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Reference 1 - 0.03% Coverage

library system; some branches are pitiful as far as book inventory is concerned.

Reference 2 - 0.03% Coverage

- Need a medical school - Need more commuter trains and light rail

Reference 3 - 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 4 - 0.01% Coverage

Better resources for school

Reference 5 - 0.06% Coverage

Increase police presence in the streets. Educate the police man and woman how to treat people better in poor areas of the city. Stop the bullying in schools.

Reference 6 - 0.11% Coverage

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

Reference 7 - 0.17% Coverage

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

Reference 8 - 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 9 - 0.02% Coverage

Would like to see school zones more integrated

Reference 10 - 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 11 - 0.06% Coverage

Improve schools so that the gap between the good ones and the bad ones isn't so big. It's hit or miss trying to find schools because some are good and some aren't

Reference 12 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 13 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 14 - 0.01% Coverage

Improved school system.

Reference 15 - 0.05% Coverage

Improve transportation to keep up with growth; Diversification in schools - more mixed (ethnically/racial) schools

Reference 16 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 17 - 0.10% Coverage

CMS needs to stop the consideration of bussing children away from their neighborhood schools in order to provide more diversity. CMS should spend more time and resources on improving under performing schools instead of shifting their populations.

Reference 18 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 19 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 20 - 0.02% Coverage

construction construction buildup traffic schools

Reference 21 - 0.02% Coverage

more educational things, for example aquarium

Reference 22 - 0.12% Coverage

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

Reference 23 - 0.04% Coverage

Schools need work!. if you improve the schools you improve the community. We should make teachers happy.

Reference 24 - 0.04% Coverage

more activities for african-american youth that will cause them to be more productive; help them learn a trade

Reference 25 - 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 26 - 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 27 - 0.01% Coverage

better schools

Reference 28 - 0.10% Coverage

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

Reference 29 - 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 30 - 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 31 - 0.02% Coverage

More harmony in schools and government,

Reference 32 - 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 33 - 0.01% Coverage

extend pre-school to ages 3 and up

Reference 34 - 0.09% Coverage

I-77 S traffic could be better No toll roads (if we do, City should own them so we control them) CMS needs improvement - poor quality of schools is impeding City's growth Friction between CMS and County is hurting schools

Reference 35 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 36 - 0.09% Coverage

Traffic (feels like nothing is being done about it) Council members are ridiculous, can't make decisions, they just argue CMS is too big, maybe divide it up Thinks street car was a waste of money More tennis facilities

Reference 37 - 0.02% Coverage

road systems, schools, teacher / police pay

Reference 38 - 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 39 - 0.04% Coverage

More light rail routes around city not just to downtown. Better schools. CMS is broken. Widen around town.

Reference 40 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 41 - 0.10% Coverage

Make it a more open community... i.e. the LGBT issue currently going on. and also, would like to see less developer influence in the construction around the city. Expressed concern for the school system and it's re-segregation going on now.

Reference 42 - 0.01% Coverage

Bicycle friendly CMS is horrible

Reference 43 - 0.03% Coverage

Traffic on I-77. Improve CMS. The schools need better leadership.

Reference 44 - 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 45 - 0.03% Coverage

Driving skills!!! People need to be better educated in driving skills.

Reference 46 - 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 47 - 0.02% Coverage

preserve history Improve school system

Reference 48 - 0.06% Coverage

school system; neighborhood schools is not a good idea; CMPD really needs to address crime issue. What is going to be done with light rail and possible crime?

Reference 49 - 0.12% Coverage

Charlotte is already pretty good. Could focus on the N. Tyron area and working toward solutions for the homeless. School performance could be improved. He'd like to see smaller community schools within neighborhoods so schools receive the local support and parent involvement needed to be successful.

Reference 50 - 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 51 - 0.10% 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

Reference 52 - 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 53 - 0.07% Coverage

Come up with non-traditional methods to help youth...decrease crime rate; Improve education system (manage funds better); Collaborate with school system to prevent kids from dropping out;

Reference 54 - 0.03% Coverage

continue to support light rail system end homelessness better school system

Reference 55 - 0.02% Coverage

school district- try to make smaller no toll roads

Reference 56 - 0.03% Coverage

make school system smaller shouldn't have to drive 47 minutes to school

Reference 57 - 0.01% Coverage

school system

Reference 58 - 0.04% Coverage

-continue to expand the greenways -break-up the school district into smaller, local, independent districts -

Reference 59 - 0.03% Coverage

Improve school system - more neighborhood schools & magnet options

Reference 60 - 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 61 - 0.08% Coverage

maintain the hometown feeling in a growing city, reduce box stores, increase diversity in area schools

/all school should have the same resources, changes in police/fire codes that prevent citizen protection

Reference 62 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 63 - 0.03% Coverage

Core curriculum at CMS is too complicated for parents to be able to help their children.

Reference 64 - 0.01% Coverage

put church and prayer back in school

Reference 65 - 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 66 - 0.06% Coverage

Improve the school system - especially the bus system, drivers seem to overstep their boundaries with the children. Buses come too early for the children

Reference 67 - 0.01% Coverage

School system improvement

Reference 68 - 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 69 - 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 70 - 0.43% Coverage

For me, personally, I would begin simply with ENFORCING LAWS ON LITTER! I recognize people must be caught in the act, but our roadsides are some of the filthiest I've traveled recently. Of course, I chalk that up to how fast we've grown. Other improvements would include infrastructure - roads, sidewalks, etc. Secondly, our school system. I can't imagine a single new business being attracted to Charlotte right now with the school board we have and the school system. I no longer have school-aged children, but do have grandchildren and can only pray they get in to a strong charter school or I would consider helping my grown children with tuition for private school. I have been (in the past) one of CMS's staunchest supporters, I went through the system and graduated high school in 1975, I raised my 3 sons in the public schools in Charlotte, but don't think I would do it at this point in time. Glad mine came along when they did. The School Board is unfortunately (in my opinion) an embarrassment to this Community. How can our children be expect to behave when the adults act as they do!

Reference 71 - 0.01% Coverage

School system

Reference 72 - 0.11% Coverage

CMS should stop spending so much time & energy on the poverty discrepancies throught CMS. Instead, spend time and energy on helping lower performing schools by incorporating faith based sponsors for those schools and by holding parents more accountable for their child's grades.

Reference 73 - 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 reapedted 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 74 - 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 75 - 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 76 - 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 77 - 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 78 - 0.08% Coverage

Would like to see improvement in the school system; it seems the school system has gotten somewhat worse over the years; you should invest in schools and be able to attend a school near your home;

Reference 79 - 0.10% Coverage

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

Reference 80 - 0.07% 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 81 - 0.06% Coverage

Expansion of light rail to other areas (Huntersville, Concord), school system improvements (activities have been cut out due to budget constraints).

Reference 82 - 0.08% Coverage

improve diversity in schools, constituent is a SIOP coach and works with ELL students in CMS, concentration of ELL and students in poverty creates difficult environments for teachers to teach and students to learn

Reference 83 - 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 84 - 0.05% Coverage

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

construction, raise teacher pay.

Reference 85 - 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 86 - 0.04% Coverage

More school pride for colleges/universities; improved transportation to all areas of the City

Reference 87 - 0.03% Coverage

Need a more diverse school system to meet the needs of all children

Reference 88 - 0.05% Coverage

CMS - she moved outside of the County so her kids can go to Cabarrus County schools, heard nothing but bad things about CMS

Reference 89 - 0.02% Coverage

Spend more money on the schools. Also, more roads are needed.

Reference 90 - 0.02% Coverage

public transportation, school system, teacher pay

Reference 91 - 0.08% Coverage

1. Increased access to public transit. Work to remove the stigma of using transit. Create an awareness campaign (availability; park-n-rides, etc.) 2. Recognize the importance of teachers and educators

Reference 92 - 0.08% Coverage

Variety of things to do for adults/kids in addition to sports. Wish to improve CMS and how school zones are tied to house values. **Bury power lines. Start now putting them underground instead of above ground.**

Reference 93 - 0.05% Coverage

Widen Providence Road CMS Schools, school zones keep changing and frustrated them, so she put her kids in a private school.

Reference 94 - 0.10% Coverage

Community needs to focus on CMS schools. Would love to see the County Commission and Chamber come together w/CMS.

Traffic is a nightmare and is getting worse instead of better School system needs help. Very dysfunctional, but don't know how to fix.

Reference 95 - 0.08% Coverage

Traffic is terrible - constant construction. Barrels every where - need to plan for wider roads sooner than City/State currently does. School system needs to improve. CMS is terrible. Too big

Reference 96 - 0.19% Coverage

1. Better connected walking and biking trails. Biking/walking along the streets is very unsafe. Currently, you must drive your bike to a "put in" like you would a kayak, which defeats the purpose. You must live in a more expensive house to be near a greenway. 2. Better integrated neighborhoods and schools. There's a big income disparity that limits upward mobility, particularly for people who already live here who are being pushed out by newcomers from more expensive areas.

Reference 97 - 0.11% Coverage

To return to the magnet school programs in Charlotte -Mecklenburg Schools. Promoted a sense of diversity in her school age children. Stated that JT Williams elementary was among one of the best schools in Charlotte Mecklenburg when Under the magnet school program .

Reference 98 - 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 99 - 0.02% Coverage

better transportation and improved school system

Reference 100 - 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 101 - 0.11% Coverage

More programs for preschool students. All kids should be prepared for kindergarten. All third graders should be reading well. recruit companies to form partnerships with schools so that employees volunteer at same place - have more of a presence and impact. "more bang for buck."

Reference 102 - 0.05% Coverage

change restrictions on school cafetrias to allow use of food grown locally or on school grounds to be used. reduce food deserts.

Reference 103 - 0.06% Coverage

He would have given more consideration to living in Charlotte if the school system was better. This was the main reason that he decided to live outside of Charlotte

Reference 104 - 0.06% Coverage

Charlotte needs more economic diversity in the schools. This could possibly be done by redrawing school boundary lines or by creating more magnet schools.

Reference 105 - 0.03% Coverage

Instead of boundaries, folks should be able to choose their schools...like magnets.

Reference 106 - 0.06% Coverage

More public transit **rezoning for multi-use development** more greenways, walking, biking more Don't EVER split the public school system into smaller parts!!!

Reference 107 - 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 108 - 0.07% Coverage

Increased investment in CMS, we should invest more money in our students and their success. Creation of a "Charlotte app" that will keep you up to date on all things happening in Charlotte.

Reference 109 - 0.49% Coverage

He wants to see a stop to tearing down old and historic buildings. Young white people are showing up, buying cheap houses, tearing them down and rebuilding. This displaces poorer people. There should be an expansion of protections for old and historic homes to stop their demolition. - road names change too often. roadways should stick to consistent naming protocol. Too many roads have similar

names. - More needs to be done regarding education to get scores up. He feels that high school graduates are more well spoken than he is, but due to school they still don't achieve on tests. - There need to be limits on how many apartments are built. The City may not realize the problem they are creating by creating dense population zones without the adequate roads and infrastructure to support them. He feels that in 5 years the mistake may be realized. - Traffic is a problem. He would like to see less time for left turn arrows and more time for through signals. There needs to be more separation on busy 4 lane roads. South Blvd in South End is a good example. Traffic traveling in opposite directions are too close to each other. And then a crowded apartments crowds the train line. Too much is trying to be fit into too little space.

Reference 110 - 0.04% Coverage

provide more services/resources for those in need (homeless), affordable housing, improve schools (desegregate)

Reference 111 - 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 112 - 0.10% Coverage

Would be great if the Uptown area was more lively and safer. There are so many chain restaurants and bars, and there isn't much to do Uptown except at night. Would like to see more options for the CMS magnet lottery - and more spaces in popular programs.

Reference 113 - 0.09% Coverage

Need more public transit, better access to public officials, the city is growing so fast and infrastructure improvements to traffic and utilities are needed to support. Need more schools and other improvements to support overcrowded areas.

Reference 114 - 0.09% Coverage

More public engagement, more sidewalks, need more driver education and patrolmen to give out tickets, less big developments and urban sprawl, keep and increase number of trees, better control erosion from construction sites.

Reference 115 - 0.06% Coverage

More bike lanes, more bike friendly. Educate drivers on how they can do their part to keep bicyclists safe. Connect the greenway, just do it.

Reference 116 - 0.11% Coverage

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

Reference 117 - 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 118 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 119 - 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 120 - 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 121 - 0.08% Coverage

Schools - reputation is suffering. Should have a great public school system. Time to put money where the mouth is. Mixed use development is great. Knights stadium is great. Community involvement is important

Reference 122 - 0.02% Coverage

Add more arts programs (nonprofit or in education).

Reference 123 - 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 124 - 0.02% Coverage

fix the roads; improve the school system

Reference 125 - 0.02% Coverage

Fix school issues manage growth of infrastructure

Reference 126 - 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 127 - 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 use development and infill are needed to encourage walkability with local schools, groceries, pharmacies, bakeries, etc. - establishing the businesses 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 128 - 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 129 - 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 130 - 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 needed 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, make streets safer for pedestrians,

bikes, kids, no toll roads, evenly distribute tax dollar spending throughout Charlotte, new bus routes are needed that make sense 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 131 - 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 132 - 0.01% Coverage

More magnet schools

Reference 133 - 0.01% Coverage

Vocational schools needed

Reference 134 - 0.01% Coverage

increase parks and education funding

Reference 135 - 0.05% Coverage

More investment in public transit, specifically to extent to Lake Norman, improve school system (his children are in a charter school)

Reference 136 - 0.05% Coverage

More public transportation Connect UNCC more to Uptown Use UNCC as a resource more Rent in downtown is too high More education

Reference 137 - 0.01% Coverage

More money towards the school system.

Reference 138 - 0.01% Coverage

Schools.

Reference 139 - 0.07% Coverage

Improve the bus system. Keep focusing on schools and education, McClintock and Oakhurst are doing so much better these days, and we need to work to bring other schools up too.

Reference 140 - 0.01% Coverage

Better schools, de - segregate areas.

Reference 141 - 0.01% Coverage

better school system

Reference 142 - 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 143 - 0.01% Coverage

Traffic School improvements

Reference 144 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 145 - 0.04% Coverage

ROADS, ROADS, ROADS. Much improvement needed. School system needs a lot of help to stabilize and improve.

Reference 146 - 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 147 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 148 - 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 149 - 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 150 - 0.02% Coverage

Better/safer schools Safer areas to play Better drivers

Reference 151 - 0.01% Coverage

roads traffic schools

Reference 152 - 0.02% Coverage

Re-districting the schools, but could be good or bad.

Reference 153 - 0.02% Coverage

more money for teachers and wants better schools

Reference 154 - 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 155 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 156 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 157 - 0.03% Coverage

1. Improve general education of schools 2. Improve pedestrian access

Reference 158 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 159 - 0.01% Coverage

Better education, and more parks

Reference 160 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 161 - 0.01% Coverage

Make the school system better

Reference 162 - 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 163 - 0.05% Coverage

schools, homelessness should be addressed, low income, need to see politicians more - not just during election time

Reference 164 - 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 165 - 0.04% Coverage

Need a revamping of the roads, traffic, better schools, more neighborhood crime watch

Reference 166 - 0.02% Coverage

Better public transit system, and better schools

Reference 167 - 0.07% Coverage

We need better schools and better roads. We don't want to be Atlanta. We don't want to keep growing so fast. We need people to stop coming here until we can handle the growth.

Reference 168 - 0.03% Coverage

More public transportation Desegregated schools Unisex bathrooms

Reference 169 - 0.02% Coverage

More transit/light rail. School assignments for diversity

Reference 170 - 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 171 - 0.01% Coverage

public school system

Reference 172 - 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 173 - 0.03% Coverage

don't have toll lanes improve schools more diverse high school sports (bowling)

Reference 174 - 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 175 - 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 176 - 0.03% Coverage

Education system; more expanded transportation system; larger skyline

Reference 177 - 0.16% Coverage

Charlotte needs better schools. Also there should be more city buses and more stops. Would like to see even more activities that gets people together. Use social media to promote what you want citizens to know. Advertise getting people to sign up for social media with the public relations department of the city and then seek out things to promote what brings people together. Arts, parks, recreation.

Reference 178 - 0.04% Coverage

We need to improve traffic. The schools are historically poor. The crime rate is significant. Having.

Reference 179 - 0.05% Coverage

Build on strong schools; Eradicate homelessness; Welcome & integrate immigrants; Improve affordable housing for residents

Reference 180 - 0.09% Coverage

public schools need to use more "classical" style curriculums/education and have more programs to facilitate community and family involvement, e. g., have families plant trees to enhance city aesthetically and enhance community.

Reference 181 - 0.05% Coverage

More sidewalks/walkability, more local recreation centers close by, nature preserves, parks, recreational programs, reopen library branches

Reference 182 - 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 performs now, support local, small business entrepreneurs, improve schools and teacher pay, and student assignment plans

Reference 183 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 184 - 0.04% Coverage

Rail to airport, road improvements, fix potholes, need a medical school, and'ore higher education in Charlotte

Reference 185 - 0.08% Coverage

Support the schools and the children in the schools. The children are our future. Parents, teachers, children all pulling together. (Church, Community organizations, businesses should support schools)

Reference 186 - 0.03% Coverage

Improve school district lines, safety is a concern for her children

Reference 187 - 0.03% Coverage

Stop spending money on the streetcar and spend that money on CMS instead.

Reference 188 - 0.11% Coverage

It would be outstanding if more people donated to Blumenthal so that Blumenthal could do more to reach children through the Community School of the Arts. CMS should offer more performing arts opportunities in the form of summer camps, field trips, after school programs, etc.

Reference 189 - 0.05% Coverage

Mass transit. She could not wait for the light rail to be complete. She has 2 young kids and said that the schools could be better.

Reference 190 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 191 - 0.02% Coverage

Better schools, more neighborhood involvement opportunities.

Reference 192 - 0.11% Coverage

Need to pay more attention to growing social capital and the arts; Growth shouldn't just be about the bottom line. It should be about creativity and expression; Improve the biking culture; Offer public services for building "soft skills" in children - important for social mobility

Reference 193 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 194 - 0.07% Coverage

The CMS board should spend more time and energy on helping children where they are instead of proposing to redraw boundary lines or to bus students to better schools.

Reference 195 - 0.08% Coverage

We need to stop this nonsense discussion about busing children from lower performing schools to better performing schools, or vice versa. This approach failed in the past and will fail again if implemented here.

Reference 196 - 0.03% Coverage

neighborhood schools, more sidewalks, better transit, less construction

Reference 197 - 0.06% Coverage

Expansion of the transportation system such as the light rail for residents that live further out of the City. More equitable schools and affordable housing

Reference 198 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 199 - 0.15% Coverage

Improvements to mass transit are needed. Need to work on the educational system especially in areas with poverty so the kids can look forward to the future. Increase the options for youth to hang out in a positive environment (parks are good, but something like central park). Increase leisure parks that include benches so people can gather, interact, and people watch.

Reference 200 - 0.03% Coverage

More community involvement in schools. Make uptown parks more grand, less sterile.

Reference 201 - 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 202 - 0.01% Coverage

school system needs more money

Reference 203 - 0.03% Coverage

Transportation options, roads and congestion and public school system needs improvement

Reference 204 - 0.05% Coverage

Roads and congestion, public schools need improvement - he worked for private and feels public schools need to step it up

Reference 205 - 0.07% Coverage

Improve Traffic. More support for schools. Don't punish kids at school by sending them home - taht's what they want. Keep kids in school. More support to increase graduation rates.

Reference 206 - 0.01% Coverage

TRAFFIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Reference 207 - 0.08% Coverage

more theatre and other cultural events, improve school system-does not like CMS- says CMS id too rigid and would like to see more creative approaches to teaching children- more experiential learning opportunities

Reference 208 - 0.09% Coverage

Carbon Monoxide alarms in all public places that have a CO source, better public schools and higher ed reputation, healthcare representatives on City / County boards to provide a culture of health perspective to planning

Reference 209 - 0.01% Coverage

Driver education.

Reference 210 - 0.19% Coverage

Improvement to education system is needed. Educated people / hi-tech industry difficult to attract to Charlotte with poor schools. More bike lanes, does not own bike, loves rental bikes. Would be nice to

have Discovery place akin to one in Huntersville further south. Better storm water services - continued infill (re)development not being overseen from storm water perspective. Airport not set up for people awaiting guests, would be nice to be able to have a meal or drink whilst waiting.

Reference 211 - 0.26% Coverage

- Additional public transit is needed (rail and street car) to help with traffic - Fully integrated communities and schools where people live together in peace - A formal effort, infrastructure or organization is needed that enables neighborhood leaders to meet and get to know one another on a regular basis. This will help community leadership understand the needs in the city, help leaders know how to strengthen their communities, provide opportunities for cross-pollination of innovative ideas, inspire leaders to implement projects. You can't know what's possible if you aren't given a chance to be inspired, and leaders can inspire one another.

Reference 212 - 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 213 - 0.06% Coverage

more sustainability initiative. more bike lanes. more support for schools - these kids are the city's future. more support for alternative transportation

Reference 214 - 0.10% Coverage

Need strong community interaction, such as group pressing on school issues now. Strong education proponent: he and wife are both engineers. Thinks CMS size creates much complexity; wants to discuss restructuring. Very concerned about stability of attendance zones

Reference 215 - 0.10% Coverage

Part of an organized group that came to express concerns over school assignment. Otherwise, road congestion: need good infrastructure. Additional lanes, especially Independence Blvd and Providence Rd; Some areas need to stop crime; need more police stations.

Reference 216 - 0.14% Coverage

Here today to support staying with neighborhood schools. Don't get involved too much with political issues. Traffic: husband has a bad commute to airport area; suggests that local schools team up with disadvantaged schools for reading buddies and festival support. Suggest City departments work better together to help each other with each of their goals.

Reference 217 - 0.11% 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.

Reference 218 - 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 219 - 0.11% Coverage

Greenway expanded south and north, new parks with unique feel compared to other new parks uptown, alcohol distribution laws that allow breweries to expand, no voter ID that hinders voting. More college programs that get more attention and create more of a buzz nationally.

Reference 220 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 221 - 0.09% Coverage

Improved transportation options - more than just roads. Need a variety of improved methods and options. Improvement for schools - they should have the support they need to do they job they need to do in educating our youth

Reference 222 - 0.01% Coverage

improve education, lower crime rate,

Reference 223 - 0.02% Coverage

deal with CMS, no safe venues for youth

Reference 224 - 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 225 - 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 226 - 0.08% Coverage

Better highways. Work on issues at CMS. Expand light rail. CMPD - provide on-going training for officers, especially those who have been on the force for a long time. Have better security around the light rail.

Reference 227 - 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 228 - 0.02% Coverage

more trees schools - pay teachers more

Reference 229 - 0.04% Coverage

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

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Reference 1 - 0.06% Coverage

Growth Control, traffic improvements, more schools

Reference 2 - 0.02% Coverage

Improving schools

Reference 3 - 0.06% Coverage

CMS issues, price of housing stock, traffic issues

Reference 4 - 0.22% Coverage

Government Should listen to the people. Segregation in School system. The cost of living is going up in the City. More interaction between the Citizens and Law Enforcement.

Reference 5 - 0.14% Coverage

More cultural activities CMS, community needs more activities to encourage more young people to stay in school

Reference 6 - 0.15% Coverage

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

Reference 7 - 0.11% Coverage

Improve the school system; more comprehensive education process from pre-k to grade 12

Reference 8 - 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 9 - 0.39% Coverage

Fix the roads, potholes, etc and create a road system so that we can move around the city more quickly
Fix the transit system so that we can move around the City more quickly Provide a bigger variety of housing options Educate the citizens more about what the City has to offer A more variety of housing

Reference 10 - 0.09% Coverage

Starting to get more traffic to the City Schools are getting to big

Reference 11 - 0.18% Coverage

Need to fix roads, potholes Need more options for schools More diverse system of healthcare, more choices when choosing healthcare providers

Reference 12 - 0.05% Coverage

more walkable, better mass transit, schools

Reference 13 - 0.02% Coverage

driver's skills

Reference 14 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 15 - 0.56% Coverage

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

Reference 16 - 0.17% Coverage

We need more school choices for those who would be assigned to an under performing school. Just redrawing the boundary lines isn't enough.

Reference 17 - 0.08% Coverage

organize school system improve traffic - too much congestion

Reference 18 - 0.09% Coverage

school system improve driving raise minimum wage lower apartment rents

Reference 19 - 0.03% Coverage

Schools need to be better

Reference 20 - 0.09% Coverage

Schools (they lag too far behind); Make private school more affordable

Reference 21 - 0.13% Coverage

Add more lanes for traffic Undo the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools recent transgender bathroom rule

Reference 22 - 0.12% Coverage

Improve the school system Better transit More outreach from businesses to serve the community

Reference 23 - 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 24 - 0.10% Coverage

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

Reference 25 - 0.16% Coverage

senior college for courses and travel at UNCC; more sidewalks, More community gardens, more senior travel options, more flowers

Reference 26 - 0.03% Coverage

Improve school system

Reference 27 - 0.10% Coverage

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

Reference 28 - 0.18% Coverage

minimum wage transportation - fix road congestion education public school system
education public transportation in our area road systems

Reference 29 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 30 - 0.05% Coverage

education more advertisements for events

Reference 31 - 0.08% Coverage

better public transportation in our area, education/school system

Reference 32 - 0.13% Coverage

more choices for children's outdoor entertainment (only carowinds - need more fun amusement)
Education

Reference 33 - 0.08% Coverage

Improve the curriculum in the schools and patrol bad neighborhoods.

Reference 34 - 0.09% Coverage

better school system, better funding for kids trying to attend college

Reference 35 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 36 - 0.08% Coverage

better funding for school system and improve transportation options

Reference 37 - 0.08% Coverage

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

Reference 38 - 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 39 - 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 40 - 0.29% Coverage

Improve roads and public transportation, more greenways Funding for schools to accommodate growth careful planning to improve infrastructure More open meetings for City/ County projects
Need light rail from airport to uptown

Reference 41 - 0.02% Coverage

Better schools

Reference 42 - 0.16% Coverage

elementary and middle schools. secure more teachers, get more money into the district programs. have tech. schools available.

Reference 43 - 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 44 - 1.40% Coverage

Transportation – My family lives a few minutes away from the Blue Line extension in the University area and we are looking forward to it opening soon. It would be great to see the line continue up to Concord or for the commuter rail extension to Iredell County to become a reality. School System– My son is too young for us to have a direct relationship with the school system, but everything I hear about the schools near our neighborhood is negative. In particular, our neighborhood is sourced to a ‘D’ rated elementary school in terms of proficiency for state reading and math scores. There must be a way for CMS to provide more resources for schools that aren’t the worst of the worst performers, but are still struggling. More affordable housing – I don’t have data to back this up, but it seems like every neighborhood and apartment project under construction around the city is a “luxury” complex, with homes priced \$300K+ and 1 bedroom apartments starting at \$1,000/month. I have family who work in low-ish paying service industry jobs and these sorts of places are completely out of reach for them.

Reference 45 - 0.29% Coverage

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

Reference 46 - 0.20% Coverage

be more intention about their educational system. socioeconomic class in schools need to be balanced. it's a much healthier environment and it models diversity.

Reference 47 - 0.05% Coverage

create more charter schools in Mecklenburg

Reference 48 - 0.12% Coverage

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

Reference 49 - 0.19% Coverage

Expand light rail. Pay attention to the condition of our city water system and the condition of our roads. Offer more support to our school system.

Reference 50 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 51 - 0.34% Coverage

Need better communication between the County Commission, City Council and the School Board. They must work together to improve our schools. (Of course, this is a state problem, also.) Increase funding for law enforcement to allow for proper coverage of an ever-growing city.

Reference 52 - 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 53 - 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 54 - 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 55 - 0.05% Coverage

Improve roads, infrastructure, schools

Reference 56 - 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 57 - 0.09% Coverage

improved schools, more diversity, better low income housing options

Reference 58 - 0.06% Coverage

Schools, roads, how we treat others - diversity

Reference 59 - 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 60 - 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 61 - 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 62 - 0.08% Coverage

More affordable housing Need to improve the school system

Reference 63 - 0.04% Coverage

Reduce taxes Fix the school system

Reference 64 - 0.37% Coverage

Uniforms are needed in all schools to remove the "class" stigma and address the sloppy, classless way our youth are dressing to go to school. This would remove a lot of problems created in school and would help students to see each other the same way instead of as the have's and have not's.

Reference 65 - 0.08% Coverage

Better public school structure/management and better mass transit

Reference 66 - 1.14% Coverage

Our youth in poverty need a resource center where they can go to learn things from mentors they are not learning in school or at home and they need a way to get there like free bus rides to and from the resource center. They will teach things like how to dress properly to attract the right attention and where they can go to get free clothing for job interviews or just for school. How to apply for college, scholarships, how to find a job, help them prepare a resume, show them how to cook a meal, how to find free food if they are not getting enough at home or school, how to handle money once they get a job, how important saving money is and how to do it, how to find a place to live, how to feel safe, how to trust a police officer in their neighborhood, how to stay out of trouble, how to recognize when you're being used and how to get yourself out of a situation. How and who to ask for help.

Reference 67 - 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 bid 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 68 - 0.09% Coverage

More public transportation. Need a zoo. Must work on the education system

Reference 69 - 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 70 - 0.26% Coverage

Fix traffic issues specifically on 77 & 85 Create more affordable housing Improve and increase resources to at-risk students. Assign mentors to at-risk students to help them get on grade level with

reading

Reference 71 - 0.24% Coverage

Connectivity: (Including - Transportation, technology, university system, all education systems, and neighborhoods). Connectivity is Key to big city and keeping the neighborhood community

Reference 72 - 0.17% Coverage

Would like to see the schools improved. Mecklenburg Schools received less % taxes than other major counties. Schools need more resources.

Reference 73 - 0.02% Coverage

traffic, schools

Reference 74 - 0.19% Coverage

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

Reference 75 - 0.08% Coverage

Bring more colleges into town, especially for working adults

Reference 76 - 0.25% Coverage

Improve diversity - in the schools. ESL (English as 2nd Language) program was isolated and students not accepted at Myers Park HS. Even the ESL Teachers didn't feel included with the other teachers

Reference 77 - 0.15% Coverage

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

Reference 78 - 0.22% Coverage

expanding bike share and bike area not just uptown, more city activities in poor area, expansion of light rail, bring college/academic/research presence convenient to uptown

Reference 79 - 0.08% Coverage

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

Reference 80 - 0.10% Coverage

an equitable public education system - provides same opportunities for everyone

Reference 81 - 0.14% Coverage

Moved out of the area because of the schools Divide schools into different systems so they're better managed

Reference 82 - 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 83 - 0.13% Coverage

Have heard that other CMS schools aren't so great Doesn't love redistricting Traffic during rush hour

Reference 84 - 0.14% Coverage

Road construction process needs to be quicker. Make sure schools aren't overcrowded. Relieve road congestion.

Reference 85 - 0.18% Coverage

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

Reference 86 - 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 87 - 0.03% Coverage

more charter schools