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Reference 1 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 2 - 0.06% Coverage

more family friendly uptown activities at night continue UNCC light rail further north every little city/town within charlotte is so spread out.

Reference 3 - 0.06% Coverage

anything to do with outside activities.. love being outside since from north there was not alot of pretty weather as here so want to be outside as much as possible

Reference 4 - 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 5 - 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 6 - 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 7 - 0.09% Coverage

Would like to see the roads improved by reducing the quantity of pot holes Would appreciate more engagement and transparency from local government communicating in layman terms exactly where the tax payers money is being spent.

Reference 8 - 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 9 - 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 10 - 0.06% Coverage

More family activities are needed, more concerts in the parks like at Romare Bearden, more pedestrian friendly activities so people can walk to them.

Reference 11 - 0.04% Coverage

The city is culturally diverse, but we need events like Open Streets that bring people together.

Reference 12 - 0.06% Coverage

Charlotte Independence soccer team currently play at Ramblewood, but should move to Memorial Stadium. Plans for this stadium have fallen off the radar.

Reference 13 - 0.04% Coverage

work to speed up google fiber in Charlotte; better maintenance of streets (condition of streets)

Reference 14 - 0.07% Coverage

Need more to do in uptown, such as a breakfast restaurant. Uptown is catered to the week day workers, not weekenders. Great bars and restaurants on weekend but need more options that that.

Reference 15 - 0.11% Coverage

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

Reference 16 - 0.09% Coverage

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

Reference 17 - 0.06% Coverage

it's not safe to bike in Charlotte - even in Myers park on big, wide streets. Make more bike lanes. City or county - build public clay tennis courts.

Reference 18 - 0.03% Coverage

Build a skating ranch. (for in-line skating). Charlotte needs one!

Reference 19 - 0.07% Coverage

Have more events like Open Streets! More cultural events and things to do. Need a generalized list of things to do in one big list. Not lots of different websites.

Reference 20 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 21 - 0.03% Coverage

Belk Theater only brings musicals, needs to look at more drama type plays

Reference 22 - 0.09% Coverage

Soccer at Memorial Stadium. More events like Open Streets that create buzz. Planning and zoning so that families can stay close to town and don't have to move to the periphery to find a family-appropriate house

Reference 23 - 0.15% Coverage

Easier access for artists to perform uptown or at events. Less red tape for artists. The corporate community, though they fund art in some cases, also want to sanitize it. Interviewee wants folks to realize that the community will benefit from good, authentic art. Also, thinks the different types of artists need to band together (and stick together) better than they have been.

Reference 24 - 0.06% Coverage

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Reference 25 - 0.06% Coverage

Political improvements are needed, it's sad to see people pulling out of events (i.e. HB2) and that creates a ripple effect that hurts everyone.

Reference 26 - 0.06% Coverage

Better information to know what events are happening around the city and provide ways to get to & from these events (CATS buses don't run late enough on weekends).

Reference 27 - 0.02% Coverage

More activities for Hispanics. More bilingual information.

Reference 28 - 0.04% Coverage

More affordable housing programs subsidized by the city. City sponsored events to support sports teams.

Reference 29 - 0.06% Coverage

City needs a total reset of leadership. The current group is far too liberal and will ruin the city if they remain on their present course.

Reference 30 - 0.01% Coverage

More arts and entertainment

Reference 31 - 0.08% Coverage

More maps in uptown to help navigate, maybe add to streetcar shelters or have paper maps available. Water stations in uptown/like rest stops with vitamin a water machines. More parks and sitting areas.

Reference 32 - 0.02% Coverage

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

Reference 33 - 0.01% Coverage

Would like to see more concerts

Reference 34 - 0.07% Coverage

elect better elected officials develop additional economic opportunities in various neighborhoods, which may not have the current opportunities as other neighborhoods currently have

Reference 35 - 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 36 - 0.08% Coverage

- Weekday is different from weekends in uptown - Tourists are limited on their opportunities - More restaurant options on the weekends - Lots of growing pains - Traffic sucks - Public transportation

Reference 37 - 0.05% Coverage

traffic; I-77 traffic is especially bad; need more family-friendly activities, or more publicity of family activities

Reference 38 - 0.05% Coverage

-improve relationship/cooperation with state government - improve the road naming conventions (no more Sharon Rd. variations) -

Reference 39 - 0.10% Coverage

Culture - more events - especially for younger children and teenagers. Like How NO DA has been revamped - do the same in other older neighborhoods. Housing being rebuilt in uptown - want to see that continue - starting to look like a big city.

Reference 40 - 0.02% Coverage

More activities directed towards the youth

Reference 41 - 0.01% Coverage

stop spending money on light rail

Reference 42 - 0.02% Coverage

more educational things, for example aquarium

Reference 43 - 0.01% Coverage

More opportunity for the youth

Reference 44 - 0.10% Coverage

We need more sidewalks and walking trails. This would encourage residents to walk to work or to the store or for exercise. More walking equals improved health of residents and the environment. More community activities to involve residents and unite neighborhoods.

Reference 45 - 0.02% Coverage

more things for youth to do...kids get bored

Reference 46 - 0.08% Coverage

city officials should communicate more in person in the community; have neighborhood presidents to meet council and mayor on regular basis; more input from residents how things should be drawn up in schools

Reference 47 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 48 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 49 - 0.04% Coverage

-I wish everything wasn't located Uptown & that attractions were more spread out through out the City.

Reference 50 - 0.06% Coverage

try to improve traffic issues; provide (and advertise) more family friendly events in uptown - a lot of events seem to revolve around drinking

Reference 51 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 52 - 0.09% Coverage

Concerned about the younger generation and their individual focus. They are focused on their ideas but they don't value lessons learned from previous generations. He'd like to see more events to pull these generations together.

Reference 53 - 0.05% Coverage

more directions, better maps (was working on a treasure hunt for school and had to navigate uptown), better transit.

Reference 54 - 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 55 - 0.06% Coverage

Encourage development of activity centers dispersed throughout the City; avoid packing too much into the center city. Continue development of transit.

Reference 56 - 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 57 - 0.03% Coverage

more HOV lanes; more jazz events; more police presence on West Sugar Creek

Reference 58 - 0.01% Coverage

more restaurants to stay open late

Reference 59 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 60 - 0.02% Coverage

More harmony in schools and government,

Reference 61 - 0.06% Coverage

More police and youth programs to help with crime, improve infrastructure with growth with a focus on bike lanes and walk ability to be more user friendly

Reference 62 - 0.20% Coverage

Install erasable blackboards/whiteboards in public locations on the weekends where people gather... like uptown festivals/events or parks and encourage citizens to write their ideas to improve the city and/or the city could create a different theme for each new endeavor the city needs citizen feedback (keeping feedback clean and constructive please). Whomever removes the boards could take pictures of the board and send them to a designated person at the city who will share the ideas with the city.

Reference 63 - 0.12% Coverage

Utilize the airport more to engage visitors. Sometimes people are just there for lay-over, but have Mayor or other citizens/personalities broadcast messages over sound system or along corridors with posters - encourage them to come BACK to Charlotte for a visit. Share how much there is to do here.

Reference 64 - 0.05% Coverage

Uptown more of a focal point More things to do Uptown (more restaurants, more bars, more eclectic, more interesting)

Reference 65 - 0.02% Coverage

needs a zoo, most all metropolitan areas have zoos

Reference 66 - 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 67 - 0.02% Coverage

Support of local artists/businesses. Update the laws

Reference 68 - 0.17% Coverage

Stop spending money on foolish things like street cars and HOV lanes that no one uses and start moving traffic, especially 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 69 - 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 70 - 0.07% Coverage

improve law enforcement in regards to enforcing the laws. better judges and system to lock them up and keep them locked up if law breakers versus letting them right out.

Reference 71 - 0.04% Coverage

more arts and craft festivals - wants to have one to go to every weekend! All types of festivals are good.

Reference 72 - 0.02% Coverage

more social gathering activities in the Uptown area.

Reference 73 - 0.04% Coverage

She would like more social events for single parents, she said she may even start a group herself

Reference 74 - 0.02% Coverage

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

Reference 75 - 0.03% Coverage

less secrets and more transparencies, better advertisement concerning the arts

Reference 76 - 0.03% Coverage

get rid of our governor, remove him from the Charlotte area all together

Reference 77 - 0.03% Coverage

Need more fun places - affordable. (Indoor & Outdoor activities)

Reference 78 - 0.03% Coverage

need more fun places with affordable activities (indoor and outdoor activities)

Reference 79 - 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 80 - 0.07% Coverage

Spend \$\$ on something other than Street Car - Put light rail and increase mass transit. Too many cars on the road. But don't care for the tracks in the road for street car.

Reference 81 - 0.07% Coverage

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

Reference 82 - 0.04% Coverage

Need more activities and more variety of activities, such as weekend festivals and events.

Reference 83 - 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 84 - 0.05% Coverage

Improve streets and street lights/traffic signals. Traffic system seems outdated. Reduce crime. More access to youth activities.

Reference 85 - 0.05% Coverage

Charlotte is family-friendly, but it would be nice to have more things to do with kids in the area. There are restaurants, but not enough.

Reference 86 - 0.03% Coverage

More community projects and more opportunity for people to volunteer.

Reference 87 - 0.07% Coverage

More art events. More things to do that don't involve partying. More family friendly events. And more publicity when they have these events to everyone is aware of them.

Reference 88 - 0.05% Coverage

Work on traffic issues. Work on crime issues. Encourage more outdoor events (and make sure that there is police presence at the events).

Reference 89 - 0.03% Coverage

Need places for children to go and play, rec centers, parks, green spaces.

Reference 90 - 0.01% Coverage

More activities

Reference 91 - 0.06% 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.

Reference 92 - 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 93 - 0.07% Coverage

As someone new to Charlotte, better signage would be helpful. Things are spread out throughout Charlotte so visitors or new residents don't see all that Charlotte has to offer.

Reference 94 - 0.01% Coverage

more places to see or do

Reference 95 - 0.06% Coverage

more lower income housing, people cant afford the expensive condos Find something for those young boys to do instead of breaking into houses

Reference 96 - 0.05% Coverage

more police- out in the open not in some building , more visible. More centers for the kids to go inste4ad of the streets

Reference 97 - 0.02% Coverage

roads, have city council respect the peoples decision/voting

Reference 98 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 99 - 0.02% Coverage

Improve the traffic More entertainment for her age range

Reference 100 - 0.01% Coverage

More entertainment

Reference 101 - 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 102 - 0.13% Coverage

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 103 - 0.09% Coverage

Says he has no problems with the law, does not know what problems there are; maybe night clubs and bars should stay open later. Mentioned need to keep your pistol on you; everybody has guns and you need to protect yourself.

Reference 104 - 0.03% Coverage

more entertainment so don't have to leave charlotte to do some fun stuff

Reference 105 - 0.06% Coverage

finish road construction, add light rail east, west, north and south, elect legitimate mayor like Foxx - someone who isn't part time and is a good politician.

Reference 106 - 0.07% Coverage

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

Reference 107 - 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 108 - 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 109 - 0.04% Coverage

More frank and direct conversations between the corporate community and the nonprofit community

Reference 110 - 0.03% Coverage

Doesn't like traffic and isn't sure Charlotte has a lot going on

Reference 111 - 0.07% Coverage

Better citywide transportation and cleaning up the transportation center area downtown. More reasonably priced real estate in prime areas. More waterfront activities.

Reference 112 - 0.03% Coverage

More roads, street lights, more options and things to do on weekends.

Reference 113 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 114 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 115 - 0.21% Coverage

We need more soccer which will help us to attract even more young people and those born outside the US. That means more youth soccer programming and facilities. We need to continue to attract foreign matches every summer. And, we need to figure out how to fund a professional soccer facility that will help us to land an MLS franchise. We need to find ways to fund the buildout of our transit/land use vision. We need to be aggressive in adding additional highway capacity to major roads and providing alternatives to congestion.

Reference 116 - 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 117 - 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 118 - 0.10% Coverage

Continue to elect good people to office. Take civic responsibility seriously. Need to realize, Charlotte isn't great because of good fortune, people worked hard to create a great city. We need to remember this and tend it, or we will lose it.

Reference 119 - 0.03% Coverage

Bus fare needs to go back down. Need to improve the justice system (harassment, etc.)

Reference 120 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 121 - 0.01% Coverage

More outreach

Reference 122 - 0.02% Coverage

faster internet, more integrated neighborhoods

Reference 123 - 0.08% Coverage

Availability of affordable housing Development brings higher rents Public transportation Wants people to stop talking about Charlotte natives like they're not here or not take their opinions into account

Reference 124 - 0.04% Coverage

Bring backs Charlotte 'Spring Festival' or other city wide festivals to celebrate the city and its people

Reference 125 - 0.04% Coverage

More large parks like Freedom Park and Park Road Park. More accessible art (like Shakespeare in the Park, etc.)

Reference 126 - 0.15% Coverage

Charlotte Observer to stop throwing papers in the street. Makes neighborhood look bad, gets wet and should be recycled. Bulky Item collections needs to be scheduled and furniture not just sitting on the street. Department representatives should be more involved with Community Meetings and HOA's. City of Charlotte should implement the rules that they set, much better.

Reference 127 - 0.05% Coverage

Native born Charlotte people begin again to speak up about what is happening around Charlotte - get involved once again.

Reference 128 - 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 129 - 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 130 - 0.43% Coverage

1. Grow the Lynx light rail faster by requiring new and existing businesses to help offset the cost for faster light rail expansion (economic development) with grant money (not taxes) in exchange for the incentives we already provide them. Be innovative in reaching out to the public to fund it faster. Also approach local colleges about making ridership of the LYNX part of the students tuition. Especially

consider asking the big banks currently here up for grants (they have a lot of money!) and employ a lot of employees who benefit from light rail. 2. Provide incentives to the public to use public transportation (CATS). e.g. 10 rides gets you 1 free ride. (you actually have to ride not just pay for the ride to get the 1 free ride). Make the buses more appealing to attain better ridership, make people feel safer on the bus. 3. Relocate Nascar Hall of Fame to the edge of Mecklenburg County closest to the Speedway or to Concord or form a coalition with Cabarrus County for funding the relocation and sharing in the success. The HOF needs to be where the Speedway people will come!

Reference 131 - 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 132 - 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 revitatlization and new growth.

Reference 133 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 134 - 0.01% Coverage

More to do around town

Reference 135 - 0.11% Coverage

More events - fairs and festivals. Moved from Alabama - they have a fair and its free and a great place to go with your family. Water parks with lights was a good attraction in St. Louis too. They would hold movie nights at the water park and it gave lots of options for people to do.

Reference 136 - 0.11% Coverage

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

Reference 137 - 0.20% Coverage

Encourage colleges and students to interact more with each other and their neighbors and with government. Students need to envision how they could play a role and work in city government. Need more outlets that encourage families to gather and mingle and meet different people (not just people like them). Everything is seperated and you don't get to meet new people because everything you need is in your neighborhood. People need to expand their social group and that helps expand their minds.

Reference 138 - 0.01% Coverage

better internet service

Reference 139 - 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 140 - 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 141 - 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 142 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 143 - 0.02% Coverage

More community engagement & improvement

Reference 144 - 0.04% Coverage

Better music scene - more small music oriented bars and clubs that have music playing throughout the week

Reference 145 - 0.06% Coverage

There should be more ways for young people to meet each other. Charlotte is too much of a formal

banker town. It's ok to be messy sometimes.

Reference 146 - 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 147 - 0.02% Coverage

Stop spending money on the streetcar trolley.

Reference 148 - 0.01% Coverage

google fiber

Reference 149 - 0.03% Coverage

More services for the homeless, to help people take care of themselves.

Reference 150 - 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 151 - 0.12% Coverage

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

Reference 152 - 0.07% Coverage

She thinks the City needs to do much much more to improve the arts and to make the arts more accessible, and less expensive. She would like to see public transit improved.

Reference 153 - 0.08% Coverage

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

Reference 154 - 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 155 - 0.02% Coverage

Better trail system. More entertainment.

Reference 156 - 0.10% Coverage

Crime bad, police sometimes overly aggressive, but also notes that shootings in neighborhood have gotten much less. Traffic: shutting down too many streets all at once for construction/not planned well. People in politics; don't trust city leaders.

Reference 157 - 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 158 - 0.06% Coverage

More visibility for events. Often they hear about events after they have passed and there isn't a central way to know about what's happening across Charlotte

Reference 159 - 0.03% Coverage

More Latin cultural events and acknowledgement of the hispanic community

Reference 160 - 0.02% Coverage

More opportunities for young people to keep them out of trouble

Reference 161 - 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 162 - 0.03% Coverage

I would like to see more concerts and sporting events come to Charlotte.

Reference 163 - 0.12% Coverage

Too many political agendas pitched but no true change. Project Lift for example sounds good, but there's no real action to create change. We don't need events planned by others, we need opportunities for action and engagement. Millennials want to be part of it and make it part of their story.

Reference 164 - 0.02% Coverage

Not enough attractions; More family-friendly activities

Reference 165 - 0.13% Coverage

He'd like to see more free, public events or events that bring in people from out of town. He liked the big Soccer Game that was hosted in Charlotte this past summer and would like to see more of that. It's good for community and promotes tourism. He wants to see the roads improved. Traffic is bad and he would like to see this improved.

Reference 166 - 0.03% Coverage

We need more cultural events for older adults , like Jazz. Make it easy to find.

Reference 167 - 0.08% Coverage

Need to improve the highway infrastructure. Charlotte tends to build before the roads are put in. Would like to see the city ask for citizens input (like this) and have more townhall meetings.

Reference 168 - 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 169 - 0.06% Coverage

Killings and shootings. Lives in Grier Heights. Kids don't have anything to do, need a pool and/or events. It is all about the kids and the next generation.

Reference 170 - 0.03% Coverage

more entertainment would be nice and more businesses/skyscrapers

Reference 171 - 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 172 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 173 - 0.02% Coverage

Advertise the events more. Have more security at the parks.

Reference 174 - 0.04% Coverage

Introduce more diversity events, or advertise them better. Charlotte is a great melting pot.

Reference 175 - 0.04% Coverage

Have more events, or better advertising. More playgrounds at the parks/green ways for children.

Reference 176 - 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 177 - 0.06% Coverage

More arts programs that appeal to broader audience. He likes museums but suggested smaller, more intimate venues. and better promotion of theater and gallery shows.

Reference 178 - 0.39% Coverage

Less medians, better traffic control, more left turn lanes, there are too many areas in Charlotte where someone turning left results in traffic being backed up for very long distances. Also, where there are left turn lanes and signals, sometime it takes several cycles to actually make a left turn. Traffic controls need to be better managed so this doesn't happen. Also, a lot of neighborhoods are dark at night and do not feel very safe due to lack of street lighting. There are also not enough sidewalks, not very pedestrian friendly. There is also a concern about the transparency of City government, with the example being given of the Panther's stadium negotiations which seemed to be carried on behind closed doors without informing the public or including the public in these decisions. Also, the street car was a big waste of money and there are so many other more important priorities that this money could have been spent on (teacher salaries, schools, etc.)

Reference 179 - 0.09% Coverage

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

Reference 180 - 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 181 - 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 182 - 0.03% Coverage

more activities, improve sports, more team sports, more recreational activities

Reference 183 - 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 184 - 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 185 - 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 186 - 0.08% Coverage

More night life, more bars, clubs, theatres, just more things to do after midnight. More music venues. More and bigger places will bring more music acts which will help bring more tourists and money into Charlotte.

Reference 187 - 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 188 - 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 a 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 189 - 0.01% Coverage

More activities for senior citizens

Reference 190 - 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 191 - 0.06% Coverage

Better/more public transportation, live music culture needs more focus, affordable housing for middle class in uptown neighborhoods without gentrification

Reference 192 - 0.06% Coverage

A stronger sense of community, it is too segmented right now. Too much gentrification in neighborhoods that are losing residents that are low-income.

Reference 193 - 0.07% Coverage

More lanes on the highway - it is way too crowded. Better roads and more highways for easier traveling. She would like more networking opportunities for people to meet each other.

Reference 194 - 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 195 - 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 196 - 0.03% Coverage

Expansion of arts and culture, pocket neighborhoods such as NoDa and Plaza Midwood.

Reference 197 - 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 198 - 0.04% Coverage

would like to see more activities in Charlotte for active lifestyles, more greenways and parks mostly

Reference 199 - 0.03% Coverage

more social places, stronger community (creating feeling of better place to live)

Reference 200 - 0.04% Coverage

She would like to see more family friendly activities throughout the year, especially in the winter.

Reference 201 - 0.02% Coverage

More Police presence and more opportunities for children

Reference 202 - 0.02% Coverage

TRAFFIC and NOTIFICATION OF WHAT IS GOING ON

Reference 203 - 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 204 - 0.05% Coverage

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

its citizens.

Reference 205 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 206 - 0.11% Coverage

Make it easier to get places on the bus and improve the bus-riding experience - have to do multiple transfers to get from one place to another and not very pleasant to sit and wait at most bus stops - also, wants Charlotte to have more things for kids to do and make them easier to get to

Reference 207 - 0.04% Coverage

traffic conjection needs to be improved, and more and more things to do for families (e.g. Discovery Zone)

Reference 208 - 0.09% Coverage

Infrastructure - hard to get downtown or back to interstate (ie after football games) Lack of diversity and communication about community events Public golf courses could be better Save the trees - we knock down too many

Reference 209 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 210 - 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 211 - 0.03% Coverage

More family-oriented fun events and restaurants uptown. Less Bar Crawls.

Reference 212 - 0.02% Coverage

Add more arts programs (nonprofit or in education).

Reference 213 - 0.03% Coverage

more fan base for sports teams, rally! helps with a city identity

Reference 214 - 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 215 - 0.07% Coverage

Stop spending money on the wrong things like toll lanes and the street car. Traffic for motorists is not good, especially if you're community to/from Davidson and/or South Charlotte

Reference 216 - 0.04% Coverage

more entertainment options for baby boomers (50-65 years old) - other than restaurants for older residents

Reference 217 - 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 218 - 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 219 - 0.04% Coverage

Elected officials working better together across jurisdictional lines, specifically State, County, and City.

Reference 220 - 0.03% Coverage

Stop using public funds for private (corporate) deals (ex. Panther Stadium upgrades)

Reference 221 - 0.01% Coverage

More recreation within the city

Reference 222 - 0.03% Coverage

find leadership like there was in the '90s. There are no corporate leaders anymore

Reference 223 - 0.03% Coverage

better road system traffic awful, city events need to be promoted more banners etc.

Reference 224 - 0.09% Coverage

Less government, there's too much beauracracy. more PRIVATE SECTOR! Police, Fire, road repair, yes but no stormwater or neighborhood development. She was frustrated that she had to register an investment property in Myers Park

Reference 225 - 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 226 - 0.02% Coverage

More activities for families and children

Reference 227 - 0.07% Coverage

More broad conversations happening at the neighborhood level; more community policing to improve safety; free internet for seniors from google fiber to keep them connected and active

Reference 228 - 0.04% Coverage

Road organization can be improved. More youth programs and activities to keep them occupied.

Reference 229 - 0.03% Coverage

diversity more things to do more cultural experiences outside of food

Reference 230 - 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 231 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 232 - 0.03% Coverage

More cultural activities. More public transportation. More free/low cost activities.

Reference 233 - 0.07% Coverage

More citizen input on projects (constituent has spoken at several city council meetings & he has felt ignored because members are checking their emails, etc. while he was speaking)

Reference 234 - 0.08% Coverage

Better representatives for the taxpayers as taxes have far exceeded the services. The turn lane from Queens to Providence does not have enough staking room. And the light timing is too short.

Reference 235 - 0.10% Coverage

Light rail expansion, more public transit, better access to Plaza Midwood through public transit, more music, better night life, breweries uptown rather than only in Noda and Southend. Most of the cool stuff to do is in the neighborhoods and not uptown.

Reference 236 - 0.04% Coverage

Sidewalks (too many people walking in the road); Laws to stop boys/men from wearing pants below the waist

Reference 237 - 0.01% Coverage

more teen outreach and activities

Reference 238 - 0.02% Coverage

bring a major league baseball team to Charlotte

Reference 239 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 240 - 0.07% Coverage

More places to hang out beyond movies and parks, for the under 21 and non-drinking crowd, where you don't feel like you have to buy something and that is not a bar. More greenspace/parks.

Reference 241 - 0.33% Coverage

More parking at the Plaza Teeter! More parks - they don't have to be elaborate, just trees, grass and some benches will do. More parking options downtown for visitors. She has been towed twice while babysitting downtown as she tried to avoid walking long distances at night (unsafe). With all these condos being built everywhere, this problem will get worse. Signs need to be posted at greater distances from roadway construction/closures. Sometimes downtown motorists don't know that a road is closed until it is too late to turn. Publish timetables for freight trains in the area to make it easier for residents to avoid delays due to slow train crossings major streets. City is growing too fast for resources it has. More lighted parks are needed for recreational sports leagues - Charlotte has a healthy, active population.

Reference 242 - 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 243 - 0.15% Coverage

City needs to do a better job of engaging its youth, and it needs to be faith based. The effort would help address things like gang problems, high school drop outs. The effort might need people to be licensed youth coordinators for outreach and interventions. Maybe something akin to Boys and Girls Club of America - maybe they need to be promoted by City government in Charlotte.

Reference 244 - 0.04% Coverage

More urban night life, restaurants that aren't bars staying open past 10pm with live music, etc.

Reference 245 - 0.02% Coverage

More large parks with tennis courts, disc golf, etc.

Reference 246 - 0.04% Coverage

More public exposure to who is in the management positions within the City and County, also City Council.

Reference 247 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 248 - 0.02% Coverage

Need more cultural events for older adults , make it easy.

Reference 249 - 0.16% Coverage

need to improve ability of disparate groups to communicate more; Help advocate and mobilize groups; too much creative and tech attrition; it is too risk adverse here and that makes it hard on entrepreneurs; fix the transportation system-- it is nonsensical and not connected, big pockets of no service; need to look at multiple issues together and how they are linked instead of one thing at a time

Reference 250 - 0.02% Coverage

More areas to get wifi in the city downtown area

Reference 251 - 0.02% Coverage

Have more concerts and bring more artist to charlotte.

Reference 252 - 0.06% Coverage

Better promotion of activities for sober millennials, building bike lanes on secondary roads that would connect to uptown, better parking uptown

Reference 253 - 0.02% Coverage

Create more artistic areas in underdeveloped neighborhoods.

Reference 254 - 0.10% Coverage

Free skateboard parks for the community. "Charlotte owns vacant lots and people are willing to donate." Paid skate parks are outdated and don't fit everyone's skill set. Regulated parking for citizens not attending events but work uptown and need to park.

Reference 255 - 0.05% Coverage

we need to get a good mayor in office - they are hoping the new mayor can do something good and make good decisions for charlotte

Reference 256 - 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 257 - 0.08% Coverage

He supports a charity through Microsoft where they take care of abandoned children. He would like to see more contribution to other people and more infrastructure to support children who have been abandoned

Reference 258 - 0.02% Coverage

have residents more involved during budget time

Reference 259 - 0.06% Coverage

-No toll roads -continue to invest in airport -diversify entertainment base to include more concerts, arts festivals and not just sports -

Reference 260 - 0.01% Coverage

More city wide events

Reference 261 - 0.08% Coverage

- as a foreigner it was hard to find simple things-- there needs to be a Charlotte for Dummies book or guide for newcomers: how things work, form of government, southern slang guide, tabu's etc.

Reference 262 - 0.08% Coverage

walkability, improve pedestrian knowledge of how to correctly cross a street, use the sidewalk vs. walking in the street, etc., increase outdoor activities for citizens, expand the light rail throughout the city

Reference 263 - 0.06% Coverage

More community based programs that allow interaction between those who would not normally interact. Programs that cross, age, race and gender boundaries

Reference 264 - 0.05% Coverage

Accountability in government, common sense in laws/regulation enforcement, run government how you would run your house

Reference 265 - 0.08% Coverage

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

Reference 266 - 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 267 - 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 268 - 0.07% Coverage

Residents need to be more active in their communities. For example, she and her family were concerned about litter in their neighborhood so they subsequently adopted a City street.

Reference 269 - 0.02% Coverage

more and better transit, should be free internet

Reference 270 - 0.03% Coverage

traffic infrastructure for transportation, need more family friendly events

Reference 271 - 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 272 - 0.06% Coverage

Need more public transit connectivity, more sidewalks, more activities for teenagers who don't work afterschool or that go home to empty houses

Reference 273 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 274 - 0.05% Coverage

Local government seems out of touch - as soon as they interfere with a project it goes downhill, takes longer & costs more

Reference 275 - 0.03% Coverage

The way resources and networking opportunities are shared for entrepreneurs.

Reference 276 - 0.02% Coverage

More information on activities (social media, web based, etc.)

Reference 277 - 0.06% Coverage

Initiate neighborhood clean-up for the neighborhoods that need it. Like those that have parked junk cars in yards, etc. Have government start clean-up program.

Reference 278 - 0.05% Coverage

Need more family friendly activities in uptown. Uptown has a lot of bars and restaurants but not enough to do for kids.

Reference 279 - 0.08% Coverage

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

Reference 280 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 281 - 0.04% Coverage

more activities for younger kids, high school students should get trade skills, more community gardens

Reference 282 - 0.02% Coverage

more cultural activities, shopping, activities uptown

Reference 283 - 0.07% 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

Condition of roads, some laws

Reference 284 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 285 - 0.11% Coverage

Continue to develop mass transit system Repair burn out street everywhere in City of Charlotte (20-40% lights burn out) improve air quality increase citizen involvement in local government by providing additional opportunities for citizen input (town hall meetings in different regions)

Reference 286 - 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 287 - 0.11% Coverage

Parks aren't big enough or programmed to their potential. Infrastructure is ridiculously under-developed. We don't get all the major city attractions/events (culture/entertainment/festival) and when we do, we don't get a lot of notice or advertising on what is coming

Reference 288 - 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 289 - 0.09% Coverage

"Tell people from Atlanta to go back to Atlanta" - response about not getting too big; look for ways to make Charlotte a place people want to come visit - get a zoo; deal with traffic congestion; need more of a grid street system;

Reference 290 - 0.04% Coverage

More things to do for teens. Finish and expand light rail line sooner Make it more pedestrian friendly

Reference 291 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 292 - 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 293 - 0.23% Coverage

Get deeper talking and working together on issues – beyond giving money to solve issues. Some issues require open, healthy dialogue with specific accountability for actions

We have to do something about roads and traffic. That is the one thing that frustrates me about Charlotte, and makes me consider living in a smaller city. I also have concerns about the City's government losing that "can do" spirit as things seem to bog down in bureaucracy much more quickly. We must maintain our high ethical standards, that also seem to have slipped lately at the government level.

Reference 294 - 0.11% Coverage

More opportunities to bring people together, to have honest conversations and dialogue; come up with ways to get people to talk to each other; bring different cultures together in a form/dialogue to figure out that differences are reasons to celebrate each other rather than fear

Reference 295 - 0.03% Coverage

more senior activities that are reasonably priced; improved road infrastructure

Reference 296 - 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 297 - 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 298 - 0.01% Coverage

more kids indoor activities

Reference 299 - 0.19% Coverage

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

Reference 300 - 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 301 - 0.33% Coverage

Need center turn lanes instead of mediums on the roadways. Used to use better reflectives on the roads so you could tell which lane you were in at night. Not as bright any more and you have a hard time seeing at night especially since a lot of the roads are under construction. Improper planning of roads The current road project is already out-of-date by the time it is built, i.e. 485 should have originally been planned for 6 lanes instead of 3. Trees and greenery are nice but too much of it prohibits traffic. We don't need toll roads either! The Lynx BLE should have been elevated through

the whole city instead of having to cross through traffic. Doesn't help with the traffic problem when you have to stop for the light rail. City Council needs to stop overruling what the people vote for. Listen to the people!

Reference 302 - 0.09% Coverage

Mass Transportation needs to improve. She doesn't like paying for parking in uptown. More communication about what's going on in the City via social media. Not very easy to find out what's going on in Charlotte as compared to Orlando FL.

Reference 303 - 0.09% Coverage

Night life needs to improve. More night clubs. More things for 20 something to do at night. Downtown isn't geared towards anyone but weekday bankers. in the weekends there's not much to draw the 20 something uptown.

Reference 304 - 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 305 - 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 306 - 0.06% Coverage

Need transportation improvements. Too much traffic. Need to improve entertainment options for the young 20s. Too many events are overrun with teenagers.

Reference 307 - 0.07% Coverage

More of the local arterials need to be upfit to "complete" streets. He lives on Park Rd near Dilworth and there is limited sidewalks and bike lanes facilitating connections.

Reference 308 - 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 309 - 0.05% Coverage

involve citizens more in deciding locations for projects and events. use commercials or social media to share about project planning

Reference 310 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 311 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 312 - 0.19% Coverage

Need to improve parking in Uptown (she really hates coming to uptown). Need to move attractions to others areas of the City (why is everything in Uptown; doesn't like that they moved the Hornets to Uptown). Why not build an Epicenter where the Hornets used to be instead of moving them. Do something about all the distracted drivers and people with no insurance (i.e. enforcement). **She'd like to see a nice dog park in South Charlotte. The dog parks are too far from her home to drive to.**

Reference 313 - 0.11% Coverage

He's still learning about the area. He thought the City was doing well addressing the typical urban issues that all cities face. He did say he'd like to see the City come up with a way to help new residents connect and engage. He hears things through work by word of mouth.

Reference 314 - 0.39% Coverage

Newcomers Orientation Guide from the City of Charlotte. Similar to the packet that comes from the postoffice when you arrive in a new place, but something really Charlotte focused. We're growing so fast! Share info about 311, trash, vote, elected officials, when City council meets, school board, neighborhood associations. This welcome packet can make City Hall more accessible. The Visitor's Center had a packet, but not really how to be involved and it felt impersonal. What about including a letter from the Mayor? Taking this a step further, people who live here could become Ambassadors and share more about what to do around your neighborhood. On another note, Randy Harrington did a great presentation to the Chamber that was "Everything You Need to Know About the City. It showed how much \$ is spent per week on City services. He did a great job reframing it to show all you get for what you pay for. It was very low for all the services. Empower people with more information.

Reference 315 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 316 - 0.06% Coverage

Transit line along Monroe rd, to Matthews and airport, better mass transit, bus routes, faster travel times with more efficient routes, more art and galleries

Reference 317 - 0.09% Coverage

More late night options for food, drinks, dancing, etc. A water park would be fun.

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

Reference 318 - 0.04% Coverage

Walk ability, pedestrian knowledge needed, more outside activities, expand the light rail

Reference 319 - 0.05% Coverage

Provide more community events. Neighbors don't know each other. People don't know the services provided by Charlotte and Meck. Co

Reference 320 - 0.02% Coverage

Weekend Activities, more festivals in and around uptown.

Reference 321 - 0.04% Coverage

More activities in Charlotte in safe places for teens. Interactive places with games for teens.

Reference 322 - 0.11% Coverage

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

Reference 323 - 0.09% Coverage

More activities for young people on the main bus line and light rail line, things like celebration station, a venue that has both indoor and outdoor entertainment.

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

Reference 324 - 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 325 - 0.07% Coverage

More music venues - smaller ones with seating. Not just bar venues where everyone stands up. More walkable communities. Public transportation to NoDa and Lake Norman

Reference 326 - 0.06% Coverage

more activities for young children. Zoo!! - seriously - they thought Charlotte was big enough to have a zoo. Not the one in Mooresville. aquarium maybe

Reference 327 - 0.02% Coverage

Better schools, more neighborhood involvement opportunities.

Reference 328 - 0.01% Coverage

Activities for Teens

Reference 329 - 0.02% Coverage

More neighborhood / community centers, gathering places.

Reference 330 - 0.07% Coverage

Would like to see more street entertainment (i.e. bands), concerts in the parks / sidewalks, music on the greens. Need more dedicated natural green space in communities.

Reference 331 - 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 332 - 0.02% Coverage

get rid of street car. Get rid of professional sports teams.

Reference 333 - 0.09% Coverage

Promote more church worshipping activities and get people involved for all races. He feels that regardless of the denomination as long as they believe in the man above that there can be some common ground found in all religions.

Reference 334 - 0.04% Coverage

Continue growing and offering more diverse activities to get all communities working together

Reference 335 - 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 336 - 0.19% Coverage

Build tiny homes for the homeless and for the elderly. Musicfest to raise money for the tiny homes initiative. Partner with Elevation Church and others who want to develop a community of tiny homes. She is a member of a group who is determined to bring Tiny Homes concept to Charlotte to combat homelessness. Implement initiatives that support the homeless individually guiding them to the help they need. Not just telling them where to go and what to do but doing it with them.

Reference 337 - 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 338 - 0.02% Coverage

More sidewalks, bike lanes, additional outdoor activities

Reference 339 - 0.02% Coverage

find a way for different communities in Charlotte to co-mingal

Reference 340 - 0.02% Coverage

allow charlotte to grow especially in the entertainment realm

Reference 341 - 0.05% Coverage

expand the light rail to the north need more unitarian universalists churches in Charlotte more EV

charging stations

Reference 342 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 343 - 0.10% Coverage

Traffic is becoming more and more congested. every year the commute is longer and longer. She'd like to see some better strides in managing that. An ability to be better informed of events, especially low cost, family friendly events happening in the area.

Reference 344 - 0.11% Coverage

Would like to see more meet-ups or ways for people new to the city to connect. He said these things may already exist, but he's not aware of them. He's the youngest at this place of business so he hasn't heard much about where to go or how to connect with others his age.

Reference 345 - 0.22% Coverage

Homelessness uptown is a big problem and will become more and more an issue with keeping the City maintained. Needs to be more pedestrian and transit friendly. Would like to see whole City WIFI like other big cities, a larger urban core with less suburban development and less vehicle dependence. Would like to see become more walkable and attract more businesses to uptown. More contextually relevant multifamily is needed. Buildings are put up that could be anywhere and do not reflect the unique culture of Charlotte. More community outreach.

Reference 346 - 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 347 - 0.04% Coverage

Super fast highway to beach and mountains. Internet for everyone - maybe Google Fiber will do this.

Reference 348 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 349 - 0.05% Coverage

traffic and construction; better planning for road closures; more affordable housing; more options for

teens during school breaks

Reference 350 - 0.05% Coverage

More light rail Less apartments More cultural events, museums Create cultural neighborhoods like Chinatown or Little Italy

Reference 351 - 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 352 - 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 353 - 0.08% Coverage

Dislikes the Democrats/liberals in charge; needs more representation of the needs of people like him. But had no big complaints; did mention the lack of street lights on the road to the airport.

Reference 354 - 0.03% Coverage

More stuff to do during the day. More green ways and activities.

Reference 355 - 0.04% Coverage

Vote out all the city of Charlotte council members along with the City Mayor and start over.

Reference 356 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 357 - 0.01% Coverage

being ready to help others in need

Reference 358 - 0.02% Coverage

more open conversations about the problems that we face.

Reference 359 - 0.01% Coverage

Bringing more people to God.

Reference 360 - 0.03% Coverage

More street festivals, more art galleries, more local restaurants

Reference 361 - 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 362 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 363 - 0.02% Coverage

Needs more bars to stay open later at night

Reference 364 - 0.01% Coverage

More family outdoor entertainment

Reference 365 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 366 - 0.22% Coverage

The city needs a way to better inform citizens about upcoming City Council Meetings and agenda topics to improve citizen involvement. It's too complicated to look at schedule, figure it out and find an item to get involved with. Agendas are published a few days before the meeting so it's hard for citizens to be involved in things they are passionate about if they don't know about them in advance more than a few days. I need to be able to figure out better what the city is involved in or considering doing in advance of them voting on an agenda item.

Reference 367 - 0.16% Coverage

find more ways to solidify these new ideas into one cohesive plan. He mentioned the mecklenburg livable communities plan, but wasn't sure how far that was going to make a visions for the future. in essence, much of the talk was around bringing people together in the desire to improve quality of life for all. He wants a good plan, specifically from the mecklenburg plan and the equal opportunity task force.

Reference 368 - 0.05% Coverage

Better upkeep of roads, potholes are terrible. Would like to see less traffic. Would like to see more attractions similar to Epicenter.

Reference 369 - 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 370 - 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 371 - 0.04% Coverage

better advertising of events, accessible to more people, traffic around uptown/heading there and leaving

Reference 372 - 0.03% Coverage

It would be nice to see more services for the latin community.

Reference 373 - 0.01% Coverage

More sports teams

Reference 374 - 0.03% Coverage

Improve Transportation. more thinks for young kids to do. More pocket parks for kids.

Reference 375 - 0.10% Coverage

Transportation - Traffic. More support for recycling. More community involvement information that is targeting apartment tenants and residents that don't own their own home. Such a big division between opportunities for homeowners and renters.

Reference 376 - 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 377 - 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 378 - 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 379 - 0.04% Coverage

-more services to the aging population -more cultural festivals to reflect the growing diversity -

Reference 380 - 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 381 - 0.03% Coverage

Better honest connection to public access. In particular Storm Water.

Reference 382 - 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 383 - 0.06% Coverage

stop allowing races and marathons on streets. Races should be on green-ways, trails or other places. Maybe there should be more pedestrian malls?

Reference 384 - 0.02% Coverage

transportation, politics doesn't help masses, homelessness

Reference 385 - 0.02% Coverage

deal with CMS, no safe venues for youth

Reference 386 - 0.06% Coverage

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

Reference 387 - 0.03% Coverage

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

Reference 388 - 0.09% Coverage

Make Charlotte greener. Less pollution and bad air quality days. add more green space downtown. Fewer streets. Extend light rail to Lake Norman and Ft. Mill. Recruit/encourage more small theater (like Off Broadway)

Reference 389 - 0.05% Coverage

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

Reference 390 - 0.19% Coverage

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

Reference 391 - 0.11% Coverage

1. more family activities, such as carnivals, festivals, etc. - more entertainment that is family-based in different areas 2. Continued development in the different City quadrants (i.e. University Area, etc.)
3. Better transit options to promote use of bus, rail versus cars

Reference 392 - 0.04% Coverage

Have more big events here because citizen thinks Charlotte has the man power and strength to handle it

Reference 393 - 0.02% Coverage

Nightlife could extend / Crime prevention

Reference 394 - 0.04% Coverage

google fiber Broadbanding over business extraordinary events more parking opportunities

Reference 395 - 0.12% Coverage

more medias to get information out, communicate with people other than news stations additional ways to promote activities as one shouldn't assume every one has internet enhanced way to communicate parking information to minimize traffic organized shuttles to take people to & from events to minimize traffic

Reference 396 - 0.05% Coverage

more activities website (other than news stations) updated with activities (specifics location, date, time, entry fee, description, etc.)

Reference 397 - 0.01% Coverage

More stuff for older adults

Reference 398 - 0.11% Coverage

- Transportation infrastructure (light rail continued growth, highway connectivity) - Improve transportation but maintain integrity of country/suburban living - Improve the City website because it's hard to find information currently - Improve City area/master plans

Reference 399 - 0.04% Coverage

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

Reference 400 - 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 - 0.36% Coverage

need a better way to advertise community events in Charlotte - maybe a comprehensive rotating broadcast of local events on the CMS cable channel or a 24 hour news channel rotating slot. reduce gentrification- 4th Ward is a good example of what successful community integration can look like.

Reference 2 - 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 3 - 0.16% Coverage

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

Reference 4 - 0.11% Coverage

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

Reference 5 - 0.08% Coverage

Keep collaborating in unique ways with citizens and the community

Reference 6 - 0.07% Coverage

keep the baking style but the nightlife ends way too early

Reference 7 - 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 8 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 9 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 10 - 0.08% Coverage

Bring a professional baseball team to the City Host the Super Bowl

Reference 11 - 0.25% Coverage

Get rid of Governor McCrory Better communications between Raleigh and Charlotte Provide better access to information as it pertains to Neighborhood Improvement Projects -- how are the priorities made

Reference 12 - 0.20% Coverage

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

Reference 13 - 0.09% Coverage

Lower bus fare Provide more activities for the youth No toll lanes

Reference 14 - 0.10% Coverage

I'm seeing improvement now, such as Roads-Transportation-Arts-parks and trails.

Reference 15 - 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 16 - 0.05% Coverage

need more activities and events for kids.

Reference 17 - 0.11% Coverage

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

Reference 18 - 0.18% Coverage

Bring in even more festivals! I love festivals and event s, especially the free ones and ones which are low cost! More biking trails would great!

Reference 19 - 0.08% Coverage

more cultural events, like Little Italy day, Greek Festival, etc.

Reference 20 - 0.14% Coverage

The current city council seem more focused LGBT issues than on growing the city in a way that benefits everyone.

Reference 21 - 0.02% Coverage

better politicians

Reference 22 - 0.18% Coverage

the church community needs to be more involved in local politics in order to prevent more nonsense like the current LGBT bathroom ordinance.

Reference 23 - 0.17% Coverage

Charlotte needs to work hard to keep the ACC football championship game here and to get the ACC basketball tournament here more often.

Reference 24 - 0.07% Coverage

get rid of current politicians free wi-fi throughout city

Reference 25 - 0.07% Coverage

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

Reference 26 - 0.17% Coverage

Roads recycling within businesses Sidewalks in all neighborhoods Public transportation Free activities for kids in their community

Reference 27 - 0.03% Coverage

Add more attractions

Reference 28 - 0.04% Coverage

Needs more cleaning More shopping

Reference 29 - 0.06% Coverage

Support own own in the City Leave clubs open Inger

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 - 0.12% Coverage

Stop spending money on the streetcar and put that money toward expanding light rail instead.

Reference 32 - 0.14% Coverage

the city needs to add a pro, major league baseball team and a new baseball stadium in, or very close to, uptown.

Reference 33 - 0.20% Coverage

Every member of the current city council needs to be removed from office. They are too liberal and have passed ordinances that have done harm to this great city.

Reference 34 - 0.03% Coverage

More handball courts

Reference 35 - 0.12% Coverage

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

Reference 36 - 0.13% Coverage

Communicate events and things that are happening better; Build more houses, single-family or townhomes

Reference 37 - 0.14% Coverage

Need better transportation Need events to bring together different parts of the city; Get rid of the cliques

Reference 38 - 0.37% Coverage

More light rail More bike lanes, greenways, walkways listen to the youth, encourage youth to think and get involved. Encourage builders to develop medium income housing for seniors in these walkable areas, suburbs too flung out, but the "nice and walkable" areas are getting too expensive.

Reference 39 - 0.45% Coverage

Coordinate better between city agencies. Enforce parking regs (CPCC students park at greenway spaces), more bathrooms at parks (and why do we close them all winter?). Improve infrastructure, traffic getting bad, bike lanes are bad in most of city. He's "over it", wants to move. Ready to get out of Charlotte and out of NC (not happy with State govt either).

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 - 0.04% Coverage

Places should stay open later!

Reference 43 - 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 44 - 0.04% Coverage

More recreational opportunities

Reference 45 - 0.11% Coverage

Have some accessible beaches and bring more concerts and movie productions to charlotte

Reference 46 - 0.28% Coverage

Figuring out how to engage and communicate with residents in meaningful ways (like this, or the No Barriers Project). She feels like she is surprised to find out about big things happening in her area that she had no idea about

Reference 47 - 0.16% Coverage

pick people to serve charlotte that are ethical and visionaries and really care about all classes of people in the community

Reference 48 - 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 49 - 0.05% Coverage

welcome more cultured events to charlotte

Reference 50 - 0.36% Coverage

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

Reference 51 - 0.15% Coverage

-increase walkability (more sidewalks, greenways, connectivity, safety) -more cultural options (art, museums, concerts)

Reference 52 - 0.28% Coverage

Light rail to the airport, more opportunities for discourse between populations-- people stay in their neighborhoods and don't meet others-- need to have opportunities to learn across cultures and have meaningful conversations

Reference 53 - 0.05% Coverage

education more advertisements for events

Reference 54 - 0.08% Coverage

More kid and adult friendly outdoor amusement and water parks

Reference 55 - 0.13% Coverage

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

Reference 56 - 0.10% Coverage

Have more outdoor social activities during the day to bring communities together

Reference 57 - 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 58 - 0.06% Coverage

better community relations to break down barriers

Reference 59 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 60 - 0.08% Coverage

need to improve community relations, and transportation system

Reference 61 - 0.10% Coverage

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

Reference 62 - 0.07% Coverage

More dance parties interaction w/different cultures/music

Reference 63 - 0.09% Coverage

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

Reference 64 - 0.19% Coverage

more community outreach for people to join different communities and create ties. The transportation system also needs to improve to provide more options.

Reference 65 - 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 66 - 0.09% Coverage

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

Reference 67 - 0.09% Coverage

More community support for major league teams. Traffic problems on 77.

Reference 68 - 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 69 - 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 70 - 0.04% Coverage

More family friendly events.

Reference 71 - 0.04% Coverage

A more efficient court system.

Reference 72 - 0.04% Coverage

More faith based community efforts.

Reference 73 - 0.10% Coverage

take care of the problem people to resolve issues and politicians tell the truth

Reference 74 - 0.05% Coverage

bring more jazz, reggae back to 4th street

Reference 75 - 0.10% Coverage

More cultural events. Better and more community activities and events for youth.

Reference 76 - 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 77 - 0.07% Coverage

better transportation plan, and a real zoo or aquarium

Reference 78 - 0.10% Coverage

outdoor neighborhood pools- funded by City taxes. some other cities have this

Reference 79 - 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 80 - 0.38% Coverage

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

Reference 81 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 82 - 0.26% Coverage

the voices of charlotte need to be visionaries. they want city and state leaders to stop having tunnel vision and really get to their community not just a certain people that make up the charlotte community

Reference 83 - 0.17% Coverage

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

Reference 84 - 0.14% Coverage

more things to do at the parks like the Mint-Hill Festival, and community focused events, not just in uptown.

Reference 85 - 0.22% Coverage

Improve transportation by making easier for people to get around Charlotte by providing more transportation choices. Have more community events for people to come together .

Reference 86 - 0.18% Coverage

More diversity in activities instead of just being focused in uptown. We need more street connectivity to the south. Need to improve 77 traffic.

Reference 87 - 0.04% Coverage

more family attractions ie zoo

Reference 88 - 0.04% Coverage

Passing LGBT Laws, LRT expansion

Reference 89 - 0.19% Coverage

Better use of parks. Make downtown a better social place - more restaurants, craft beer breweries, restaurants, retail. Need for free cultural activities

Reference 90 - 0.27% Coverage

more bike friendly, improvements in mass transit, better design and infrastructure for mass developments along with better land and city scape requirements, MORE PARKS, MORE GREENSPACE, more trails now, more festivals

Reference 91 - 0.20% Coverage

Add bike lanes everywhere; more greenways / paths; expand light rail system. Would be will to volunteer in activities/fundraisers supporting these issues.

Reference 92 - 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 93 - 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 94 - 0.23% Coverage

improved communication from local government —sometimes information about things like closed streets or new opportunities are hard to find. Constituent does not read Clt Observer

Reference 95 - 0.31% Coverage

Need to work on traffic and housing because they are related. If people have to move farther out of the city for affordability then that will create traffic problems. State of politics - we have to work better with the folks in the state capital.

Reference 96 - 0.06% Coverage

Create more public space for recreation and art.

Reference 97 - 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 98 - 0.07% Coverage

Needs more development, not enough activity/ business

Reference 99 - 0.32% Coverage

- More focus on working with young people - they have it too easy if they choose drift thru life - need to push them to work or study, they need to understand the value of an education - they drift because they don't understand what they're going to miss out on.

Reference 100 - 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 101 - 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 102 - 0.15% Coverage

1. Wish we had a zoo. 2. More transparency from local government when it comes to passing laws, requesting legislation.

Reference 103 - 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 104 - 0.45% Coverage

Need to have a program that connects the police with the community where they can have open communication. Need more programs and a resource center to help kids mentor kids to become better adults. Need to have some kind of incentive for more people to ride the bus such as specialized bus routes, shorter routes to go directly to certain places, etc.

Reference 105 - 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 106 - 0.21% 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.

Reference 107 - 0.10% Coverage

better sports teams, more capable people willing to take on leadership roles

Reference 108 - 0.17% Coverage

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

Reference 109 - 0.17% Coverage

More retail shopping; more entertainment; enlarge the city.

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

Reference 110 - 0.05% Coverage

Community forums - diverse understandings

Reference 111 - 0.14% Coverage

More activities, venues that are affordable for the young just out of college population. More affordable housing.

Reference 112 - 0.49% Coverage

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

Reference 113 - 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 114 - 0.11% Coverage

Would like more parking options in uptown that are free. Would like to see more legit dog parks with access to water (lakes, ponds) not on a leash.

Reference 115 - 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 116 - 0.25% Coverage

I'd love to see a solution to the traffic issues that impact the commuters on I-77. We also love baseball and enjoy going to the knights games, having a MLB team here in the future would be amazing!!

Reference 117 - 0.29% 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
stop violence stop the unnecessary killings, violence, etc. better politicians

Reference 118 - 0.27% Coverage

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

Reference 119 - 0.15% Coverage

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

Reference 120 - 0.14% Coverage

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

Reference 121 - 0.29% Coverage

More walking or biking to work of school, more bike lanes, safer bike lanes, more outdoor festivals focused on active lifestyle,
More options for shopping uptown, more festivals uptown. Traffic is too congested during rush hours.

Reference 122 - 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 123 - 0.17% Coverage

Hoverboard route around the city for kids to rent; More free parking in uptown; Widen 77 for commuters; More events like 704 Open Streets.

Reference 124 - 0.06% Coverage

have more kids only parks, apart from the adults

Reference 125 - 0.07% Coverage

Have more parks to support soccer, basketball, and kickball

Reference 126 - 0.15% Coverage

Have a huge indoor sports complex, if there isn't one
attract higher profile companies and not be political anymore

Reference 127 - 0.24% Coverage

More activities for middle age (45-65) people to get out and meet each other. Charlotte is rated in the top 10 worst cities for dating and I believe it because the city caters to millenials.

Reference 128 - 0.06% Coverage

Bring a professional soccer team to Charlotte

Reference 129 - 0.15% Coverage

The City doesn't seem to be as involved with activities and sports that happen at the parks. It should be more involved.

Reference 130 - 0.07% Coverage

Humidity, Even MORE variety or events, Even more trees

Reference 131 - 0.15% Coverage

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

Reference 132 - 0.13% Coverage

neighbor policing, expansion of the open street event like the one just had organized by Mecklenburg,

Reference 133 - 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 134 - 0.10% Coverage

bike friendly/walking friendly, trash in greenway, expansion of community event

Reference 135 - 0.20% Coverage

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

Reference 136 - 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 137 - 0.28% Coverage

skate/board Park for kids or adult, roller skating and zip line, more trees, transportation development for greater accessibility, expansion of light rail to Huntersville, long greenway connect towns, bike rental available

Reference 138 - 0.51% Coverage

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

Reference 139 - 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 140 - 0.20% Coverage

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

Reference 141 - 0.25% Coverage

try to provide the public with more honest/direct communication instead of always giving them a "feel good" answer when it comes to anything political and/or anything that will affect the general public

Reference 142 - 0.24% Coverage

uptown area needs more activity after work hours and on weekends. Need more commercial/entertainment space uptown. He has spent time in other large cities which have more vibrant uptown areas

Reference 143 - 0.07% Coverage

more events like Open Street 704 keep traffic flow open

Reference 144 - 0.04% Coverage

more events like Open Street 704

Reference 145 - 0.06% Coverage

Bring more to do uptown..that area dies after 5 pm

Reference 146 - 0.13% Coverage

Even more walkability More events like Open Streets Exercise classes for low income people (sports, yoga)

Reference 147 - 0.24% Coverage

- Better and safer biking opportunities - Bike safety, and general safety overall - More public/mass transit - More arts funding - Green space and protection of our natural resources -

Reference 148 - 0.24% Coverage

- An gallery community is needed. NoDa used to be this destination place where residents, families and visitors could enjoy galleries and dining in a walkable community, but this has been lost.

Reference 149 - 0.04% Coverage

a major league baseball team