down growth Eco friendly save trees

Reference 261 - 0.13% Coverage

- Future light rail connection to Ballentyne and South Park because the roads are too congested - Bike lanes on the inside of sidewalks in new construction - "South Boulevard sucks" - More CMPD officers because the murder rate has risen - Hopes North End can follow South End development and retain combination of economic diversity

Reference 262 - 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 263 - 0.29% Coverage

Concentric circle and spoke, smart, quick, efficient, effective, affordable transit routes are needed - stop going down town to change buses! change along routes so that transit is an effective way to get around, it should take two hours to go from Northlake to UNCC, more like 20 minutes CMS needs dramatic improvement including better pay for teachers more sidewalks are needed, connecting better planned development, with neighborhood mixed used development and infill are need to encourage walkability with local schools, groceries, pharmacies, bakerys, etc. - establishing the business you need where you live so that you don't have to be so dependent on cars, car independence is needed with the ability to buy local

Reference 264 - 0.07% Coverage

manage construction better, improve I-77 and I-277, make efforts to decrease segregation in schools, communities, etc. Busing is not the answer for school segregation issues.

Reference 265 - 0.07% Coverage

Pay teachers better, fund schools, do more community outreach, promote diversity, have more festivals like the Greek Festival and Festival in the Park, bolster public transit

Reference 266 - 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 267 - 0.34% Coverage

make roads make sense, road names should not change unless you turn onto another street, they should not change when you drive straight without turning, parking improvements are need in areas that are growing and becoming more dense, like in NoDa and Plaza-Midwood, encourage small business, improve Charlotte's appearance along streets and around homes and business in run down neighborhoods, make schools better than the worst in the US, makes streets safer for pedestrians, bikes, kids, no toll roads, evenly distribute tax dollar spending throughout Charlotte, new bus routes are needed that make since and provide the ability to change buses along the route vs having to go downtown and then back out to wherever you're going, people won't use a bus that takes 1.5 to 2 hours if they can drive the same distance in 15 to 30 minutes if they have a choice

Reference 268 - 0.17% Coverage

improve schools and how to "navigate" the CMS school system and school choices as a parent, provide more great educational choices within CMS, expand greenways and add and improve parks, do things that make Charlotte more walkable and encourage walking by having plentiful, well maintained, well lit sidewalks/trails that connect residents to LOCAL businesses and attractions like shopping, dining, services, parks, etc., improve teacher pay

Reference 269 - 0.09% Coverage

More outreach to underserved community. Increased underserved populations exceed current capacity of nonprofits. As the city grows it needs to consider the growing number of homeless, low income, and displaced citizens.

Reference 270 - 0.21% Coverage

People in poverty stay in poverty. This is one of the wealthiest cities but there are still a lot of poor. There are lots of folks that need help. The idea that the businesses do well and will spread wealth to the community will not does not work. The state legislature is messed up. Gerrymandering needs to stop. There needs to be a balance in government, even though this person was a democrat self admitted, he said that it did not have to be just democratic, but a balance needed to be achieved, at the state level too.

Reference 271 - 0.10% Coverage

More affordable housing...more people are moving here and they need affordable options for all; transportation needs to continue to improve to support more movement by foot....expand the blue line and street car; ground floor retail on the streets to keep it active;

Reference 272 - 0.29% Coverage

More opportunities/support for people to "own" their neighborhood, in their own way via grassroots efforts....need to get barriers out of the way...the City needs to loosen up and stop staying "but we've never done it that way"; zoning ordinance process is underway and we need to improve the quality of development..more walkable, bike friendly and effective use of ground floor parking garage space...people/activities are more important than cars/garages...I'm 5 years the south end will be built and we'll have missed the opportunity to get this right; we need to effectively use dead space...the city's park let pilot program is a start to see how this could work, but we need to reclaim vacant lots and realize the value of public spaces.

Reference 273 - 0.02% Coverage

Lower Property taxes , Roads/congestion,Public transit

Reference 274 - 0.03% Coverage

More progressive infrastructure More on street dining similar to Paris atmosphere.

Reference 275 - 0.03% Coverage

Improve traffic, do something about the roads and more quality jobs

Reference 276 - 0.01% Coverage

Street level retail in Uptown

Reference 277 - 0.06% Coverage

WEEKLY RECYCLING!!! For a city this size, need to collect recycling every week Economic development for quality development and mixed housing

Reference 278 - 0.01% Coverage

increase parks and education funding

Reference 279 - 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 280 - 0.14% Coverage

- Continue to foster environment friendly to small business. - City should collaborate with local business owners to give them a chance/opportunity to give back to the community by organizing some sort of events a couple of times per year. Provide a vehicle for giving back. Maybe a seminar with underprivileged children to teach them about entrepreneurship.

Reference 281 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 282 - 0.01% Coverage

Stop so much construction at one time

Reference 283 - 0.12% Coverage

His only complaint was that Charlotte seems to be losing some iconic businesses. One of his favorite activities is South End Food Truck Friday followed by a Common Market evening. With a new development displacing both of those locations, he is concerned that Charlotte's growth comes at a price.

Reference 284 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 285 - 0.06% Coverage

Need more bus routes to extend to the outskirts of Charlotte. One way streets downtown provide too few routes in/out of downtown area. Taxes too high.

Reference 286 - 0.05% Coverage

Taxes too high (she's trying to purchase a house); too much construction; Traffic (although that's a sign of growth)

Reference 287 - 0.02% Coverage

lower speed limit on 485, no tolls, and lower food prices

Reference 288 - 0.01% Coverage

Better job opportunities

Reference 289 - 0.03% Coverage

-Pay teachers more -Sync city council and county commission election cycles

Reference 290 - 0.03% Coverage

fewer chain restaurants and stores and more unique local businesses

Reference 291 - 0.12% Coverage

Pockets of parks and nature in Uptown so it's not as industrialized feeling. Expand the light rail/blue line to go to more areas. Boutiques/retail is needed in Uptown because there is zero shopping right now, no place to run out and grab a gift or card during lunch or right afterwork for those who work in Uptown.

Reference 292 - 0.10% Coverage

Infrastructure improvements, increase connectivity to highways. Uptown region needs traffic alleviation solutions. Tax rate is too high compared to South Carolina, needs to be lower to increase competitiveness and be more business friendly.

Reference 293 - 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 294 - 0.04% Coverage

Taxes should be used in the community (not sure what that meant). Taxes should help the poor.

Reference 295 - 0.05% Coverage

More money focused on other parts of Charlotte, East Charlotte seems to have less money put into it than uptown by a substantial margin.

Reference 296 - 0.04% Coverage

Development of Eastland Mall area with a mix of housing, shops, food and entertainment places.

Reference 297 - 0.03% Coverage

Better roads, lessen the projects around here. Be more fiscally responsible

Reference 298 - 0.04% Coverage

Fix traffic, more activities for youths. More job opportunities for Criminal Justice careers.

Reference 299 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 300 - 0.05% Coverage

get companies to have flex working hours to help alleviate traffic; restore retail downtown; more affordable housing

Reference 301 - 0.23% Coverage

-moving in the right direction for transit, but needs to be more connected and user friendly between systems-- transit is important for social mobility-ex. my kids have to walk 30 minutes to get to a bus station because we live in the burbs and how are they supposed to get jobs if it is impossible to get to work? too many disconnected pockets in Charlotte; development that benefits all- not seeing sustainable useful growth-- too many apartments and office buildings . need true mixed use and human oriented business and living and playing in one place, less car oriented would be better.

Reference 302 - 0.02% Coverage

lower the cost of living and stop charging so many taxes

Reference 303 - 0.05% Coverage

Diversify industries uptown (can't be reliant on big banks) Increase accessibility to public transportation, specific rail

Reference 304 - 0.06% Coverage

they are concerned with how the City is spending money (i.e. on the railways) and feels that we need to do a better job at spending our funds

Reference 305 - 0.03% Coverage

Hourly wages - not enough to live on (works another part-time job)

Reference 306 - 0.10% Coverage

There are some low-income areas that need to be lifted up. Some areas are really cool but other areas are blighted like Eastland Mall and the Independence corridor. The City should find ways to lift those areas up and it would help with crime.

Reference 307 - 0.04% Coverage

ability to help entrepreneurial residents more instead of focusing solely on the large corporations

Reference 308 - 0.01% Coverage

Better Grocery Stores / Wegmans

Reference 309 - 0.01% Coverage

More bars within walking distance.

Reference 310 - 0.30% Coverage

Charlotte is a fast growing city with lots of residential growth. I'm not sure I like the apartments that are popping up everywhere. They're not attractive and they all look the same. Not good marketing if you ask me. Traffic is a problem which will only get worse with the residential building that's going on. Need more schools and money for teachers and education. I suppose the Education Lottery was supposed to help with that however I think someone forgot what the lottery was called...The Education Lottery! Lots of construction going on. Nice to see that the highways are being widened however it seems to take a while for completion. I think law enforcement officers should be able to do their jobs without being scrutinized by the media or the public.

Reference 311 - 0.02% Coverage

Traffic Welfare workers should have to work to receive a check

Reference 312 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 313 - 0.03% Coverage

Stop removing historical buildings like Common Market on South Blvd.

Reference 314 - 0.22% Coverage

obviously traffic is bad - needs improvement. Idea related to different topic - development. When small commercial building is reviewed or approved, could city planners or council require a reasonable-cost restaurant to be part of development. Regardless if it's multi-family or business commercial. Being able to walk to sandwich shop, bagel store, Panera, etc. would alleviate some of traffic issues. While some developers might want to include something like this, it would be different if it were required. Depending on size of development.

Reference 315 - 0.01% Coverage

More shopping, more bike opportunities

Reference 316 - 0.02% Coverage

Lower taxes, animal control needs better customer service

Reference 317 - 0.05% Coverage

Greenway closer to Plaza Midwood Doesn't seem like Charlotte is taking opportunity to preserve its history. Too many chain stores.

Reference 318 - 0.07% Coverage

- Specifically pertaining to Plaza Midwood, would like to see more restaurants other than Pizza. -
New and re-development needs to occur out Central Ave towards Eastland area.

Reference 319 - 0.17% Coverage

Better housing for low income and homeless; cost of housing; homelessness, hunger - need to work on these areas - they affect education. Need continuous improvement and continuing conversation. Communicate to the outlying areas of the City (South Charlotte) what the City does for them; need more ties between the City and households, showing benefit of City programs and services. Get more people invested in what the City does for them.

Reference 320 - 0.05% Coverage

Open more department stores uptown to be a main attraction on weekends. Nothing to do, but clubs or sporting events uptown on weekends.

Reference 321 - 0.25% Coverage

Address the homelessness issue in a deeper way. More than just providing shelters. More application of the 'housing first' model (where folks are provided housing for stability and then services/employment later). Improvements in CMS. She thinks the administration is too big to be effective and perhaps they should try the regional model again. The magnet system kind of works, but the location of the schools means her students have long long days. Wants neighborhood stops, but also wants the leaders to consider more but smaller schools. Wants CMS to reconsider the core curriculum. Would support a tax increase for teacher pay.

Reference 322 - 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 323 - 0.03% Coverage

extra lanes on highway, payment to city employees / contractors, school system

Reference 324 - 0.03% Coverage

more outdoor eating establishments in downtown Charlotte similar to Greenville, SC

Reference 325 - 0.06% Coverage

- Raise taxes - Thinks that roads and schools need the most attention - Suggested burying Independence Blvd and 277 using Boston's model

Reference 326 - 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 327 - 0.07% Coverage

Decrease traffic. Needs better layout. Encourage businesses to stay in one place rather than abandoning neighborhoods. (Big boxes just move rather than upgrade, etc.)

Reference 328 - 0.05% Coverage

school system, teachers are underpaid traffic police dept..do the best they can w/what they have. Need more staff and money for CMPD.

Reference 329 - 0.07% Coverage

Decisions w/construction in busy areas-downtown...takes away from Charlotte empty spaces..like Eastland mall/strip malls. Do something about them. They are an eye sore.

Reference 330 - 0.46% Coverage

Need continuous sidewalks. There are too many sidewalks that seem to end too soon or are just useless. Get a move on connecting the greenways. It takes too long to drive anywhere. Especially from the West side of Charlotte. Better bus service from West Charlotte to the University Area. And it will be good when 485 ramp opens near their house. Figure out a way to clean up some of the less attractive areas by communicating that there is help and grant money to people. Have people go door to door to tell them there are programs to help. Would like more transportation choices. The University area is really hard to walk and bike and so is West Charlotte. Better ventilation on the buses. Some people smell really bad and it makes people who can drive not want to ride the bus. Charlotte should work on annexing the west side of Mecklenburg County and open up a public beach access. The trash service is confusing. They were separating recyclables and rubbish and the trucks

just keep dumping everything into the same truck. There should be a composting program for food waste from restaurants and homes to help with community gardens.

Reference 331 - 0.06% Coverage

public transportation, accessibility to sidewalks, more equitable distribution of tax money across the city, improvements to parks-entrance to greenways

Reference 332 - 0.02% Coverage

more money for teachers and wants better schools

Reference 333 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 334 - 0.03% Coverage

construction is problematic, improving traffic-widening some streets

Reference 335 - 0.09% Coverage

more social activities for the youth, community activities, transportation system expansion, physical security infrastructure in schools and private sector, create more security related job opportunities to have more authority

Reference 336 - 0.03% Coverage

school system can be improved, better education, more money for teachers

Reference 337 - 0.01% Coverage

Better teacher pay. Social values.

Reference 338 - 0.04% Coverage

public education needs help, teachers are not valued. Better pay and incentives for teachers

Reference 339 - 0.04% Coverage

make streets more accessible, provide public transportation in the county, bridge gap between economic groups

Reference 340 - 0.05% Coverage

schools - teacher raises, foreign language in elementary schools, smaller class sizes, and teacher assistants for all elementary classes

Reference 341 - 0.02% Coverage

need better incentives to attract businesses

Reference 342 - 0.03% Coverage

Less big apartment structures, more family activities, polar express on light rail.

Reference 343 - 0.03% Coverage

let it grow and do its own thing provide good public transportation

Reference 344 - 0.02% Coverage

business to stop dumping in unauthorized areas

Reference 345 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 346 - 0.11% Coverage

very interested in making sure that small business owners are supported by city police, code and zoning officials. He has found that it's hard to figure out who he needs to communicate with to say for example figure out how he can continue to park tour buses outside his venue.

Reference 347 - 0.03% Coverage

Add more police officers, need more jobs here, increase minimum wage

Reference 348 - 0.01% Coverage

Lower taxes!

Reference 349 - 0.01% Coverage

Shopping district in uptown

Reference 350 - 0.05% Coverage

division of city in terms of economics, gentrification is pushing people out where they lived for years, needs to stop

Reference 351 - 0.05% Coverage

better opportunities for teachers to make better pay, neighborhood improvements in all areas not just south Charlotte

Reference 352 - 0.10% Coverage

A better growth plan. A plan for infrastructure and better schools. Public needs to understand we can't build ourselves out of some of the problems we have created. We need more options, density and intensity. We need to be prepared for the next ring out.

Reference 353 - 0.17% Coverage

There are some intersections that I would LOVE to see updated: the corner of Lancaster Hwy and Providence Rd W (desperate need of left turn lanes) and also the corner of Polk and Carolina Place Blvd and where Park Rd T's into Carolina Place (not sure what can be done here but it is a traffic nightmare). Also, more restaurants that are not chains!! Oh and why not open up that last lane on 485...do we really need a toll road??

Reference 354 - 0.01% Coverage

Less taxes

Reference 355 - 0.06% Coverage

better politicians that care about the future of the city, more public transportation and encourage people to use it, control development- it seems unplanned

Reference 356 - 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 357 - 0.10% Coverage

Increase the public transportation system, there are still many areas that do not have service at all. Increase the teacher's salary to improve our education system. This alone will continue to attract more

companies and families to our area.

Reference 358 - 0.04% Coverage

more investment in public transportation; add cultural events--museums, more events to attract more businesses

Reference 359 - 0.20% Coverage

- Focus needs to be placed on the underserved and marginalized in our city. For example, the recent economic mobility study ranked Charlotte at the bottom, We need to focus on WHY we were last on the list and WHY it's an issue here. - Need to look at historical systems that keep residents from succeeding: education, job creation & workforce development, food access and impact on diets. - What's needed most is humility and unity - unity between religions and churches, unity between neighbors, etc.

Reference 360 - 0.10% Coverage

There are not a lot of opportunities for medium sized business in IT, you either work for the bank or you are a freelancer but nothing in between. I don't think our Economic development department is doing enough to foster and recruit medium size businesses.

Reference 361 - 0.05% Coverage

bike friendly public transportation too many apartments and not enough green space and charm promote local business

Reference 362 - 0.14% Coverage

We need to make sure our changing physical environment is changing in positive ways. We need better arts and cultural opportunities that are accessible to everyone (like the arts centers in Raleigh, Carrboro and Winston) You shouldn't have to be at a certain level or socioeconomic status to go. Opportunities for everyone to attend a show or take a class.

Reference 363 - 0.04% Coverage

Hasn't been here long, so feels it's much better than other places she's lived. Would like more Publix shopping.

Reference 364 - 0.13% Coverage

Improve traffic (though more flexible work hours and locations could help); use more protected left turns for motorists; support and grow more independent/local restaurants; support more organic entertainment and shopping areas (fewer strip malls and Epicentres); make Charlotte a place people want to visit - a destination.

Reference 365 - 0.04% Coverage

Would like folks to learn how to use traffic signals and drive better along with more retail uptown

Reference 366 - 0.02% Coverage

More retail uptown. Less congestion on South Blvd.

Reference 367 - 0.04% Coverage

More bike and walking trails More affordable housing More balance of spending local dollars

Reference 368 - 0.13% Coverage

Give a little more attention to the city outside of city center. Work on communication and support of neighborhoods, especially Food Deserts. Don't give all the tax credits and financial support to the large developers who really don't need them in the first place – focus on areas that wouldn't grow economically without the support.

Reference 369 - 0.08% Coverage

I think Charlotte needs to further address a few key factors: 1) affordable housing, 2) K-12 and higher education, 3) continue to attract businesses to the area to increase job growth and 4) chronic homelessness.

Reference 370 - 0.06% Coverage

We need retail on Main Street (Tryon) and a hardware store uptown, outdoor store, bike shop, mens clothing shops (men hate to go shopping at malls).

Reference 371 - 0.05% Coverage

- Planners need to be more thoughtful about development, what and where things go and consider impact on traffic and congestion

Reference 372 - 0.06% Coverage

improved roads and public transportation; spread more business and amenities further away from center city - too congested; bring more blue chip companies in

Reference 373 - 0.01% Coverage

lower ticket prices

Reference 374 - 0.06% Coverage

Wanted better transportation, especially more public transportation to get from Gastonia to Charlotte.
Wants more funding for schools and better teacher pay.

Reference 375 - 0.10% Coverage

She wanted to see more transportation options and less road construction or for it to be better timed.
She also thinks there is too much wage disparity and child poverty in the city. She thinks Charlotte lacks a funky edge and has too many chains.

Reference 376 - 0.02% Coverage

lower county taxes better pay for teachers

Reference 377 - 0.07% Coverage

Wants more mass transit to get around. Have more water features and opportunities to get on water.
Would like the red line to the lake to be built and lower taxes.

Reference 378 - 0.06% Coverage

inexpensive indoor activities driver training (anyone born in NC should be required to take free training) taxes should pay for roads (no tolls)

Reference 379 - 0.07% Coverage

More bike and walking trails - the completion of little sugar creek greenway More affordable housing
Government funds need to be aligned better to meet the needs in the community

Reference 380 - 0.07% Coverage

Improve transportation. It currently "sucks". Economic disparity is high. Need affordable access to housing, transportation, social and education resources for all economic levels

Reference 381 - 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 382 - 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 383 - 0.05% Coverage

More activities in uptown to draw people in. There has been increasingly more recently but she'd like to see uptown shopping be a draw.

Reference 384 - 0.06% Coverage

Increase in international connection through trade, flights, and immigration. To be a Global city, residents from across the world must live and work here.

Reference 385 - 0.02% Coverage

-More retail uptown -more housing diversity in Southend.

Reference 386 - 0.01% Coverage

better jobs, better police

Reference 387 - 0.10% Coverage

Don't drive out small businesses due to high rent Parking at South Park More practical stores, not just high end boutiques Better guidance on where to put trash and recycling carts Some intersections don't make sense Support the symphony more

Reference 388 - 0.03% Coverage

Traffic is very bad, think strategically about that More support of local food

Reference 389 - 0.03% Coverage

more information about available jobs, job fairs, job training opportunities

Reference 390 - 0.04% Coverage

Invest in youth Make transportation accessible to everybody Set up businesses to continue growth

Reference 391 - 0.08% Coverage

gun culture worries them (respondent from Netherlands) Develop retail culture downtown with more shops/ things to do. Need more carriers at airport - lack of multiple carriers drives up prices.

Reference 392 - 0.08% Coverage

traffic problems in north Mecklenburg make it unattractive to live there. Supports increase in transit. Need an open-air mall in the heart of downtown charlotte to keep people downtown on the weekends.

Reference 393 - 0.04% Coverage

Lower taxes Light-rail availability to surrounding towns (Mint Hill, Indian Trail, Matthews, Monroe)

Reference 394 - 0.02% Coverage

More restaurants/not chain restaurants

Reference 395 - 0.04% Coverage

Increase retail shopping uptown More Museums All restaurants, stores and entertainment stay open later

Reference 396 - 0.12% Coverage

Manage and expand roads to support housing growth, manage and expand transit so that it goes where it needs to, it's convenient, and speedy enough to be a reasonable resource vs how it fails to perform now, support local, small business entrepreneurs, improve schools and teacher pay, and student assignment plans

Reference 397 - 0.05% Coverage

Safer bike lanes separated from street, keep taxes down, improve education available through cms, improve public schools and teacher pay

Reference 398 - 0.09% Coverage

Parks and greenway growth and expansion, more neighborhood parks, more neighborhood sidewalks, especially ones that connect people to parks, shopping, green space, preservation areas, and more small, neighborhood businesses

Reference 399 - 0.05% Coverage

Being a convicted felon limits opportunities. Need to provide opportunities. Paid my time and now need a job.

Reference 400 - 0.09% Coverage

Youth of today are not respectful. Parents need to parent, and not be friends. More opportunities to

model parenting. More jobs for those under employed, so parents are not working 3 jobs to support the family and therefore not at home

Reference 401 - 0.03% Coverage

Traffic improvements. More restaurants in the Government District

Reference 402 - 0.10% Coverage

Traffic is bad, improve the traffic. More stores uptown. Limit the apartments in Charlotte, or at least have retail on the bottom levels. It is ugly to walk by them.

Stop building apartments everywhere, they are so ugly! We need more retail uptown

Reference 403 - 0.09% Coverage

As the economy becomes more robust, Charlotte should take care to ensure smart growth. In the past, development was not regulated properly and the result was increased traffic congestion in areas where traffic had not been a problem.

Reference 404 - 0.05% Coverage

Incentives for encouraging businesses to come to Charlotte. (money, tax breaks, less strict requirements on buildings and permits)

Reference 405 - 0.15% Coverage

- Infrastructure must keep up with development - The City should Implement a developer impact fee so that the financial burden of infrastructure improvements is not wholly on taxpayers. If developers want to build it, they need to help pay for the infrastructure needed to support their development and the growth, higher density and additional traffic that they are contributing to.

Reference 406 - 0.03% Coverage

more cultural events, diverse events (i.e. museums, plays). cost living raise

Reference 407 - 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 408 - 0.02% Coverage

crime- improve the crime rate. Better salaries

Reference 409 - 0.14% Coverage

At the risk of sounding recently topical—transportation into Charlotte from surrounding communities. There has to be more transportation options/answers than toll lanes; I live in Huntersville so I'm a bit jaded. Continued diversification of economic dependency (beyond banking). Continued and increased revitalization of declining/depressed neighborhoods.

Reference 410 - 0.13% Coverage

I believe we're doing really well already, but newer, more creative ways to solve some of our tougher problems would be helpful. Every community is trying to eradicate poverty, but how can we, as Charlotteans, come together and break the mold in our efforts to alleviate it? I don't know the answer, but I'd love to be part of the solution.

Reference 411 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 412 - 0.03% Coverage

Better food; Preserve trees - old mature trees add value to neighborhoods

Reference 413 - 0.12% Coverage

Not enough businesses uptown. No retail and not enough restaurants open on weekends. Especially on Sunday. No place for people visiting. Had parents here last weekend for playoff game and couldn't find anything open Sunday evening to eat dinner except hotel restaurant. Visitors need activities uptown!

Reference 414 - 0.06% Coverage

Bring more jobs into the city

Transportation-CMS schools; teachers have low moral- increase teachers pay or add more charter schools in Charlotte.

Reference 415 - 0.02% Coverage

Less growth, becoming too much like a big city.

Reference 416 - 0.04% Coverage

Light rail express and more light rail to independence and also up north. We should have windmills for energy.

Reference 417 - 0.03% Coverage

Another Outer Belt like Atlanta Get rid of some churches Subsidize solar panels

Reference 418 - 0.01% Coverage

More shopping options

Reference 419 - 0.03% Coverage

He's like to see more jobs, specifically trade jobs/day labor jobs.

Reference 420 - 0.20% Coverage

More bike lanes, road diets, bike advocacy, keep constructing, need 5 more big hotels in order to host a Super Bowl which would be awesome. Need to focus development not just uptown but around town. Don't take away common markets (south end). More trains needed. Homelessness needs to be addressed and becoming more of a problem with more frequent begging on the streets. There needs to be more shelters that are accessible, perhaps in the south or west. Doesn't want to see Charlotte become another Atlanta

Reference 421 - 0.04% Coverage

Not a huge variety of restaurants. It would be nice to have more varied options when dining out.

Reference 422 - 0.02% Coverage

continued growth and better, more road planning

Reference 423 - 0.04% Coverage

More and larger hotels to increase tourism and give Charlotte a chance to bid for a Superbowl.

Reference 424 - 0.02% Coverage

More malls in the area, especially a walkable one in uptown.

Reference 425 - 0.04% Coverage

More events, like career expos, that gather more businesses to the area and give people more chances at jobs.

Reference 426 - 0.04% Coverage

-protect older neighborhoods from bad development -revitalize economically depressed areas

Reference 427 - 0.04% Coverage

slow down development, develop with more intention/planning more trees/less invasive plants

Reference 428 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 429 - 0.10% Coverage

More transportation choices, especially in east Charlotte. More community gardens/farmers markets, more bike lanes so people do not have to use cars and feel safe riding their bikes. More affordable housing uptown, right now it is not family friendly to live there.

Reference 430 - 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 431 - 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 432 - 0.06% Coverage

more support for the arts, diversity and different cultures. Less franchise/ corporate businesses and more business that are local. More hockey rinks.

Reference 433 - 0.02% Coverage

The City sponsoring a job fair for City and private careers.

Reference 434 - 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 435 - 0.03% Coverage

more opportunities for women to lead and be treated as equals.

Reference 436 - 0.20% Coverage

The city needs to be more aggressive in directing businesses to the west side and should do more to support local businesses on the west side. The city should be more aggressive taking property from owners of businesses that are repeat crime offenders. The city should also be more aggressive on slum lord properties and those who own longstanding boarded up properties. They should acquire them and sell to non-profit housing partners. The west side needs more public art and arts related programs for young people.

Reference 437 - 0.03% Coverage

More street festivals, more art galleries, more local restaurants

Reference 438 - 0.05% Coverage

more breweries, distilleries, more light rail routes- LOVES Blue Line from UNCC through Noda
more unique/local restaurants

Reference 439 - 0.01% Coverage

more grocery and shopping downtown

Reference 440 - 0.01% Coverage

More restaurants

Reference 441 - 0.07% Coverage

Build more affordable housing. Create better wages Increase bus routes/schedules on the outskirts of the City. Clean up neighborhood parks on the outskirts of Charlotte.

Reference 442 - 0.04% Coverage

Create a way to encourage more businesses to move into Mecklenburg county via tax advantages or something similar.

Reference 443 - 0.04% Coverage

More local restaurants, rather than chain food restaurants. Public transportation completed.

Reference 444 - 0.06% Coverage

School system (took child out of CMS); Too much construction; Heavy traffic (a result of much of the construction); accessible public transportation

Reference 445 - 0.14% Coverage

Came to Ballantyne Priorities meeting to voice concerns with schools. Schools overcrowded. need to break apart school district, withis too large to manage. Also concerned with run-away development. City leadership is wrong, and council district gets one vote but pays 60% of the taxes.
more jobs, more transportation options, eliminate vehicle inspections.

Reference 446 - 0.21% Coverage

Concerned about CMS student re-assignment; would like more certainty that her son can continue have year-round schooling option; would like to see return of manufacturing jobs; action on minimum wage - too long since it was raised; options for lower-wage worker to have their children attend private schools - can't afford now; reduction or elimination of cost for a transfer ticket when using public transit; job closer to home - might tie to the "workforce housing" concept, better pay / other efforts to attract and retain teachers

Reference 447 - 0.18% Coverage

East Charlotte has a hard situation with Independence Blvd construction, closing of many businesses - Target left, BJ's Warehouse left, many others. New apartments are good. Charlotte is working on improving Monroe Rd corridor. I live in a nice neighborhood (McClintock Woods / East Forest) and would like to see it remain a strong, good area. In general a number of unpleasant things have tarnished the image of east CLT but working to improve it.

Reference 448 - 0.11% Coverage

Would like to see better urban planning - ramps onto highways are too short. Would like to see a single website with a list of all events to help people new to town connect with the community and meet new people. Links to locally owned businesses should also be provided.

Reference 449 - 0.01% Coverage

more jobs

Reference 450 - 0.13% Coverage

Greater diversity of cultural opportunities (would like to see bakeries, other culturally-oriented small businesses - "lots of breweries, but can't do breweries every night"); address traffic issues - very hard to get around at rush hour, & they are moving to Charlotte from Davidson in part because of traffic issues.

Reference 451 - 0.06% Coverage

More intentional economic growth opportunities for minorities; Diversify decision making inclusive from diverse socio-economic status and not status quo

Reference 452 - 0.03% Coverage

Improve west side, shopping and accessible to things to do, grow the the west side

Reference 453 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 454 - 0.06% Coverage

Better wages for teachers Complete the construction on Independence and Lynx line Transportation needs alot of improvement due to population growth.

Reference 455 - 0.03% Coverage

No toll lane More affordable housing More economic opportunity Better mass transit

Reference 456 - 0.17% Coverage

desires more retail uptown; stated he shouldn't be required to drive to South Park to shop; he would like to shop uptown desires a plan for snow removal; stated that the City shouldn't be required to shut down every time it snows; prefers proactive planning in anticipation of snow PRIOR to winter months desires strategic proactive planning to meet the accommodations of Charlotte's anticipated increased population growth

Reference 457 - 0.04% Coverage

google fiber Broadbanding over business extraordinary events more parking opportunities

Reference 458 - 0.06% Coverage

suggest that if we improve traffic, that would improve Charlotte provide better pay for teachers was

suggested as a way to improve Charlotte too

Reference 459 - 0.01% Coverage

need to control growth

Reference 460 - 0.02% Coverage

More diversity in the business sector (types of businesses)

Reference 461 - 0.04% Coverage

Increased foot traffic in uptown, make it similar to magnificent mile in Chicago. Retail would help that

Reference 462 - 0.06% Coverage

Income - took a pay cut to move here (didn't know if it's a southern thing as to why salaries are lower here than in NY); expand transportation

Reference 463 - 0.08% Coverage

Transit - bus line more expansive with more inter-connectivity Schools - disparity is great between schools - more resources for families in lower performing schools to help them become involved

Reference 464 - 0.02% Coverage

focus more on sustainability less sprawl

Reference 465 - 0.02% Coverage

more trees schools - pay teachers more

Reference 466 - 0.04% Coverage

-bring the crime rate down through community policing -better snow/ice removal -pay teachers more

Reference 467 - 0.05% Coverage

-street level retail in uptown -free parking uptown -more concentrated entertainment areas (like the Epicenter) -better road signage

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Reference 1 - 0.06% Coverage

Growth Control, traffic improvements, more schools

Reference 2 - 0.06% Coverage

Better jobs, social services support systems.

Reference 3 - 0.16% Coverage

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

Reference 4 - 0.24% Coverage

Focus on growth, but don't forget about the people already living here. Sometimes it seems that the City is more focused on attracted new people instead of retaining the current residents.

Reference 5 - 0.11% Coverage

Place a large mall in north Charlotte similar to the one that was built near Fort Mill

Reference 6 - 0.20% Coverage

Bring and NHL Team to Charlotte Provide a better political climate that promotes wellness of the City
Provide a plan the better manages the growth of the City

Reference 7 - 0.10% Coverage

Provide more of a variety of restaurants Provide more organic store options

Reference 8 - 0.13% Coverage

Provide more great (casual) restaurants with outdoor seating Provide more artistic events for all

Reference 9 - 0.08% Coverage

Be careful of all of the urban sprawl Slow the growth down

Reference 10 - 0.04% Coverage

Develop older areas of the city

Reference 11 - 0.15% Coverage

Contain the cost of living Improve economic opportunities - more jobs and affordable housing
Correct CMS "issues"

Reference 12 - 0.26% Coverage

Improve public transportation Public lawn requirements - how to get rid of yard waste Stricter negotiations when providing opportunities for businesses to come to Charlotte -- no more Chiquita "situations"

Reference 13 - 0.24% Coverage

Better transit system so that we don't have to feel like we need to use our cars to get to work Provide more opportunities for the homeless to get on their feet "Equalize" the school system

Reference 14 - 0.08% Coverage

Improve the roads Lower the taxes More police, police stations

Reference 15 - 0.32% Coverage

More affordable housing, would like to see a decrease in housing costs. Need competitive pay, get more in line with other cities. This will help people to have a more comfortable lifestyle and provide for family. Reduction in taxes. continues to host during

Reference 16 - 0.40% Coverage

The city should find ways to better spend the money of the citizens. They should be more frugal. The city should get creative instead of having votes to decide adding money for things such as Capital improvements and new buildings or renovating old buildings. There is enough money if you are wiser in the spending!

Reference 17 - 0.16% Coverage

Need to control expansion and growth. The builder need to be responsible for more of the cost; to cover police, fire, school costs.

Reference 18 - 0.07% Coverage

More growth in smart ways More trails Improve traffic

Reference 19 - 0.14% Coverage

More walkable More neighborhood schools Improve traffic flow Don't grow too fast - needs better growth plans

Reference 20 - 0.20% Coverage

travels all over the city for work; wishes it would feel equal everywhere. South Charlotte seems to have better infrastructure, store options than everywhere else

Reference 21 - 0.12% Coverage

improved food choices in food deserts; maintain outdoor areas and parks improved parking

Reference 22 - 0.04% Coverage

More jobs More construction

Reference 23 - 0.09% Coverage

school system improve driving raise minimum wage lower apartment rents

Reference 24 - 0.03% Coverage

More job opportunities

Reference 25 - 0.13% Coverage

more productive opportunities for minority businesses (both City and County) more mixed income housing

Reference 26 - 0.09% Coverage

Improve transportation Expand train system Build up the East side

Reference 27 - 0.01% Coverage

More work

Reference 28 - 0.04% Coverage

Needs more cleaning More shopping

Reference 29 - 0.16% Coverage

more bike lanes. pick up trash more often on roads (central avenue and Independence). help small businesses (too many rules)

Reference 30 - 0.23% Coverage

make charlotte more walkable, more "bike-able". More walk up shops and restaurants and outdoor-themed activities. Wants more "gardens and greenspace" where a family would congregate

Reference 31 - 0.07% Coverage

need to do more to attract more non-banking businesses.

Reference 32 - 0.13% Coverage

More retail in uptown. This would be good for tourism when people come to the convention center and hotels.

Reference 33 - 0.17% Coverage

lower the cost of living Better job opportunities for people of color Better opportunities for felons with non threatening charges

Reference 34 - 0.18% Coverage

More social programs for under employed and unemployed. More support for the criminal justice population, just being released back into society.

Reference 35 - 0.15% Coverage

Stop allowing taxes from one area to fix other areas Ex.: Taxes from West Charlotte to build projects in Ballantyne

Reference 36 - 0.07% Coverage

Improve the traffic, too congested. Control the growth

Reference 37 - 0.01% Coverage

more jobs

Reference 38 - 0.44% Coverage

More retail shopping, a Trader Joe's uptown (Metropolitan Trader Joes is "different crowd", too far to walk for uptownians). Need a major retail center and more shopping uptown. Too many homeless uptown. Sees buses dropping off homeless at McColl Center! Says Urban Ministries needs to move operations, homeless are growing in population and danger.

Reference 39 - 0.39% Coverage

Need better address signage on city buildings. Improve infrastructure and schools . Horrible education system here. Need to figure out why there is such a poor mentality about schools here. Not just funding; its a cultural thing too. Make improving education a priority. More retail uptown like other big cities

Reference 40 - 0.10% Coverage

youth summer programs, better pay, teachers need to be paid more, more libraries

Reference 41 - 0.26% Coverage

Better public transportation and improve roads, especially i77 Different parts of uptown should have different feels to them and at least one should be an arts district with an eclectic kind of feel like NODA.

Reference 42 - 0.30% Coverage

Improve conditions for the disabled especially housing. Money provided for the disabled can't meet market rates. Help low income apply for section 8. She's been getting the runaround. Improve job opportunity for less educated and disabled.

Reference 43 - 0.22% Coverage

1. Spread development all around city, don't just focus on one or two hot spots like SouthEnd/Dilworth. There should be nice places to shop/dine in every neighborhood area.

Reference 44 - 0.29% Coverage

More shopping, restaurants and things to do on the East side of town. Government is only focusing on Center City and South Park, need more to do on the other sides of town. She has to drive to the south side to shop at South Park.

Reference 45 - 0.10% Coverage

1. Enforce traffic laws. 2. Improve infrastructure to keep up with growth.

Reference 46 - 0.20% Coverage

lower taxes, more affordable housing, less traffic, stop building communities within communities - too many apartment homes going up, stop crime, pay teachers more

Reference 47 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 48 - 0.12% Coverage

Fix all of the road projects and various city projects that cause issues throughout the city.

Reference 49 - 0.18% Coverage

I would improve the technology and transportation. The city is growing so much it is not just one thing I can pick that they need to improve on.

Reference 50 - 0.15% Coverage

If I was just to be picky I would say finish out some of these road projects faster and stop causing so much traffic.

Reference 51 - 0.09% Coverage

Continue the growth and continue bringing good jobs for entry level people

Reference 52 - 0.10% Coverage

Increase pay for government employees and teachers. Upgrade all of the schools.

Reference 53 - 0.11% Coverage

attract diverse companies to move to Charlotte so that our community will be sustainable

Reference 54 - 0.13% Coverage

looking forward for a mall near exit 47 off 1-485 which is now either a closed project or put on a hold

Reference 55 - 0.08% Coverage

Expand businesses and bring in more jobs to the charlotte area.

Reference 56 - 0.09% Coverage

homelessness hunger for adults and children lack of financial literacy

Reference 57 - 0.15% Coverage

Increase economic mobility, too many people seem to be born into poverty and have few ways to raise their economic status

Reference 58 - 0.02% Coverage

Pay teachers better

Reference 59 - 0.79% Coverage

I'm really concerned about all the development along Park Road and how that will affect traffic since there are no plans to widen the road or add lanes. It's terrible planning. Crime is on the uptick in our area -- lots of house and car break ins. And the recent rape along Montford really freaked me out. Our community police officer is great, though. Also, we had a bad experience working with both the city and county on getting permits on our house renovation. I had to do all the legwork, calling people here and there and relaying messages when they should be talking to each other. The customer service was so disappointing.

Reference 60 - 0.11% Coverage

minimum wage transportation - fix road congestion education public school system

Reference 61 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 62 - 0.07% Coverage

Continue the growth. I really do not have any complaints.

Reference 63 - 0.03% Coverage

continue construction jobs

Reference 64 - 0.04% Coverage

continue diversity and job growth

Reference 65 - 0.02% Coverage

better job growth

Reference 66 - 0.40% Coverage

Need more retail shopping in uptown Charlotte. I work uptown and it would be great if I could shop

uptown or right after work during the week. I have to drive to University area to go home and after dealing with the traffic problems in that area I just want to go home so I don't drive to the mall except on weekends.

Reference 67 - 0.08% Coverage

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

Reference 68 - 0.06% Coverage

more jobs, and better transportation opportunities

Reference 69 - 0.04% Coverage

continue banking growth industry

Reference 70 - 0.21% Coverage

continue to help low income folks to better themselves and provide them with opportunities

continue banking job growth and change the dumb state laws hurting our jobs

Reference 71 - 0.10% Coverage

Make it easier to find jobs Means for connecting w/folks; joining groups, etc.

Reference 72 - 0.17% Coverage

More light rail to help with the traffic problems. Controlled growth of the city so it doesn't grow too big too fast. Better schools.

Reference 73 - 0.21% Coverage

improve infrastructure better public school systems streets and bike lanes prioritize needs (better schools, teacher pay) no toll roads bigger is not always better

Reference 74 - 0.03% Coverage

attract 21 century business

Reference 75 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 76 - 0.06% Coverage

renovate or tear down the old apartment buildings

Reference 77 - 0.07% Coverage

demolish the run down apartments and change Eastland mall

Reference 78 - 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 79 - 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 80 - 0.07% Coverage

more light rail, more retail in uptown, improve roads.

Reference 81 - 0.12% Coverage

they don't like the light rail. they wish that they would stop it. it made their taxes go up.

Reference 82 - 0.05% Coverage

Light rail improvements, taxes, safety

Reference 83 - 0.09% Coverage

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

Reference 84 - 0.14% Coverage

1. Fix potholes 2. Improve roadway system 3. Reduce property taxes for seniors so they don't lose their homes.

Reference 85 - 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 86 - 0.21% Coverage

Would like more water front activities Apartments being built don't have character, there's too many of them and they don't maintain the integrity or style of Charlotte

Reference 87 - 0.06% Coverage

keep working to keep cost of living; taxes low

Reference 88 - 0.06% Coverage

encourage diversity and encourage employment

Reference 89 - 0.15% Coverage

keep the inner neighborhoods from turning "rich"; folks don't have anywhere to go
keep the growth managed and steady

Reference 90 - 0.05% Coverage

Public transportation and more restaurants.

Reference 91 - 0.16% Coverage

fix i77 and all other thoroughfares and stop road work on small roads that do not have the impact that the major arterials have

Reference 92 - 0.09% Coverage

better roads, faster construction, and more buses with more frequency

Reference 93 - 0.24% Coverage

more resources for grass roots situations, better diversity in non profit funding with equal distribution, schools need to be equally distributed, education opportunity needs to be equalized

Reference 94 - 0.05% Coverage

better start up opportunities and no tolls

Reference 95 - 0.17% Coverage

finish construction quicker uptown, finish projects faster like the light rail and road projects, especially Independence blvd bridges

Reference 96 - 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 97 - 0.22% Coverage

Communications with the community, provide more opportunities help the lower income people "get on a more level playing field', provide jobs for offenders who want to do better

Reference 98 - 0.13% Coverage

Traffic - the roads are too narrow. Need more business diversity. Would like to see more tech companies.

Reference 99 - 0.31% Coverage

Make sure infrastructure is adequate before approving zoning requests for development. What is going on now in the Southpark area is an example. Huge recent increases in multifamily housing has resulted in constant traffic congestion in the area.

Reference 100 - 0.13% Coverage

More grocery stores downtown. Transportation in to neighborhoods - near Derita. Affordable housing.

Reference 101 - 0.29% Coverage

require developers to pay much more for roadway expansion and start a transit fund to assist the smaller surrounding towns to afford to help with transit costs. More light rail all around Charlotte, increase sales tax if necessary.

Reference 102 - 0.03% Coverage

more ethnic restaurants

Reference 103 - 0.12% Coverage

lower property taxes improve school increase frequency of the local train and bus schedules

Reference 104 - 0.28% Coverage

wealth more distributed to all areas not just valentine and south side areas, improvement should be distributed all areas. more help of service to homeless and poor, happy to see the transportation is in progress for light rail

Reference 105 - 0.08% Coverage

more parking uptown less construction uptown less property tax

Reference 106 - 0.17% Coverage

mejor empleo (better jobs), mas vigilancia en todos lugares no nomas en el uptown. (Need police presence everywhere, no just uptown)

Reference 107 - 0.06% Coverage

Good jobs and better transportation system.

Reference 108 - 0.08% Coverage

Need to provide an opportunity for felons to get better jobs

Reference 109 - 0.33% Coverage

Less kidnap and robberies and more cops patrolling the streets after 9pm. Need to improve the transit system especially at night because there are less busses. Need job opportunities for a people that are homeless. Need better assistance for the homeless people.

Reference 110 - 0.31% Coverage

Better urban plan implementation is needed. The old style development models are still dictating how CLT does things. Needs to be more integrated, including transportation. Good public planning for health and welfare leads to better public safety.

Reference 111 - 0.07% Coverage

slow the growth, lessen congestion, more open mindness

Reference 112 - 0.10% Coverage

Better Transit times and routs and more jobs for inexperienced young workers

Reference 113 - 0.13% Coverage

transportation, education, equalize opportunity and living conditions in different areas of the county

Reference 114 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 115 - 1.27% Coverage

Increase affordable housing opportunities for low income and people with no income. This includes the price of rent-a range of options- and increasing the stock available. Promote the use of transportation options. I often see empty trains and buses go by. Continue to promote parks and open space in the uptown area. Promote tourism and attracting major events to the city and major art exhibits to our museums. I would like to see us have the equivalent of a High Museum (in Atlanta) and/or a Fine Arts Museum like in other major cities. We could use some more ethnic food options – some cities such as Boston and Chicago – have specific areas of town that have great ethnic foods. Focus on improving the CMS school system – academics and accountability on how County funding is used. Improve our health status as part of the federal Healthy People 2020 initiative. I believe we ranked 50 out of 50 cities in a study regarding health status such as childhood obesity and obesity in general

Reference 116 - 0.64% Coverage

We need to diversify our economy and infrastructure to ensure that we can have economic productivity. The financial sector of our Country is precariously oversized, and Charlotte is likely to be very hard hit by the next recession. Charlotte should also look for ways to address large areas of poverty. Areas of poverty continue to grow in Charlotte as wealth disparity has increase throughout nation. These large areas of poverty result in disparities in our education system and erode property values.

Reference 117 - 0.15% Coverage

Traffic More pedestrian friendly (taking life in your own hands now) future shopping areas need to be pedestrian friendly

Reference 118 - 0.38% Coverage

I would have to say Charlotte has the opportunity to improve traffic conditions, decrease the homeless population, improve the resources and conditions of the schools (K-12), more programs and activities for the youth, more programs and services for the elderly, and improve economic conditions for all.

Reference 119 - 0.31% Coverage

More bicycle paths so bikes are not on the busy roads; Continue to expand the Lynx light rail; Require that building owners demolish vacant buildings if they cannot find replacement tenants - we have too many derelict vacant buildings in some areas

Reference 120 - 0.11% Coverage

Continue to be mindful of population growth and ways to improve traffic flow in the City

Reference 121 - 0.50% Coverage

Mass transit, school system, air quality; Continue to help the economically disadvantaged and the homeless, particularly in affordable housing, education, job training, and family support services. Quality of life- Charlotte/Meck and smaller towns should keep expanding greenways and parks. Not just for ballfields, but also for play areas, picnic areas, for families with young children to enjoy.

Reference 122 - 0.15% Coverage

Lower taxes; Implement a Tire Rebate due to the hazards of all the construction work; Decongest the University Area

Reference 123 - 0.11% Coverage

Increase wages across the board; Increase mass transportation; Add a lot more sidewalks

Reference 124 - 0.09% Coverage

improve Charlotte/Meck Planning Commission related to local development

Reference 125 - 0.07% Coverage

Needs more development, not enough activity/ business

Reference 126 - 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 127 - 1.14% Coverage

- Better control new building in neighborhoods - too many huge building / apartment building are being built, and out of scale with/ don't reflect neighborhood character. - More open space need along

Central Avenue - everything is built up to the edge of the road. - Redesign transit routes - should be a need for everything to be routed through uptown - need more direct cross-town routes. - stronger support and advocacy of local businesses. - Need more resources to educate renters about their rights - landlords evict people who don't have the knowledge to defend themselves. - Schools need to provide students with better education about how to deal with real life - how to deal with a lease, how to buy a car - lack of knowledge makes people vulnerable. - issuing community IDs would help - concern about people being harassed, call on to prove they belong where they are (I.C.E. enforcement?)

Reference 128 - 0.60% Coverage

Crime - need to public to be more vigilant, and report things that look wrong, get Police involved.
Affordable housing - too many high-end apartments being built, doesn't make sense - too many units for who can afford to rent them - possible crash. Need good standards for design - too many apartment buildings - all look the same, need interesting variety of good aesthetics. - More venues like Latta Arcade uptown - well designed, encourage mixing of people, lots of foot traffic.

Reference 129 - 0.20% Coverage

there needs to be better choices of high schools for students who are not above average. Need to have better accountability for people who are using food stamps.

Reference 130 - 0.01% Coverage

lower taxes

Reference 131 - 0.04% Coverage

Reduce taxes Fix the school system

Reference 132 - 0.11% Coverage

add beauty to the city by adding more trees add more restaurants that you can walk to

Reference 133 - 0.99% Coverage

- Find ways to encourage people to devote more of their personal time to connect with the community, and meeting and interacting with people from different segments of the community. - Sees schools and the community as becoming class-segregated, with those in charge, and those in service, and a shrinking middle class - need to foster privately owned, local businesses as an approach to strengthening the middle class; less effort toward recruiting big corporate, global businesses that provide mostly service-level jobs. - Need to have cultural festivals that draw the segments of the community together, celebrate the aspects of the diverse segments, and educate people about the different cultures - especially for Latin American, African, and Vietnamese segments of the community.

Reference 134 - 0.30% Coverage

work on connecting neighborhoods to both each other and to the infrastructure around them. find the sidewalk gaps of 100-200 ft and fix those to connect neighborhoods to one another and other modes of transportation such as greenway and trails

Reference 135 - 0.26% Coverage

Make it more user friendly for people who move here and want to start a business. Need to have different bus rates depending on where you travel. You have to pay the same amount no matter how far you travel.

Reference 136 - 0.14% Coverage

traffic. Lives in the Plaza Midwood area....very unhappy with the condos and their lack of design and planning.

Reference 137 - 0.40% Coverage

Need more retail in uptown Charlotte. No place to shop so we need commercial rents to be cheaper uptown for retail. The only thing to do in uptown is eat and drink.

More job opportunities for individuals who have a record. Landlords who will give you a chance when you apply for an apartment eve if you have a record.

Reference 138 - 0.08% Coverage

More retail shopping; more entertainment; enlarge the city.

Reference 139 - 0.19% Coverage

Must do a better job at educating our youth. Transportation - it takes too long to build public transit. Fix the level of poverty. Better healthcare.

Reference 140 - 0.10% Coverage

Jobs, less road construction, more affordable housing for 20 and 30 year olds

Reference 141 - 0.11% Coverage

More higher paying jobs. Better transit system that goes to more outreaching areas

Reference 142 - 0.36% Coverage

I have huge plans and ideas to improve Charlotte in the form of two of my business endeavors. Will share more as they develop but the businesses will promote community, create jobs while servicing and meeting needs of the challenged or those thrust into emergency survival situations.

Reference 143 - 0.07% Coverage

More light rail, more extensive rail system. More jobs.

Reference 144 - 0.17% Coverage

Need more retail shops in Uptown. Have plenty of restaurants but not enough retail stores which creates a retail imbalance in Uptown.

Reference 145 - 0.05% Coverage

Jobs and the future of W Morehead St

Reference 146 - 0.39% Coverage

Free parking on weekends in Uptown or free light rail on weekends. More retail and affordable dining in Uptown. Rent control. Restrictions on luxury apartment development. Tear down long abandoned grocery stores and strip malls. Banish all marathons to the speedway. A statue in honor of Jim Crockett Sr.

Reference 147 - 0.07% Coverage

Fix traffic problem. Need a mall on the east side of town.

Reference 148 - 0.23% Coverage

More affordability for everything. You need a lot of money to enjoy a lot of what Charlotte has to offer (parking, transportation, restaurants, special occasions only, theater, etc.)

Reference 149 - 0.27% Coverage

Create more affordable housing. Don't forget about those individuals who built this City -- they are getting priced out with all of the home building/ neighborhood development. Manage growth. Create rent controls.

Reference 150 - 0.26% Coverage

Need to have better infrastructure to accommodate the population growth. Need a City government who has a clear direction on how to handle it's growth and who has a heart for all people of it's community.

Reference 151 - 0.60% Coverage

I think Charlotte could benefit from additional opportunities for people to get out and move. Parks are a great start, but only a few of the parks include exercise stations and sound trails. Intentional systems

of paths to link major areas of the city could also increase outdoor activity and possibly reduce motorized transportation. The light rail was also a great benefit to the city, and further expansion of the system could be a great help for Charlotte and mass transit.

Reference 152 - 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 153 - 0.41% Coverage

Connectivity: (Including - Transportation, technology, university system, all education systems, and neighborhoods). Connectivity is Key to big city and keeping the neighborhood community management of growth and traffic. It is easy for traffic to get out of control, like other big cities. stay ahead of the growth

Reference 154 - 0.14% Coverage

Be more realistic with Growth. don't let developers rule. Most of the developers don't live in Charlotte.

Reference 155 - 0.19% Coverage

more bike lanes affordable healthy food items outdoor fitness activities more lights so you are able to run at night and feel safe more sidewalks

Reference 156 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 157 - 0.11% Coverage

Improve traffic. More options for shopping. You have to travel out of downtown to shop.

Reference 158 - 0.13% Coverage

More options for shopping uptown, more festivals uptown. Traffic is too congested during rush hours.

Reference 159 - 0.14% Coverage

provide student discounts programs with businesses. make transportation more convenient. add more shopping downtown

Reference 160 - 0.27% Coverage

More tree canopy; Apartments with retail on the bottom; Grocery stores in NODA; trains to Lake Norman; More walking and mountain bike trails; spray parks for the kids and events; trash cans on the street in NODA;

Reference 161 - 0.23% Coverage

Bring pedestrians back to Uptown and other areas; Connectively is important including light rail and bike lanes; bring in interesting businesses and industries to various neighborhoods.

Reference 162 - 0.28% Coverage

attract higher profile companies and not be political anymore

Implement a sales tax to pay for transit and extend it to surrounding counties. That way everyone pays and not just property owners pay for transit in Mecklenburg.

Reference 163 - 0.15% Coverage

Get the homeless people off of the streets and into warm places in the winter, promote more nonprofits for that reason

Reference 164 - 0.17% Coverage

slow down growth - not enough room for everything that developers want to build and for all the people that are trying to come to charlotte

Reference 165 - 0.15% Coverage

improve construction traffic - stricter regulations on how long and when Construction activities can close lanes, etc.

Reference 166 - 0.01% Coverage

More coffee

Reference 167 - 0.15% Coverage

improve belt line/277 , not enough greenways or retail store in uptown, parks and open space, extension of street car/rail

Reference 168 - 0.32% Coverage

public transportation should expand to east-west. will give up the car if the public transportation is also available from east-west, current transportation only available from north-south, shopping center/entertainment should also expand to all other areas.

Reference 169 - 0.23% Coverage

public transportation and bikeability, income equality, growth affected in equality, too expensive in real estate in uptown, improve interstate entrance between 3rd/4th street off 277

Reference 170 - 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 171 - 0.18% Coverage

more condos or house with reasonable price, more retail and grocery in downtown, different development co. to have diversity for appearance.

Reference 172 - 0.51% Coverage

More start update needed with venture capital available, flexible places, flexibility in leases, band width 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 173 - 0.30% Coverage

He is a musician and wishes the City was more open to street performers. He has been shut down playing acoustic music at rail stops and you need a permit to perform on the street with an amplifier. Homelessness is also a problem uptown.

Reference 174 - 0.15% Coverage

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

Reference 175 - 0.33% Coverage

too much construction around town, especially in University area
new subdivisions need to accommodate for traffic with widened roadways. In uptown area there is very little shopping available (especially for clothing) and what is there closes after office hours

Reference 176 - 0.23% Coverage

public transportation; we have done a good job revitalizing the uptown; crime rate is good, but could always be improved; be careful with growth - seems like we are growing too fast

Reference 177 - 0.08% Coverage

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

Reference 178 - 0.30% Coverage

Please improve the traffic congestion on the three highways: I-77, I-85, and I-485 by widening with more lanes. Would like to see more high-end namebrand shopping stores. Would like to see more brick homes and gated residential communities.

Reference 179 - 0.27% Coverage

She was the victim of two crimes that she felt CMPD did not respond to or investigate so she had many opinions about CMPD Property taxes are too high CMS has a bad reputation, wouldn't send her kids to school there

Reference 180 - 0.16% Coverage

Compete cross Charlotte trail and street car. Increased park and greenway space. More road diets to encourage less car use.

Reference 181 - 0.17% Coverage

provide relief for traffic congestion in Ballantyne especially Ardrey Kell. Support small independent businesses and multiuse zoning.

Reference 182 - 0.18% Coverage

Improve traffic. Don't keep raising taxes - squeezing out middle and lower classes. Support schools. Prepare schools for population growth.

Reference 183 - 0.35% Coverage

Schools need to be priority. It really helps when adults volunteer in elementary schools as big brothers/sisters. Companies could incentivize employees. Also, school system should try and balance schools better - even if it means busing children to neighborhood a few miles away.

Reference 184 - 0.05% Coverage

limit development along the lake Norman.