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ID Number	Source	Ward	What do you hope Grand Rapids will be known for in the next 10-15 years?
1	2/21 LP	2	Tiny houses, boarding homes, etc. are embraced and we reach 0 homeless population
2	2/21 LP	2	Responsible planning that allows for green space. Recognizing people of all income levels deserve decent housing and plan for those people being displaced by the huge developments that continue to go up
3	2/21 LP	2	Affordable diverse housing, accessible transit-friendly streetscapes, benches, greenery, age friendly options
4	2/21 LP		My hope for Grand Rapids is for the old and run down corridors to be reworked to create unique settings for housing and business for the future
5	2/21 LP		I want Grand Rapids to be a leader in Michigan and the midwest as a safe, walkable, modern city. This means rethinking car-centric priorities and emphasizing walkable neighborhoods, protected bike infrastructure, and fast, frequent, reliable public transit
6	2/21 LP		I hope Grand Rapids will become a safe community for families, businesses, and visitors to all enjoy. Innovation should be a priority with schools, universities, and businesses working together to keep Grand Rapids well represented.
7	2/21 LP		I'd love to see GR become a great place to live with lots of activities and events downtown (concerts, ArtPrize, Winter Fest, etc.). Additional housing is important, however, so is restoring run down homes in the area. Safety is a priority so people feel safe to explore and walk around
8	2/21 LP	2	I would like Grand Rapids to embrace its inner weird. We do cultivate an eclectic vibe, only to work every day to suppress it. I would like us to embrace public transportation and expand services/times. Grand Rapids needs to be known for the beauty in the landscape and the ability to enjoy the many natural wonders
9	2/21 LP		Better support for inner city small minority owned businesses. Hand holding - provide beginning to end assistance for growth
10	2/21 LP	2	I would like Grand Rapids to be known for the Grand River -a clean river that folks will be drawn to for family picnics, fishing, kayaking, etc.
11	2/21 LP	2	I want Grand Rapids to be like Austin, TX - a riverfront city with abundant housing and businesses that is well-connected to parks and nature. I'd like it to embrace its capacity to increase density throughout the city, helping to curb suburban sprawl in outlying communities.
12	2/21 LP	3	A kind, welcoming, diverse city. Prosperous with opportunities for all who seek them. Access facilitated safe communities and neighborhood. Informed and involved citizens.
13	2/21 LP	2	The city should be one in which there are spaces in which people can live, shop, work, play, and study within walking. Would cut down on traffic. All buildings will be of the future with solar and any other high tech innovation that takes us to the future. Housing for all income ranges, community solar, community electric, like Traver City
14	2/21 LP	2	A beautiful, safe, welcoming, and accessible city with opportunity to explore, play, live, and engage in environments that are thoughtful, stewarded, and attractive.
15	2/21 LP	2	Affordable housing for everyone, no homelessness, access to mental health assessments and care
16	2/21 LP		For the future of Grand Rapids, I would like it to be known as a hub for environmental sustainability. Our Grand River is an urban waters federal partnership, and can be a model for how urban areas can interact with their environment. I would also like to see Grand Rapids be a leader in equity and reinvesting resources into communities that have been historically underserved. Grand Rapids is becoming younger, and more diverse - and we need to plan for that, while taking care of current residents
17	2/21 LP		I would love to see traffic safety considered actual safety. Parking is a safety issue. How the city spends money to fix or approve roads should be considered. Road islands that do not allow for biking. Traffic to Mobil GR needs to be revisited and how they do or do not make GR safer. In terms of creating a nicer looking city with fairness for all could include changing trash services. Not needing to pay for trash service at time of service could help us keep the city cleaner.
18	2/21 LP		Improve the perception or reality that this city has a vibrant visual arts community
19	2/21 LP	2	More wards (at least 5). LGBTQIA+ spaces, or consultation when creating projects. Public transportation - connecting downtown to Wealthy St, providing incentives for downtown employees who ride the Rapid. Live music events during all seasons!

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20	2/21 LP	1	Strong bike network and connectivity to trails. World class transit system. Reaching a sustainable housing supply of all income levels. Strong, intentional, and ubiquitous emphasis on equity in all planning processes
21	2/21 LP	1	Becoming the premier city in the midwest that celebrates the diversity of its residents, where parks, buildings, and public spaces are named for people of all backgrounds and public art reflects and welcomes people of all walks. Where housing is affordable and meets the needs of the residents, and social services outweigh the budgets of the police
22	2/21 LP	1	National standard-defining cycling, walking, and transit infrastructure, that encourages real, genuine interactions with the community.
23	2/21 LP		Equitable, affordable, safe housing. Inviting public spaces, well-funded libraries. Pedestrian friendly neighborhoods, including bike commute routes. Police accountability, investment in social services. Community gardens, wildlife friendly green spaces. Rent caps, destigmatization of the unhoused. Green roofs, encouragement of home gardens. Investment in arts, sciences, schools, emission-free public transit. No food deserts.
24	2/21 LP		Really want to see the river and riverbanks developed with paths, bars, restaurants, hotels, housing, recreation. Continue to embrace inclusion and art too! More bike paths! We're on the right track!
25	2/21 LP		GR is a community where all people are housed - housing opportunity and housing choice is available to all citizens. We are known for taking/making/implementing equitable investments that change for the better the lives of people who have historically been excluded, marginalized, and those community members led/visioned and benefited from those changes
26	2/21 LP		A city that overcame some of the worst overt economic and political expressions of systemic racism and oligarch prioritization. I hope we end homelessness and poverty. City leaders should have the lowest wage and worst apartments in the city. I bet you'd make very different budgets for the most marginalized and vulnerable.
27	2/21 LP	3	Look how it turned around the ways in which African-Americans experience life. Who would think in 2015 it was among the top 3 worst cities for that population.
28	2/21 LP	1	Black and Latino community population increases as housing and economic opportunity is more accessible. Construction and programming in and along Grand River is by BIPOC. Housing is considered a human right. Water is a human right. Sidewalks are along every street for safety and greater mobility options. Strong equity policies in place to stop and reverse displacement of BIPOC and homelessness
29	2/21 LP	2	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for being a leader in creating an equitable, green, climate resilient, and healthy community for all.
30	2/21 LP	1	More security - a safe place for my kids/grandkids to grow up and go out without having to worry about anything bad happening. More safe parks/places for adolescents to hang out and safely have fun.
31	2/21 LP	2	After watching what is happening in Ottawa County sliding backwards into an idealized, totally fictional 1950s America, I want Grand Rapids to continue to grow as a diverse community, increasing equity for all (especially as regards housing and urban development and support for areas which have been historically neglected. As part of this, I believe that supporting community services, especially libraries, but also parks, pools, and recreation centers, is key to build and active, informed, and engaged city population.
32	2/21 LP	2	Known for its innovative work related to creating equitable and inclusive affordable housing and bike infrastructure
33	2/21 LP	2	I would like GR to be known for being a progressive city. We should look into greening public spaces as we grow, and banning plastic bags! I see them caught in trees... so sad
34	2/21 LP		Grand Rapids will be known as a language accessible, welcoming and safe place for everyone to live. It will be data driven, yet innovative enough to eliminate/lower barriers to accessing funding to individual personal resources, non-profits, ethical businesses, and professionals. It will stay mid-size feel for residents in terms of safety, yet still have something for everyone to enjoy. I want language accessible signage and spaces with safe parks and nature trails.
35	2/21 LP	2	Entertainment options, great transportation (public), safe neighborhoods, traffic control standards
36	2/21 LP	2	Robust public transit, incredible bike infrastructure, amenities and necessities in walking distance of all, and minimal car driving
37	2/21 LP		Mas seguridad para poder salir con la familia, lugar donde llevar a las mascotas (More security to be able to go out with family, place where you can carry pets)

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38	2/21 LP	3	Safe city experience for Black American families with investment in beautification and green space. I wan this for all residetns, but see a pronounced under investment in clean streets and sidewalks in the third ward. Can we (3rd ward) have a team that picks up litter like downtown?
39	2/21 LP	2	A community connected by our healthy, greenwise environment. Looking out for each other and feeling pride in our neighborhood and our neighbors we share space with
40	2/21 LP	3	Destination downtown (entertatinment, shopping, art, unparalleled vibrancy) that would attract a diverse crowd. Presently I attend too many DT events that do not reflect the diverse population of GR.
41	2/21 LP		Grand Rapids needs to grow in very dense ways that promotes: economic attraction, tourism, art/sulture, education/research, housing density and do it on a sustainable and equitable way that minimizes displacement.
42	2/21 LP	Non-resident	Car-free neighborhoods connected by light rail, police trained in de-escalating (ideally unarmed except when violence is specifically warratned and justified), Mixed-use zoning - apartments over adorable coffee shops, loads of protected snow-cleared bike lanes.
43	2/21 LP		I hope we can trun the tide and be known for equity in asll aspects of life in our city.
44	2/21 LP	3	Truly equitable development, great programs and incentives for adults and children to grow. Sustainable housing and reduces crime through resident enrichment
45	2/21 LP	2	My vision for Grand Rapids is of a community where everyone can choose where they want to live.
46	2/21 LP	2	A city where climate change's worst aspects have been addressed within our plan for development in all areas.
47	2/21 LP		I'd love for Grand Rapids to be known for small businesses, green community spaces (parks, outdoor activites, plantings introduced in hardscapes and alleyways) and histoic buildings and structures. I'd also love to see more safety measures throughout our city, and better infrastructure for traveling.
48	2/21 LP	2	Grand Rapids will be a vibrant city full of all kinds of people who have access to housing, good schools, and all their basic needs met. Folks of all races, cultures, and languages will feel welcome and able to advocate for their families and neighbors.
49	2/21 LP	2	I hop Grand Rapids is known as a vibrant, inclusive, welcoming place full of art, culture, and opportunity. A safe place for all.
50	2/21 LP		In the next 10-15 years, Grand Rapids will be known as an innovation and leader in solving current and emergent social problems related to housing affordability, reducing car dependency, environmental protection, publice safety, educational attainment, and healthy living.
51	2/21 LP	2	A growing metropolitan area with ample amount of affordable and mixed-income housing, with diverse neighborhoods with distinct identities, and park and public utilities that create a sense of welcoming and belonging
52	2/21 LP	2	For the most affordable housing in the United States that is for everyone. For the best pay in employment in the whole state/in the midwest. For the best in disabled persons. For the most educated persons in the United States - meaning those who have attained degrees
53	2/21 LP	Non-resident	Car free downtown, excellent transit, creative housing styles, bike safety/accessibility, safe haven for LGBTQ+, massively reduced police violence, sustainable energy, local high quality food, more farm markets, return of the trolley
54	2/21 LP	3	Ihope Grand Rapids is known as a leader, in the state and nationally, in adapting to a mitigating climate change in a just and equitable way. I dream of living in a diverse and accepting community, surrounded by parks, sidewalks, gardens, and bike infrastructure.
55	2/21 LP	2	I hope Grand Rapids is known for being a great place to live with opportunities for everyone to live safely and prosperously
56	2/21 LP	1	Diversity. I believe many of our young people are leaving because the lack of diversity, openness, acceptance to different kinds of people.
57	2/21 LP		More diverse, artsy and creative city with creative food scene as well as beer scene. Riverside park with more facilities (i.e. bbq gas grill, etc.). Other culture (laguage or cultural activities) learning center. Better renovated/safer old housign (apts)
58	2/21 LP	3	An amazing, accessible park downtown on the river, where many people congregate to people watch, swim, eat, and enjoy nearby amenities. Also a great international airport, with public transit options. Most of all vibrant, active parks.

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59	2/21 LP	3	Accessibility. Inclusivity. Beauty. I truly hope Grand Rapids is a mecca for diversity of all sorts. I want neighboring communities who are feeling pressure to be less inclusive see the absolute beauty, joy, and necessity of surrounding oneself with diversity of thought, lifestyle and belief. I want queer folks, refugees, majority-minority, and disability centered in all that we do. We can be the chagne MI wants to see.
60	2/21 LP		Free amenities: live theatre in the parks or downtown, healthy lifestyle workout programs, dancing in downtown on summer nights, discount parking fees for events that bring GR folks to the city
61	2/21 LP	1	My hope for Grand Rapids is to see our public school system rise to one of the highest achieving educational systems in Michigan (grad rates, test scores, safe classrooms). I want to live in a community inclusive of all skin colors, genders, and ethnicities. I want to live in a community of safety (less violence, less property destruction/graffiti)
62	2/21 LP		I hope Grand Rapids will be known as an affordable, culturally-inclusive city that is safe and sustaining for everyone, not just a city for white and wealthy professionals, students, and families, but a city that remembers the struggles and triumphs of the young and senior working class Black families and individuals that existed and lived before the city shifted its focus to high rises and tourism. I hop that Grand Rapids is known as a city that not just talks about DEI but does DEI the real and right way for the best outcomes for everyone.
63	2/21 LP		Grand Rapids sera conocido como una ciudad donde los Latinos podamos prosperar con igualdad a otras culturas. Donde podemos obtener una licencia de manejar. Y vivir sin mideo de ser seperados de nuestra familia. Donde haiga vivienda disponible con nuestro presupuesto. Los fondos de la ciudad sean distribuidodos con igualda (Grand Rapids will be known as a city where Latinos can prosper the same as other cultures. Where we can obtain a license to drive. And live without fear of being separated from our family. Where housing is available with our budget. City funds are distributed equally.
64	2/21 LP	2	By 2035 GR has made remarkable strides toward being a dense city that prioritizes biking, walking, and transit. I t has reduced vehicle miles traveled by 30% and shifted 50% of travelers from cars to bikes, walking, or transit.
65	2/21 LP		Net zero by 2030. A model and hub for the state and country. Innovative sustainable business park to lead the way. More equitable spread of resources.
66	2/21 LP	2	Safety, opportunity (including education and jobs), fun (year-round/all-ages, festivals, art, etc.), medical innovation
67	2/21 LP	1	Where I, as a nonbinary person, have the same respect that's afforded to everyone else
68	2/21 LP		Anti-racism - we are not there now. Healthy lifestyles/recreation/wellness. Accessibility, entrepreneurship, great parks, great schools. Diversity/equity/inclusion. Quality infrastructure.
69	2/21 LP	Non-resident	Interactive installations. Being a welcoming city, with safely walkable streets.
70	2/21 LP	3	Lights
71	2/21 LP	3	I hope grand Rapids is known for its diverse culture and great food options. The city will be known for its entrepreneurs and small business growth, great events, and has something to offer those of any age.
72	2/21 LP	2	I hope Grand Rapids is known for breaking the West Michigan conservative tropes and is a haven for every human - acceptance, friendliness, green spaces and fair opportunities for all! :)
73	2/21 LP		An active city vibrant with community B mixed economic development within a verdant neighborhood environment. People first.
74	2/21 LP	2	I hope GR is known for diversity in the arts and communities that are accurately represented and supported.
75	2/21 LP		Easy flow between all city/public services. A cohesive feel to unite all needed information, from paying parking tickets, to enrolling kids in school, to locating the city assessors office. A united feel to all information and services
76	2/21 LP	2	I hope that Grand Rapids will be known for being a place inclusive of all and where all diverse persons find a place to feel secure and part of the community around them, and no one is displaced. I hope that Grand Rapids is known for their parks! Natural outdoor spaces, organic design and spaces.
77	2/21 LP	3	Implement a city car permitting for golf cart types cars can run on city streets the way scooters, bikes, and Ebikes do. Makes affordable transportation for more people.

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78	2/21 LP	1	I hope that Grand Rapids will be known as a "hot spot"/ destination among other small cities nationwide. To me that means people can easily fly here, access the downtown and other hot spots/attractions without needing to rent a car; there are great food, culture, and highlight scenes to enjoy. I'd also love to see an increase in activity in its downtown citizens... people running, walking, getting outdoors more easily.
79	2/21 LP	2	A city that is inclusive but also safe where people don't need to worry about the gun violence.
80	2/21 LP		I hope to see all the non-usable lots around the city to be playgrounds for neighborhoods, clean them up and do not leave them like parking lots.
81	2/21 LP	2	My hope is that the city continues to grow as a center for medical and technical innovation.
82	2/21 LP	3	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for how diverse and welcoming it is as a city for people of color and specifically Black people. I also hope the city is less segregated. Lastly, I hope that it is a destination city for entertainment for all people, specifically Black.
83	2/21 LP	3	A place that supports single adult women to live and work safely feeling they belong without a man or children or family to be safe adults need events that are for adults without children running around as that is too much of a fall risk. I also think we should be known as a place where you can see play dance and skate on sculpture and interact with art. I also want more opportunities to create art especially practical skills - sewing mending or weaving or like KIA (Kzoo Kirk Newmann art school or Northouse in Minnesota)
84	2/21 LP	Non-resident	Robust community center infrastructure with intergenerational programming and lifelong learning opportunity. Robust public transportation and completion of railway between river and upper peninsula. Free community college, state wide.
85	2/21 LP	1	A city with an inclusive and diverse community. A city with enthusiastic tourism. A city with more MI-made products @ Meijer and support for local economy. A city that protects the river and agriculture. A city with affordable housing.
86	2/21 LP	2	I envision Grand Rapids as a progressive city that supports green infrastructure, highlights and protects the Grand River, and is a safe and vibrant place to live and visit.
87	2/21 LP		Rapid, equitable measures to reduce climate pollution and ensure a healthy environment for all, including low-carbon transportation options; plentiful green space and tree canopy; dense and green affordable housing; and accessible, walkable, pedestrian friendly zones.
88	2/21 LP		Mental health advocacy; no pollution, clean and fresh air; a less corrupt security system; education and awareness for neurodivergent and LGBTQ youth
89	2/21 LP	2	A walkable and bikable city where everyone feels welcome to access its resources, focusing on its residents and people over business interests.
90	2/21 LP	2	A safe, comfortable affordable place to raise a family with world-class schools, parks, and green space. A great place to call home, for all people, religion (or lack thereof), ethnic backgrounds, and gender identity.
91	2/21 LP		I want that Grand Rapids will be known for its sustainability practices, recycling more - what about compost bins? Will be known for free exercise zones. Close some roads on Sunday morning from May to September and let people use it for bikes and activities. Will be known for inclusiveness - housing, cultural events, etc.
92	2/21 LP	2	Grand Rapids is a city where people can enjoy a variety of activities, and afford to live in the city they work in.
93	2/21 LP	2	Healthy, safe, entertaining for all present and future generations of living things
94	2/21 LP	1	A city that: is pro-business and pro-environment, is equitable for all, has opportunity for all, can grow responsibly with regards to sustainability and community - not just money, has strong healthcare, public transport, and education.
95	2/23 LP	3	Ample housing for low income comes to mind, with ample recreational activities available to all, as well; park improvements. Let's get the homeless housing.
96	2/23 LP	1	An equitable and welcoming place to live, learn, work, and play for all! The barrier of a redlining highway removed so the entire city can engage with our beautiful river, the Grand Rapids namesake!
97	2/23 LP		Strong neighborhoods with diverse cultures and feels - each one having walking access to grocery stores with fresh food, schools, parks, transit. Our neighborhoods are what make this city a great place to live!
98	2/23 LP		I dream of a city that is harmonious with its built environment, natural landscape, and its many peoples. This city would serve as an economic powerhouse for West Michigan, a vibrant place for its local culture, and inclusive to all.
99	2/23 LP		Safe, efficient transit and fewer single passenger vehicle trips

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100	2/23 LP		Youth center in the third ward (like the three mile project), tiny houses for low income families or homeless, riverfront activities family friendly, quality grocery store and restaurants in the third ward
101	2/23 LP	3	Bike infrastructure that is safe: double buffer bike lanes are most effective for the current road designs in GR. Bike lanes that are placed along street parking are not safe forms of infrastructure due to the door zone. We need bike infrastructure that connects one end of the city to another I should be able to ride from SE to NE safely and with ease.
102	2/23 LP	3	Making more space for seniors to have a better quality of life. Make it easy for them to get around.
103	2/23 LP		A place that everyone is welcome. Public transportation that services all neighborhoods
104	2/23 LP	2	The city that has equalized the homeownership rate across all races. The city that has eliminated the household income gap between white and nonwhite residents. The city that has pioneered the way to a climate resilient city through mitigation and adaptation. A city where everyone feels safe in their neighborhood. A city where everyone has access to the QOL that they want.
105	2/23 LP	1	A recognized leading city in new concepts like changing more of policing to non-cop roles, or municipal fiber-based internet. A leader in diversity of gender/race/orientation. A world-class riverfront on both sides for miles. Diverse entertainment and event facilities.
106	2/23 LP	3	A vibrant city full of bike lanes and other low carbon transportation options. A city that prioritizes walking and biking! And that is equitable access. I also dream of a city full of public art and accessible ways for all people to find community together
107	2/23 LP	1	I hope Grand Rapids can be mindful about its growth. Public transit that the city occupants can use to get where they need in a reasonable time.
108	2/23 LP	1	Improve bus system for students. Some students have to wait for a city bus.
109	2/23 LP		I would love to see continued expansion of protected bike lanes throughout the city. Making all neighborhoods accessible without the need for a car is the dream!
110	2/23 LP	3	In 10-15 years, I would like GR to have streets that are safe to walk and neighborhoods with up kept homes. I would like for all people to be safe to walk, jog, an/or drive the streets. I would like for our schools to be safe, well performing, college prep schools that all parents feel comfortable sending their children to.
111	2/23 LP		Fluid transportation, has adequate housing/shelter to meet all the need. Neighborhoods that are equitable in resources (décor, lighting, sidewalks, stores that aren't economically draining, access to parks, transportation, etc.
112	2/23 LP		Investment in communities that have so often been left out. This investment must be towards and into the existing community that leads to development of thriving neighborhoods without displacement.
113	2/23 LP		Equity
114	2/23 LP		I hope Grand Rapids is able to reverse the cycle of dependency on automobiles for the environmental and social benefits it can bring
115	2/23 LP		I hope that our city is known for housing our homeless neighbors. Also it would be cool to know my city is known for basketball teams, like Michigan.
116	2/23 LP		A city where individuals have equitable access to education, employment, business ownership, and housing. Businesses are thriving and individuals feel a sense of belonging.
117	2/23 LP	1	More direct airport flights, less meddling with police (let them do their job), less urban sprawl, better public schools
118	2/23 LP	3	I hope that GR is known as a vibrant community that brings people together in healthy and safe spaces to explore art, culture and the outdoors within steps of their homes. I want GR to be a place that offers pathways for everyone to thrive.
119	2/23 LP	1	Robust economy, safe and healthy, quality of life
120	2/23 LP		Being an equitable, inclusive, thriving, vibrant, activated, bustling top of mind destination for families all across the country. I want it to be a place where all people feel a great sense of belonging, irrespective of their lived experiences.
121	2/23 LP	1	A city thriving with collaboration that fuels innovation, equity, sustainability, and diversity. I'd love to see more people centric city planning. People first, open space first, cars last. Mixed use communities. For example, Bridge St is 90% eateries/bars. Diversity = resilience
122	2/23 LP	3	I hope GR will be known as a leader in diversity and inclusion with a place for everyone at the table. I also hope the growth we experience will be in a wide range of business types so the residents can find their place in the job market.

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123	2/23 LP		Transformation from dependence of the burning of fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy with community solar. Lower energy burden within low income and disadvantaged communities to no more than 6% of income. Eliminate the profit motive of consumers Energy by encouraging solar owned by municipalities - non-profit. From energy monopoly to energy democracy.
124	2/23 LP	3	A great place to refine with easy access to needed services, entertainment, and transportation. Community funded activities for children after school and in summer - free meals provided.
125	2/23 LP		I want GR to be a place where people from all walks of life feel safe, belong, and have organic opportunities to get to feel comfortable with each other - because they shop, work, live, travel, and recreate in neighborhoods that allow opportunities like this to happen - and for GR to be the most sustainable city in MI (or the country) where green infrastructure, trees, and public transport are valued.
126	2/23 LP	2	I hope to see a city that is more inclusive of all races, ethnicities, and sexual orientations. I also hope to see a city that prioritizes the needs of its citizens before the needs of business profits.
127	2/23 LP	3	Its willingness to embrace the tech sector. Hopefully with production of microchips for vehicles. The turn around in the wellness financially and physically of its African American population.
128	2/23 LP	3	Grand Rapids will be the city that chose super heroes instead of active shooters.
129	2/23 LP		Being a city that is affordable, equitable, and fun. Big city amenities with a small town spirit. A goldilocks city.
130	2/23 LP	3	I hope GR is a city where all people are able to flourish, feel safe, and can participate in the community. I hope community spaces are more accessible, less segregated and welcoming to people of all identities and backgrounds.
131	2/23 LP	1	My vision for Grand Rapids is to be a city where everyone who lives here has access to the opportunities, housing, jobs and other essential needs to live their best lives. Everyone who lives here should feel safe and know they belong. I also hope one day we're a city where you don't need a vehicle to go to work, school, or the grocery store.
132	2/23 LP	1	I would love to see the city become the greenest and most accessible community in the state. Continuing to work toward sustainability goals for a changing climate.
133	2/23 LP	1	I love that GR is a great place for people to visit and come play. I hope that we maintain that culture and excitement as we grow.
134	2/23 LP	1	More affordable healthcare in Exalta Health Clinic, safe place to live, affordable housing, clinic expansion for Exalta Health and free healthcare for those that can't afford, more affordable education.
135	2/23 LP	3	A great place to be a single adult. The city includes adult only psace and events recognizing the majority of the population in the USA doesn't have a child at home and with the trends more older population more likely to be an adult only household. Not just alcohol included or looking for dates, but events and activities that don't discriminate against singles by being "family friendly" which really is a way to exclude anyone without kids.
136	2/23 LP	2	Being the place where anyone can come and flourish in the way that's best for them. That power is truly shared. That trust is freely given. And that opportunity is available to everyone.
137	2/23 LP	3	More interaction for small business development
138	2/23 LP	1	A vibrant city where the river is showcased and not a highway! A city for all people that honors the past and acknowledges that change is needed.
139	2/23 LP	1	Not beer, not cars, not malls, but great multi-modalism enabling great quality of life. Imagine walking to a stop and then being at the Lakeshore in 30 mins or hopping on rail and watching a football game on the weekend at MSU or UofM.
140	2/23 LP	2	I would love to see artist communities embeddes in neighborhoods with access for young adults and seniors. City dollars invested to make public buildings available for public use. Grocery solution in all neighborhoods. A focus on the residents living here/from here and culture tax for those who are new.
141	2/23 LP		One of the most thriving downtown riverfronts in the country. One of the most diverse downtown business districts with restaurants, bars and retail spaces for residents of all backgrounds. A city that is leading the country as it relates to renewable energy, ending environmental hazards, including clean water, soil, and air.
142	2/23 LP		An inclusive city with housing that is for people from all walks of life.
143	2/23 LP		I would like GR to be a great place for people of all ages, abilities, resources, and races. I would love everyone to live within a reasonable walk of stores and other vendors - lets bring back community for people and not for cars.

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144	2/23 LP		I would like grand Rapids to be known as the most bikable city in the midwest due to its vigorous and interconnected bicycle and pedestrian path network. I hope the city densifies around its major commercial and residential corridors, encouraging public transity and other alternative transit modes.
145	2/23 LP	1	I dream that GR's residents, leadership, staff, and industry come together to design a fantastic, affordable, locally-made dwelling unit. Additionall,y more investment through land purchase available to more than 60,000 households, which is the current limit, because there are only (roughly) 60,000 parcels zoned as residential.
146	2/23 LP	2	Grand Rapids will be a happy, healthy lifestyle city with greener goals. Better utilization of assets such as public transportation, more trees, walkable business districts, active parks that also act as business incubators. GR will also be a midwest tech hub.
147	2/23 LP		Concrete sustainability goals that are achievable and meaningful. More robust public transportation options. Preservationof green space. Affordable and acceptable housing (no sketchy landlords)
148	2/23 LP	2	An accessible city for all incomes, races, ages, abilities, genders, and sexual orientations that prioritizes a multi-modal transportation network, a walkable mixed use (vertical and horizontal) land use pattern, and a resilient climate future.
149	2/23 LP	2	I hope GR can be seen as the leading city in Michigan. Showing growht in small business, tech, and population while retaining green, community spaces and continuing to be progressive.
150	2/23 LP	2	Sustainable and equitable access to healhty food and natural areas. Pedestrian and bicycle friendly for all with connections to services. Shifting funds away from policing towards neighborhoods.
151	2/23 LP	1	I hope to see Grand Rapids as a walkable and pedestrian city where everything you need is within walking distance
152	2/23 LP	2	My hope for GR is for the city to continue to embrace the potential of growing and changing in an ever changing world, embrace meeting the needs, wants, and visions of the people who live here. I truly believe it's an exciting time to be imagining and creating the updated blueprint for the ciyt. Anything is possible.
153	2/23 LP		A city marked by a surprising sense of unity in its diversity. Where each individual and collective group is celebrated, honored and cared for. Grand Rapids is a place to belong.
154	2/23 LP	1	I would like to see Grand Rapids become one of the most walkable cities in America. I would also like to see more public transportation used and less cars navigating the streets
155	2/23 LP		More access to the third spaces for children and adults, the ability to access programs for enrichment, skill/hobby specific library sections. A culturally and amenity-rich business scene with an equitable approach.
156	2/23 LP		GR will be a city where all residents will feel as though they belong. They will be able to find spaces in which they can live, play, work, worship, and experience overall enjoyment.
157	2/23 LP	2	I hope GR will be known for the most sustainable city in Michigan, or even in the midwest. I also hope GR will continue building a robust transit system to reduce the amount of non-essential driving and help push the sustainable dream.
158	2/23 LP		More mini neighborhood downtowns. A transit system that operates on a big city level - 24 hr, 15 min service
159	2/23 LP	3	I would like our city to be known as a welcoming city for all, this is my vision for this wonderful city, see people of all walks of life living and working together.
1	MIB	2	As cosmoplitan and artistic a hub as the "new" Detroit, with a vibrant artistic class living here and prospering
2	MIB	2	As a musician myself, I'd love an exciting music scene and late night activities. Also, the Rapids restored!
3	MIB	2	Growth in culture beyond conventional, ideas of art/music and entertainment
4	MIB	2	Activity for all! With a feeling of hope!
5	MIB	2	An equitably affordable city that provides for all residents basic needs (housing, food, safety, etc.). A city that listens to its constituents in terms of policy and policing
6	MIB	2	A city that cgre in a way to make room and opportunity for all. Younger residetns can afford to stay and aging residents can continue to live in and move about the city
7	MIB	2	An equitable community that is for all. All people living in harmony and thriving together. A great place to live full of culture and pride!
8	MIB		Food oasis and food truck row, cultural entertainment venue/attractions, youth experiences (18-24), vibrant green space, community centered neighborhoods
9	MIB	2	Agricultural integration with municipal properties, reducing stress on food items theat we use locally. Reducing waste streams, while creaitng job security



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10	MIB	2	The hope is that Grand Rapids will be seen as a place that is equitable and a place that provides more opportunities for those who have been historically marginalized, especially economically
11	MIB		A thriving city where minority communities not only have the opportunity to work in professional service organizations, but can also live in neighborhoods with a critical mass of minority professionals
12	MIB	2	An equitable place where there is fair housing, thriving wage, celebration of identity, and rich with arts and good food.
13	MIB	1	I would like to see Grand Rapids offer a free public transportation light rail system that services a comprehensive area of the city
14	MIB	3	I hope Grand Rapids is known for a great art scene. Though there are great murals, if you're not in that space you don't know. Diverse culture - to me GR doesn't feel like a "city" city, but an emerging city from the burbs
15	MIB	2	I would like grand Rapids to be known for truly being equitable. Housing, employment, opportunity, entertainment. Not simply talked about, but being able to see it without having to explain it.
16	MIB		The diversity in our city and our great downtown that continues to grow and evolve. Progress in transportation
17	MIB		Easily accessible via biking or walking. Lots of green spaces/ecologically responsible. Focus on local businesses and sourcing products (like food). Affordable shows (theater, music, etc.)
18	MIB		Inclusive, progressive, age-friendly, walkable, arts and entertainment, parks, and river accessibility
19	MIB		Host pickleball national championship
20	MIB		An exciting and affordable place to live with a walkable downtown
21	MIB		Easily accessible, walkable/bikable infrastructure. Active engagement of community
22	MIB		A vibrant place to live that is accessible and equitable for all living here
23	MIB		My hope for Grand Rapids is to rise above the cynicism that divides different classes and social groups and have a cohesive, balanced, innovative community that protects all members with respect for all
24	MIB		Grand Rapids should take steps into being a more sustainable city and adding more green spaces could help. Also Grand Rapids used to be known as a good place to film movies we should invest in bringing film back into the city
25	MIB		I think that homelessness is a big issue in GR. I think affordable housing should be a priority in the next decades, as well as more opportunities for the homeless. Also, protect green space!
26	MIB	2	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for having great athletic programs for local schools like Ottawa and Union. I really hope to see increased funding and engagement in these schools.
27	MIB	1	I hope Grand Rapids is known for its safety, diversity, equal opportunity, and development
28	MIB	1	I hope that GR will be known for out downtown as well as for our nature areas. Affordable housing, being sustainable.
29	MIB	1	I hope GR is known for community and cooperation. I want it to be known as a place where dreams come true. Affordable housing!
30	MIB	1	I hope GR will be known for drastically decreasing its crime rate (gun violence) in the next 10-15 years
31	MIB	3	I hope it will be known for having exceptional art/artists and very low poverty. Also for having a heavily reformed police force
32	MIB	2	I want Grand Rapids to be known as a growing vibrant city where there is a strong community among everyone, but especially the youth, and people have the ability to spontaneously connect in many different spaces (parks, restaurants, etc.) Basically having things to do.
33	MIB		I hope Grand Rapids can be a one stop hub for creative people. Whether that be art, music, film, etc. I believe that Grand Rapids is the perfect place to let creators roam free with opportunities
34	MIB	2	A restored Grand River, complete with Rapids and accessible park space on the rivers edges. Ending homelessness. Affordable housing for all - available housing will bring more people to the city. More than 2 city commissioners per ward.
35	MIB	2	A safe, vibrant downtown; affordable parking; a larger tree canopy; more parks; better bus transportation and family support
36	MIB	2	River activity: tubing, boating, etc.
37	MIB	2	Grand Rapids should be known as the best place to live (not Ann Arbor!!) in the nation! It should be a place where everyone thrives - health-wise, economically, relationship-wise, with secure housing

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38	MIB	2	avibrant small city that supports community, local business, and diverse neighbors. An affordabl place to live and work. A safe place to raise a family. A comfortable place to retire.
39	MIB	2	Family friendly (housing, parks, schools, etc.) for all peoples. Best place to raise a family, regardless of race, religion, gender preference, etc.
40	MIB	2	Bicycle/pedestrian friendly city. Strong neighborhoods/strong onnections among community members. Diversity through the whole city (neighborhoods, schools, biz, etc.)
41	MIB	2	hope that GRMI be a safe place to raise a family, where individuals are respected regardless of race or beliefs, economically independents and thriving, enjoying life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.
42	MIB	2	I'd like Gr to be known as a safe city where everyone is treated equally. I'd like the police to help people instead of harassing them. Gun safety. Neighborhood schools - public
43	MIB	2	A city of unique neighbrohoods that connect to the restored Grand River. A community known for its creativity and innovation. Stretch goal: we're actively decommissioning highways and returning land for development
44	MIB	2	Vibrant outdoor spaces, People-centric infrastructure (walk, bike, public transport and housing), mixed use zoning (retail and housing, etc.), meaningful progress on housng, third psaces and free entertainment, DEI, river activities and use of riverwalk
45	MIB	2	Wlakbilty/bikability, greenspace/public spaces, progressive, equitable, most welcoming to minorities
46	MIB	2	Diversity, return the rapids to the rive, river activities
47	MIB	2	To be known as a preferred community to raise a family, work , and recreate. A community that fosters business both large and small, cares for the disadvantaged and marginalized
48	MIB	2	Safe community in many different ways - walkable, low crime, also "safe" for businesses to open up shop. Don't make it so hard for start ups
49	MIB	2	A safe walkable city that showcases the diversity of our neighborhoods. Pride of ownership!
50	MIB	2	Affordable, diverse, and safe community with excellent parks, and bike-friendly streets
51	MIB	2	Economically vibrant, welcoming city, known as a great place to raise a family
52	MIB	2	Diverse job opportunities and a wide variety of availabel activities for the population
53	MIB	2	Grand Rapids should be prosperous and safe for all, with a thriving entrepreneurial business culture and affordable housing.
54	MIB	2	Excellence in healthcare, safe communities, walkable city, great public education
55	MIB	2	I want GR to be known as a progressive, creative, forward thinking city. I would love for GR to be known for its accessible waterfront some day. A city that is safe and walkable for all
56	MIB	2	More commissioners per ward, who are active! More gardens in yards, less grass. More trees. More family friendly restaurants/bakeries (cheap). Rec classes in parks during summer, senior center like Northviews with lots of senior activities. No strays or loose cats - rescue for cats and dogs. Lights on dock at river.
57	MIB	2	Easily walkable neighborhoods wih shops, restaurants, grocery stores, parks within walking distance. Public transportation throughout also. Revised rules on lawns to allow for more planet-friendly plants
58	MIB	2	Less guns and violence, affordable housing, less redlining of neighborhoods, city gov have less paperwork reqs for all projects and programs, code compliance employees helpful and friendly
59	MIB	2	I would like Grand Rapids to be known as a place that has really worked to address the inequities in many of our neighborhoods - a place with no food desertd, great schools and libraries, and racial/socioeconomic equity.
60	MIB	1	I hope its eco-conscious
61	MIB	1	A more techno-centric city, such as cleaning centers or city improvements. More diversity in careers, such as health, architecture, etc.
62	MIB		More frequent bus routes every 30 minutes for busses not just downtown
63	MIB	1	I hope to see GR grow into a more sustainable and respectful place for kids to grow and succeed. For this pla to work we should invest into the food that kids eat and build more ecofriendly houses. Also we should create schools where students enjoy themselves and do what they want to study in life.
64	MIB		I hope grand rapids will be known for their good schoolings
65	MIB	1	I hope for the city to not be racist. I want my friends and neighbors to move out their homes because they can't afford it
66	MIB		Parks or places to relax or play in warm seasons
67	MIB	1	I hope that Grand Rapids could be known for being the hometown of many successful people who were able to get a good education and live a good life.

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68	MIB	1	I hope that it'll be known for being very clean and diverse
69	MIB	1	I hope it will be known for sustainability
	C4 Event		Beautiful views in our Grand Rapids
1	C4 Event		One of my biggest concerns is that by the time the community realizes there's a problem, the damage has already been done! Be open and honest and take all of our lives into consideration. Let us know up front/right away/ASAP when you notice the problem. We should be informed!
2	C4 Event		Light pollution reduction all over where all lights point downward and only turn on with movements, except for street lights on in intermittent spacing (every other light turns brighter with movement). Next time there is a meeting like this, have bir bottles of water to serve from instead of water bottles
3	C4 Event		Our beautiful city, continued peace and tranquility
4	C4 Event		Continue seeing our parks, and recreational sightings growing. Grand Rapids is expanding. Our city is beautiful and has a lot to offer. Minimal pollution
5	C4 Event		Walking the walk, not just talking the talk. Taking advantage fo foundations, federal and state money, and putting it to advance climate justice and climate action in a way that is transformational, deliberate, inclusive, time sensitive, and takes advantage of current technologies. It's an emergency - we gott act like it!
6	C4 Event		Safer neighborhoods... communities working together with law enforcement. Good education for all schools, up to code school buildings as far as structure, heat, air conditioning, and food services. Affordable and preventative health care.
7	C4 Event		Efforts to create affordabl, accessible, sustainable housing downtown. Inviting members of the BIPOC community to the table creating sustainable jobs that pay a living wage
8	C4 Event		I hope that GR will be a rainbow city that has love for every individual living together, growing together, working together, collaboration is what works best for our community. Stop the violence, bad policing. Neighbors should be taking care of each other. Let's tear down the bad buildings and rebuild beautiful spaces for all people.
9	C4 Event		I wish that GR will be known as the city of climate conservation, cleaned city with new housing and cheaper
10	C4 Event		No waste, no landfill, healthy living starting from birth, make sure people of color have a part in the rapids on the river
11	C4 Event		Give BIPOC and disabled folx a seat at the table
1	Online		One of the safest place to live
2	Online		One of the safest place to live
3	Online		
			I hope Grand Rapids will become more diverse, equitable, and affordable. My vision is that the city will become a welcoming city for all people, with excellent mental and physical healthcare services. I envision rapid, regular, reliable public transit across the city, with peaceful natural areas to people watch, play, and relax. I envision Grand Rapids as a sanctuary to immigrants, destination for the culinary arts, and a riverfront that honors native history and culture. Most of all I would like to see GR as a future model for affordable housing development, wrap around social services, and eradicating homelessness.
4	Online		An active and safe community! I love seeing people getting outside and being active. I think enhancing the safety could allow more people to be active. Ex: more bike lanes could initiate safe routes to work therefore more people commuting to work. Keeping people safe, healthy, and slowing down the amount of emissions!
5	Online		We need a light rail system connecting the airport to downtown.
6	Online		Move away from the dominance and dictates of Devos.
7	Online		My vision of grand rapids has always been an active, vibrant city that celebrates Music, Arts, Culture, Outdoors. All of my favorite cities have a unique feel (New Orleans, Austin, Boston, Vancouver). Most cities feel like any other city with a cooperation/chain feel. GR has hasnt had a specific Identity but at least it feels clean, active and unique.
8	Online		
			Inclusive, progressive, and forward thinking. Accommodates persons of all ages, ethnicities, etc.
9	Online		Vibrant, growing community where all people are welcome and find a home. Sustainability leader, active non-motorized infrastructure networks, strong downtown and local business districts.
10	Online		Authentic, Vibrant, Unique, Tasty, Outdoorsy, Clean, West Michigan HUB city.
11	Online		A community with an emphasis on inclusive growth, where everyone thrives and prospers. Where city government understands and appreciates the positive contributions of business and the need to create an environment where business can be successful.

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12	Online	As of right now, Grand Rapids is known for its beer, art, and a good place to raise a family. While I do think those are great things to pride your city on, I do believe there spaces we can enter. I am a younger resident in my early 20's, and I know many people would like to see events catered to younger people and I think we have excelled at that with the addition of the new amphitheater and more sporting events/concerts. People do get excited to go downtown but I think people would like to see a larger attraction such as Top Golf. It would be great for businesses and a fun attraction to get people into the city. The only location in Michigan thus far is near Detroit and many people travel just for that attraction. Having one in Grand Rapids would bring more recognition to the city. I know a lot of people filling this out will probably not like the direction Grand Rapids is heading, but as a young person that grew up in the city, I love the additions of bigger attractions.
13	Online	Fair equality for all and affordable housing , decent pay and health care, open parks and recreation areas. Policing that is just and efficient for everyone to be safe and protected without discrimination of any kind. Decent transportation that can get a person to their destination in the safest, quickest and economic way possible.
14	Online	I hope Grand Rapids will be known as a City that is full of opportunity for all to have a high quality life, cultural diversity and access to housing, high paying jobs and arts/culture/outdoor recreation.
15	Online	Grand Rapids is already a cultural and artistic center in Michigan. I hope in the next few years it can embrace the growing tech movement and establish itself as the go to location for tech projects not only in Michigan but much of the United States.
16	Online	I want GR to be a safe place for diverse people and be a center for arts and the outdoors. I want our people to have access to transportation and have support for those in need that reflect values of kindness and dignity.
17	Online	Sustainability (ZERO WASTE)  Land back  End urban sprawl  Indigenous ecosystems downtown  Abolishment of GRPD  Anti-racist education  Haven of reproductive health
18	Online	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for being a walkable, community based city in the next 10-15 years. And on the cutting edge of multi-modal public transportation in West Michigan
19	Online	I hope that Grand Rapids will be a city known for it's community oriented approach to pedestrian friendly infrastructure, by means of increased walkability, public transit, and bike commuter infrastructure.
20	Online	Commitment to being environmentally conscious. Having a diverse and thriving population which is represented well within schools, in government, and for business owners. Key point being, our minority groups should be able to thrive here.
21	Online	I hope that Grand Rapids continues to grow and becomes known for its restaurants!
22	Online	I hope that Grand Rapids can keep up with the population influx and can provide quality and affordable housing. I hope that the city is taking measures to become more pedestrian and bike friendly.
23	Online	I hope Grand Rapids lives its name GRAND and RAPIDS....I grew up hearing joke names like bland rapids and grand crapids and although theres been a lot of positive change in past 20 years or so, there is so much more potential! To stay focused on this task I hope the city can truly embrace its unique features and highlight the river and its connection with the rest of the state and the great lakes! This could truly be a very unique opportunity to master plan it for EVERYONE instead of a hodgepodge of jumbled small and un-unique projects!
24	Online	Grand Rapids will be known as a sustainable community. In order to be using 100% renewable energy, community solar panels will become very visible throughout the city owned and controlled by the residents themselves.

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25	Online	I hope that Grand Rapids is known for it's inclusivity, it's diversity, the arts, the community. I hope that when people think of Grand Rapids, they envision a city that cares about all who live there and that it shows in how the city is planned and built.
26	Online	Safe neighborhoods, good roads, and safe and reliable transportation for kids to go to school.
27	Online	
28	Online	A city that doesn't cater to the wealthy only, a city that hasn't abandoned the unhoused, a city where black and brown citizens aren't over policed, a city that is affordable to all levels of income.
29	Online	Affordable living, beautiful outdoors, diversity, and opportunity.
30	Online	safe neighborhoods, good roads, affordable places to have a decent life to move with their loved ones I hope that Grand Rapids can be known as a friendly and creative community with opportunities for all different walks of life.
31	Online	To be a safe place for everyone.
32	Online	
33	Online	Being a leader in climate action -- and doing this work in an equitable way that ensures justice for underserved and marginalized communities. Let us be known as leaders in action and DOING. I'm very enthusiastic about the plan to attract tech talent to Grand Rapids and transform the city into a tech hub, led by The Right Place. I would also love to see the city take a transformational approach toward becoming more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.
34	Online	Walkability: more flashing cross walks, more bump outs to deter speeders, and a curb cut on every corner especially in residential areas.  Street Accessible Electric Vehicle charging: there's a big focus on DC-fast charging for road trips, but the benefits of an electric car are being able to charge cheaply while you sleep which is hard for renters. Targeting this demographic is much cheaper than DC fast charging, and easier on the grid. That could be simple 120v chargers (the same power that comes from a household outlet) attached to telephone polls that would allow a renter to charge 40-50 miles over night plenty for the average commute. Don't let a vendor upsell you, while 240v and DC charging have their place, 120v charging is the backbone of a lot of EV drivers routine and relieves the congestion on faster chargers.
35	Online	In the next 10-15 years I visualize a Grand Rapids, that is more diverse and inclusive. I visualize more people of color frequenting the venues that have recently been established. Most of all, a police force that doesn't pre-judge, and values the lives of all citizens.
36	Online	
37	Online	A climate resilient community with urban forests, clean energy transportation and healthy buildings for residents and business owners. Supports city wide composting. A community which takes care of the marginalized, provides care and guarantees justice is done right. One which holds bad actors accountable.
38	Online	Grand Rapids should be known as a creative, active and diverse city
39	Online	More housing for all income levels. My hope would be that the City of Grand Rapids updates the Master Plan to include zoning for multifamily housing, ADUs, and small scale multifamily buildings on all properties.
40	Online	I hope GR is an inclusive and increasingly diverse community; socioeconomically, ethnically, culturally, etc.
41	Online	A safe and happy place to live and work  Grand Rapids should be know for the name GRAND and RAPIDS. Embracing a unique physical setting to fully embrace the river for access of all kinds, for everyone throughout the entire length through the city! Be able to swim, kayak down the rapids, fish the fish ladder, boat all the way out to Lake Michigan and beyond. There should be non-motorized trails on both sides of the river through out the entire city as well as other access points. Bridges could be more cosmetically pleasing and lights along the sides. There should be continued clean up efforts all the way upstream!
42	Online	Fairer outcomes for communities of color. Environmental sustainability, integrated waterfront and medical and tech jobs.
43	Online	Environmentally clean, family oriented, safe city where people can enjoy the outdoor space.
44	Online	Eliminating racial wealth gap. A sustainable, equitable and resilient community.
45	Online	
46	Online	One of the first municipalities to finally seriously grapple with the outrageous economic inequality and associated mass oppression and misery that led to the near collapse of earth's civilization.  Being a diverse, equitable and affordable place to live--in any neighborhood or in any income bracket.

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47	Online	Treating everyone with dignity and compassion and having our systems aligned to provide this. Walkable neighborhoods and business districts.
48	Online	Inclusion, safe for families, not allowing property management to take over the city and more people owning their own homes
49	Online	I hope that Grand Rapids will be known as a leading example of a city of the future that fosters connections between people and each other, their faith and culture, and restored, vibrant authentically local nature/ecology. This can be achieved by protecting and preserving what is unique and special, and remaking/recreating degraded and underutilized sites with an interconnected network of abundant, connected public spaces replete with best leading-edge practices in finely-grained green urban fabric easily accessible to all.
50	Online	A welcoming and diverse city with a thriving culture that is not beholden to right-wing donors
51	Online	a place where people can find affordable housing and can safely walk, bike, or bus to what they need within 15 minutes. outdoor recreation including bike infrastructure safe for all ages, paddling and non-speed boating on the river, and a variety of parks.
52	Online	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for an exceptional public park system that promotes daily nature bathing and community building, a public transportation system that benefits all demographics, and green energy infrastructure that rivals progressive cities in other countries.
53	Online	Grand Rapids " The City of Champions " a Diverse, Inclusive, City that is cultural and welcoming to all
54	Online	That we made our city an amazing place to live for every zip code of current residents, and a welcoming city for newcomers and visitors. For people that live or relocate here, they are able to access affordable housing as well as what they need (groceries, medical appointments, green space, etc...) within a 15 minute walk, bike, or bus ride from their home.
55	Online	A city that has changed and more diversified and more sought after
56	Online	I hope we're known as a place that made progress in making this place welcoming, accessible, and sustainable. That we nailed expanding access to affordable housing while ensuring people can get to what they need with a 15 minute walk, bike, or bus ride. That our community shines in preventative care with excellent air quality, mental health services, and parks and recreation options.
57	Online	A city on a national scale that will be known to move to and have zero homelessness, more extra food and best healthcare center anywhere in the regional level, affordable housing, more remodeled homes in lower economic areas, more local jobs, better bus service with more availability for rides.
58	Online	I hope for Grand Rapids to be a resident focused city with neighborhoods that are highly accessible for its inhabitants. This means the city has robust public transit, is safe and easy to bike around, and strong public infrastructure is prioritized. Neighborhoods are diverse, affordable, walkable, integrated with nature, and meet the residents' food and leisure needs through mixed use zoning.
59	Online	City concerned about equity and climate change
60	Online	
61	Online	most transportation accessible City for people ages 8 to 80. Social justice, economic development, and transportation depend on one another's success. We need to work together to improve the community's quality of life by getting more people to use active transportation by making it easier to take transit, walk, bike, carpool, or drive alone.
62	Online	Sustainable, renewable energy and mass public transit for all.
63	Online	An iconic destination of the Midwest. Imagine flying into GR and taking a light-rail train to the amazing beaches of Lake Michigan or exploring the downtown areas with electric mass public transit with reusable energy pushing the city into the future!
64	Online	I hope for Grand Rapids to be a resident focused city with neighborhoods that are highly accessible for its inhabitants. This means the city has robust public transit, is safe and easy to bike around, and strong public infrastructure is prioritized. Neighborhoods are diverse, affordable, walkable, integrated with nature, and meet the residents' food and leisure needs through mixed use zoning.
65	Online	A home to a safe and bipartisan environment and cultures.
66	Online	The fine arts, good education, affordable housing, diversity, and a leader in sustainable energy!
67	Online	A clean and beautiful riverfront with access to big city amenities.
68	Online	Safe and user-friendly bike and pedestrian lanes/walks.
69	Online	Art, tech, community

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70	Online	I hope GR is known as a city that focuses on inclusivity, art, tech and fun! Everyone is welcome and there is something for everybody. All shapes and sizes welcome in GR!!
71	Online	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for heaps of bike lanes, a focus on the art community outside of ArtPrize (R.I.P. UICA), helping our homeless population, investing in our neighborhood associations, and focusing on locally-made goods.
72	Online	Diverse, friendly, transit oriented place to live.
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74	Online	I hope GR is known as a city that focuses on inclusivity, art, tech and fun! Everyone is welcome and there is something for everybody. All shapes and sizes welcome in GR!!
75	Online	Activating and revitalizing the river, Embracing and facilitating new industry and economic opportunities , Affordable housing and a school system that rivals private and charter in the area, Unique visitor attractions across a multitude of industries, Diversity and inclusion throughout these processes
76	Online	I hope Grand Rapids will be known as a city that tries new things. Grand Rapids has a unique mix of many diversities, creative voices, entrepreneurs, and long-time residents who love to invest in the city. Let's be innovative and try new solutions with the input of our unique community.
77	Online	As someone who has traveled to many countries and continents, I hope to see more focus on accessibility to travel the city on foot and by bike. It's better for our roads' longevity, better for people's health, and for our environment.
78	Online	Taking a stand against the rampant car centric attitudes that have bulldozed our neighborhoods and destroyed our natural environment over the past century.
79	Online	For it to live up to it's name; definition of Grand is magnificent and imposing in appearance, size, or style, and Rapids represents something moving fast. So that being said I would like to see Grand Rapids be the most innovative fastest producing city in the next 10 to 15 years it has already produced an President of the United States world renowned Boxer Artists in the music and art world etc... I would like unity like never before because a house decided will not stand.
80	Online	I hope that GR will be known for inclusion for ALL people and being a SAFE city with few if any gun violence or police brutality.
81	Online	Best biking city in Midwest
82	Online	A thriving, multi-cultural non-racist community with lot's of job opportunities for professionals, blue collar and service professionals. Continue with community based activities as well as city-wide activities bringing life and fun to our city and surrounding areas.
83	Online	I hope Grand Rapids comes to be known as a safe, family-friendly city that is also known to have wonderful outdoor/green spaces and a deep sense of community throughout its various neighborhoods. That regardless of an individual's personal identity they can live and work in Grand Rapids and feel a "sense of belonging."
84	Online	Quality of life and ease of access. A community focused on the people.
85	Online	A thriving, multi-cultural non-racist community with lot's of job opportunities for professionals, blue collar and service professionals. Continue with community based activities as well as city-wide activities bringing life and fun to our city and surrounding areas.
86	Online	An alternative transportation magnet that embraces electric vehicles, cyclists and walkers in pocketed neighborhoods that offer all necessary retail needs for city living.
87	Online	I want our city to be known for being the most diverse, equitable, affordable, educationally advanced, and environmentally friendly mid-sized city in the country.
88	Online	Queer and trans acceptance
89	Online	I'd love to be known as a city that is preserving its natural areas, fostering native plants and habitats to make safe havens for wildlife in the areas where wildlife still exists here, which means minimal development, but yes on management of invasive species. I want to live in a more bike friendly city, with more SAFE walking/ biking paths that allow ease of transportation across the city without danger of motor vehicles. And I also want to live in a diverse city with an awareness and appreciation of the colorful collective that contributes to its hot art, cool city motto- one where all the cops and officials go through rigorous anti-racism training.
90	Online	
91	Online	A city where people naturally run into each other on the streets. The noise is people talking, bike bells, children playing, not vehicles running their engines.
92	Online	A safe space for cyclists, with as much separation as possible between cyclists and cars.

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93	Online		I want to be able to easily commute into Grand Rapids using my personal vehicle. I can't afford to live downtown and have a family that can't live in a 500 square foot loft.
94	Online		
95	Online		I want it to be place where Black, Brown, and Native neighbors thrive just as much as white folks. I want it to be integrated which means that there is so much inequity that need to be addressed. I want it to be a cool city, but not one where the people who have lived here (especially those that are from a low-socio-economic background) are not displaced. I want it to be known for inclusion and high quality of life for ALL. I hope Grand Rapids is the most inclusive, equitable and welcoming city in the nation. I hope it finds a way to make human-centered design the core of how it makes decisions and I hope those that are most in the margins or underrepresented are put in the center of our planning. That is how we create a community where everyone can thrive.
96	Online		A safe place for everyone.
97	Online		
1	GVSU	1	Being a great place for families and a community that works towards equity and inclusion for all I hope that GR will be known as the most sustainable city in Michigan (at least). More specifically, I hope to see more walkable communities that have great access to public transportation
2	GVSU		GR could be world class destination for arts and entertainment (tourism), attract innovative, diverse companies and small businesses for economic growth and opportunity for residents and local/community members. Diversity, arts & entertainment, innovation, economic opportunity, "the place to be/go"
3	GVSU	2	I hope GR is known for its sustainable and equitable efforts particularly to "make up" for its poor history of equitability and disproportionately negative outcomes to BIPOC. For revitalization of the Grand River and the space around it. Housing, affordable housing, please. Housing for unhoused populations.
4	GVSU		I'd like Grand Rapids to eventually be known as an entertainment hotspot. Laugh Fest is a great event already, but I'm looking forward to the ampitheatre project, and I would also like to see more sports teams/events come to the city to stimulate the local economy
5	GVSU		I hope GR is known for being a city where people can mostly walk instead of driving. Also safer ways to walk around the city.
6	GVSU	2	Economic center of West Michigan providing equitable opportunities to all. Vibrant downtown that embrace access to the river.
1	ICHS		Known for amazing foods
2	ICHS		I don't know, maybe that we have a car that flies
3	ICHS		My hopes and dreams are that Grand Rapids has more greenery. All I want is a plant
4	ICHS		I want to play in a soccer field with nice grass and with side benches for people to watch
5	ICHS		Beautiful, as in very light while also having its plants and trees
6	ICHS		My hope is that we will get better police and we would make our city look better
7	ICHS		In the next 10-15 years, I hope Grand Rapids is known for being a safe place to live
8	ICHS		I walk a lot so I would like Grand Rapids to have more trails like the Oxford trails
9	ICHS		I think Grand rapids should be known for its name - the river
10	ICHS		I hope for Grand Rapids to be known for the Grand River
11	ICHS		What I want Grand Rapiss to be known for is our awesome street art, art in general, the amazing river walks, and events along the river. Grand Rapids is honestly really beautiful at times. But we're mainly known for furniture when we have all this other cool stuff. And we're getting our Rapids back!
12	ICHS		I don't know really, it can be just known for its smal city you know. Nothing big.
13	ICHS		I think that Grand Rapids should be known for sustainability and prosperity
14	ICHS		I want it to be known for its buildings
15	ICHS		Known for its bike safety and eco friendly buildings
16	ICHS		I hope that there will be better amusement parks that are much closer
17	ICHS		It will be known for flying cars
18	ICHS		A very beautiful city, good safe communities
19	ICHS		To see there will be no more trash on the ground
20	ICHS		Having nice views and parks
21	ICHS		Inventions
22	ICHS		Hopefully grand Rapids is an ok place and we don't have any sickness going around but I see it becoming a better place like if we had more stuff to do



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23	ICHS		I hope GR will be known for its cleanness. I hope we can have a super clean place, with beautiful view and places to go and see. I hope we can be known for our beauty and strength to all stay together as a community and help make our home healthy and beautiful
24	ICHS		I hope we will be known for having the best attractions in the downtown area
25	ICHS		Be rich
26	ICHS		I want to live in a greener, walkable, less car-centric Grand Rapids that celebrates its neighborhoods while connecting them with light rail. From Allendale to Fred Meijer Gardens in 45 minutes! Mixed use communities
27	ICHS		Better/more access to outdoor recreation - parks, trails, dog parks, lakes, river sports. Children's play places publicly funded or private, but affordable. Catch Air just closed :( McDonalds closed play places
28	ICHS		I want Grand Rapids to be known for the city's nature
29	ICHS		The wonderful Great Lakes and amazing buildings and homes for all
30	ICHS	1	I hope there will be a movie theater near Leonard that is more advanced and modern design
31	ICHS	2	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for big events and tourist attractions. Also for being a place with great outdoor spaces
32	ICHS	1	I hope for Grand Rapids to be known for being a nice walkable city
33	ICHS		Downtown skyline
34	ICHS		We need a plot of land for homeless people to camp at
35	ICHS		I hope Grand Rapids will be known for a fun place for tourists and be known as a safe place
36	ICHS		To be known as the Rapid city
37	ICHS		I hope Grand Rapids gets more stuff. Take down old buildings in Grand Rapids, and more food for the homeless
38	ICHS		Parks
39	ICHS		I hope Grand Rapids will still be here, but with more bigger parks
40	ICHS		I feel like Grand Rapids will become more popular like Detroit or LA and it'll get more expensive housing
41	ICHS		I hope that there will be more parks and art around town also more places like memorials
42	ICHS		Diversity, and zones for the homeless
43	ICHS	2	A sustainable and safe city
44	ICHS		I see Grand Rapids being a more fun place with lots of things to do. Easier transportation. More buildings and towers in the city. More art and sculptures around the city.
45	ICHS		I see Grand Rapids as the nicest sky scrapers, I want to see nice tall buildings
46	ICHS		I think Grand Rapids should be safe and look good and not all polluted
47	ICHS		The river that Grand Rapids is known for, and was named after. More cool different parks!! Fix the potholes in the roads
48	ICHS		Better downtown area, more art related stuff like exhibits
49	ICHS		Better downtown
50	ICHS		More parks, better downtown, better fast food places, bigger malls
98	Online		Our city is known for addressing the economic and physical health and safety of citizens of all economic levels as a high priority as reflected in the City's general fund budget priorities. Current residents are able to see reinvestment in their neighborhood business districts with leveraged public resources where the market does not make reinvestment feasible.
99	Online		Inclusive, diverse, & community focused. Environmentally/climate conscious/highlight & grow River, nature recreation, access to Lake Michigan. Growth & affordability. Thriving school system. Thriving arts/music & creative community.
100	Online		I hope my kids are safe to be nonbinary abolitionists
	MIB		As being one of the places people want to live and work. Being a safe and accepting place to live.
	MIB		Safety of schools, college city (with housing for students), reconstruction of parks and pools, bussing transportation (affordable for residents), More businesses (local or other non-chain businesses), less apartments/condos
	MIB	2	Affordable homeownership, accessible and well planned parks/green spaces, living wage jobs, and a commitment to social justice
	MIB	1	A great place to raise a family with many opportunities for fun, education opportunities, and racial harmony
	MIB	1	A safe place to live with a genuine and compassionate police department. A vibrant, inclusive art scene
	MIB	2	Jumping towards affordable and equitable housing for all. Fast acting neutrality on the gentrification happening in low income neighborhoods.

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MIB	1	A diverse community setting with an expanded downtown area with more activities and events that will bring people from other cities and communities to GR to experience it.
MIB	3	I hope Grand Rapids will be known for being an all inclusive city that evenly distributes resources and opportunities to all its residents, no matter race, religion, sex.
MIB	2	Opportunities, enjoyment for families and people moving here, looking for a new start
MIB	3	Overcome certain challenges in the city. Diversity and people of color on the board. More programs for housing for low income without a waiting list. Overall change - better and new curriculum for schools.
MIB		GRPS as a catalyst to build and give proper education to our children. Creating family involvement and catering to housing and family needs.
MIB		Increased inclusivity for all despite racial background. Tourism to amazing local organizations that have shaped the growth of the city.
MIB	2	Equal access to resources: food, housing, education, healthcare, economic prosperity, environment/green spaces
MIB	1	A city with housing possibilities to everyone, where you feel your community around you. The city of Equity and Opportunities!
MIB	2	Better schools, community service
MIB	3	A city that addresses the health disparities within our BIPOC community. A city that understands and is required to make changes and improvement to our neighborhoods so we may have ownership and our voice is heard. A city where its diverse - where I can walk around and feel safe - where I have a neighborhood grocery store, laundromat, etc.
MIB	3	We work together and help bring our communities to another light than we have been dealing with it in the last 10-15 years. So I want us to be known for in GR is people that really came together and shaped their communities.
3/15 LP	2	I hope GR will be known for being a cultural hub, with accessible events, areas, activities, and being a leader in inclusivity
3/15 LP		Considering the welfare of all citizens before making the city "beautiful". Taking care of those who need help the most so we can be known as a compassionate, caring community. We could be a model for the nation with the right leadership.
3/15 LP	2	Safe and healthy place to live for the whole family of all ages
3/15 LP	3	I would like grand rapids to be known as a place where families can grow and be safe and affordable education and housing
3/15 LP	3	Being one of the top 5 neighborhoods you want to live in and that's inviting for everyone
3/15 LP	1	Reduce the speed of traffic on Lake MI Dr in the ward. Maintain our safe neighborhood, reduce crime. Have a peaceful community. Be environmentally sustainable
3/15 LP	1	Low level of crime/gun violence, high percentage of middle class/no poverty
3/15 LP		I hope Grand Rapids will become a model welcoming city for all residents with opportunity for equity and economic prosperity. A city where all residents are housed by choice and shelters are eliminated
3/15 LP		Leader in economic inclusion for entrepreneurs who represent a diverse group of population segments such as: different ethnicities, age groups, income and education levels, size of household, and physical or mental abilities.
3/15 LP		Universally welcoming and affordably accessible. Collectively supportive
3/15 LP		Clean streets and neighborhoods with available and affordable housing and educational opportunities
3/15 LP	1	I hope that GR is known for its bold and transformational approach to equitable housing options, sustainability, and de-highwaying the city
3/15 LP	2	A winter destination - a place that offers year round recreation, dining, bars w/ outdoor seating, etc. A safe place for LGBTQIA+ people where there are many parks or commercial places for LGBT people to gather
3/15 LP		I hope that GR is known as a resident focused city that is highly accessible to its residents. Robust public transit, strong public infrastructure, diverse, walkable, and integrated with nature.
3/15 LP	3	Every resident feels heard and safe in their community. Everyone lives close to a green space and the city is prepared/resilient in the climate change era. We are a leader not just in MI but in the country for environmental protection/justice and sustainability. I also hope GR has more affordable housing so everyone feels secure in their home and is not afraid of how they will pay rent next month. Public transportation has been expanded so people can access services they need and live more sustainably.

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3/15 LP	2	Grand Rapids will be known as a welcoming community to all, with affordable housing, jobs, excellent schools, and opportunities for art and culture
3/15 LP		Having a soccer field at the deltaplex center
3/15 LP	1	Grand Rapids will expand housing opportunity by adding units at all price points. Grand Rapids will be a safe place for people of all races and backgrounds
3/15 LP	1	Green city, affordable city for young generation, equitable city for all minorities.
3/15 LP	3	Inclusive diversity, meeting the housing need for all, multimodal transportation accessible and viable option for all, big environmental justice efforts
3/15 LP		Better public transit, more walkable, livable wages, accessible and affordable housing with a range of choices, a range of venues and entertainment options
3/15 LP	3	Innovation and affordable housing creation, embracing density and transit, and a vibrant city center that effectively activates monroe center. The river will be just fine without our help. I also want a GR to Detroit train.
3/15 LP		One of the most desired cities in North America. Innovation and tech hub, funn attractions.
3/15 LP	1	I hope GR is known for public safety, welcoming, belonging, and climate justice
3/15 LP		A modern, productive, and vibrant Grand Rapids
3/15 LP	3	A thriving downtown with a large aquatic center that will bering money to the city. A wonderful opportunity for current families and a draw for new.
3/15 LP		Sustainable housing - ADUs, single, and multifamily
3/15 LP		I would like to have a money farm that has plants that grow \$100 bills
3/15 LP		Active city with plentiful opportunities for engagement with the natural environment, places to do sports and other activities, indoor and outdoor public space to live, work, play, and eat.
3/15 LP		I would like to see GR become a model for deploying city wide engagement events that continue to being people from different communities together doing social things. For the city to use its resouces to become a model for transporing the lives of people
3/15 LP	2	Grand Rapids should be known for inclusivity and progressiveness. Where everyone feels welcome. Sometimes Grand Rapids is said to be a small big town. We have access to big city amenities but we also have a strong community. I hope that this continues to grow and more people feel welcomed into the community
3/15 LP		A food oasis: easy to grow, access and delicious
3/15 LP	2	I want GR to be the #1 rec center in the US. More urban green space and canopy cover. I want to see gardens in more underdeveloped parts
3/15 LP	2	Family, friends, and fun. Everyone helping each other. Safe trails, safe schools
3/15 LP		Bike transportation, bicycle parking facilities. A complete disownment of the "beer city" nonsense. Taco trucks on every corner.
3/15 LP	2	I want us to have the lowest rate of accidental drownings, the fastest competitive swimmers, and the nicest aquatic center in the midewst.
3/15 LP	1	I hope Grand Rapids is known for finding new, creative, and sustainable ways to address housing needs for currents and prospective residents. I also hope to see continued growht in the vibrancy of downtown and neighborhood business districts.
3/15 LP		Great place to live - affordable housing, fiscally responsible, environmentally friendly, family friendly with balance of every amenity in a vibrant downtown
3/15 LP	1	A city where everyone can find a home at their price point. A place where public transportation with solar panels. Electric vehicles and city composting
3/15 LP		GRPS are leaders in education. Colleges, GVSU, still a large draw to the city and keeping talent.
3/15 LP		Development and beautification of communities that have seen decades of disinvestment but it must occur withot displacing those residents that have historically called those neighborhoods home. Opportunities for all residents to thrive!
3/15 LP	3	I hope GR is known for safe and affordable housing for all. I hope it is a place where my kids and their friends want to live
3/15 LP	1	A city focused on equity, justice, and safety with affordable housing for everyone.
3/15 LP		A city that empowers youth and welcomes thoswe on the margins as valuable contributors to a vibrant and thriving diverse culture
3/15 LP	1	Well managed/governed. Safe, fun. Housing for all.
3/15 LP		Growth and investment in historically neglected neighborhoods. Innovative housing solutions... not just density and affordability focused
3/15 LP	2	We actually have less systemice (and as individual residential sentiment) racism. We are prepared for climate chaos, with the most vulnerable getting help first and we can have the strongest policies to implement climate solutions.

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C4 Event		I hope GR will be known for being a little city where all kids can walk safely through their communities without fear of police violence. I hope summer vacations can be spent under gorgeous shade trees right in the city. Listening to chirping birds during the day and tree frogs at night
C4 Event		A place that's inclusive of all cultures - equitable, safe for all, community collaboration. Sustainable investment in environment, education, economic, childcare, low income housing, transportation, lead poisoning prevention, mental health resources for POC. Opportunities for new developers pathways for generational wealth for all communities. A system that is not built by harm to the people with least abilities to cope or thrive.
C4 Event		I would love for GR to be known for urban gardening and farming, being a hub for various community-led farmer's markets and green energy!
C4 Event		I would love for GR to be known as the "solar powered city"
C4 Event		I want to see public utilities, not price-gouging, for-profit, monopolizing companies
C4 Event		Public water and bathrooms and storage
C4 Event		Creating a climate solution that makes changes all over the country
MIB		The rapids are returned
MIB		An open vital city that welcomes all
MIB		Being a green and clean city.. A kind and inclusive city for all with great support for small and local businesses
MIB		An environmentally safe community for residents to live, work and grow up in
MIB		We dedicate more infrastructure to active transportation options - bikes (separated lanes), traffic calming (enforcing), transit friendly options with shelters
MIB		Kind, inclusive city. More parks and gardens. Plenty of housing for all levels of wealth. And wonderful schools for our children.
MIB		All residents are able to live safely and securely where they choose
MIB		A city that is inclusive to many cultures, colors, ideas, a place where the community feels they are heard and respected
MIB		A diverse and pedestrian-friendly city with an intermodal transportation system
MIB		A community that is forward thinking, inclusive, and green in its development with a strong focus on quality of residential life for all its citizens
MIB		A vibrant, green city that has prioritized environmental justice and climate solutions: density, community solar, public transit, walkability/bikeability, and zoning for green space and urban ag.
MIB		A vibrant city where people want to live, work, play and choose to get around by walking, biking, transit, or driving.
MIB		Community connections, with all of the diverse areas of the city
MIB	2	Best public schools in MI, if not the country. Investing in our communities of color. Conscious mixing of people of all colors, cultures, ethnicities. Consider reparations for Black Grand Rapidsians. A restored river.
MIB	2	I want GR to be more integrated. More affordable for all citizens, and to continue to prosper and develop. The gap between rich and poor should shrink. Affordable housing is a huge priority. The city should incentivize and encourage better access to quality food in the urban areas.
MIB	2	I hope it will be known as an accepting and safe community, as well as for police accountability, especially for people of color. Better public schools (much better communication). More help for the homeless
MIB		Elimination of current code compliance and the current processes now in place. Grand Rapids would be the city of free parking all over. No more left leaning policies but policies that take into account all points of view.
MIB		That our mid-sized city will be known for its diversity, equity, affordability, community, education and overall wellness.
MIB	3	Adequate housing for the unhoused. Housing options for all. Walkable and pedestrian friendly. Environmentally ahead.
MIB		Economic and cultural hub of MI. A place people love to visit and live. A city with great river recreation.
MIB	2	An accessible city for all people of various races, ages, genders, abilities, sexual orientations, and income levels that provides a diverse range of residential, commercial, mixed-use, and public-use areas. Convenient and safe multi-modal transportation options that connect live, work, and play destinations.

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MIB	3	I would like GR to be known as a city that is welcoming to all, tha is a center of the arts, with easy and adequate transportation. I think the river needs to be more important focus, capitalizing on water activities.
MIB		
MIB	3	As an inclusive and diverse area with many activities for people of all ages and cultures. Diverse foods! Preserved green spaces.
MIB	3	A great place to raise a family - safe neighborhoods with available resources (grocery, schools) and preserved green space. Outdoor activities available in the city (biking, walking paths, river activities)
MIB		Inclusivity and kindness.To help people who are under priveleged increase their quality of life
MIB		To continue to be a very nice family community. To be a cool place for everyone to live in - diverse, accessible, welcoming, offers variety of activities for everyone, affordable
MIB		A thriving midsize city with good jobs, good skills and affordable housing
MIB		My hope is GR will be the city of opportunity and place for all Michiganders to settle and diversify is well established in all aspects of the city
MIB		I see Grand Rapids as a vibrant city that is known for economic stability, safety, and a good plac to raise your kids
MIB		Culture center for the future world. With all the emerging tech the future of work and education will be totally different, based on the industry in Grand Rapids. Meging the eastern and western culture and embedding into workspace product and solutions
MIB		My vision for GR is to be a rich diverse city - a melting pot for all cultures. Has its own central airport hub, sufficient housing for everyone, a tourist attraction
Online		Good community neighborhood s and less crime.
Online		An affordable, family-friendly community that has a variety of fun things to do year-round, cherishes it's location on the Grand River, and is forward-thinking in the way the City operates to support sustainability.
Online		I hope that Grand Rapids will be known as a thriving, diverse, inclusive, and walkable community that embraces its unique four-season climate and nearby outdoor resources.
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Online		I hope that Grand Rapids can be known for stewardship and sustainability to its residents, its businesses, the environment, and public health.
Online		I hope that Grand Rapids will be known as a thriving, diverse, inclusive, and walkable community that embraces its unique four-season climate and nearby outdoor resources.
Online		A climate safe-haven. So where people know they will not feel the overwhelming effects of climate change. And Grand Rapids will be able to do this by creating a walkable city, somewhere people know they donâ€™t need to escape from the heat to get around. People will be able to stroll with their friends to wherever they want to go, and (If we want everything great) Grand Rapids demolishes the two freeways that slice through our downtown.
Online		I hope Grand Rapids will be known for being a great place to be queer.
Online		I want Grand Rapids to be known for being a vibrant and equitable bike-friendly community that offers it's residents a safe and robust network of protected bicycle lanes. I want our city to invest in it's people, not personal vehicles. We need to provide the community alternative options to driving. This is not limited to bikes, but should include public transportation and pedestrian friendly streets. I want Grand Rapids to be known for creating a community that isn't centered around cars.
Online		A place that embraces the arts, cultures, lifestyles, and individuality, while supporting small businesses and industries regardless of our 'known history' (furniture, health, & breweries).
Online		Full of tourist places that represent other cultures, especially Africa. For examples, events, places and organisations.

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Online

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Online

I hope to see Grand Rapids enter the national and international scene as a destination place to live, work, play, and worship!

Online

Grand Rapids in 2033 is known as a city that is endorsing for new forms of housing, new modes of transportation, and new innovative microbusiness opportunities that are building bridges between economic, racial, generational, and neighborhood divisions.

Online

Grand Rapids can be the City of Equity. Housing, justice, jobs, wealth and education.

Online

A vibrant walkable city with good accessible Public transportation that works for all users, unlike the walkable City with pathetic public transportation like we have now

Online

Grand Rapids the City of Progress,

Online

Because if you're not moving forward you're moving backward.

Online

Leader of climate change Leader of diversity.

Online

I hope for a city where it easy for the pedestrian to get around the city. Whether they are taking timely bus routes, or utilizing \*\*\*separated\*\*\* bike lanes to get across town, the pedestrian can get to where they want to go without having to step foot into a car.

Online

For how pedestrian friendly it is. People can get around just fine without a car due to our magnificent \*\*separated\*\* bikelanes and readily available busing.

Online

affordable, quality housing.  
an inclusive community where all will feel welcome and people will move to Grand Rapids because of it.  
a green community  
a community known for its excellent public schools

Online

I don't want to live in a tech-focused city. I want to live in a city that embraces its local artists and small businesses.

Online

growth, opportunity for high paying jobs. beautiful parks and great schools.

Online

Being affordable city to live in. Cleaning up the environmental messes that were left to the next generation. Bringing back jobs for all economic classes.

Online

A vibrant and inclusive city. Donde podemos tener una vida saludable para todas las personas de distintas razas, etnias y edades. Una ciudad caminable, con buen transporte p blico, con dise o urbano que motive la socializaci n.

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Online

Id like to see Grand Rapids continue with the expansion of entertainment downtown, white water rafting and kayaking down the Grand River, River side parks with easy access to enjoy the river. I would like to continue to see windows not barred up, unused factories and buildings demolished and the streets down division cleaned up.

Online

Vibrant, walkable neighborhoods and business districts with reliable public transit.

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Online

I think that we will be known for our population growth but I hope that we are known for managing it in the correct fashion. We do not need more parking lots/spaces, we need housing and viable public transportation options for all. I hope that we are known for being THE mid-sized Midwestern city that did not let our small size get in the way of forward thinking ideas and projects.

Online

I would like to encourage more front-yard and parkway gardening, instead of just planting grass everywhere. I would like GR neighborhoods to look more beautiful without necessarily gentrifying and this would be a cost effective way to do that. Also encouraging more colors on buildings instead of just the safe colors. Would donâ€™t need to build everything up large, we just need to be more artistic.

Online

A thriving city with robust transit service (and density to support it); increasing walkability; and, a culture that supports the arts, its history and natural resources.

Online

I hope Grand Rapids will be known for its innovative and radical approach to housing and food insecurity. My vision for these is for Grand Rapids to become a leader in its cooperative housing and food initiatives. GRAND and RAPIDS...live up to the name and not bland rapids or grand crapids as I've heard it called. Much talk but little action to embrace the river and increase access and activities for EVERYONE, that includes, boating, fishing, non-motorized paths along the side, restoring the rapids, commercial and tourism opportunities and CONNECT to Lake Michigan!

Online

Environmentally friendly beautification of the 49507 area. More investments for mentorshipâ€™s for youth of color BY mentors of color!!

Online

i hope its a place that grows and includes people. I also hope that its a place we dont have to be scared of. I hope that we all known as a smart and care group of people for everyone.

Online

Online

I hope that The city is able to solve some of the modern problems in today's Grand Rapids such as homelessness and diversity. It should also be a city that is able to attract tourists and is friendly to both people living by themselves and their families.

Online

I hope that Grand Rapids would be a beautiful city known for our grand and pure waters. To be known as the star of the state of Michigan and to not be overseen by others.

Online

I hope Grand Rapids will be known for its history and diversity. I want to keep the beginnings of Grand Rapids (furniture, old buildings, etc.) relevant and grow from here. I also want us to have a large variety of diversity and acceptance.

Online

I hope gr will be a known for being one of the best places to live in the United States

Online

I hope to see a city that is made of many neighborhoods, where the neighborhoods actually have identities. Where they are built in mixed uses, and everyone can find basic services within a short-medium walk. Where there's a corner store next to an apartment building next to a row of SFH's, and everyone is able to flourish together. See: Ann Arbor

Online

I hope Grand Rapids can be a cleaner and more safe place for people to come live and visit. I hope that in a few years, Grand Rapids will continue to be known as a very religious city with a large amount of churches producing great Christian people.

Online

A city that welcomes all people and doesnâ€™t punish them for commuting into the city by vehicle because they canâ€™t afford to live in the city or because that is where their job is.

Online

Safeness

Online

Safeness

Online

I hope to see Grand Rapids become a closer knit community within neighborhoods by encouraging people to live nearer to each other, shopping at local stores, and using public transportation and/or walking or biking. The city can help by allowing more mixed use zoning, building up housing in the downtown and near downtown areas, have businesses build up instead of out and put parking underground rather than a sprawled parking lot, considering a metro system or reinstalling a streetcar to move people from homes to libraries, cultural centers, jobs, stores, and community public spaces.

Online

A highly livable, diverse, and mixed-income city, with sidewalks full of people lazily strolling on Saturday afternoons and cars optional in the city's central neighborhoods.

Online

More Art Prize Venues and More downtown activities and including children friendly activities.

Online

A community that fully supports its citizens equitably with obtainable housing, deep respect, fresh food access within 15 minute walk, and supports creativity and cooperation on every level.

Online

A diverse cultural center that is welcoming to different types of people.

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Online

		A vibrant city that celebrates people from all walks of life with an emphasis on healthy communities, local first, and sustainability. We are one of the most segregated cities in the nation, lets end that.
MIB	3	A town that takes care of people with disabilities as well as a town that cares about people of color
MIB		Music, art, the river. Accessible downtown area, walkable universal design with free fast transit and pedestrian micromobility infrastructure base.
MIB		An accessible city that is home to live music, fabulous restaurants, and art - easy to find transportation.
MIB		Accessibility for all
MIB		Being a cretive hub/hot spot
MIB	2	For grand rapids to be a leader in environmental sustainability and keep our rivers, waters (including and especially) drinking water, clean. I would also love to see Grand Rapids known for its different neighborhoods, and how each neighborhood takes care of their community members, and put their community first
MIB		The center of Michigan's blue cone movement, a city that embraced healthy community lifestyles and connections to meaningfully impact residents' longevity
MIB		A diverse and inclusive community that fosters positive growth for individuals and families to thrive
MIB		A city that has become a place of opportunity for all/diverse city residents. That we are no longer a "city within a city". A relevant factor to that is a city vision which more cohesively integrates with the city's pubic school system vision of providing great educational achievement
MIB		I hope Grand Rapids is known for being a city for equitable and affordable housing, along with being more pedestrain friendly and less reliant on automobiles. In other words, better mass transportation at an affordable cost
MIB		Grand Rapids will be known for paying all workers a livable wage and housing will be affordable - regardless of socioeconomic status
MIB		Transit and walkability - I'd love to see trolleys brought back. Grand rapids is small enough to maximize transportation with a ground-electric trolley system. Food and festivals - allow food trucks to occupy more space around town, throughout the year! Food trucks around town will also drive walkability and travel around town
MIB		Streamlined public transportation
MIB		Community gardens
MIB		More progressive in our caring for each other
MIB		Best green infrastructure
MIB		A city where housing is available to all and everyone who chooses to has a home
MIB		More equitable/accessible opportunities (economic, education, healthcare, etc.)
MIB		Water preservation, eco innovation, and universal healthcare
MIB		Urban planning and accessiblity
MIB		Least gentrified and most diverse city communities
MIB	2	Vibrant community with a variety of cultural and natural experienes and events - green spaces, parks, festivals, variety of restaurants and activities. Safe and welcoming, with community with diverse backgrounds
MIB	3	A booming metropolis of relevant events and tasty restaurants. A mobile city that has affordable housing and opportunities for all
MIB	2	Small business focus with emphasis on community building and outreach. I hope Grand Rapids is known for clean parks and paths, clean water, safe cities, better detours when highway is closed
MIB	2	I hope Grand Rapids is known as an inclusive community that offers activities for the community to do together
MIB	2	I hop Grand Rapids is known for being a lively, diverse, eco firendly city, filled with many parks, restaurants and activities
MIB		I hope Grand Rapids will be known as a great place to live and work, a great place for families with accessibility to safe parks, trails, and activities
MIB		Good diverse foods, inclusive, highly walkable, clean, reasonable cost-of-living
MIB	1	Continue to be an economic stronghold in the state of MI. More diverse restaurants/businesses - larger part for different communities and cultures
MIB	1	I hope Grand Rapids is known for safe and family friendly parks, trails, bike paths and community centers



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MIB	1	I hope Grand Rapids is a city known for opportunity and growth. New and diversified businesses, restaurants, and events
MIB		Better neighborhoods and housing for everybody
MIB		GR needs to be known for something other than Beer City. We were formerly known as Furniture City, which is much more appealing. Grand Rapids needs to serve the community better to help the homeless and help people with affordable housing and put a cap on market rate so people can afford rent and housing
MIB		All neighborhoods/wards should be included in the unity, growth, and development pie. Excluding one, there is no pie.
MIB		GR to be known for safe neighborhoods, a hope for violence to stop, and racism to not be so hard on other people that don't look like you
MIB		That Grand Rapids will grow in a positive way, and that rent will not price people out of their neighborhood. Bike lanes will actually not run out on no street (good and safe biking)
MIB		Network and solution centers for young men
MIB		As a missionary here, I would love the city to be known for active and effective churches that relevantly reach our communities
MIB		Building bridges and collaboration with other organizations to make sure our ideals and effort are established and put in place
MIB		A shift of equity to the people and the people to collaborate together with each other and with the works and support of this community
MIB		A city of equity and inclusion. The city will reflect the population and opportunity is afforded to all
MIB		A place where all black people thrive economically and professionally. Housing for all black people. Put black people first in every way.
MIB		For GR to have a tremendous amount of growth that involves the actual people in the city. Hoping for a more inclusive, diverse portfolio of business in prominent areas of the city. Hoping for a city that is more cohesive.
MIB		A walkable community with stores and resource that are available for all families
MIB		Being the kindest, accommodating and compassionate city to the disenfranchised
MIB		Peace
MIB		Flying cars, robots helping people around the neighborhood. Hopefully better home improvements, more teachers and good schools
MIB	2	Better housing opportunities, food, bars, shopping, job opportunity, summer and winter events, more shelters, better public transportation
MIB	3	Affordable housing (section 8). Free activities for young children. Youth groups aimed at stopping violence
MIB	3	Safer place for everybody, better schools that help more, better help for the homeless
MIB		To be known for a truly diverse and urban destination. Successful black businesses on the southeast side. More investment in the arts. Urban arts and not just ArtPrize. Community centers and schools that focus on holistic approaches to development. Community that has true partnerships with police. More broadband access. No lead.
MIB	3	More affordable housing, major concert venues, more activities for kids downtown, more public transportation
MIB	3	Better schooling, better housing for low income
MIB	3	More black business, more things for kids, everybody equal
MIB	3	Reparations for African Americans
MIB	3	A great place for education and childcare
MIB	3	A safe, justice-oriented city
MIB	3	Better than it is now
MIB	3	A city that innovatively and equitably addressed its housing crisis by prioritizing the needs of its existing community members while welcoming new neighbors. A model city for housing choice.
MIB	3	Equality and justice. Their land resource being publicly utilized for affordable housing and homeownership! Mainstream support!
MIB	3	I hope it is a city with racial unity. I believe in Grand Rapids
MIB	3	Inclusion for all generations. Initiatives that assume aging in place is a goal.
MIB	3	Inclusiveness
MIB	3	Grand Rapids will be a place with a home for everyone, with many levels of opportunity for education, work, mental health improvement

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MIB	1	The downtown remains active. Expansion of downtown into nearby neighborhoods makes accommodation for displaced individuals. Business areas with neighborhood remain "human scale" (less than 4 stories). Lake MI Dr remains residential. Mixed income neighborhoods.
MIB	1	A place that everyone is welcome
MIB		Having more African American business owners
MIB		I hope we have more black owned businesses
MIB		I hope that we will be known for diversity and inclusivity. A city where we can be respected and appreciated. Where all concerns and needs are considered
MIB		A city in which an individual can obtain gainful employment and positive events. Also, a city where it is safe to raise a family
MIB		That Grand Rapids would be a wonderful place for black and brown folks, as well as everyone else. Great public schools, not for profit. That homeownership is accessible to all
MIB		Transfer of equity to the black and brown community with the resources available to grow and produce a self sufficient economy that will create equal generational wealth to its community stakeholders
MIB		Trolley trains around town, historical tour city for tourists. Boat rides down the Grand River. Build downtown up with more. See more black and brown owned businesses downtown like hotels, event centers, and larger black museum
MIB		I hope that one day in the near future Grand Rapids can be known for a world class city that prioritizes equity and growth in underserved communities. It's time that we have gotten it right. Providing resources and entertainment to residents and tourists
MIB		Its great walkability, beautiful pathways, and river walk
MIB		For being an uplifting community filled with opportunity, creativity, and safe, walkable streets
MIB		Excitement, concerts, helping the elderly
MIB		Creative "hub" for young artists and entrepreneurs
MIB		A city that embraces small, mom and pop businesses, encouraging local businesses. And has really good public transit!
MIB		I hope GR will be known as a leader in mid-size city climate action
MIB		A place where everyone can afford housing so that they can live in a sustainable community where everyone gets along. A place that is more community focused where all people can be involved no matter what
MIB		Where all children can get an equal education no matter how much they have to pay for it. Affordable housing.
MIB	3	Grand Rapids will be known as a vibrant and economically strong city in which residents feel proud to live. It will be welcoming to all - traditional families, singles, all races and ages.
MIB	3	A safe, diverse community that is friendly, eco-minded, that supports a vibrant arts life and fair housing.
MIB	3	I hope Grand Rapids will be a city that prioritizes human centered design by offering dense, mixed use neighborhoods, better active transportation infrastructure, and opportunity for community engagement in every neighborhood
MIB	3	I hope that GR will be known for being a people centric community that includes that perspective when designing public transit, bike/pedestrian friendly
MIB	3	Innovative, creative community that prioritizes and celebrates our diverse neighbors and neighborhoods. A community that came together to collaboratively combat systemic issues and promote housing justice, diversity, and mental health resources
MIB	2	Diverse, active city that promotes community, the arts and values businesses/communities of varying races/backgrounds etc. Lots of outdoor activities/parks (family friendly). Better public transportation
MIB	3	Thriving communities that are diverse and "people first" - affordable housing, compassionate response to homelessness, supportive of small business, opportunities for marginalized groups
MIB	2	Inclusive, vibrant city that invests in affordable housing, public infrastructure and commercial development
MIB		A safe place for all people regardless of race, gender, gender identity and economic status. A leader in climate change adaptations. A good education system, preschool through college. An arts mecca.
MIB	3	Green and walkable/accessible! Grand Rapids would be a lovely place to showcase our sustainable hopes for the future. A city that is not only walkable, but also accessible (infrastructure)

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MIB	2	Walkable, diverse community. More green space! Expanded tree cover across the city. Healthy food accessibility for underserved parts of GR. Expanded services for people experiencing poverty/homelessness
MIB	2	On the forefront of sustainability - carbon negative and clean waterways. A vibrant, equitable social landscape that prioritizes diverse events and aesthetics
MIB	2	Embracing DEI - diversity, equity, and inclusion. A mid-size midwest city that utilizes and enables public transportation and alternative transportation/bicycles, etc. A city that addresses the disparity with policing (punitive) vs serving its people with resources
Online		I don't hope I pray Grand Rapids be full of more opportunities for minorities especially African Americans. Me being from the Grand Rapids I look forward to starting a business of my own.
Online		Grand Rapids should be the most economically vibrant and ethnically diverse city in Michigan. It should support economic thriving of all residents via investments in mobility choices, housing choices, and employment choices for households of every income and family size.
Online		A gun free city. A Food Co-op that services the core where there are no healthy, affordable, extensive grocery stores. Affordable housing for lower income people (including students and elderly). In proving things in the community
Online		I hope to see Grand Rapids embrace all cultures...I will love to see Black culture downtown. More green space in the inner city particularly the Madison Square area.
Online		I will love to see old schools like Innovation central with a clean atmosphere to learn.  Less policing and more mental health resources. More family centered developments that are affordable for all. Affordable Housing and choice for low/moderate income families. More inclusive for people of all ages and abilities with a world class transportation system for walking, bicycling, and transit.
Online		I hope that Grand Rapids is known for being a vibrant and clean urban center where safety and community are top priorities and people can live, work, and play.
MIB		Affordable housing, increase density. Improve Rapid transit across the city. Create better pockets of resources across the city - how do we decentralize resources? Ex. How can we create better access to resources on the SE side in the neighborhood.
MIB		I dream of a GR that is welcoming both to visitors and to every type of resident who lives here
MIB	1	Grand Rapids should be a place of higher education, with local businesses alongside franchise businesses serving the community. A place where grocery stores will employ the community in the east side of Heartside community. Grand Rapids could be a great location for a detox rehab area, where the people would be safe to detox and continue to serve the community. Bring a local sports team, like a soccer team or a place where amateur athletes could live.
MIB	1	Less drug activity/Clean city and less crime and less police brutality. I would like our community to stand out by building more indoor veggie centers and community gardens
MIB	1	Accessible, efficient public transportation and a safe, walkable downtown with activities, parks, restaurants, and businesses for all to enjoy. Community-led produce and herb gardens with more access to affordable fresh produce
MIB	1	Community of diverse people that live/work/play in harmony. Clean streets, neighborhoods, and riverfront that are inviting and comfortable. Safe and well-lit. A community where art and businesses can thrive
MIB	1	Lots more art for everyone, especially the homeless. Giving and/or receiving hope. Pretty neighborhood.
MIB		I hope that GR will be a leader in improved quality of life for all people through implementation of innovative change based on upstream solutions. Therefore, deconstructing historical, systemic problems that have divided communities. We will be a top of mind destination for folks around the country.
MIB		A growing community with socioeconomic diversity, with opportunity, housing, and potential for people of all walks of life
MIB	1	Equitable and affordable housing should be invested in before anything. Walkability and less car centered and more public transit options.
MIB	2	A welcoming and modern urban city that prioritizes development
MIB	2	A city where everyone can live, work, play, and thrive. A city with more housing, more affordable housing, more community control of our housing market.

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MIB	3	Grand Rapids has strong, interconnected neighborhoods that celebrate their unique culture and contribution to our city
MIB	1	Safe, walkable, beautiful, healthy businesses
MIB	3	Outline requirements for by right accessory dwellings. Smaller lot lines. Reduce parking requirements for neighborhoods and commercial districts. Multiple types of dwellings throughout all neighborhoods with a variety of income levels to ensure housing choice.
MIB	2	End homelessness, everyone that can work, work with decent wages and benefits. Mental illness is dealt with fairly - everyone has access
MIB	1	Look of being friendly and helpful to those that do not know the area. Fewer homeless and panhandlers on the streets day to day. Reduce the need to pay for parking. Accepting of all.
MIB	1	Displaced community members have a safe place to land and equitable access to quality resources
MIB	2	Grand Rapids is known as a vibrant city which is home to innovative business and industries that employ engaged residents who live in dynamic, walkable neighborhoods
MIB	3	A great place to live for all people - where small businesses thrive, homeownership is possible, and everyone is getting better.

Round 1 Engagement Results - Big Ideas				
ID #	Source	What are your BIG IDEAS for the future of Grand Rapids?	Table Identified Theme	
1		Permanent food truck court	Vibrancy	
2		Soccer stadium		
3		River development		
4		Language accessibility for signage, resource navigation, and services. Create language groups that support Arabic, Swahili, etc.	Economic Development	
5		Land freed up by (?)	Transportation	
6		More bike paths		
7		Replace US 131 with green, bus-speed boulevard		
8		Reconnect streets cut by US 131 (walkability)		
9		Transportation services for everyone - Uber rides to services, etc.		
10		EV stations, all city vehicles EV, including ones for the parks maintenance		
11		Multiple community centers		
12		Well-funded schools		
13		Accountability for landlords, especially w land abatements		
14	2/21 Table 1	Reforming city structures and investing in community (ex. Police, fire, etc.) Include more collaborative services	Equity	
15		Schools that are excellent for all students, not just in certain zip codes. Health care the same. Social justice.		
16		Stop the flow of big money into projects - seems like some companies own the city		
17		Decentralized city - kiosks and city services at neighborhood association		
18		Façade improvements on businesses		
19		More youth activities		
20		Safe spaces for youth to engage and meet each other		
21		Some citizens live in areas of higher pollution (near the highways) - help them. (More here I can't read)		Environmental Justice
22		Address health issues caused by US 131 pollution		
23				Multicultural arts district
24		Use land from removing US 131 for affordable housing	Housing	
25		Rent caps on apartments and housing		
26		Housing first initiatives and funding for all, non reoccurring homeless episodes		
27		More housing downtown	Parks	
28		More community gardens		
29		Fruit trees and edible plants		
30		Rain gardens and park cleanups	Climate Change	
31		Community solar		
32		Help those who live in houses to update - revert to electric weatherization		
33		Music in the park, art, community focused theatre		

34	Increased diversity of participation in cultural activities	
35	Leverage outdoor space to increase neighborhood interaction - build community space	Art/Community
36	Find ways to celebrate neighborhood history	
37	Vibrant outdoor culture	
38	Focus on environment: light pollution, climate change, connectivity from one side of city to another via public transit easily and safely	
39	Work with the Rapid to have (loadable) cards more accessible	Transportation
40	(?)/Consistency of transit	
41		
42	A place where young families can thrive: childcare, housing, free activities, excellent schools	
43	2/21 Table 2 A city where housing is readily affordable for all income levels	
44	The city works with Trinity Health, and owners of other parking lots downtown to create parking garages and to facilitate construction of multi-unit housing building on former parking lots	Amenities/Vibrancy
45	A GR (?) to support childcare facilities and staff	
46	Children's youth activity centers for tutoring, sports, technology	
47	Mixed use housing options fully integrated	
48	Diverse building stock to meet needs of all income levels	
49	All development must be weighed against a sustainability criteria. First cost/long term	Environment
50	Rooftop green space on new apt buildings	
51	Welcoming and nurturing to newcomers	Diversity
52	Public transport by train - upper peninsula too	Transportation
53	Main services of City Hall have different locations	
54	Accountability just disappears. PBGR was a boondoggle, what happened? Where was the accountability?	Access
55	Shelters for houseless	
56	Change regulations to make it easier and cheaper to add ADU - no need for a new sewer and water line & size issues - my house is under 700	Housing
57	Stop the forced tithing. There is no reason for churches and nonprofits to not pay their property taxes. They use plenty of city services!	
58	City needs to provide clear communication with small business owners	
59	Better support for small businesses	Small Business
60	Hire people with backgrounds in instructional design, adult education, not expensive marketing to write information for citizens	
61	Clean up empty lots, do not use them as parking spaces	

62	2/21 Table 3	Trash issues - rethink a way to have a quarterly/annual big household and yard pickup day	Clean
63		Paid college tuition for kids that live in the city that achieve academic success	
64		Free college	
65		Folk school in the theme of Grundtvig. Not an arts and crafts like Campbell, but a place to learn how to live, function, participate in a diverse democracy	
66		Community center for adult educational experiences that are not associated with k-12 but taught	
67		Community centers every 2-3 miles	Education
68		Public sponsored classroom driver's ed to learn the rules of the road/ laws including special to city such as roundabouts	
69		Dramatically increase internship opportunities; work with larger businesses to establish	
70		Increase opportunity for all kids to participate in performing arts w/o ability to pay	
71		Ongoing civic education because too many do not receive enough or any in k-12 as attend elsewhere or drop out	
72		Rework wide streets w/ lots of traffic, high speed, and many driveways (Alpine, 28th St, North Plainfield)	
73		Bicycle mode share 4% to 40%	
74		More traffic calming measures	
75		Bring back the streetcars (or trolley buses)	
76		Golf cart lanes	
77		Car-free Sunday mornings (like Ciclovía in Latin America)	
78		More frequent busses that run throughout all 24 hours in a day	Transportation
79		Separated/protected bike lanes	
80		(?)	
81		Every street in the city gets resurfaced every 10 years	
82		Free public transit	
83		Restricting car traffic on Monroe Ave, making it a pedestrian/cyclist street	
84		Transit mode share 8% to 40%	
85		Get rid of the freeways running straight through the city	
86		More public pools (not just splash pads)	
87		Improved tree canopy	
88	2/21 Table 5	Increase public spaces - non commerce (i.e. libraries)	
89		Spaces (buildings, parks, streets) named and reflective of the diverse residents of GR	Public Space
90		Community centers open early and late	
91		More free arts and cultural activities in parks and streets	
92		Little free libraries everywhere!	
93		10 minute walk to grocery store	
94		More mixed use development	

95	Increased \$ for participatory budgeting	
96	Increased social services for residents - decreased police budget	Economic Growth
97	Downtown grocery store (affordable)	
98	Panhandling ordinance	
99	Lower noise pollution	Environment
100	Net zero carbon city	
101	More 4-plexes and duplexes	
102	Tax incentives to build truly energy efficient houses	
103	Increased 3+ bedroom housing near schools for families	Housing
104	Temporary tax incentives to spur barrier free housing	
105	Affordable and reasonable housing	
106	Better options for shared living (co-ops, etc.)	
107	Sports franchise - NFL	Vibrant
108	Free dental care for all - access to dentures, root canals, and tooth extractions	Accessible health
109	Green space within 10-15 minute walk of everyone	Accessible parks
110	A police force that better reflects and supports a multi-cultural city (e.g. a police force that can reliably communicate in other people's native language)	Diverse police, representation
111	More quality low income housing	Affordable housing
112	Free brake/taillight clinics to avoid unnecessary pull overs	Safety
113	Defund the GRPD	
114	More mental health access! No need to go and stay in emergency rooms	Health
115	Free parking for 2 hours in the city if you take public transit at least once a month	Vibrancy
116	All churches helping in with homeless - a must to be nonprofit	Homeless assistance
117	City that is more walkable/bikeable	Active transit
118	World class public transportation connected across the county	Connected public transit
119	Investment in busses, like a "people mover" to specific strips, for specific nights, at later hours	Improved public transit
120	Removing commercial traffic through residential areas, especially if there is a school	Safety, active transit
121	(?)	
122	2/21 Table 6 Public service that can easily and quickly communicate in a person's preferred language	Diverse service providers
123	That everyone in GR has the things they need to live happy and healthy lives	Adequate services
124	Equitable access to agricultural growing space	Equitable community spaces
125	Small local food stores for every liquor/parts store	local food/business
126	GRPS signing up for (?) a meal	
127	Daycare everywhere - drop-in daycares for parents who need it	Services



128	A better youth center for the children that teaches life skills, has free tutoring, and all-day activities	Spaces for youth
129	Expand hours and coverage for public transportation	Increased public transit
130	Every cool city on a river has an aquarium	Vibrancy
131	Assistance with: cheaper car repairs for those who are not able to pay for car repairs, income sliding fees	Services for low income
132	More bike lanes that are big enough for bikes	Active transit networks
133	Public transportation that runs a bit later in the evening	Increased public transit
134	Disabled transportation. All-night services to any place	Transit for differently abled, increased service
135	Bike infrastructure that supports biking as a means of transportation, that makes people of all ages feel safe and comfortable traveling by bike	Active transit for all
136	Protected bike lanes/dedicated bike route	
137	GR leads in integrating active transportation and land use (climate crisis mitigation and adaptation)	
138	Increased bus routes and stops	Transportation
139	More protected bike lanes	
140	Safety of neighborhoods/walkability	
141	Platinum level bicycle-friendly community	
142	Quality public school system	Education
143	Good school system	
144	Expand more social services outside of downtown so they aren't condensed in 6 blocks	
145	Eliminate food deserts	
146	Increased food access in every neighborhood	Social Equity/Equality
147	Equity is: "a rising tide lifts all ships", not handouts but true opportunities in education, employment, and housing. Let's get better together	
148	Eliminate climate agendas, social justice, equity agenda	
149	Protect all agriculture and the river	
150	(?) Green energy	
151	Incentives for residents/business to plant native plants/restore habitat	Environment/Energy
152	Safe environment	
153	Get current buildings and houses updated to better energy efficiency	
154	No blighted houses/storefronts	
155	Affordable and equitable housing	
156	More non-traditional options - tiny homes, former industrial spaces/churches/office buildings	Housing
157	More housing on the lower side of "market rate"	
158	Age -friendly housing (co-housing, etc.)	
159	Public school for 2nd ward	Better education
160	15 minute city - everything you need within a 15 minute walk	15-minute city

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161		Theater in the parks	Vibrancy
162		Must see something like Pike Place in Seattle	Vibrancy
163	2/21 Table 8	Activate the parks with theater, music, movies	Vibrancy
164		Budget \$10m/year new \$ for middle and lower cost housing development	affordable housing
165		Separate bike lanes from traffic	safe active transit
166		We cannot handle the population growth that is projected. We already don't have enough housing. It's not right to promote growth without enough places to live.	housing
167		Increased investment in public, non-religious education	Education
168		Car-free , pedestrian only streets downtown!	
169		City tax on large vehicles and tax credits for car-free households	
170		Fully protected bike lanes	
171		Safe streets w/ traffic calming to reduce speeding	
172		City rebate on electric bicycles	Transportation
173		Removing I196 and US131 from downtown and rerouting	
174		10-20 (?) bus headways on all routes. Make buses run later.	
175		15 minute city - improved walkability to essentials, non-vehicle infrastructure, housing density	
176		Dedicated cycle tracks on major corridors	
177		Make development process more straightforward	Governance
178		Thoughtful infill development with construction of more duplexes-quadplexes	
179		Build 30k new housing units by 2045	
180		Creston Riverfront District - Area located along Grand River north of Leonard along Monroe	
181		Increase new housing - townhomes would be great	Housing
182		Rework of historical corridors for unique housing and commercial prospects	
183		Restore run down homes	
184		Balance the types of housing available	
185	2/21 Table 9	Allow small-scale accessory housing on every lot	
186		Native grasses and pollinators. Increase green stormwater infrastructure	
187		Tree canopy	
188		Community gardens	
189		Make the river more useful to public (restore rapids, green space around the river)	Green Space
190		Remove industry from the river and make entire riverfront public green space	
191		More farmers markets	
192		solar and wind energy infill with incentives for private installation	Climate Change
193		Aquarium	

194	Expand arts events and festivals/special events that draw people to GR	Recreation & Culture
195	Lots of activities or concerts in the park (art prize, winter fest)	
196	Indoor swimming pool access (natatorium)	Safety
197	Reduce violent crime	
198	Biotech job development with startup incubator and lab space	Economic Development
199	Increase street vending and entrepreneurship opportunities	
200	Well paying job opportunities that are accessible by public transportation	
201	More green space	Environmental Health
202	More trees	
203	Green space around new housing	
204	Air pollution drastically reduced by use of clean energy, fewer cars, more trees (?)	
205	Compost bins, old oil kitchen disposal areas, make recycling easier instead of going to the specific zones	
206	Leader in bike friendly and walkable areas	
207	Biking roads (close the streets) for encouraging physical activities during Sunday mornings from 8 to 1 or 2pm. You can also have separate physical stations. Idea from Bogota, Colombia.	Transportation
208	Public transit (trolleys, light rail, etc.) into downtown that is pedestrian-first	
209	Dash service to neighborhoods	Economic Development
210	Food truck commissary in the city limits	
211	More business incubator locations	
212	Affordable housing options	Affordable Housing
213	More affordable seniors retirement	
214	Workforce housing	
215	More festivals and events	Recreation
216	A teenage rec space - more space for teens	
217	Community center pool, courts accessible at all price levels	
218	International sustainability leaders and innovators (built environment, industrial/manufacturing, and socio-economic justice)	Climate/Sustainability
219	Emphasis on green infrastructure being built	
220	Better. More frequent grooming of trees in easements	
221	(?)	Health/Wellness
222	Notable health and wellness, longevity and quality of life. We're fat. Use Boulder, CO as an example	
223	High quality performance spaces in the parks	
224	1% for the arts funded	

2/21 Table 10

225		Equitable, available mixed use spaces for nonprofits and startups	Culture
226		Preserve great open space, parks (social condensers)	
227		Well paying jobs	
228		Promote startups, entrepreneurship	
229		Free waste pickup (in addition to recycling)	
230		Develop and retain young professionals. Workforce development programs, free trade school and university	Economic Development
231		Diverse economic portfolio	
232		A city where launching economic prosperity for all is in practice, and not just theory	
233		Leverage the river	
234	2/21 Table 11	Complete Grand River restoration project, and have GR be a model for environmental sustainability and climate resiliency	River
235		A culture of belonging replaces W.M Nice as our calling card	
236		All Grand Rapidians can call Grand Rapids "home"	Belonging/Inclusion
237		Diversity of people and ideas	
238		Cut redundancy in government, combine city and township governments?	
239		More investment in black and brown owned developers to create affordable and mixed income housing	
240		Equitable affordable housing and workspaces for creative persons	
241		Affordable housing, workplace housing, low income housing	Housing
242		A housing-rich, affordable for all city	
243		City owned housing that includes row homes/townhouses so people with families could find places	
244		A transit (diverse offerings) city	
245		Great public transportation, walkable nodes of density	
246		Fix bussing - take it county wide	Transportation
247		Rail integration with other cities	
248		(?)	
249		Housing equity. Accessible rental housing.	
250		More low-income housing in core areas (sustainable urbanization)	
251		Larger apartment buildings along Wealthy near Eastown	Housing
252		Homeless and housing insecure support, social services and rental stock	
253		Intentional free/reduced cost foreign language classes/cultural centers (e.g. Japanese, Arabic, Korean)	
254		Improved community centers for immigrant, refugees, and communities of color	
255		Murals by and showcasing people of color	
256		Diverse cultural education, learning centers	

257	Education for green jobs	Arts and Culture
258	More visible ways for community involvement in local govt. Make it fun, engaging	
259	Do more with "sister cities"	
260	I want more cultural celebrations in the city. Food, activity, culture.	
261	(?) landmarks	
262	Increase transit (affordable, accessible, and sustainable) with attention to underserved communities	
263	It'd be awesome if GR led the way for more train travel in the state	
264	Slow streets!	
265	More focus on train station and easier access to other cities	
266	No cars on Wealthy	
267	Easier, more frequent public transportation	
268	Multi-use streets: play, tables, trees, and sloe cars	Transportation
269	Move businesses from 28th St	
270	2/21 Table 12 Brighter street lights for safety, especially near crossings with no signal	
271	Easier access to airport, hourly busses	
272	More public bathrooms in city. 24/7 and self-cleaning	
273	28th St bans cars or make it less hostile for bikes and walking	
274	Bike lanes allowing for safe biking from EGR to Downtown on Wealthy	
275	Stronger regional planning (participatory and integrated) to get GR to Lake Michigan	
276	Urban forest	
277	I want to kayak to Lake Michigan	
278	I would love more food vendors walking in the park	
279	(?)	
280	Free exercise equipment scattered throughout the city	
281	Accessible playgrounds and parks with communal areas. I want old and young in park	Green Space
282	Better secured dog park (registered, key fob, membership fee if needed to look after) i.e. Royal Oak's "Mark Twain dog park"	
283	"Central Park" of Grand Rapids	
284	Walkable neighborhood services/parks/schools/shops by foot	
285	Electrify everything	
286	Net zero by 2030	Climate/Sustainability
287	Community solar power systems	
288	Greater support for minority owner businesses in the city proper (financial, technical, etc.)	minority economic support
289	Neighborhood leadership and local agency	Strong neighborhoods

290	Public safety social work systems meld with police	safety, connected services
291	Vacant land tax	redevelopment
292	Grocery access within 10 minute walk	food access
293	Volunteer/citizen activation initiative	citizen involvement
294	Increase actual public safety, which does not mean militarizing the police, but instead getting them back in touch with community and neighborhoods	public safety
295	Community policing (increased intentional GRPD relationship-centered engagement)	community policing
296	Tear down 131 <3	redevelopment
297	Remove parking minimums and setback requirements	Amend zoning rules
298	Remove parking minimums for new dev	Amend zoning rules
299	Safe street improvements to Cesar Chavez/Grandville from Hall to Franklin (bike lanes, crosswalk improvements, lighting)	Safety
300	No highways in the city, only around	redevelopment
301	Transit oriented development	Transit
302	Deprioritize cars and highways and parking	Transit
303	Design standards for streetscape design (re: accessibility)	Design standards
304	Increased diversity and equity	Diversity
305	Youth pre-employment program (before age 14)	Youth opportunity
306	Light rail? Subway? Cities a quarter of our size have them in Europe	Transit
307	Only 4 way stop signs downtown (no lights)	Transit
308	Protected cycle lanes (so like, concrete not flexi-poles)	Active transit
309	Accessibility improvements at all bus stops	Accessibility
310	More community celebrations - prioritize joy (ask GR Fdn about this)	Vibrancy
311	2/21 Table 13 Bike lanes separated from traffic	Active transit
312	Climate millage to fund climate mitigation ad resilience projects (i.e. energy efficiency, building improvements, flooding prevention, etc.)	Sustainability
313	Millages: education, climate, housing/addressing homelessness, transit	
314	Unhoused seem to need more support - any solutions out there? Paid task force needed	Homeless assistance
315	Funding supportive housing for the unhoused	Homeless assistance
316	Rain runoff/stormwater projects throughout the city (sewer cutouts not available in my neighborhood)	Sustainability
317	Bed bug treatment fund for low income residents	Health
318	More development in historically neglected communities	Development in neglected places
319	Congestion pricing in the downtown are coupled with more frequent transit. Every resident will live within 5 minutes of a 15 min frequency bus. Fixed light rail to the airport	Improved public transit

320	By-right 4plexes throughout the city	Housing
321	Remove the highways. Speed governors on all vehicles and capping all in-city speed at 20 mph	Redevelopment
322	Grants for local business incubation	Economic Development
323	Electric bike rebate	Alternative transit
324	Support for community services - libraries, parks, pools, and rec centers (aka the places where community is really formed)	Community services
325	Public transport is so robust/low-cost it doesn't make sense to have a car	
326	Increase and reward school bus transportation - reduce parent/student commuter traffic	
327	Better public transit and bike lanes/paths	
328	Light rail for commuters locally, and from suburbs like Portland.	
329	West side parking structures with downtown shuttle. Increase and grow, get parking out but lots of infrastructure to get people in	Transportation
330	Roundabouts on Plainfield to slow speeders	
331	Bike lanes that actually keep us safe. Paint ain't cutting it :)	
332	Remove/reduce physical barriers between neighborhoods (i.e. highway cuts off 1st ward to river/downtown)	
333	Keep libraries open!	
334	Soccer arena	
335	Native/Indigenous outdoor ceremonial/celebration space	
336	Install lots of public water filling stations for promoting refillable bottles. No plastic bottles!	Amenities/Vibrancy
337	Public restrooms and water stations along river? Bike trails?	
338	Neighborhood tool libraries	
339	Affordable housing with common space/parks	
340	Everyone is housed, everyone has housing choice/access, no housing scarcity	
341	Increased housing density along all commercial corridors - decrease parking requirements	Housing
342	2/21 Table 14 More affordable housing	
343	Include 2 & 3 bedroom requirements for affordable housing/dev incentives to house families & multi-gen	
344	Accessory dwelling unit incentive program - decrease utility install costs - find affordable ADU build or prefab	
345	Designated neighborhood cleanup days! Earth walk and pick up trash	
346	Allow for natural grasses and habitat vs. "English lawns"	

347	No Mow May - all the time in some part of yards and parks to increase pollinators	Green Space
348	Use native plants for green spaces and parks	
349	More native grasses and plants, wetlands to capture rain water	
350	Assess food apartheid/deserts and zone on something for fresh food, gardens, etc.	
351	Every neighborhood has accessible food options affordable by the income for that neighborhood	Food
352	Public schools (k-college) campus' with community garden spaces - promote food sovereignty	
353	City inspector monitor big business lawn treatment practices - ban toxic fertilizer and weed kill use	
354	Sola power and green builds that keep us cool as temps rise	
355	More clean energy alternatives and help for residents hoping to use them	Climate/Sustainability
356	Ban plastic bags	
357	Reduce/eliminate the use of caustic and toxic sodium chloride to melt snow on the roads - kills plants/aquatic life	
358	Review city charter (representation, budget expanding)	
359	Public transportation from the airport to downtown	Public transit
360	Real safe cycling options	Active transit
361	Professional sports franchise	Vibrancy
362	Expanding waterfront (running/biking, restaurants, public parks)	Vibrancy
363	Affordable transportation friendly setup	affordable public transit
364	Expand the downtown market	Vibrancy
365	2/21 Table 15 Interactive artworks	Vibrancy
366	Event to draw people from other states and cities	Vibrancy
367	More high rise apartments (w/ mixed housing or rent stabilization options) for higher density living	Mixed housing
368	Real estate (commercial and residential) owned by marginalized communities	Opportunity for marginalized
369	GR City art council	Vibrancy
370	Better and healthier food pantries in the communities that need it	Access to food
371	Curbside composting pickup (not just yard waste)	
372	Better recycling resources	Climate
373	Stormwater management being critical during the planning process (not just as an afterthought)	
374	Keep and develop upon more green spaces - preserve nature	
375	Turn the old schools into green space, not new developments	



376	Pocket parks	Parks/Vibrancy
377	Neighborhood green spaces and microparks	
378	Restoration for historic buildings	
379	Helping to keep parks, trails, and community areas safer and free from trash or destruction	
380	more "pedestrian only" areas (ex. Reclose Monroe center)	
381	Quit removing parking requirements for new development	
382	More small business opportunities	
383	2/21 Table 16 Funding for community neighborhood associations (NECAA)	
384	Keep antique mall	Economic Development
385	Stop small business strips @ Creston	
386	More diversity in commerce	
387	Increase shopping centers/stores	
388	Redevelopment vs demolishing buildings (co-work of space)	
389	Bring the S Curve to first world standards	
390	Neighborhood business' (?)	
391	(?) maintained by city	
392	Sidewalks at intersections or bus stops	
393	Additional bike lanes and bike safety education	Transportation
394	People mover/above ground trolley system	
395	Safety walking on sidewalks	
396	Improve bicycle lanes and safety. Trail systems increased	
397	Cohesive and connected alternative transport routes (EVs and Bikes)	
398	Rent caps	
399	Accessible sidewalks and public restrooms downtown	
400	Community gardens and necessary zoning/code improvements to facilitate	
401	Public official walk-throughs with disabled people "a day in the life"	
402	Mixed commercial and residential zoning	
403	Sustainable housing design	
404	Ban or limit advertising in public spaces	
405	Less space devoted to cars	
406	Solar/snow (?) for parking garages and bus stops	
407	Heat pump building retrofits	
408	Adaptive reuse	
409	Funding for public art projects	
410	ADUs and "missing middle" housing	
411	Abolish anti-homeless architecture	
412	More libraries and library resources	
413	Require rooftop solar and energy storage in building codes	
414	Reform charter to improve elected representation	

415	More public communal spaces	
416	More gender neutral bathrooms	
417	Universal basic income	
418	2/21 Table 17 Street vendor friendly	
419	Better sidewalk and bike path maintenance, especially with snow and ice	
420	More thorough and easy to use transit	
421	Pedestrian infrastructure improvement	
422	Reduced urban sprawl	
423	Bus stop upgrades (benches, shelter, flowers)	
424	15 minute cities	
425	Walkable spaces	
426	Better allowances for urban agriculture	
427	Rain gardens and other urban green infrastructure	
428	Bring back the trolleys!	
429	Noise barriers on highways	
430	Remove so many extra highway ramps	
431	Remove parking minimums	
432	Safely (?) areas in flood plain	
433	Habitat for native plants and creatures	
434	Community land trusts & urban agriculture	
435	Rooftop gardens	
436	Micro-parks in empty spaces	
437	More farm markets	
438	More third place spaces (not work, not home, open to public for no cost)	
439	Much more solar panels and wind turbines	
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440	Accessible and convenient public transit connecting all parts of the city	
441	Pedestrian bridges over highways or major roads	
442	Bike train to local elementary schools	
443	Zipper merge unanimously adopted	
444	Diamond Ave gets medians and bike lanes - slows cars down (or no cars)	Transportation
445	Fuller Ave becomes less of a highway 4 lane and more neighborhood alt transportation friendly	
446	Expanded public transit-more bussing and biking accommodations	
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447	Trade school for high school students to learn bicycle mechanics - break the "white male biker" of WM mold	
448	2/21 Table 18 Unified digital presence (park a car, enroll in classes, start water service) flow between services	
449	Mobile offices, trailers in city parks, co-working	
450	Functional architecture and art, such as beautiful/blooming bus shelters and solar accommodations	
451	Fauna - bee and bat support	

452	Adult field trips - get to know your city!	
453	Active verdant parks: equipment storage	
454	New tech streetcar lines	
455	More beautiful crosswalks	
456	Residential co-ops	
457	Smart traffic signals - timed and tracked (not for ticketing)	
458	Warming centers for winters (homelessness and commerce amenity)	
459	Improve the neighborhood dog parks	
460	More trees!	
461	More "outdoor" activities, like a walking path through/around the city	The Great Outdoors
462	Bike paths that cross fewer automobile intersections (like Minneapolis)	
463	Maintain affordable housing in gentrified neighborhoods	
464	More diversity in and throughout our neighborhoods (reverse the white-washing that happened decades ago)	Where We Live
465	More green space (demolish old buildings and plant trees, flowers, etc.)	
466	2/21 Table 19 Remove the "temporary" street concrete "areas" for seasonal restaurants to use outdoor in summer. Covid is over. Need more parking!	
467	Central spot downtown for food trucks including lighting (Petosky has one)	Economy
468	More dining on the riverside - the view is beautiful! Patios?	
469	Clean up (or demolish/rebuild) the brick building by Richmond Pool (black mold on 2nd floor)	
470	Fill in and plant the road dividers on Plainfield Ave (near City Middle-High)	Taking Care of What We Already Have
471	Better plan for litter clean-up, especially on 131 embankments	
472	Invest equitably in 3rd Ward	
473	Less pollution - more bikes, stop throwing wrappers on the ground, recycle	
474	Increase civic engagement (digital)	
475	Improve/increase bus routes	
476	Community gardens(grants, land, education)	
477	2/21 Table 20 Less Devos/Van Andel influence (white money) in social and educational politics	
478	More funding for housing programs, supporting housing organizations and non-profits that are not faith based	
479	Abandoned/boarded commercial properties on Division St used for businesses	
480	More economic investment in the 49507 zip code	
481	Less liquor stores in the 49507	
482	Increase in advocacy for literacy rates increasing	

Round 1 Engagement Results

- 1 Online Be BOLD about equity and racial justice in public infrastructure. Name it in the plan.
- 2 Online Prioritize quality affordable housing preservation and development on a level never seen before to meet demand. The New Deal of affordable housing.
- 3 Online Rapid, reliable public transit citywide. Bike lanes. Triple the amount of snow plows, yes triple. The city cannot run efficiently if people can't get to work.
- 4 Online Mental health and social services that are accessible for all. Substance abuse programs and social service available everywhere. Some of the best and brightest researching and practicing in mental health and social sciences in the nation - in GR. These are not all physical amenities but they must be integrated into the built environment.
- 5 Online A city that isn't driven solely by private philanthropy but by the professional caliber of its workforce, much like it's creative capital. Draw the best and brightest to GR. Beef up City services. Make the city run at a more professional level.
- 6 Online We need a light rail system connecting the airport to downtown Grand Rapids
- 7 Online Share the ArtPrize \$33M generated by artists WITH THE ARTISTS, without whom there would not be any money generated.
- 8 Online East Grand Rapids and Wyoming need to be merged with the City of Grand Rapids.
- 9 Online A bus system that is more accessible with more extensive operating hours and the on board rider tools promoting ease of navigation. Improvements/Enhancements would include 1) a system that allows first and second shift workers to be able to use the fixed bus routes from home to work and back. Currently operating hours inhibit particularly if you need to make a transfer Riders with a shift start at 7 a.m. or a shift end time of 11 p.m. can not practically utilize the fixed route system.; 2) Stop announcements for each upcoming stop so that riders can more easily orient themselves and navigate along a particular route. Currently there are very limited stop announcements which fail to adequately assist riders along the journey. The downtown DASH has successfully implemented such announcements.; 3) Additional bus shelters. This has improved in the last two years through investment but there still exists needs for shelters for riders waiting for the bus.
- 10 Online Affordable housing that is safe, attractive, with access to green space as well as shopping and medical care.

- 11 Online It has taken FOREVER but I think focus on enjoying the river is a great move. Ebikes are here and make city commuting great. However bike lanes and parks & trails are behind. Mental health, drugs and homeless issue is getting far worse on a national scale but including GR. Airport transit and park and go would be nice. I enjoy the MOTU parking good move. Downtown parking is a mess but thats most cities. Making Downtown accessible through other ways (dash, park and go, bikes). I used to make fun of Holland MI for its quaint prude feeling. However I enjoy it more each year. The more that goes into their thought of WHAT/HOW something gets put in has really paid off. The quality of architecture/ materials used/ What goes in, will add beauty for years to come. GR allows a lot of construction grade , clad, budget buildings to come in that once filled makes nice density but what is there is trash to look at and just creates a bland atmosphere.  
-Low income housing is important but the push for it to be everywhere isn't always necessary. Heart of downtown, every neighborhood? I mean I'd like to live in Malibu but thats not in the cards.
- 12 Online Sustainability and efforts to fight climate change need to be at the center of any forward/future looking plan. GR is in a great location, has great resources. We need to build on that foundation and do more as a municipality and encourage/incentivize the local/regional private sector to also do more.
- 13 Online Use existing railway to create a diagonal passenger rail corridor from NW Walker area to SE Airport area with stops in strategic, high density employment and residential areas.
- 14 Online Top Golf
- 15 Online Larger skyscrapers to attract top business which attracts people
- 16 Online Specific entertainment district with new foods/music venues
- 17 Online Dog parks, playgrounds, social centers in every community, activities for wheelchair and people needing walking aids to help them enjoy outdoors, fishing areas with picnic areas bike paths in parks not just on city streets.
- 18 Online More diversity of Housing including smaller more affordable units that are more connected to the neighborhood they are in! More mixed income options in every neighborhood!

19	Online	I would love to see more integration of housing and businesses together in residential and commercial areas to increase access, walkability and connection!	
20	Online	More townhomes, condos by right to support growing demand!	
21	Online	I would love to see added housing supply in every neighborhood to support all income levels!	
22	Online	I would love to see the Grand Rapids Parks continue to be a community gathering point with increased investment in coffee shops/infrastructure etc. to provide residents with a secondary space to be!	
23	Online	Less parking infrastructure and more people infrastructure!	
24	Online	Increased residential height along BRT routes! TOD development!	
25	Online	More residential development in communities like Creston to support the business community	
26	Online	I love our city parks and want them to continue to be safe and open gathering spaces for all people.	
27	Online	To properly manage the growth of the city, the South Belt was built to help mitigate traffic issues on I-196 and the east-west main trunks like 28th street and 44th street. Now a western bypass is needed to alleviate growing congestion on US 131.	
483		More green areas that family can go play and spend time	
484		Establish mentoring or mentorship for youth	
485		Childcare center in the rapid downtown station	Youth & Education
486		Improve public schools	
487		More funding for Grow 1000	
488		Create a safe and friendly environment	
489		Bury all of the power lines	Infrastructure
490		Build that amphitheater soon	
491		Subsidized and high speed broadband	
492	2/23 Table 1	Build tiny homes for growing families	
493		More housing for the homeless	
494		Build behavioral housing for those that need help for mental issues	Housing
495		Workforce housing	
496		More and better trained police	
497		Educate citizens on gun control	
498		Deer hunting in city limits	Police, Security, & Safety
499		Enact more neighborhood association and civic patrols	
500		Put cameras visible to all city roads and highways	
501		More rain gardens	
502		Lower taxes, more good services: snow plow sidewalks, tree trimming, environmental services	
503		Rain gardens at every house that can accommodate	

504	Solar panels on every house	Environment
505	Outlaw cutting down trees for no reason	
506	Maintaining rain gardens	
507	Permeable pavement everywhere	
508	Bee hives on roofs of all public buildings	
509	Curbside composting for everyone	
510	Affordable housing	
511	Alleys turned into small streets lined with tiny houses	
512	Transitional housing	Housing
513	Tiny houses	
514	Age-friendly - more condos, benches along sidewalks and at every bus stop	
515	Better public transport - frequent buses that run late every day. Make cars the last choice.	
516	15 minute city - walk or bike for all necessities within 15 minutes	
517	2/23 Table 2 Train service to Chicago multiple times per day	
518	Increased bike connectivity	
519	28th, Alpine, etc. as we know them abolished - made safe for people and beautiful (trees, plantings)	Transportation
520	Walkability	
521	A tree and a bench for every bus stop	
522	No more minimum parking mandates	
523	Connect both Plaster Creek trail - tunnel under 28th	
524	More space for people, less for cars	
525	Best educated populace in MI	
526	Puzzle exchange at every library	
527	Paid part time Alger Heights neighborhood staff association	
528	Safety for all	
529	Keep the art-works. It can be changed when investments are made	Misc
530	Ask what is affordable. Or can we save for it!!	
531	Public schools used by large majority of families	
532	People with disabilities included - employment opportunities, housing, social connections	
533	Start a municipal court	
534	Require the GRPS property become affordable housing and park space maintained	
535	Buy up surplus GRPs property for 20-40% AMI housing	
536	Community land trust, smaller lots	
537	(?) for the homeless	
538	More community land trust housing	
539	More affordable housing in outer lying neighborhood	
540	Free bus transportation for seniors	
541	Traffic calming that actually works	
542	(?) snow removal	

543	Pick any bus route and have free bus service for it	
544	Protected bike lanes!	
545	Remove 131 highway. Highlight the river.	
546	More housing for seniors in safe areas	
547	Bussing (?) or more/better routes	
548	Bus system for students	
549	Remove the highway/make it boulevards and let us have land back	
550	Safe bike lanes	
551	East to West rapid routes with no stops at Central Station	
552	Colorful crosswalks everywhere	
553	Gas stations need cameras outdoors	
554	CPTED for all businesses including grandfathered liquor stores	
555	2/23 Table 3 Solar, wind, renewable energy	
556	Class should be added to DEI	
557	(?) from GRPD as possible and assign to other depts.	
558	One trash hauler to protect our environment	
559	(?) for all residents - trash equity	
560	Trash equity	
561	CPTED - (?)	
562	Absorb GRPS	
563	More than one size of snow plow!	
564	Landlords pay for trash	
565	Police recruit new police officer candidates from GRPS	
566	World class multi-mile, both sides riverfront	
567	Require pricing of products in stores again. Why buy?	
568	More parks in vacant land areas	
569	More softball diamonds, Christian rec closed down	
570	All business corridors need cameras like cannabis!	
571	Plenty of public trash cans - in all business corridors	
572	(?) parks	
573	Public art in all business districts based on culture of neighborhood	
574	Municipal fiber internet	
575	Enough (?) already. No casinos	
576	Limit the amount to beer and wine stores - so that areas are not saturated with party stores	
577	(?) liquor stores all must have CPTED	
578	(?) industrialized area alone the river turn to (?)	
579	Tax free startup - no taxes for 1st year	
580	Fashion options	Business/Economic
581	Less suits, more creatives	
582	Accessible housing at reasonable cost	
583	Blended neighborhoods (age, race, income, national origin)	Housing
584	More free transportation (bus/trolley)	Transportation



585		Parking in general	Transportation
586		k-6 early education incubators. Increase access to good educational programming during the most formative years	Education
587	2/23 Table 4	More night life - later hours for food!	
588		Good food	
589		Singles events	Social/Relational
590		More live music	
591		Collective calendar of events	
592		Low cost health club memberships to promote healthy lifestyle	
593		GR Parks health membership	
594		Increase reliance on urban ag (community gardens, backyard chickens)	Health/Wellness
595		Healthy school food programs for free, including cooking and farming/growing classes	
596		More micro grids	Climate
597		100% renewable energy city!	
598		Safe bike lanes outside of the door zone with parking	
599		Start with double buffered bike lane and grow toward protected bike lanes	
600		Protected bike lanes!!	
601		Designated safe bike roads, NS and EW (ex. Jefferson and Madison sharing opposites)	
602		Mixed use development with food hubs and walkable, livable neighborhoods	
603		Alternate transportation. Non-motorized or even e-bikes	
604	2/23 Table 5	More enforcement of distance from bikers, 5' passing law is ok at 3' when cars are going 25 mph	Transportation
605		City wide speed limit for cars for safe use for all	
606		Pedestrians more important than cars	
607		Neighborhoods that allow all necessities within 3 miles or less	
608		United as a larger city w/continued events like World of Winter	
609		Better bike connectivity. Solid quadrants, designated route with mixed greenway bike signage	
610		Bike lights and bike lanes	
611		Publicly owned utility companies - lower utility costs	
612		Access and education to healthy food	
613		Put a check/limit on how much pollution manufacturers produce	
614		More vegan restaurants - incentives for vegan/eco friendly businesses	
615		Break the monopoly on the energy industry! Bring in publicly owned utilities	
616		Community composting	

617	More Narcan distribution points to save lives <3	
618	More Narcan vending, distribution, and education	
619	Safety for LGBTQ+ people	
620	Keep abortion legal and make sure it is accessible	
621	Better, more robust recycling processing for plastics	
622	Mandatory pollution taxes or offsets for the industry sector	
623	Industry offset for pollution	Food, Health, and Environment
624	Fruit trees	
625	Community-wide composting	
626	Community gardens open to full community as opposed to rented farmer plots	
627	Single-use plastic bag ban	
628	More community gardens, managed by neighborhood associations	
629	Equitable investments into green space/urban forest	
630	Access to the riverfront for all!	
631	Incentivize sustainable business practices without penalties	
632	(?) Incubator space	
633	(?) safe from the elements, and free for people to be, rest, or work	
634	(?) districts and lounges	
635	Pollinator friendly parks and public green spaces	
636	Affordable housing. I make well above minimum wage and can't afford a 1 br :(	
637	Decriminalize houselessness and more support for unhoused folks - including those suffering from addiction	
638	Stop punishing houseless folks and help them instead!	Housing
639	(?) and/or utility assistance	
640	Public architecture that is functional and beautiful (i.e. solar powered bus shelters, rooftop gardens)	
641	Affordable housing (income-based)	
642	Reallocate excessive police funding to affordable housing, mental healthcare, crisis support, etc.	
643	Divest from police and invest in housing, mental health, and access to assistance	
644	Equitable mobility solutions	
645	Reinvest the additional 7% police dept gets from GOF into housing, mental healthcare, and food access	Reallocation
646	Workforce development and entrepreneurship resources	
647	Pay GRPS teachers livable wages!	
648	Equitable and subsidized business. More incentives for MBE business	
649	Smart timed traffic signals (not for ticketing or policing)	
650	More realistic and reasonable transit routes	
651	Truck routes from frontline BIPOC communities	

2/23 Table 6

652	(?)	
653	More roundabouts! Bonus if they are sown with pollinator plants	Transportation
654	More buses and shuttles, new electric tram system	
655	Bikes that generate power	
656	Healthy lifestyle city that attracts top talent	
657	No more liquor stores in the 49507 zip code	Safety
658	What if we all looked out for one another?	
659	Friendly	
660	Increased integration of all ethno-cultural groups in our community	Vibrancy
661	Increased awareness of opportunities for civic engagement	
662	Schools: safe, accountable, character-building	
663	More public high school options, more support for those options	
664	Create a group of teaching adults	Economic Development
665	A credit union built within the 49507	
666	Citizen focused vs business focused	
667	A larger focus on teaching the value of trade skills	
668	Increase # of non-market housing units in GR	Housing
669	Upzone more areas away from single-family only zoning	
670	Ban on methane gas (natural gas) lines in new residential construction (commercial and industrial too?)	Climate
671	CLEAN - Let's talk trash	
672	Provide safe and comfortable routes for bicycles to be able to access all the same destinations as cars, year-round (protected lanes!)	
673	Create a transit system that can serve as an attractive alternative to driving for trips within, across, and out of Grand Rapids	Transportation
674	Commit to reducing vehicle miles travelled year over year as part of ongoing planning, focusing on a shift to more sustainable modes	
675	Increase diversity of housing types and therefore prices. Address issue of missing middle	
676	Improve homeless population	
677	Zoning ordinances and govt processes that encourage density - make it faster to build affordable housing	Housing
678	Equal home ownership rates between white and non-white residents	
679	Build neighborhood business districts. Increase density in these areas that can transition to the single family neighborhoods	
680	We don't believe that there need to be false choices between economic development and environmental sustainability	Economic Development

2/23 Table 7

681	Employment increased	
682	Activities for our youth (after school and week ends)	
683	The city and its residents celebrate many different cultures in a meaningful way (i.e. as a valuable contribution to residents' QOL)	
684	Educating the people to love the city and nature (participate in planning, creek cleanup, vote)	
685	Residents have a wide variety of options for where they live, work, recreate, and access necessities	
686	2/23 Table 8 Make our neighborhoods safer	
687	Investment in neighborhoods that have historically been divested must happen, without displacing existing residents	
688	More transparency and conversation between neighborhood associations and municipal government	Vibrancy
689	Award winning schools!	
690	Beautified neighborhoods	
691	Public spaces that are activated with civic engagement, cultural experiences, and local businesses	
692	Everyone feels safe in their neighborhoods. Kids walk around and parents don't worry	
693	Bring 4H club back!	
694	Youth training programs (ex: future educators of America, etc.) Give our children training and glimpses at jobs they could thrive in in the future	
695	Programs for the elderly	
696	Food security	
697	Transit system that can make car ownership optional	
698	Every resident lives within a 10-minute walk of a park or trail	Transportation
699	Every neighborhood is connected by transit/non-motorized options	
700	Fix the crime problem	
701	Free public Wi-Fi	
702	Remove streets around Rosa Parks and make walking areas	
703	Keeping the riverfront available to the public, not private development	Community
704	Invest in the neighborhoods!! Not just downtown!	
705	More housing/jobs for homeless people	
706	Pedestrian malls with no cars	
707	Less urban sprawl, more up	
708	More multi use buildings (residential above commercial)	
709	Building up, not out	Housing
710	More housing density in core traditional neighborhoods	
711	Relax historic district requirements	
712	Denser housing around medical mile	

713		Bridge over intersections to cross safely, ex. 28th St	
714		Take the electric utility public	
715	2/23 Table 9	Remove Us131 through downtown	Infrastructure
716		Straighten the S Curve traffic safety tunnel	
717		Remove lead pipes in old homes for free	
718		More train/rail options	
719		Less trips downtown via car	
720		Street cars	
721		(?) parking, more transit	Transportation
722		More bike trails/protected routes, less bike "lanes"	
723		Protected bike lanes	
724		Public train tracks	
725		>40% tree canopy	
726		Bring back the "rapids", no more dams	
727		Park maintenance	
728		Rain gardens	Parks/Green Space
729		GR is a #1 recreation hub in US	
730		Increase solar on roofs of buildings	
731		Make the river safe to swim	
732		Green roofs	
733		Make highway downtown a boulevard	
734		Car-free regions of the city and/or traffic surge pricing	
735		Beautification of all public spaces and design	
736		Raise minimum wage	
737		More affordable health care, affordable childcare	
738		Remediate landfill	
739		Environmental justice and climate change preparedness. Pollution and trash in neighborhoods	
740		Mixed income neighborhoods	
741		Less segregation of neighborhoods and community spaces along racial and socioeconomic lines	
742		Economic development in neighborhoods: grocery stores, businesses, services, etc.	
743		Accessible and affordable housing for everyone, including seniors	
744	2/23 Table 10	Housing first homelessness response plan	
745		Social worker response team as first responders	
746		Access to healthy and local food	
747		Increase free public spaces and amenities	
748		A national attraction of something fun	
749		You don't need a vehicle to get to work, school, or the grocery store	
750		Mass transit that connects neighborhoods, not just traveling through downtown	
751		Accessible and flexible public transportation	Transportation
752		Plentiful mass transit options to connect GR to Detroit, TC, Chi, South Bend, Kzoo, etc	

753	Reliable school bus transportation, free rapid bus card for all students	
754	Train service to Lansing, Detroit, Chicago	
755	Changes to historic preservation - focus on (?) rather than	
756	Flexible zoning ordinance	
757	Planning commission at neighborhood level	
758	Power to neighborhoods for development decisions	
759	New thinking on rules and regulation - how we make decisions and share power	
760	Most comprehensive public transit system	
761	People and public transit focused roadways	
762	Less parking	
763	Remove highway from center of city and (?)	
764	More pedestrian friendly business districts	
765	Walkable only spaces downtown	
766	More pedestrian-only spaces (alleys)	
767	Better public transportation	
768	How drivers and bikers (?)	Transportation
769	Fewer cars on the road	
770	Training and education on drivers ed classroom - how to do parking, roundabouts, etc.	
771	Driver education on roundabouts	
772	More connection between neighborhood hubs through transit	
773	Electrify the fleet! And create charging stations across the city	
774	(?)	
775	Park facilities for adults like you are in China	
776	An urban agriculture zoning designation	
777	Linear parks/trails	
778	Creative park amenities	
779	Ski run on Belknap Hill	
780	(?) and expansion	
781	2/23 Table 11 Resilient and equitable food system	Green Space/Sustainability
782	Increase urban agriculture and (?)	
783	Easy access to healthy food and physical activity	
784	Improving river engagement	
785	Community driven resilience and wellness hubs	
786	Community solar and microgrids	
787	Community solar projects to achieve renewable and affordable energy goals	
788	More diverse housing options: mid-high rise, tiny home communities	
789	More density in housing (but not only small units)	
790	Long term plan to address homelessness	
791	More multi-use development in traditionally zoned areas	

792	Housing for single-only - with an onsite food option, community space, security, storage space. Micro apartments, a step up from a dorm	Housing
793	Need to come up with a better solution to deal with excess dumping and large items	
794	(?)	
795	(?)	
796	Property taxes	
797	Small business mentors - focused on where to find space and how to build out according to rules and regs	
798	Jobs spaces integrated into neighborhoods	
799	Owner/buyer coaches through rules/reg	
800	Advocate for changing state laws to get red light etc traffic video cameras and give tax on them - it's a huge issue in 49507 as so many never received drivers ed	
801	Organize options for neighborhoods to band together to get a deal - actual service to say replace all inner plumbing when lead line to street replaced	
802	Incentives for owner occupied home buyers	
803	More affordable housing	
804	Transitional housing expanded	
805	Assisted living facilities for those that can live alone, but need social structure	
806	Mental health housing in downtown	
807	Equitable and affordable housing. This entails shifting existing housing from landlords to individual homeowners	Housing
808	Transitional housing. This includes spaces for our homeless community as well as those that live in poverty	
809	Eliminate "red districts" and "steering" racial groups	
810	Rent control	
811	Better property management accountability (landlords)	
812	Restrict outside investors from purchasing land/homes	
813	Community solar - clean energy access	
814	Expand tree canopy	
815	No more lawn services for city owned land. Only sustainable ground covers, no pesticides	Environment
816	Community owned solar	
817	City promotes community solar	
818	Public power utilities	
819	2/23 Table 12 Transition from energy monopoly to energy democracy	
820	Create intensive education schools for students who struggle	
821	Look at summer schools for catch up	Education
822	Push for high literacy rates by 3rd grade through intensive phonics	
823	More consistent biking and walking maintenance	

824	Better multi modal transit especially cycling and pedestrian	
825	Expanded public transit-more bussing and biking accommodations	Transportation
826	Walkable or bikeable city - everyone can walk to a grocery store, park, hardware store, community hub, etc.	
827	More support and resources for minority owned businesses	
828	More programs for latch key kids and older youths	
829	Livable wages	
830	Grassroots engagement	Equity
831	More focus on cleaning up and maintaining low income areas	
832	More neighborhood activities	
833	Diverse representation within community events, planning commissions, downtown, etc	
834	Real time bus tracker	
835	Trains, public transit, physically accessible bus stops	
836	More robust transit	
837	Walkable city - design infrastructure to prioritize pedestrian safety and access	Transportation
838	Move 131 and 196 or make them easy to go under as a pedestrian	
839	Tax break for small cars or extra charge on SUVs, pickups	
840	More green space	
841	Increase parks and gardens	
842	Restore and protect our riverfront	Green Space/Sustainability
843	Environmentally safe industry	
844	Maintain tree lined streets	
845	Architectural integrity standards for high density housing (e.g. brick and wood)	
2/23 Table 13		
846	Limit investment home ownership and swiping up all the affordable single family homes. IT's unaffordable for Michiganders to buy homes	Housing
847	Limit investor ownership of single family homes	
848	More mixed use zoning	
849	Higher density closer to city center and greenbelt on the outskirts	
850	Excellent public schools	Education
851	Competitive neighborhood schools	
852	More use of brick streets	
853	Neighborhood grocery stores and markets	
854	Better safety	General
855	Speed cameras around all schools	
856	Community center	
857	Walkable mixed-use zoning. Houses and small businesses	



858	Allow duplexes, triplexes, and small apartments anywhere single family houses are	
859	Allow single room occupancy by right	
860	Outlaw all zoning and let the market decide	
861	Allow short term rentals	
862	Include housing and transportation in our definition of 2/23 Table 14 affordable	Zoning
863	Allow accessory dwelling units by right	
864	Remove minimum lot size requirements	
865	Prioritize bike lanes and walkers, don't design "stroads" for cars	
866	Eliminate off-street parking requirements	
867	Welcome immigrants with open arms	
868	All parks have pickleball courts!	
869	Energy labels on rental units - no more energy burden	
870	Community solar - access for low income residents	
871	Climate impact incentives for businesses and residents, solar, etc.	
872	Consistent green/stormscapes. E.g. Fulton is nice, Monroe is nice, Plainfield/Division is crazy hideous	Climate Change/Sustainability
873	Composting affordability	
874	Maybe community gardening for interim lots that aren't developed or are set aside for the future	
875	Strong connections to river and rapids and paths to parks	
876	Less truck traffic on Grandville Ave - air quality checks	
877	Lead free homes	
878	Resilience centers/hubs	
879	A boot camp facility for troubled youth	Safety
880	More lighting in alleys, low lighting = crime	
881	Cameras in high crime areas	
882	No shelter for the unhoused - instead have access to housing they can immediately qualify for	
883	Find ways to protect tenants at the city level. Rent control!	
884	Variety of housing options, including townhomes, micro- units, in-law apartments, mixed use market-rate with low income and retail	
885	2/23 Table 15 Community land trust	Housing
886	Housing for those who make less than the defined livable wage	
887	Mixed use development with food hubs and walkable, livable neighborhoods	
888	Warming centers for the unhoused (charging stations, washer/dryer, shower) See AYA Youth Collective	
889	Equity/communication	Equity
890	Unconcentrated "skid row" too many services on just a couple blocks	Economic Development

891	Increase outdoor areas for all businesses	
892	Reduce or eliminate parking minimums	
893	5 minute bus headways	
894	Bikeways on major commercial streets	
895	Revised pedestrian crossings	
896	Incentives to use public transportation or bike. Protected bike lanes!	Transportation
897	Smaller, more frequent busses. Current system is big, slow, and not convenient	
898	Better bike system, fully connected, e.g. can take white pine trail to Ann St then take your life into your hands to guess how to get anywhere	
899	Pedestrian only streets	
900	Sunday DASIT service	
901	24 hour public transit that runs every 15 minutes	
902	Better bus routes and service hours that reflect needs of the community and their work/life preferences	Transportation
903	Better/more frequent train line to Chicago/Detroit	
904	More bus routes	
905	Community engagement events where people gather to learn, create, experience art and culture	
906	Convert a section of the tennis courts at MLK to pickleball courts	
907	Increase in community gardens in food desert areas	Amenities/Vibrancy
908	Leaf pickup by the city	
909	Safer walking neighborhoods supported by diverse businesses/retail	
910	Community gardens or utilizing more park space for growing healthy veggies	
911	2/23 Table 16 Identifying needs of senior citizens - transportation, affordable housing, close grocery stores, no food deserts	
912	More funding for existing third ward residents to repair, re-energize their properties to dissuade them from moving to apartments in the suburbs	Housing
913	Accessible funds for grassroots organizations providing social improvement strategies to communities	
914	Housing for homeless/transition low cost housing	
915	Leadership development for our youth: input into city planning, careers in our city	
916	More businesses that hire non-college educated residents, jobs for entry-level workers	
917	More second-citizen businesses that hire formerly incarcerated individuals to help transition them back into society	Economic Development
918	Quarterly business expos that highlight goods and services available to residents in certain areas	

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919		Light rail system through county and high speed rail across state
920		More protected bike lanes
921		More stores for fresh stuff
922		Food resource innovation and education for families, think "hello fresh" provided by community fund
923		Jazz club/Poetry club
924		Compilation of resident resources via the library
925		More years of neighborhood match fund
926		Attracting and securing employees with high paying jobs
927		African American museum
928		Cheaper price on housing
929		More dog parks for senior can to there doggie
930	2/23 Table 17	Riverfront family friendly fun (giant slides, picnic tables, boat rides, canoeing)
931		Youth center like Three Mile Project for Third Ward
932		More coordination for community hubs: youth, seniors, artists
933		Ring of parks surrounding city
934		Green parklets
935		Tiny houses for affordable living
936		Water filters until lead pipes are fully replaced (date when lead pipes will be removed?)
937		Get the lead out. Grant should be for all families, not just families with kids under 5
938		Tent city for the homeless
939		Protective policy that does not criminalize tent city

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940		Affordable housing
941		Support for neighborhood associations and neighbor led initiatives
942		Providing greater funding (low/no barriers) for neighborhood communities to utilize
943		Efficient transit (higher frequency, more dependable)
944		Increase walkability (improvements to sidewalks for accessibility)
945		Quarterly activation to bring people together i.e. World of Winter festival
946		Ensure no restriction for shelter/transitional housing use across city
947	2/23 Table 18	Youth enrichment programs
948		Vacant schools activated
949		Increased activation and vibrancy through art
950		Increased economic opportunity with multiple on ramps
951		Reduction in homelessness by implementing more tiny homes
952		Plant more trees, increase green space

953	Increased partnership with GRPS to provide high quality education and childcare for families	
954	Focus housing efforts in the city's urban core	
955	Down payment assistance for 1st time homeowners in 3rd ward	
956	Activate vacant buildings downtown, even if temp	
957	Get more folks out of rentership and into ownership	
958	Reduce outlandish historic building regulations	
959	Reduce surface parking lots	
960	Infill commercial and residential in downtown periphery	
961	More ground floor retail downtown	
962	Small lot/small dwelling unit infill in existing residential areas	
963	Commercial nodes in neighborhoods	
964	Draw more of the tech industry to the city, increasing "future proof" jobs	
965	Slumlords non-existent	
966	River as a recreation destination	
967	More indigenous representation in cultural events and art	
968	Reinvestment in cultural events and art	
969	Reinvestment in historic minority and low income neighborhoods (home improvement, weatherization)	
970	Concrete sustainability goals	
971	More year-round outdoor opportunities	
972	State IDs for undocumented people	
973	Increase nature/green space experiences for people to connect and reflect	
974	Volunteers to make our city more walkable, more safer for our kids	
975	More year-round maintenance of non-motorized infrastructure	
976	More funding for education	
977	Revitalize more of the riverfront	
978	Restore the river to a more natural state	
979	Extend and improve public transportation alternatives	
980	Increased bike lanes throughout the city	
981	More ped and bike crossings over highways	
982	In considering new housing developments, how can they be built using green technology	
983	More bike lanes, expand public transportation (bikes, buses, waterways)	
984	Better transport	
985	More physically separated cycling lanes/non-motorized roads in denser areas	
986	Clear bike routes throughout the city	
987	Racial diversity remains and grows	Diversity and Inclusion
988	LGBTQ inclusion and acceptance	

989	Mutual aid outside of religious orgs	
990	Living wage jobs for all those that want	Resources
991	I can stay in W3 to eat, shop, be entertained, etc.	
992	House the homeless	
993	More housing that I can own in places I want to be	Housing
994	I can live in the neighborhood that matches my vibe	
995	Public hangout spaces, third spaces	
996	Year round activities in all neighborhoods	Public spaces/Parks
997	Beautiful, diverse, safe social spaces	
998	More walkable neighborhood districts	
999	Physically separated bike lanes	
1000	Trains, public transit, physically accessible bus stops	Transportation
1001	"not just bikes" on YouTube	
1002	Public transit expansion	
1003	Fair housing - not just affordable because affordable is a misnomer	Housing
1004	A lot more senior housing	
1005	Revitalize homes of elderly	
1006	Grand Rapids must work on more housing, jobs must become a focal point to our city. To move the city into the future we must understand climate change.	
1007	Grand Rapids still must work on becoming a welcoming city for all people	
1008	Alternative health destination	
1009	Culturally, ethnically diverse in all aspects of living in this city	General
1010	Free or minimal cost for services (collection, sewer)	
1011	Put police funding toward counselors, mental health specialists, homeless centers, job programs, etc.	
1012	Safe, safe, safe	
1013	Division St commercial revitalization (arts, businesses, museums)	
1014	Clean, smooth (pothole-less) streets for driving	Transportation
1015	Education system that's second to none!	
1016	Different approaches to school to allow more flexibility in how students learn best	Education
1017	Best city for bicycles	
1018	Get rid of single use plastics	
1019	Free city-wide compost pick-up with the trash/recycling	
1020	No more lead piping	Climate
1021	More EV charging stations around the city	
1022	all busses are electric	
1023	No more lead paint	
1024	Recycling/compost bins all around the city	
1025	Be more open to zoning changes to meet the needs of the community	

1026		Be more open to allowing single family home use to be converted to duplex use	Housing
1027	2/23 Table 23	More affordable housing in the city of GR	
1028		Be more open to ADUs	
1029		Affordable housing	
1030		Come up with a plan to be more inclusive of the homeless community	Equity
1031		Do things more equitably through the city	
28	Online	Multi-modal transportation.	
29	Online	Improved infrastructure that supports walkability and bike transit.	
30	Online	Affordable housing initiatives that support the majority of citizens who make at or below the median income.	
31	Online	Adopting a "15-minute city" approach to new infrastructure.	
32	Online	Reducing urban sprawl and car dependency.	
33	Online	Adopting concepts from the "15 minute city" approach to new development.	
34	Online	increased multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Ex. safer and extended bike lanes, more bus lines, inter-city rapid transit (bus, trains, streetcars, etc).	
35	Online	Affordable housing that takes into consideration the majority of residents living at or below the poverty level.	
36	Online	Reduction of urban sprawl and car dependency.	
37	Online	Community gardens.	
38	Online	Affordable (and livable) Housing	
39	Online	Continued exhibition of arts and culture, showcasing all communities.	
40	Online	Bigger and better and more affordable public transit.	
41	Online	Larger movements towards combatting climate change.	
42	Online	More clean and community friendly walking spaces/parks.	
43	Online	More community resources for marginalized communities. (Beyond just the public library systems.)	
44	Online	Heated roads and sidewalks in all major parts of the city.	
45	Online	ACTUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL. No more church/faith based shelters for the unhoused. Apartments downtown that people who make under 30k yearly can afford to live in, half of them are currently empty anyway. more buses!!! I would give up my sight taste and smell for more buses with the frequency and reliability of the dash for ALL routes. One bus every 30-40 minutes M-Sat on the south east side isn't cutting it.	

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Online  
More pedestrian-only areas, starting with downtown. This city is too car dependent and could benefit enormously from protected bike lanes and areas free from cars!  
More affordable/dense/compact living. We need more apartments and living spaces for those without as much as money as some. It is getting to expensive to live here, rent control and a larger amount of cheap housing is needed in every area.  
A ban on new single-family occupancy development in the downtown area. Less condos/townhomes, more apartment buildings.
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Online  
Our patient's health is being affected physically and mentally because they can't find affordable housing, forcing them to live with two or three families in the same place. Applications to apply for an apt are expensive and can't guarantee that they can get a place and the waiting list can take a couple of months.
- 48 Online Be able to walk safely  
49 Online Affordable housing  
50 Online Housing - new apartments and town homes  
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Online  
The river. Grand Rapids has a unique position on a medium sized river connected to the great lakes and the capitol. The city could allow access to EVERYONE throughout the city on both sides of the river and all the out to the lake and to Lansing for a real GRAND experience. Restoring the RAPIDS seems paramount to that but should also include whitewater usages, the fish ladders, fishing access throughout.
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Online  
The biggest idea to pair with the rapids restoration would be boat access below the RAPIDS all the way to Lake Michigan. There are very few cities that have as unique of an opportunity to embrace a project like this. It would clean up the river, allow for more tourism and even commercial revenue. Imagine boaters from Chicago docking at a marina downtown or a river boat tour or even commercial boats utilizing an industrial area once
- 53  
Online  
Both sides of the river need several access points and non-motorized pathways throughout the entire length through the city, through Millennium Park, to GVSU and on to the lakeshore as well as all the way to Lansing upriver!

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Engage: Include people with diverse backgrounds and experiences in community efforts to address climate change. Foster honest conversations, meet people where they are physically and emotionally. Involve existing leaders who are respected within the community.

Share

Connect communities with the information and data that can help them prepare for and adapt to climate impacts. Helping communities access relevant resources enables them to refine their climate resiliency efforts and empowers them to develop targeted grassroots strategies.

Online

Build

Boost resilience while improving livelihoods, accessibility, and social and economic well-being. Strategies could include improving the efficiency of buildings, investing in low-carbon transportation networks, adding green spaces to urban areas, reducing air pollution, and strengthening community engagement.

Prepare

Climate equity includes ways communities prepare for and respond to extreme weather events. Risks extend to a broader community if it is disproportionately made up of

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Online

Finishing the connection of riverfront trails. And creating connection to the river from throughout the city.

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Online

Lowering the impact of highways on the communities on the south and west side of the city.

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Online

Spurring the transition away from industry along the river. I would love to see the River Restoration implemented along with a large effort to establish mental health hubs for all of our community.

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Online

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Online

Food waste is one of the major contributors to greenhouse gasses. I'd love to see a composting program along with our other public waste management. Other cities do it. I've got to think it would make a bigger environmental impact than recycling - which is expensive, labor intensive, and half of the time doesn't even happen.

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Online

I want actual policy in this city that supports the community in their housing needs and that does not only serve landowners and developers.

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Online

Remove some of the parking downtown and make our public transportation more robust and reliable.



- 62 Online My wildest fantasy is that we move the highway so that it no longer bisects the heart of our city and overshadows our river. I'm so tired of visiting the river and having constant sound and visual distractions from a highway running through it.
- 63 Online I'd love to see more community gardens and community gardening programs, vegetable and ornamental, in our parks.
- 64 Online Continued improvement in transportation so that we are not dependent on cars for all transportation.
- 65 Online Development of affordable energy efficient housing.
- 66 Online Community Solar projects that will enable West Michigan to reduce reliance on fossil fuels .
- 67 Online Increased Access to nature through increasing access to green space .
- 68 Online Environmental Justice - Meaningful participation of all people with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies. Ensure and promote enabling environments for behavior changes related to choices of energy use. Energy burden of the low income and disadvantaged communities lowered to not more than 6% of income. Ensure that at least 40% of state funding for climate-related and water initiatives benefit the most vulnerable communities. Environmental Justice demands the right to participate as equal partners at every level of decision-making. The education of present and future generations is necessary to consume as little of our resources and to produce as little waste as possible and make the conscious decision to challenge and reprioritize our lifestyles to ensure the future health of our planet.
- 69 Online Climate Change - A climate transformation is necessary to have a just transition away from the burning of fossil fuels to using 100% renewable energy with community solar leading the way. The City will be responsible for educating the local community on the benefits of community solar and to solicit involvement in crafting solutions. Residents will be integral to leading the climate change mobilization efforts. The goal is to build connection, communication and positive pathways for action.
- 70 Online More focus on creating neighborhood hubs (15-minute city model)

- 71 Online Increasing pedestrian friendliness in downtown and other commercial centers (Eastown, Creston, etc.). This could include temporary or permanent pedestrian-only streets, increased amenities (benches, trash cans, etc.), and improved lighting.
- 72 Online Improved cycling infrastructure and public education toward cycling safety and awareness.
- 73 Online We need net-zero building standards and requirements built into our code now. Policies must be adopted according to the climate crisis we are in.
- 74 Online Parks should not consist of so much mowed lawn. This contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and displaces other necessary elements of our community's ecology, such as native trees, flowers, shrubs, and grasses. Let us plant giant pollinator gardens that are both beautiful and do not need to be mowed. Let us plant maple trees or fruiting trees that can be harvested and consumed locally. Let us put in giant community gardens so that our people can grow their own healthy, affordable food. There are a plethora of local organizations that would love to partner on these efforts. All of these are so much better to look at, and so much better for our bodies and our planet than grass that gets mowed.
- 75 Online Rain/pollinator gardens in the grassy spaces between streets and sidewalks, especially in our neighborhoods. More trees throughout our parks and neighborhoods.
- 76 Online Utilize IRA funding to ensure that we are prepared with infrastructure that supports a big shift to electric vehicles.
- 77 Online Prioritize funding for efficiency, electrification, and renewable energy home improvements for marginalized, underserved communities first.
- 78 Online Every bus stop should have a place to sit and a shelter from sun, rain, etc. The sidewalk around it should be heated so there is never ice or snow. Let us make our bus system truly accessible, inclusive, and accommodating.
- 79 Online More affordable housing apartments must be built, and according to net-zero energy building standards, so that we do not have a homeless population.
- 80 Online Make certain improvements to improve walkability. Crosswalks sometimes do not feel safe at bigger intersections or on certain stretches of road. Fuller avenue near Fuller park should have crosswalk where someone can press the button and a light turns red. Or having over the road crosswalks constructed could be an option.

- 81 Online The number one on my list is “Affordable Housing” that does not further push the gentrification plans for the inner city. More low income housing.
- 82 Online Develop and maintain Programs geared toward the youth of the inner city. Programs for employment, tradesmen, and mentorship .
- 83 Online Clean and pure water, safe from industrial pollution. Clean air free of toxins throughout the entire city. Safe, clean, healthy environment with urban forests, native plantings, rain gardens all which would make the city a beautiful place to live, work and play. A city which works to be climate resilient and eliminates environmental justice issues. Equity in housing, and business ownership.
- 84 Online Add and improve on green space.
- 85 Online Make it easier to bike through town.
- 86 Online Increase the times/days of the current public transportation, while expanding access to outside the City of Grand Rapids. North of plainfield does not offer any type of public transportation. It is also difficult to utilize due to the hours it currently operates; I can't even go out to dinner and drinks downtown and make the last bus north to Creston.
- 87 Online Housing is another BIG IDEA. We need more fluidity on where housing projects are allowed and a loosening of parking requirements for developments. There are plenty of areas in the City of Grand Rapids that makes it difficult to engage developers because the parking or zoning hinders the project dramatically. Let's stop requiring parking spaces for each unit, encourage developers to bring bus stops to the projects. and remove zoning restrictions.
- 88 Online Having lived on the SE side for over 20 years, it is my hope that more funding is pumped into the community. There is a stark contrast to the area surrounding Alger and Eastern as opposed to Franklin (MLK) and Eastern. There shouldn't still be evidence and issues stemming from redlining.
- 89 Online Improve curbside recycle programs, add locations for additional hazardous waste drop off sites, provide free composting at the Butterworth Drop off site. Provide incentives for residents to recycle and compost
- 90 Online Treat non-motorized infrastructure at the same level as motorized infrastructure. Plow sidewalks and bike paths to the same level of service as streets.
- 91 Online Family/individual owned housing!  
Bike and walking paths. Keeping space for wildlife in parks and trails.

92	Online	Actually affordable housing Mass transit Light rail
93	Online	More bike lanes including protected ones and usable maps to plan safe routes throughout the city.
94	Online	Density in greenery. Many cities have walkable forested areas. Grand Rapids parks all have trees separated from each other by large expanses of grass or concrete.
95	Online	More density in population. I would like to see more development projects that allow for us to build close and upward with affordable housing included.
96	Online	Building codes that require developers to meet environmental standards in order for building approval. We should no longer allow buildings that exacerbate the current and future climate crisis.
97	Online	More accessibility to the arts through public art initiatives. 1% for the arts programs.
98	Online	Relaxed regulations on signs. Current sign requirements for businesses leave a lot of character and diversity to be desired.
99	Online	Separate and protected bike lanes that any age can safely use across the city, and connected to Kent Trails
100	Online	expansion of tools like ICCF's land trust to significantly expand affordable home ownership
101	Online	bus service every 10 minutes during rush hour and every 15 minutes during non-rush hour
102	Online	heated sidewalks on high traffic pedestrian routes to make our city more walkable all year round
103	Online	dispersed affordable parking ramps closer to middle/edges of town with free DASH service to make it less congested during downtown events and easier for folks coming to work downtown from the suburbs to slash half of their commute.
104	Online	expanded outdoor recreation to include more winter outdoor activities (ice skating trails, cross country ski rental, etc...) and expanded adult fitness/recreation options at parks.
105	Online	pollinator oasis + more community vegetable/fruit gardens in each neighborhood
106	Online	An affordable housing target for ownership and rentals to meet existing needs based on incomes of people employed in our city
107	Online	We should increase height restrictions on housing developments in certain corridors to encourage more density

- 108  
Online  
There should be more funds secured from out of state real estate investors to be directed to low income households most distressed by ballooning price increases. Ensure that more profits from housing and buildings stay in our community with those most impacted by housing price increases.
- 109  
Online  
Adding splash pads to MLK and Alger pools would be such a huge help for parents with younger and older kids to enjoy pool time together.
- 110  
Online  
Universal clean indoor standards (aligned with EPA Clean Air in Buildings Challenge) to ensure all indoor environments in the city provide excellent air quality to prevent spread of covid (and stress on our health care systems) and overall health of our community.
- 111  
Online  
To have more affordable housing, see more growth in the SouthEast quadrant and less homelessness. More activities in the local city parks. More emphasis on cleaning up the SE and SW sections.
- 112  
Online  
Bike & walkways that are green spaces. Look at German cities.
- 113  
Online  
Sustainable, reusable energy to electrify Grand Rapids. Cut out fossil fuels and push our city forward as a symbol for other cities to mimic our reliable energy future. If St. Petersburg Florida can do it, so can we!
- 114  
Online  
Mass public transit connecting major areas of the city (minimal) and not stopping redevelopment until the public can travel anywhere in the city by public transit. Think of flying into the GRR Airport and taking a light rail train to the LMCU ballpark for an afternoon game and then a bus downtown for dinner and an event at the Van Andel Arena. We need less cars on the road and redesigning roads for more foot traffic popularized with STOP building strodes (street + road). They don't work as a street to promote storefront shopping via walking and slow down the current vehicle traffic with everyone slowing down to turn into businesses connected directly to these horrendous "efficient" street/road designs. Design better.
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Online

Car-free zones have less air and noise pollution. It's estimated that approximately 184,000 deaths around the world are caused by vehicle pollution each year. We can't solve the problem, but we can be part of the solution. Concrete and asphalt can be replaced with greenery in some places, this helps in the summer with reducing the urban heat island effect.

They allow land to be reallocated. In some US cities up to 70% of land is allocated for use of cars. This is inherently inequitable. Old, young, and low income populations may not have access to personal vehicles. We should be creating a city that is build for people, not vehicles.

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Online

Community. These communities work to reduce the inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light so that they can reclaim the natural beauty of our night sky.

Light pollution devastates wildlife. Plants and animals depend on Earth's daily light and dark cycle to govern life-sustaining behaviors. Research shows that artificial light at night has adverse and even deadly effects on many species.

Light pollution wastes money. As much as 50% of outdoor lighting is wasted, which increases greenhouse gas emissions, contributes to climate change, and renders us all more energy-dependent.

Light pollution can make you less safe. There is no clear scientific evidence that increased outdoor lighting deters crime. Poor outdoor lighting can decrease personal safety by making victims and property more visible to criminals.

Light pollution can harm your health. Studies suggest that artificial light at night negatively affects human health by increasing our risks for obesity, sleep disorders, depression, diabetes, breast cancer, and more.

Light pollution robs us of our heritage. Our ancestors experienced a night sky that inspired science, religion,

- 118 Online Grand Rapids should create a municipal fiber network.  
These days the need for internet service is not just recreational. Professionals and job hunters need daily access to a fast and reliable connection. Lately, families also have a newer need for quality access to the internet for remote education for their children. In our modern world the internet is no longer a luxury, it is a daily necessity for people to work, learn, access their community, and live. Not to mention how it is an essential service that enables most businesses.
- 119 Online Grand Rapids needs a municipal fiber program. Our neighbors in Traverse City have realized they needed fiber and have decided to publicly fund that project. It is time More public transportation to reduce carbon emissions by having too many people driving everywhere. Railways, boat transportation
- 120 Online Getting GR back to a walking community. Denser housing that also has business™s around it so the neighborhood strengthens. No more mega apt buildings but more 4-plex™s and townhomes being built. Think GR prior to I-196 completely decimating the walk-ability of NE GR.
- 121 Online The rapid needs some serious operations overhaul. Later buses, expanded routes, cross town busses!! The people want to use the bus more but it doesn™t make sense right now. The younger generation want to take buses and not drive. The people are there and want to ride! This is a regular topic in the GR Reddit thread™; what is your dream public transportation in GR?
- 122 Online Art! Let™s keep it going. We are off to a good start! World of winter is awesome. Just need to group more exhibits closer together for tourists. We have a lot of galleries but I only see Lions and Rabbits doing all the work. More community engagement needed here.
- 123 Online Idk if this goes here but I don™t want to live in a city where everyone looks the same. I love that GR is a blend of everyone. More support for the LGBTQ community, POC and anyone else looked down upon by others. Investing in the people is where it™s at!
- 124 Online Can we get a dang pharmacy downtown! Downtown is full of restaurants and bars and that™s getting old. If you work or live downtown you have to leave the area for everything! Thank god for the DGX that is a wonderful start to improving downtown. We need more boutiques and shopping downtown.

Round 1 Engagement Results

- 125 Online Increase in bike lanes & safety. Giving shelter/houses to the homeless. More native species planted at parks and within City medians/any green space available.
- 126 Online Green infrastructure that is designed around auto independence. Connected parks with bike and pedestrian friendly transit options. Much more housing diversity, get rid of the last century rules about housing.
- 127 Transportation
- 128 Online Walkability in the butterworth / west wealthy area. We are (aligned planning and pharmhouse wellness) working on improved bus stops, a road diet and crosswalk enhancements at Wealthy/ front and at butterworth and straight.
- 129 Online We are the city's sole cannabis social equity applicant. I'm taking 100% of my licensure fee reductions and reinvesting them into equity and neighborhood improvement. So far this has been greening , art work installations on public and private spaces, bird box installations , and upcoming streetscapes this Spring. Our goal is those most likely affected by the war on drugs and historical disproportionate impact by law enforcement would also be those most likely to utilize and benefit from improved public spaces and walkability. This is my definition of equity as it relates to the neighborhood and my industry.
- 129 Online Tree plantings, mural installations , trash pickups, nature boxes, community gardens, the first dpz art installations on butterworth. We want to continue this work with more of each activity. We have already seen a marked improvement in my little section of west wealthy. A traditional mixed use industrial corridor known for heavy truck traffic.



- 130                      Arts and culture
- Online                      We are looking to the history in this area and using art to open and strengthen the connection between residents and natural features such as the river. We believe art can help remove the physical and invisible barriers that exist in this area surrounding land ownership, connection to nature , and expression of self. So far these projects have been on both public and privately owned public facing spaces. We hope to continue to identify locations around west wealthy/butterworth that offer an opportunity to enhance art in culture, and build on the deep art history in the area.
- 131                      Economic Development
- Online                      I am a cannabis operator. We have a unique story in that we took an 1890 housing stock , zoned commercial and improved the use from residential (dilapidated) to a vibrant commercial retail space that employs 20+ people and attracts 200-300 visitors daily in an area that has not been known for retail activity. Through real estate acquisition and lot combinations we now have ~ 1 acres of developable land. My goal is to continue to develop the site in a use and way that aligns with the needs of our business and the neighborhood , whether that be mixed use cannabis only, mixed use cannabis and housing or a return to industrial commercial use. I very much look forward to the evolution of this area including any potential development at the Padnos iron and scrap yard, the proposed amphitheater, improvements to our neighbors in the art district the dinderbeck and tanglefoot building. Cannabis consumption lounges are a use we will continue to advocate for and feel strongly will compliment the already present retail, processing and cultivation uses. A rooftop consumption lounge overlooking the river and amphitheater would be so cool! :)
- 132    Online                      Transportation
- 133    Online                      Arts and Culture
- 134    Online                      Parks
- 135    Online                      River Walk
- 136    Online                      Museums
- 137    Online                      Committing to a year-over-year reduction in vehicle miles travelled as a performance indicator for livability
- 138    Online                      Increasing non-market housing share to support affordable housing, especially in dense areas where the market is unable to effectively respond

139	Online	Commit to reducing on and off-street parking in the downtown area
140	Online	Begin work on the process of removing the elevated freeways bisecting the downtown area in order to revitalize the community and help area businesses.
141	Online	Eliminate parking minimum requirements in all zoning districts, allowing businesses to make their own decisions.
142	Online	Begin construction on a rail transit system to provide all residents with timely transportation options, rather than just those who own cars.
143	Online	I have some innovative concepts that being said we need to develop a think tank organization that will work together to truly advance our city like never before to give true honor and compensation to the creative minds that live here in Grand Rapids becoming a true city of producing world leaders in so many ideas and plans. Because if I win we win as a city.
144	Online	I would love to see the trails connected and education to be done on how to navigate them. And, trails are not always places where POC feel safe (for obvious reason). How might that be addressed? I would like to see all things accessible. How about being the most accessible city in the U.S.! I know we are the motor city state and cars rule the day, but can we do more with public transportation that we even do now? Make as much as you can free, please!
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		<p>Bike paths connecting parks and business districts</p> <p>Legalize infill development</p> <p>Bike lanes</p> <p>More bikes, less cars</p> <p>No PFAs in water</p> <p>Mixed use neighborhoods (residential and bars/restaurants)</p> <p>Walk up grocery stores</p> <p>Houses with accessibility</p> <p>Complete sidewalks</p> <p>It's possible ot get around town at all hours without cars!</p> <p>A vibrant downtown with restaurants, bars, and shops open late - mor elike Chicago</p> <p>More small retail</p> <p>Tree lined streets</p> <p>Better utilize the riverfront downtown! Restaurants, shops, walkable</p> <p>Better public transportation</p> <p>Downtown stadium?</p>
	MIB (CC - Adam Tauno Williams)	
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Earn the title of "art city" covering all media - music, sculpture, written word, etc.  
Free food city farms  
More markets (Whole Foods) throughout the entire city  
Restrooms available for residents, guests, employees, shoppers, etc.  
Rent control zones (good areas)  
Rezone to allow for tiny homes (and affordable housing)  
Landscape with apple trees, blueberry bushes, etc.  
Better parking options  
Accessible, well-kept exercise equipment  
Affordable retirement homes/communities  
indoor toddler parks for winter  
Police sub stations (community based, where citizens know their officers)  
Homeless shelters in all 3 wards  
More affordable housing in all 3 wards  
We must create integration/educational links that paradigms Grand Rapidsians to localize food production to grow our own, to localize waste streams, and energy production.  
More equitable housing in all areas of the city  
Investment in neighborhoods with marginalized communities first  
GR provide funding to community agencies  
Cultural festivals that go beyond the usual (i.e. Diwali, Ethiopian culture). Access to more diverse restaurants.  
Less separation between communities  
Eliminate food deserts in city  
Spaces for younger people to enjoy during the week besides the weekend. Rec centers with communities that are taken care of equally. Equal access to grocery stores  
beside Meijer

MIB (CC - Kim Moore)

Address social determinants of health as a community  
Party in the park summer series for adults!  
Larger budgets for all public parks  
Ag immersive high school  
Increase of third spaces accessible in all communities  
Neighborhood parties, more "intertwining" of communities. Community farmers markets, not limited to Fulton  
Jazz club on SE side  
Equal distribution of property tax to schools  
Repurposing of historically blighted/abandoned structures  
  
Public gardens everywhere, in each neighborhood

	<p>Walkable distance to community garden for every child in city</p> <p>Build one fair housing/affordable unit for every "market" apartment unit</p> <p>Green energy. Solar panels in lots/buildings</p> <p>Larger public transportation "more routes" availability to move anywhere in the city</p> <p>Clearly there is a need for more housing stock, and we need it at all levels. Obviously one of the greatest needs is affordable housing. However, if people are given more access to economic opportunity that could very tough</p> <p>Free mental health resources at every coffee shop in city</p> <p>Community centralized resources, creating district CSAs maintained and sponsored by HOA</p> <p>Address harms caused by redlining</p> <p>Accessibility to more fresh food in food deserts</p> <p>Accessible bus routes within each major intersection of city</p> <p>Shared resources throughout the entire city. Draw people to a location rather than pushing them from a location</p>	
	<p>Revamp GRPS team sports! Create more opportunity for middle schoolers to be a part of a real team, more funding for Ottawa, Union athletics</p> <p>Equal and diverse school system in GRPS</p> <p>Increasing funding for all local schools, making them easier to enroll in</p> <p>More help and counseling for troubled youth</p>	Education
	<p>Help for homeless individuals - affordable housing, shelters, rehabilitation, job programs, free education, remove anti-homeless architecture</p> <p>More funding towards homelessness because it is a huge problem in GR</p> <p>Remove and legalize the building of anti-homeless architecture (i.e. spikes of flat areas where people could sleep, bars on benches, etc.</p> <p>More help to the homeless</p>	Unhoused Support
City High Middle School	<p>Improve public transportation - eco friendly buses, train, subway?</p> <p>Make the city more walkable! More sidewalks, put amenities closer together, prioritize pedestrians over drivers</p> <p>Implementation of sidewalks and non-car alternative routes on main streets like 28th and Leonard</p> <p>Make downtown a primarily car-free zone. Replace roads with bike/walking paths</p> <p>Stray away from car based infrastructure</p>	Transportation
	<p>More affordable housing</p>	Housing

	Affordable housing	Housing
	More big attractions outside of downtown. Downtown tends to be expensive, so offer those places elsewhere for a lower price for those who need it	
	Build more green spaces than parking lots	Tourism/Events
	Development of low-income community centers, with less centralized centers as a way to decrease crime	
	more community centers and green space within all of GR, but specifically low-income areas	
	Protect the environment as best as we can	
	Renovating and repurposing of ex-industrial zones to create more green space	Green Space
	More environmentally aware companies	
	Developing a stronger community by increasing local funding towards parks	
	Decent school system	Education
	Gun control	Safety
	Natural gardens supporting pollinators and wildlife	
	Give benefits to residents for good environmental practices	Ecology
	Less car dependent (infrastructure for walking, biking)	
	Provide more homeless shelters	
	Lots of community centers, small businesses on main st, free parking	Community investment
Living Green in Creston	Foundations for funding	
	Affordable housing with small negative environmental impact	Housing
	Tiny houses	
	More development options - deuplexes, quaplexes	
	Engage people in having pride in their neighborhoods	
	As city gets bigger we will need more small space/neighborhood centers for all sorts of activities	
	Expand DGRI's service area or share the \$ into other neighborhoods	Belonging
	Provide welcome packets or welcome info for new residents	
	Walkable city - safe for children, people, bikes	
	Reliable, affordable, fast public transport	
	Safe bike lanes throughout the city, separate from car traffic. Better yet, no cars.	
	Raised sidewalks in high pedestrian areas, to slow traffic, increase safety	Transportation
	No cars, just advanced e-transport	
	More roundabouts to increase throughput in smaller	

	Protected bike/walking paths	
	Bring 131 to grade - neighborhood blvd	
	Better public transportation	
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	Rapids course of Grand River	
	Make greater use of the river - think Chicago and Milwaukee	
	Major music festival	Vibrancy
	For the youth, a central place to hang out for good lean fun after school/during breaks/weekends	
	Riverside park farmers market	
	Get rid of dumb country club	
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	Plainfield business district, mixed use retail and housing	
Creston	Allow accessory dwelling units (housing above garage, etc.) for increased density	Housing
Neighborhood Association	Creative housing solutions	
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	No shopping mall helscape plz	
	Traffic police who don't carry weapons	
	Turn the Kent Country Club into a public park/third space	General
	Third spaces - place to exist for free under capitalism, builds community, good for mental health	
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	Future developments with energy and waste infrastructure - room for solar, organics, recycling, etc.	
	End invasive mono-cultures (grass): boring, no bees, we literally die sans bees, biodiversity	
	City of GR becomes only waste halver in city with diversion goals	
	More place to enjoy nature and meet others with no fear of danger to life and limb or handbag	
	Developing parks for climate resiliency	
	No fees for native lawns. Backyard bees, chickens, and ducks	
	Replanting lost trees	
	Total recycling - no landfills	
	More edible landscapes instead of grass and lawns	
	Preserve waste-to-energy and connect to downtown steam loop	
	Community gardens/rain gardens (reduce rainwater runoff)	
	City chickens - reduce food waster, eat bugs, eggs	
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	Adaptation of a cultural norm of diversity and inclusion	
	Cultural norm of being a sophisticated medical community	
	Adaptation of a cultural norm of climate consciousness and care	
	Safer cycling infrastructure	
	Creston should become more welcoming to families	
	Environmentally friendly city	

Dash service to our area  
Healthy living  
Transit system - rail or trolley for the neighborhoods  
City-wide wifi  
Strong neighborhood communities which add security and safety to neighborhoods  
Invest in artprize type events  
Bicycle friendly streets  
Replace "beer city" with "best city" - the city that thrives  
Boutique hotels and lodging along Plainfield corridor  
Excellent park facilities/trails  
Greater access to high speed internet  
Housing redevelopment - mixed design  
mixed income housing - market rate and affordable together  
Free transportation, safe streets, improved schools, river development, housing  
Grand river development, including restoring rapids and better utilization of Riverside park  
River area development to correct downtown to riverside park  
Better school/community partnerships  
More incentives to bring grocery stores in areas that are food deserts  
Build up along the Grand river  
Enhanced learning environments for k-12 students  
significatn increase in affordable housing (GR has falle short)  
Continued beautification of business areas - plantings, lighting, trash cans, etc  
Development of mid income housing  
Housing community for homeless with educational courses in trades and required volunteer hours to participate  
More usable vibrant waterfront! A great resource we don't use enough

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Parks that are accessible to disabled people. Parks with walking trail that has activities to try after a certain  
Rain collecting receptacles, solar panels, advocacy towards climate change  
Much safer color-coded roads for different vehicles, they should be free for unprivileged  
more apartments that are actually affordable and with shorter waitlists  
The houses should be made out of fast growing plants like bamboo. They could be made under the earth running on reliable energy

MIB (CC Steff Rosalez)	<p>Places where people could gather, get together, make the city look nicer (fountains?)</p> <p>More art and sculpture. More diverse options for anyone to join and showcase art</p> <p>More activities and events revolving the environment and how to care for it</p> <p>I'd like there to be more recycling bins, and less garbage on the ground. Also I'd like to see more gardens and nature so we won't get rid of the true beauty in the world</p> <p>Orphanage should have a donation place in their building so that the orphans can see what they are getting so that they don't get robbed food</p> <p>The city creating a more accessible way for community (not business owners) to speak at city meetings</p> <p>Better investment into Roosevelt Park for all the environmental injustices.</p> <p>More small walkable grocery stores in neighborhoods</p> <p>Circular economy to reduce waste</p> <p>Use recyclable items to build structures, build more places for kids like amusement parks</p> <p>I would like to see more houses and apartments get built because that will help a lot of people and probably make buying houses cheaper</p>	Transportation
MIB (Betsy Hernandez)	<p>Better bus system</p> <hr/> <p>GR needs safer places for children to be able to bike around the city</p> <p>More access to electric vehicle services like charging stations</p> <p>Improved cycling infrastructure</p> <p>City wide public transportation using less than bus sized vehicles to provide wider coverage than exists now</p> <p>Better multi-modal connectivity across the city</p> <hr/> <p>Increase walkability to shops, restaurants in Northeast neighborhoods</p> <p>GR needs less apartment buildings on the outskirts of the city and in the suburbs</p> <p>Every neighborhood connects a pathway to the river, streams or parks</p> <hr/> <p>Everyone has a safe place to live</p> <p>Expanded social services combined with reduced police presence/defund police!</p> <p>A trusting and trustworthy police force</p> <hr/> <p>100 percent access to affordable housing</p> <p>Affordable housing with park/riverfront areas</p> <hr/> <p>Daylighting urban streams, coldbrook creek, plaster creek</p>	Vibrancy
		Equity
		Housing



	River access for culture traditions, including washing stations, boat launches, free public water safety Solar power at a neighborhood scale	Environment
Online	Finishing the connection of riverfront trails. And creating connection to the river from throughout the city.	
Online	Lowering the impact of highways on the communities on the south and west side of the city.	
Online	Spurring the transition away from industry along the river.	
Online	Community sponsored ADU plans, support, or loans.	
Online	Business based transportation options for off shifts like later busing or support for carpooling programs	
Online	Increased connectedness and walkable business districts like Plainfield corridor.	
Online	Investments in communities and neighborhood cleanups and green spaces.	
Online	Destruction of overly concrete areas with more greenery input.	
Online	Planting more female (plant producing) trees and eliminating ill male producing trees to decrease asthma and allergies in the city.	
Online	Increase for programs tailored to the families with children under 5. Programs that are outside or normal business hours	
Online	More financial support for neighborhood associations to have events like dumpster days, national night out, connection to a community resource navigator.	
Online	Higher standards for rental units to make landlords more accountable to the city and property.	
Online	Bike lanes and dog parks	
Online	Improving decades old 'red-lined' communities to have better health benefits overall based on documented detriments described in the red-lined areas that caused poor health to the residents.	
Online	Develop the grand river area downtown that has been talked about for years and changed hands for development...also getting the community involved in the plans for that area.	

Online

More developed green space. By developed I mean, changed to be purpose-built for high engagement with local communities. To help drive higher engagement and excitement for green spaces around the city and to help foster that deeper connection to nature that is scientifically proven to help overall health and mental well-being within communities. This could be done through more educational workshops/seminars offered by the Parks & Recreation department and offered in various parks around the city. (Fly fishing demos provided by Orvis Fly Fishing at Riverside Park, Petting Zoo with notes on local flora and fauna with John Ball Zoo, etc). I know there are a lot of programs and exciting opportunities already in existence, I just personally believe that more free programs and centered on the outdoors and recreation is needed.

Online

More community garden spaces. As it stands there are less than five (5) community garden spaces open to people from the nearby communities. To have less than five spaces for a little over 197,000 people is hard to comprehend. I understand that we have a short growing season in Michigan, but with the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant increase in interest in food sustainability and self-reliance. I believe the expansion of community garden spaces around Grand Rapids would help to foster deeper community connections among participants and hopefully foster more inter-generational exchange of information between those experienced and those beginning with home gardens.

Online I spent two years walking from Lyon St/Michigan St to work on Leonard and during those two years of walking from either 7 am to work or from work on Leonard at 2 am back to Michigan St, there was a lot of interesting things that occurred. One, there are a lot of men both young and old that stop soliciting people walking for sex. Even when I would state that I was a young male just walking home from work and did not wish to interact, they would sometimes trail me in their vehicle for a mile or so before moving on. This brings up a lot of safety and security concerns for me. The largest concern is for any young individual who has no other option but to walk around the city. One incident an individual chased me with a knife for over a block screaming racially charged phrases. The safety and walkability of the city needs to be evaluated. On an almost nightly basis, I would also observe people in the parks using drugs and camping out. I realize that the city does have an evolving and growing community of individuals struggling with being unhoused, but this does not excuse not enforcing certain ordinances/laws regarding use of parks and also overall safety concerns for those experiencing being unhoused and substance abuse issues. I would love for nothing more than to be able to walk, without worry, from my home and be able to walk downtown without being accosted for

Online More of the industrial sites and businesses located next to the Grand River was historically placed there because it was seen as land that was suitable for the industries at the time, (furniture, tanneries, etc). However, today this real estate is prime for helping to drive improvements to the city and city's residents. I can only DREAM of one day, the City of Grand Rapids, improving the areas next to the Grand River to reflect similarly to what has been done with the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. Having shops, restaurants, and walking trail all down by the river for people to see and interact with their local environment. (Definitely a big change, and a lot of work to do so, but would be absolutely incredible to see a similar transformation).

Online In order for bike lanes to be considered safe and effective, they have to be physically separated from the road. A median and/or raised bikeway is required. Has anyone thought of using the railroad track that crosses Division/28th street as a commuter line that could be expanded south to the airport, north to downtown, and (using elevated tracks or the US131 median) stretched to the ballpark and ultimately Rockford?

- Online We should follow a "Jeffersonian" model of community. This entails that you have a mix of businesses, education, community centers, parks and housing within a certain radius/area. This means that no area of the city will just be fore factories, or restaurants, or housing, but they will be evenly dispersed so residents have schools, community events, necessary commerce(clothing, grocery, etc.) all within walking distance. As of right now I live in the city and I do not have access to fresh foods without the need of transit. Most people live in an area that at least one or more of their basic needs is lacking.
- Online Require all new housing projects to include 50% affordable housing.
- Online Establish a local/city election process for a civilian review board for accusations against GRPD or other city departments enacting discrimination
- Online protected bicycle lanes
- Online close down bridge, monroe and cherry to all car traffic immediately
- Online return 131 to nature. make it a park. no more neighborhood ruining highways through our city.

- Increased access to river
- Better utilization of small neighborhood parks
- More trees
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Make public transportation so appealing that people would rather use it
- More greenery
- Green space
- Improved rainwater infrastructure
- Public transportation/multi-modality
- More frequent bus service
- More mixed-use space for entertainment (indoor and outdoor) for all seasons
- Housing for homeless
- GVSU More walkable communities
- Light rail to Kalamazoo and Holland
- Affordable housing
- Commercial areas/neighborhoods
- Revitalization/development of Fulton St in John Ball neighborhood
- Revitalized 28th Street/Division
- Make a push for an additional minor league sports team to stimulate economy
- Better accessibility on Lake Michigan Dr
- Build up, not out for housing or businesses
- Housing

	Entertainment More covered bus stops Electric/hybrid buses
Online	<hr/> <p>Creation of a walking/running trail in the southeast side neighborhoods (Southtown neighborhood area) to create opportunities for family fitness.</p> <p>Decentralized City hall services with a neighborhood post for customer service as part of a neighborhood business district improvement. These could be small locations within another building and would make city services more accessible as well as help City staff "see" the City they are serving.</p> <p>City Departments are aligned in implementation of Master Plan ideas - where physical changes are proposed in the Master Plan and Area Specific Plans the city actually works to facilitate positive changes in ALL neighborhoods.</p> <p>More available and accessible public restrooms downtown.</p> <p>Ban cars downtown except for disabled folks and residents. Move parking outside downtown and make the tourists who come pay for parking passes.</p> <p>Make hotels free downtown for anyone born in Michigan</p> <p>Abolish GRPD JUSTICE FOR PATRICK</p> <p>PROTECT TRANS KIDS by making LGBTQ+ education mandatory for public servants</p> <p>Require interpreters for every police interaction</p> <p>Camping locations within the city for houseless and low income people who love nature</p> <p>Hold the police accountable by firing every offender</p> <p>Fire Mayor Bliss for being a racist transphobe</p> <p>Affordable housing</p> <p>Safe bikeways</p> <p>Dog parks</p> <p>Walkable parks with accessible bathrooms.</p> <hr/> <p>Clean bottle water fillers in neighborhoods</p> <p>Reconstruction of parks - making tennis courts tennis courts again, soccer fields, swings</p> <p>Strong and enforced "no littering" laws</p> <p>Clean environment - trash bins on each corner</p> <p>No more breweries</p> <p>More green space downtown</p> <p>Police accountability</p> <p>Start over with our police department, focus of actually "protect and serve"</p> <p>Promote small business</p>

MIB (CC - Jenine Torres)	<p>Prioritizing our local and BIPOC businesses in downtown storefronts          An answer to help eradicate homelessness          Police - citizens are scared to drive at night          Improved community/police relations          Employment training, more programs for trades employment          More shelters for homeless individuals, and more help for them          More affordable housing options          Affordable housing!!          Underground transportation and shopping          Light rail          We want our culture to embrace local outdoor concerts in parks, etc.          Better access to mental health services          Public transportation throughout the whole city. Also trains connecting to Detroit, etc.          Walkable neighborhoods - sidewalks, pedestrian friendly intersections          City support to the community media center          Tax codes that support public schools          Better promotion of local musicians          Transportation more affordable for students          Better parking options          Mass transit, light rail          More bakeries!          GR food festival, all restaurants          Negotiate funding for charter schools          MLS soccer team</p>	
MIB (CC - Regenail Thomas)	<p>More ground floor retail downtown          More transitional development in the downtown periphery (transition of density)          Defined neighborhoods each with their own character          More neighborhood commercial nodes in residential areas          Better connectivity among retail districts (Easttown retail is connected to Wealthy St, etc.)          More/better options in Ward 3 - bring GRCC campus to Ward 3, etc.          Walking, boating, and living spaces along the river          Traffic calming on neighborhood thoroughfares          River as a recreation destination          Streets closed to cars downtown          River usage: access to river for kayaking and swimming          Bike trails and walking paths          Pedestrian friendly crossings over/under highways</p>	<p>Downtown</p> <p>Neighborhoods</p> <p>Transportation</p>

	Defined non-motorized routes through the city designed for all use levels	
	Senior housing and co-ops	
	Housing fund available for maintenance of homes	
	Infill housing or non-conforming lots	
	Corridors	Housing
	State St becomes a cultural/art hub and connector to downtown	
	A national reputation for being a safe city	
	Safety for all	
	Continued present efforts towards handicap accessibility and safety and explore how to tweak and evolve to continue to improve more	
	Every park is ADA accessible	
	Health consciousness	
	Gym activities inclement weather	
	Well paid workers in ag and food production	
	Expand options for connecting W1 to the river - sight-seeing, recreating, walking/biking trails, entertainment, etc.	
	Bury the highway	
3/15 - Table 1	Free transit	
	Well-lit trail system	
	Improve connectivity between neighborhoods bisected by freeways	
	Soil preservations	
	Increase density while maintaining plenty of public space	
	Walkable neighborhoods with food access	
	Plan for food access in climate emergencies	
	Thriving food entrepreneur scene	
	Compost facility/curbside composting	
	Community gardens in every neighborhood	
	Lots of small, affordable grocery stores across all neighborhoods	
	Food forests	
	Limited outside \$ influence	
	More open zoning regs	Zoning and Politics
	Better zoning for equitable housing (residents not slum lords)	
	Bus lines that connect to employment	
	Accessible sidewalks for wheelchairs	
	Roads that are safe to drive	Transportation
	Heated sidewalks (esp by bus stops)	
	Light rail transit	
	There should be more funds put into mental health	
	Better selection and training of police	
	Need better communication with our community officers	

3/15 - Table 7	<p>More money for child care                  Workers accompany police for some events                  We need moroe community meetings to get to know our neighbors                  More access to services for seniors and people with disabilities</p>	Social Fabric
	<p>Nature trails                  Accessible walkways for all                  Community gathering spaces and events                  More parks and activities in parks that attract young people</p>	Quality of Life
	<p>We need to make housing affordable                  Affordable places where people want to live                  Taxes on convention visitors (hotel,etc.) for big needs                  Hotel tax for housing                  Mill base for housing                  Better use of smpty lots for housing                  Single floor housing for seniors                  Housing for all income brackets                  Everyone has a safe, affordable place to live                  Mix different kinds of people (income level, ages, races, politics) in same housing, neighborhoods                  There should be a cap on rent</p>	Housing
	Attract new tech business	Economic Development
	<p>Find ways to promote neighborhood safety                  Everyone has disaster preparedness info and kits. Free or sliding scale kits.</p>	Safety
	Increase in mid-market housing	Housing
	<p>Implmenting community solar as soon as it's legal in MI                  Install electric vehicle charging stations for Evs                  Curbside composting and effective, fun education about following recycling rules                  My big idea for GR is for GR to make electric vehicle                  Hiring a bunch of folks to analyze contents of recycling - Big waste of money. Let's do better!!                  When it's legal, promoting wind power                  Let's get out from under the utility c ompnaies and create our own                  Options for the biggest polluters to become carbon-neutral. Especially industry, fast food, and hospitals</p>	Climate
	<p>Slow traffic and have a lot more and effective crosswalks                  Develop more public transportation                  Enforcement of local speed limits                  Reduce traffic speed in city                  Electric train</p>	Transportation
3/15 - Table 8		



3/15 - Table 3

<p>3/15 - Table 3</p>	<p>Work with RAPID partners to have non-polluting fleets, more routes, sliding-scale costs, re-do routing.</p> <hr/> <p>After school;, weekend, and summer programs for kids that are meaningful and for all ages</p> <p>Continue park/green space improvements and additions</p> <p>Clean up neighborhoods</p> <p>Integrate seniors with young people for community gardening, story-sharing, quality time</p>	<p>Parks and Rec</p>
	<p>Raise test scores via improved teaching</p> <p>Improve education quality city-wide, not just magnet schools</p>	<p>Education</p>
	<p>Provide education like "undoing racism" training. Employers pay employees same salary to attend. For those reluctant, give them tax or other incentives.</p> <p>More neighborhood engagement - resident to resident meetups, house warming, neighborhood associations</p> <p>More sustainable funding for neighborhoods, including those with no current funding streams</p> <p>Figure out how to communicate with residents - effectively (even in dire circumstances)</p> <p>Provide "Welcome to GR and (specific neighborhood)!" bags - info about 311, 211, library schedule, LKMI beaches, places to find fun and resources</p>	<p>Equity and Engagement</p>
<p>3/15 - Table 16</p>	<p>Help Ward 3, a lot of issues that need to be improved. One by one.</p> <p>More hiring of BIPOC residents in decision making positions</p> <p>More education on how we got in this current situation</p> <p>Better education programs</p> <p>Upgrade school curriculums for public schools, same as forrest hills school area</p> <p>Use of more equity efforts with BIPOC</p> <p>More food co-ops for inner city areas. New grocery stores in the inner city with affordable food</p> <p>Better public transportation</p> <p>Free wifi and internet access</p> <p>Better tracking of data that is sourced with residents.</p> <p>More engaging website.</p> <p>More history provided about racism/discrimination in GR</p> <p>More judicious selection of community representatives that work with community</p> <p>Grants for small business (black owned). Area playgrounds in the inner city (more and updated)</p> <p>More benchmarking of successful plans that promotes equity from other cities</p> <p>Community center for ages 4-19 years old</p> <p>Better environment, better housing</p>	

	More houses for the homeless	
	Rent control	
	Transitional housing for unhoused people	Housing
	More affordable housng: low AMI and people buying 1st home	
	More late night and diverse food options	
	More business incubator spaces like downtown market	
	Help connect gRPS with local training programs for youth	
	More gay bars, especially owned by BIPOC	Economic Development
	More neighborhood grocery stores like BSM	
	Rban, local gardening and community food spaces - not a part of HOA	
	Trade schools/training	
	Focus on planting native plants and trees	
	Urban fruit trees	Natural Resources
3/15 - Table 14	Riverwalk connection north and south	
	A 606-esque trail (Chicago)	
	Eliminate parking minimums to encourage transit/walking/biking	Transportation
	More crosstown bus connections with improved frequency	
	Designate/fund more murals	
	Neighborhood block parties put on by neighborhood associations	
	Increase free arts and cultural programming (look at Chicago examples)	Arts and Culture
	Continue support for GRPM millage	
	Local cultural center for Native Americans to gather	
	A city ordinance that honors hunting and gathering trecty rights of the Treaty of 1836 and Treaty of 1855	Equity/Social Justice
	Land justice for tribal nations - repatriation of ancestral spaces	
	More delicious and unique food options (especially healthier quick food options)	
	Public community spaces to work, gather, meets	
	More food trucks	
	Snacks at restaurants	
	More wildlife	
	More diversity spread throughout the city	
	Small business, interesting retail shops	
	Development along the river! Park and business spaces!	
	More parks and playgrounds	
	More public gardens	
	Solar panels	
	Riverside park to provide recreation more like Central Park or Golden Gate parks	
	Less yards, more bee and butterfly habitats	

3/15 - Table ?	Less meat-eating More vegetarian options at existing restaurants Light rail system Cross-city very safe bike apths (n to s, e to w) Less polluting More gardens and yards Urban farming Break up the monotony of 28th St, Alpine, Plainfield, etc. More treehouses More trees More outdoor movie theaters Soccer stadium More bikes, less cars More kids sporting events Water park More kid-focused activities Covered basketball courts	
	Rent control	
	RENT CONTROL	Housing
	More multi-use buildings (residential over commercial)	
	Lees urban sprawl - build up, not out	
	Invest in the neighborhoods, not just downtown	Community investment
	Fix the crim problem	
	Free public wifi	
	Expand the sky walk	
	More robust public transportation	
	Less trips downtown via car	
	Walkable neighborhoods	
	Move highways away from fowntown	Transportation
3/15 - Table ?	Straighten the s curve Protected bike lanes Remove US 131 through downtown Bridge ove intersection to cross safely 28th street	
	Increase solar on roofs of buildings	
	>50% canopy cover	
	More access to river on the west side	
	Bring back rapids, no more dam	
	More robust green space requirements	Environment
	Make the Grand river safe to swim	
	Green roofs	
	90% of residents within 10 min walk of a park	
	Rain gardens	
	Aquatic center	
	Tourist attraction theme/water park	
	Larger university	
3/15 - Table	Improved road infrastructure	
15	Safety	

	Affordable housing Better shopping centers More high rises downtown, more density	
	Walkable neighborhoods Quality educational options throughout all wards Walkable businesses in neighborhoods Neighborhood based technical programs Shared workshop spaces Partner with non profits to offer more skill classes for teens Neighborhood grocery stores Zoning that prioritizes healthy food retail Policies upholding standards given in MI food charter Community led safety efforts	
3/15 - Table ?	City resources equitably distributed across GR Zoning that allows for tiny houses More outdoor concert spaces More rain gardens Community gardens Put a parks and rec sports team on every field in the summer (soccer, tennis, basketball) Aquatic center Community aquatic center Learn-to-swim program during school hours, with transportation Fill all current splash pads	
	Expand bus routes again Increase frequency and hours of bus routes More public transportation Parking is an ongoing issue in GR Expanded bus routes (fewer requiring connections through main station downtown) Faster public transportation option to get to airport Create a car0-free zone downtown	Transportation
	More land/space dedicated to green energy solutions Increased tree cover	Environment
3/15 Table ?	Become a dark sky city Develop a municipal fiber network	Economic Development
	More attainable and affordable housing Increased access to low-income/subsidized housing Accountability for landlords Fight predatory property managers/landlords Reduce non-primary resident home ownership Increased non-family housing, for both young people and seniors Stronger protections for renters	Housing

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	<p>Improve bicycle tunnels below 131 - widen, safety, view through</p> <p>Bicycle changing signal capabilities</p> <p>Increase retention of ArtPrize installations throughout the city</p> <p>Traffic circle on Fulton by YPP with freeway needs improvement</p> <p>Speed limit enforcement on arterials, drivers should slow the beep down</p>
3/15 - Table ?	<p>Solar panels and windmills on landfill</p> <p>Improve coordination amongst retailers and service providers. Stores like Aldi and gyms like Planet fitness</p> <p>Viable retail in each neighborhood, walkable neighborhood</p> <p>Multi-units along major streets to pull students out of houses and houses reverted back to single-family</p> <p>Repair sidewalks so they aren't a trip hazard</p> <p>Lake Michigan Dr (lower) remains residential</p> <p>Move the zoo to the mines golf course</p>
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3/15 - Table ?	<p>More missing middle housing</p> <p>More senior housing</p> <p>After school programs</p> <p>More affordable housing 0-30% AMI</p> <p>Eliminate homelessness with wrap around services</p> <p>Reelect Kurt Reppart</p> <p>Provide affordable housing for all</p> <p>A city that pays a living wage</p> <p>Get rid of Drew Robbins and dark money!</p> <p>Invest in community and social services (sports, tutoring, skill building, pro dev)</p> <p>More minority business investment and opportunity</p> <p>More employment opportunities for youth</p> <p>Care about everyone</p> <p>Greater investment in the third ward</p> <p>Development without displacement</p>
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3/15 - Table ?	<p>Prioritize housing initiatives (needs assessment)</p> <p>Make rules easier for small business owners to remain in business, continued support</p> <p>Fiber optic lines through entire city</p> <p>More nonprofit collaborations as well as merges so less decentralized services and programs</p> <p>Make the mayor a full time position</p> <p>Become a leader in health care access for all, not only</p> <p>health research advancement and innovation</p> <p>Significant increase in river access</p> <p>Require electric lines to be all put underground</p> <p>Plastic bag better solutions</p>

	<p>Environmental protection efforts such as plastic production and use reduction requirements</p> <p>Connection between housing, transportation, employment, and services</p> <p>Transportation structure - circular hub and spoke</p>	
	<p>More bike lanes/paths</p>	
	<p>Bike lanes are swept of winter debris in early spring</p> <p>Free public transportation</p> <p>Improve walkability and biking infrastructure</p> <p>Bridge walkways over busy streets. There is one on division near 36th, for reference.</p> <p>Bike paths connecting parks and business districts</p> <p>Better transport ed</p> <p>More bike lanes throughout</p> <p>Public transit that allows car-free living/mobility</p> <p>Better and more frequent buses and stops</p> <p>Low-traffic downtown, pedestrian zones, reachable via public transit</p>	Transportation
	<p>More roundabouts</p> <p>More public education of use of roundabouts</p> <p>Dark sky approved street lights</p> <p>More walkable streets</p> <p>More pedestrian friendly city sectors</p> <p>Underground transportation like Chicago</p>	Infrastructure
MIB (NO - Heritage Hill 1)	<p>Incentives for locating groceries, pharmacy, and other amenities in the neighborhood</p> <p>Strong public schools that are literacy focused</p> <p>Support for neighborhood social/cultural activities</p> <p>Better public schools for all children</p> <p>Access to affordabl, whole foods that are walkable</p>	Amenities
	<p>Lesser amount of parking required downtown</p> <p>Community solar! Power/zoning for solar</p> <p>Zoning for urban agriculture</p> <p>Remove all treated lawn care on govt/business properties and replace with native plants</p> <p>Green space: convert unused concrete areas to trees and native plants</p> <p>Encourage green roots for cooling and biodiversity</p> <p>Plant more trees</p> <p>More parks, gardens, and trees</p>	Parks/Green Space
	<p>Better ratio of business to housing</p> <p>Better options to change zoning when beneficial</p> <p>More option to build "up" for housing</p> <p>More affordable housing</p> <p>Make sure housing matches job sites and vice versa</p> <p>Housing affordability</p>	Housing

Mixed housing price point units to deal with inequity  
Dense, affordable green housing  
Regulate corporate residential purchases

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Everybody has a safe place to live

Buying unused buildings throughout the southeast side  
and put them to use for community reasons  
Become a 15 min city for food access  
More officers on the street communicating with the kids  
and the residents in the area that they work. Really know  
your area  
Helping the homeless with better living conditions.  
Teaching others to be financially free. Help schools with  
better programs  
Attainable housing with social services and community  
centers  
Create affordable housing and adequate schools for  
progressing youth  
Start programs in our neighborhoods to teach kids and  
our community about laws  
Create safe outdoor space for kids to engage freely  
without worry  
I want our BIPOC people to be represented in politics  
and the policies within our city regulations  
Better community, better housing, no violence  
A community center  
Educate each family how to start and maintain  
generational wealth  
Improved infrastructure to increase tourism to build and  
grow business  
Housing availability  
Change the name of Division St to Unity  
Wmployment for all people with opportunity to develop  
skills  
To fix potholes and streets  
Training to help out with kids, healthy eating and exercise  
Safe and secure areas for the youth to do homework,  
music, sports, support groups, mental illness counseling

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MIB (NO -  
Heritage Hill  
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Dsicourage suburban sprawl  
Tool library  
City donates a building for GR African American History  
Museum  
A GR volunteer day once or more per year  
Better access to quality food in the city

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Misc

MIB (NO - Heritage Hill 3)	Low cost loans for making energy saving home improvements	Environment	
	Nature areas in SE GR		
	Eliminate plastic bags		
	Prairie or similar nature space at public museum		
	Program to promote people getting rid of cars		
	Extensive tree planting to help catch CO2		
	No more fracking in Millenium Park		
	Better roads		Infrastructure
	More free parking downtown		
	Better plowing in winter		
Homeless shelters	Social Services		
Free food fridges			
Solve homelessness			
City jobs for underserved, low income youth	Youth		
Better public schools - discourage flight to public schools			
MIB (NO - Heritage Hill 4)	Public parking	Transportation	
	Change the amount of green space that is required for each home - allow for more driveways		
	Make crossing Fulton safe		
	For every businesssa area, more free parking. Parking lots in small business areas to bring in ne customers		
	Shelters or weather covers at all bus stops		
	More free transportation		
	Bike paths that are more park like, not just concrete		
	Bike friendly separated paths, traffic enforcement		
	Resotring th river		Parks/Green Space
	Dog park in HH		
Encourage fitness over beer drinking			
More parks across the city	Environment		
A city known for its healthy environment - safe water, land, air			
A city known for bans and restrictions on use of synthetic, chemical pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers			
Tree removal to prevent power line damage			
River restored			
Tax incentives for 1 car or no car families			
Age friendly, ADA accessible parks, benches, transit options		Accessibility	
Fantastic parks and green space accessible to all neighborhoods			
Diverse access to grocery stores and pharmacies and needed amenities			
Large food stores			
Safety is important			
More housing, rezoning			



Increase neighborhood density. Change guidelines for new construction (green space, parking)  
Provide mental health/rehabilitation help for underprivileged  
Grows GR with care - define what growth means to us  
Focus on education issues - resources, support, how to leverage technology  
Help people learn and practice design thinking and apply to life and work  
Bring more jobs  
Cultivate individual creativity, more innovation workshops

Digital technology center for people to learn new tech  
Bring and support startups in Grand Rapids  
Connect personal passion and challenges of society  
Cultivate innovation culture  
Incentives for carpooling  
More scooters  
Expand public transportation to have a better environment and eliminate cars going to the city  
Improve transportation

MIB (CC -  
Julietta  
Blanco)

Keep and maintain historical sites  
Help our kids to develop their moral compass  
Community workshops like bike repair, DIY sessions for home maintenance, tool libraries  
More multicultural activities  
Incentives for green or minority owned businesses  
Opportunities for the underserved by giving them proper training to be productive citizens of the city  
Improve access to quality healthcare  
Healthcare for all!  
Work on inclusivity  
Economic access - business, jobs, funding  
More dog friendly businesses (outdoor eating areas, etc.)  
Wifi/chargers in city parks  
Downtown neighborhood bookstores - gathering spaces that aren't all food or alcohol centers  
Outdoor live music (for free!)  
More free events, such as free admission to museums to increase educational opportunities  
Biking Mecca  
Protect the environment - natural resources, farm, parks  
Walking trails  
Nature-type areas to gather with others  
Bike/walking paths connecting downtown to other green space areas  
Neighborhood gardens

	More green area
Online	Walking trails and bike trails would be great for n.e. side of town. No fees on applications to get into housing. Park improvements, upgraded toys for our children to play
Online	Grand Rapids should make non-motorized transportation and public transportation a faster and easier way to get to work than driving. By closing down residential streets from being through-roads, commuting traffic can be routed onto the major streets. This would reduce the costs of maintenance on residential streets, reduce gridlock by requiring fewer traffic lights at intersection, and improve walkability and bikeability through neighborhoods to move through the city.
Online	Grand Rapids should try to incorporate more small-town areas into districts of the city. Such as Alger Heights that has a grocery store, library, bank, restaurants, etc all centered in a neighborhood. It needs to be walkable/bikeable from the service area and ideally would have a mixed-use district at the center.
Online	Improved livability and vibrancy through increased density in neighborhoods that encourage walking by improving safety and urban design. Encouraging infill and adaptive reuse of underutilized buildings through zoning code changes. Reduced or no parking requirements. Encouraging incremental development.
Online	mixed use development, low income housing, more frequent bus service so the busses are actually useful
Online	We need robust and equitable bicycle infrastructure that connects our neighborhoods to encourage non-vehicle travel that offers city residents to safely move about the city.
Online	Dense, walkable neighborhoods.
Online	Efficient public transportation that allows residents to access the every day necessities without needing a car.
Online	More Bigger Apartments like around Belnap Park on the hillside and the City could call it Little Sausalito. Our parks are so attractive and such a gem that little improvement is required. Walkability. our streets are so safe that children, teens, young adults, and seniors can freely roam all parts of our city both day and night. Just make sure you're carrying.
Online	An MLS soccer team! This would be the first in the State of Michigan, and our city's true first professional sports team.
Online	Tons of urban greenery -- cities such as Singapore do an incredible job of incorporating green spaces in to their developments (ex: rooftop gardens)

- Online Bigger and taller buildings in the downtown corridor to increase the density and options for housing.
- Online After biking in cities like Montreal and multiple cities in the Netherlands, we could do so much more to make biking safer and accessible year around in Grand Rapids. I'd love to see more resources devoted to this as it provides inexpensive transportation options and it is good for the environment.
- Online I'd like to see Grand Rapids encourage the building of tiny homes on existing housing properties. In larger cities where housing has been overpriced for many years, it is not uncommon for multiple families to live on the same property. Here in GR we have a few friends who have built small apartments or tiny homes for inlaws. As my young adult children are now beginning to work, apartment rent is sky high and the idea of buying a full-size home is out of reach. But we would love to explore building a tiny home in our backyard.
- Online I know the public transportation system has many experts who have designed its current routes. However, I am seeing a number of problems. Two big ones: When the public school children are all at the transfer station at the same time it is not a safe environment. I also find that using the bus is so inefficient because I have to go through the transfer station, even if I want to just go a couple of miles from my house but it is on a different line. Is it possible to address the routes and reimagine a different way that doesn't require the transfer station?
- Online Integrated communities mixing the haves with the have nots to create balance, socioeconomic understanding, bringing leadership/development, value for diversity not only in culture but wealth class. Equity in all aspects of community. To diminish the gaps in education and opportunities. To become our best selves
- Online BRT to the burbs. Dedicated bus laned on the freeway for busses too and from Rockford, cedar springs, Sparta, hudsonville and such connectioing them to major employment centers.
- Online Expanding green space for all to enjoy. Take all locks off our parks and all schools playgrounds so children may play. Increase recycling to try to have zero trash to landfills
- Online A city of separated bike lanes. It is easy and trivial to get from point to point B without a car. A big corridor going north to south (division, which is partially started) and fulton (four lanes for cars go straight through downtown!).

- Online A city where it's easy to build housing (which we desperately need). No minimum parking requirements, no single-family zoning required, no more than one staircase required on buildings six stories and less.
- Online A city river path that rivals Philadelphia's Schuylkill river.
- Online We need to embrace non-motorized travel. A lot of the road systems are outdated and hard to ride your bike on. more sidewalks. more pedestrian only zones. expand the dash farther. quadruple the number of free busses. and have them reach a wider zone more frequently
- Online Zoning for the future. While we all want parks/trails, the priority should be on housing and stable neighborhoods and build out from there. This would make it easier to build up transportation for the future.
- Online Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Kentwood, Cascade, Grandville and Jenison need to work together to zone 28th Street with an East end that incorporates the airport and a west end that incorporates the 44th St Mall so that it can support mass transit that can eventually be an environmentally friendly source of transportation, like light rail.
- Online Multi-generacional housing: with outdoor area and community areas. Where older generations can support families with young children.. resigning park and public areas promoting conversation and interactions between people. Efficient public transportation. Good sidewalks, cleaning during winter,so people can walk year round.. Apartment complexes need to include underground parking. Any new building in grand rapids should include underground parking.
- Online The city is not large enough to justify a rail system and the bus system can't deliver people in a reasonable time across the city. A large portion of people commute to grand rapids to work have cars. We have to accept that Grand Rapids is full of people with cars and the Green goal of everyone walking around or taking a bus is not an achievable goal.
- Online would love to see a push to have utility lines buried underground. this would prevent them from being so vulnerable to storms while beautifying the city.

- Better transit options:
- A bus system that runs radially through each business district, allowing travel to different parts of the city without having to go Downtown and wait for another bus.
  - Increased frequency of major bus routes
  - Major bus routes running late into the night so people who go out are not required to drive or take expensive private options
  - Transit connection to the airport (rail!)
- A residential area that offers more dense housing where one could live car-free
- I wish the parks had more walking trails and gardening. Right now they are just huge lawns with maybe playgrounds or baseball diamonds. I enjoy just walking around parks and it's awkward when they are just large expanses of boring grass.
- This idea ties Arts and Culture with Climate Change. The idea is to have a community-wide celebration of International Dark Sky week where for one hour each night the City and all participating residents are asked to turn off their lights (and use red lights) and observe the stars. Dark Sky books and red lights can be given away at schools to help inspire participation and amateur astronomers, professors and story-tellers could gather groups at parks to help people set up telescopes and bring the stars to life. At the same time, the whole community will be addressing climate change by reducing energy consumption briefly and bringing awareness to other needs in Grand Rapids related to climate change. This is related to environmental justice and climate change. I think the City should work towards banning or heavily taxing the buying and selling of Round Up and other harmful pesticides/chemicals especially as they relate to agriculture. In a changing climate, our food and water will be our most important resources and chemicals such as glyphosate have been shown to cause cancer. We need to move towards eliminating these death products from our stores and in our environment if we want any hope for a "vibrant" future.

- Online BIGGER overall transportation, more roads, wider highways especially I-96 and 196, better airport access to I-96 and downtown, river access for commercial and recreational boats from lake Michigan to downtown, commuter rail to Holland and/or Muskegon and/or Lansing also light rail. Also build a new tallest building over 500 ft. Light up the bridges. put the weather ball back downtown. Expand access to Millennium Park downtown and along the river. Grand Valley should be division 1 sports, Van Andel Arena should be completed, host NCAA tournament games ect.
- Online green space to get away from the cement jungle and relax/ tack in nater
- Online more nice areas because downtown gr looks really sad and you cant exactly go down there alone.
- Online More housing and although expensive it would be worth it to make lots of underground parking lots to be able to have more infrastructure above ground. I also think it would be great to have a large parkin the city.
- Online I hoping for lots more amazing places that will demonstrate the beauty of Grand Rapids. I also hope that public transportation will be improved in order to help stop carbon emissions.
- Online Keeping the history of Grand Rapids relevant while keeping room to add to the history and authenticity, keeping our community safe and family-friendly, and learning to rely on renewable and reusable resources.
- Online I would like to see the Laker Lane expand eastward, either down Michigan, Fulton/Lake through Eastown and eventually Gaslight Village.
- Online I would like to see more density in residential neighborhoods, trees lining every single street, and just a more robust urban environment.
- Online I would like to see a park-line boulevard connecting various neighborhoods through the city. Perhaps an unused train line but not if it would exclude future light-rail usage. See: Chicago Park & Blvd System.
- Online I would like to see older suburban areas converted into more mixed uses, especially along 28th St, Plainfield, E Leonard, upper Lake MI dr, etc.
- Online My big idea is that I want to create an inviting space and environment where people from all walks of life can come and interact with others and learn about Christ if they don't already. A few food trucks and some tables and an inside space with bathrooms and some coffee and drinks station. Also a kids play place.

- Online Widen Interstate 131 and 196. Stop narrowing streets, especially ones that are in industrial areas and have truck traffic.
- Online Affordable, safe, in crowded housing.
- Online Safer schools.
- Online We really need to move the city towards walkability. Not only is this a matter of justice (cars aren't affordable or usable to all), but it enhances and diversifies community, makes better use of the space, is better for the environment, and is better for small businesses. Zoning, public transportation, new builds, affordable housing policies, and policies that favor foot traffic over cars will all need to unite for this purpose to see change.
- Online It's important we see more mixed housing in the downtown and near downtown neighborhoods - single family, apartments, multi-unit buildings geared towards not only students and young professionals, but families as well. Services that make this attractive to families could be improved (local grocery, vibrant parks/playgrounds, more small businesses to hire local residents so folks are able to live and work in the same neighborhood.
- Online I can't emphasize enough how much greater density and helping to convert people to walking and biking would improve our environmental footprint. Getting more people out of their cars and onto the sidewalks is also better for physical and mental health.
- Online I'd love to see more community performances - plays, music, art exhibits, etc. (and that are affordable). I'd also like to see an easy way for people to know what is going on and what is available to the public currently! One website? One email from the city? Something! It's so hard to find out what is happening and local gatherings are a great way to draw people together, support local artists/artistically-minded people and enjoy a culturally engaging event which is good for mental and spiritual health. Win-win-win!
- Online Neighborhoods where cars are not required for essentials (grocery stores, dining out, commuting, etc.).
- Online No parking lots / dead zones in the central city -- for example, block-size parking lot adjacent to Van Andel Arena.
- Online State Street a vibrant mixed-use connector between downtown and the more residential neighborhoods to the east
- Online More and better bike crossings for 131 and 196. (MUCH, MUCH BIGGER IDEA: Put 131 underground from Wealthy to Leonard, as well as 196 from Valley Ave to Fuller.)

- Online Economic Development: Development that is deeply rooted in the community and led by the community and that is supported financially by an innovative lending system that is affordable and available to low-income entrepreneurs. Business development laboratories that are aimed at these entrepreneurs who are trying to meet the local needs of their community. Too much energy and funding is going to tech startups that do not build up our community.
- Online Economic Development: Education and support for developing cooperative businesses, worker co-ops, housing coops for affordability. Coops bring democracy back into the marketplace and are the proven answer to extractive capitalism that has no moral center.
- Online Arts and Culture: We need affordable venues for music accessibility. We need community gathering spaces that are freely available.
- Online Transportation: We need better bike paths that lead from the center of the city out to existing bike paths on the edges of town. We need ways to get across highways that are safe for pedestrians and bicycles. Bike lanes need to exist all the way on roads, not disappear when difficult intersections are approached. Explore what is happening in the Netherlands.
- Online To build a cooperative grocery store that responds to the needs of our community, contributes to a sustainable local food web, promotes cooperative values, and serves as a long-term investment in our local economy.
- Online I envision a thriving, resilient local culture, powered by cooperation and realized through equitable access to healthy food.
- Online More affordable housing is definitely needed also more artwork showing off local artist.
- Online Ensure that residents from every neighborhood are able to safely travel across the city by bicycle or other micro-mobility solutions in separated facilities (cycle-tracks and/or barrier separated bike lanes). These facilities should be designed with the assumption that they will be used by children and older adults.
- Online Ensure that EVERY neighborhood has a variety of housing choices and at different price points. Allow for smaller lot development, cottage courtyards, missing middle, and ADUs in addition to single family homes in EVERY neighborhood.



Online	<p>Embed spaces for natural habitat, pollinator species, and native grasslands into public parks and rights of way.</p> <p>Mowed lawns are not benefitting the city, the environment, or the people of the community. Return some of these park spaces to natural ecosystems.</p>	
Online	<p>Plan for levels of density and walkability that will best support high frequency public transportation. Eliminate parking requirements and transition neighborhood on-street parking to a permit system. Allow general parking within two blocks of TBA and commercial districts, and require parking permits beyond those boundaries.</p> <p>Encourage 30+ units per acre along primary corridors, and at least 12 units per acre in most neighborhoods.</p>	
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	Affordable, accessible housing	Housing
	Housing for all	
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	<p>Accessible county-wide transportation</p> <p>Countywide transportation for all including connecting nearby counties</p>	Transportation
MIB (CC - Michael Williams)	Universally designed walkable city	
	Accessible planning process	
	<p>Stop trying to force equity and create a sense of belonging to all</p>	Equity
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	<p>Accessible parks</p> <p>Redeveloped Grand River</p> <p>Accessible river</p>	Parks and Recreation
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	<p>Continued commitment to art</p> <p>Art and culture regarding ethnic groups</p> <p>Art and music everywhere</p>	Arts and Culture
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	<p>Cultural center where all feel welcome and has equal voice in decision making</p>	
	<p>Youth program mentorship that leads to apprenticeship starting in elementary</p>	Social
	Living wage \$18 per hour or more	
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	Multi-use buildings (residence, business, parking)	Housing
	Eliminate unhoused residents in out city	
MIB (NO - East Hills 1)	Covered bike lanes on major roads	
	More and better bike and running lanes	
	Walkability (decreased traffic)	
	Train system in GR and to surrounding cities	
	<p>High speed trains to larger cities (Detroit, Chicago, Indy, etc.)</p>	Transportation
	Public transit from GR - Lakeshore	
	Light rail	
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	Expanded bus system	
	Better public transportation I would love to see a shift in accessibility through public transportation, neighborhoods	Transportation
	Making it harder and more expensive to do the shittier thing for people and the planet Water eco innovation, eco holism/finism central	Climate
	Compassionate care for people experiencing homelessness Prioritize health and wellness of citizens over profit always	Wellness
MIB (NO - East Hills 2)	Safe injection sites One good dance club	Social
	Bike lanes and zero single person autos More green space adjacent to 131 Pedestrian walkways Connect white pine from Leonard to Ann	Infrastructure
	Neighbors know each other All neighborhoods have resource hubs	Neighborhoods
	All basic needs are met	Economic
	More pet friendly spaces, both indoor and outdoor Local-only business districts	Vibrancy
	More creative vegan/vegetarian options More accessible healthy food options in the city	Culture
	Bullet train to Chicago GR edge to edge public transit in <30 minutes, <1 transfer (any neighborhood to any business) Replace bus system with BRT or light rail Hourly train to Chicago	Transportation
	Develop more proactive processes for city services to address issues of homelessness Social service workers and police officers added to police force Blue zone project	Social
	Marijuana social zones, similar to alcohol drinking zones Fitness in the parks	Parks and Recreation
MIB (NO - East Hills 3)	More heated sidewalks in dense walkable areas Riverwalk redevelopment for pedestrians only Downtown grocery markets Removal of elevated S curve to join east and west sides. Also with elevated ped crossings? Bike/pedestrian highway Eliminate all parking lots and replace with structures or underground parking	Infrastructure
	Limits for real estate investors and # of homes they can buy in a given year	

	<p>Changes for buildings left vacant for extended periods of time leading to "dead space" areas</p> <p>Prioritize establishment of fund for neighborhood associations so they will be sustainable partners with the city to collaborate on big city objectives (economic and social)</p>	<p>Development</p>
<p>MIB (CC - Cassidy Splawn)</p>	<p>More programs and resources for homeless people</p> <p>Affordable, understandable, accessible healthcare options for all. Ability to get care without insurance</p> <p>College-affordable apartments with close transit!</p> <p>programs that support women/minority owned businesses</p> <p>Quality, affordable housing for young families</p> <p>Access to mental health care, not having to wait for help, centralized place to go for help immediately.</p> <p>More long running/biking trails with clear signage</p> <p>Food security - create equity in community by providing access, education, and availability of healthy food</p> <p>More music venues</p> <p>Athletic facilities, outdoor pool</p> <p>Education on library resources</p> <p>Public school reform and smaller classrooms for improved learning</p> <p>Art and music events downtown</p> <p>Youth outreach programs communicated through schools</p> <p>Community center</p> <p>Library resources - advanced tools and systems like 3d printers, photoshop, classes</p> <p>Environment and watershed educational programs for local elementary schools</p> <p>Increased education and opportunities for climate change initiatives</p> <p>Free recycling services and education</p> <p>Cleaner/more emphasis on Grand River conservancy</p> <p>How to use public transit</p> <p>Bridge St ride share parking so it doesn't hold up traffic</p>	
	<p>Better pedestrian right of way on Fuller in between Fulton and Lyon/Michigan</p> <p>Safe pedestrian crossing of Fuller between Michigan and Fulton</p> <p>More trees and walkability, more public transportation, less cars in neighborhoods</p> <p>More dedicated bike lanes</p> <p>Dedicated bike lanes physically separated from the traffic lanes i.e. cars would have to work to hit you on a bike</p> <p>Speed bumps on Lyon in the Fulton Heights area</p>	<p>Transportation</p>

MIB (CC - Matt Channing)	Redesign zoning patterns to make "15 minute city" model passable in most/all neighborhoods	
	Solve homelessness and housing crises. Less meetings about the state of the crises, more actual action toward solving these crises,	Housing
	Prioritize food access Little free libraries everywhere More benches on streets so the elderly can take walks in their neighborhood	Quality of Life
	More trees on streets to provide shade and fresh air to walkers/bikers, etc. Keep expanding tree canopy, get some urban orchards going More green buildings = more trees, vegetation = parks, parks, parks... and more bees	Green Space
	We also need to address gentrification in our neighborhood and displacement of the people Gardens in vacant lots that are too small to build a house on Housing prices not too high for people to be able to rent a house Bus should run later Heat sidewalks by bus stops so that people don't have to push wheelchairs through snow to get on the bus We feel like our voices will not be heard because by the time the planning is over, all the land will be given to developers The city should work with all neighborhoods to develop area specific plans More organized activities for youth all over Grand Rapids, in both summer and winter months	
MIB (CC - Marian Barrera- Young)	City placing more cameras on streets and within neighborhoods We need an area specific plan for the Baxter neighborhood and the MLK neighborhood Better housing and affordable housing We need more boys and girls clubs, more than only two Cameras in parks, more police on the streets More parks with nice equipment, and a focus on safety Would like to see safe parks and have less violence More things organized around various ethnic groups. Centers for people that need translation - they should be everywhere Warming stations in neighborhoods for the homeless More things to attract people to parks, especially young people. More activities to bring culture together	

	<p>More inclusion for housing, resources, and open lines of communication for healthcare and other resources</p> <p>To stop racism, to stop the discrimination in housing - schools and in some places downtown</p>	
MIB (CC - Kareem Scales)	<p>Greenery, lighting</p> <p>Sewing classes, big brothers big sisters, trade classes, have mentors sign up and mentor youth especially of single parents</p> <p>Movies in the park</p> <p>Reading incentive programs - partner with libraries, good grade incentives</p> <p>More presence of minority owned businesses prominent areas of the city</p> <p>Homeless hygiene stations</p> <p>Mentorship programs</p> <p>Education of ownership in the black community</p> <p>Financial planning classes (no more algebra in school)</p> <p>Yoga/meditation in the parks</p> <p>More community gardens to grow organic and healthy foods to help struggling communities</p>	
MIB (NO - West Grand)	<p>Affordable housing</p> <p>After school programs</p> <p>Arts and culture in schools</p> <p>Transportation all over grand rapids</p> <p>Certain streets or small streets limit cars, only scooters and bikes</p>	
MIB (CC - Datasha Chapman)	<p>More community support</p> <p>Community/block meetings to improve neighborhoods</p> <p>Programs/talks</p> <p>Public safety - police and citizens together</p> <p>More after school and summer programs for kids - camps, loops</p> <p>After school programs for kids that focus on holistic development to help that child</p> <p>More skills and training at school to prepare kids for future jobs</p> <p>More cultural arts in after school activity</p> <p>Better food places</p> <p>More food places locally</p> <p>More transportation</p> <p>Debit card readers on GR buses</p> <p>Public transit upgrades - run later and more often, more ways to pay</p> <p>Help homeless have access to more showers and bathrooms because when you look good you feel good</p> <p>More income-based rent</p> <p>Ending homelessness, wifi in parks, things for kids to do</p>	<p>Equity</p> <p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Transportation</p> <p>Housing</p>

MIB (CC - Tecca Jones)	I would like to see all empty buildings bought, renovated, and rented at an affordable rent	
	Would like to see more black owned businesses and venues	
	Expand Sam's into real grocery store again	Economic Development
	More business involvement or investment in neighborhoods, urged by the city	
	Funding to support businesses interested in occupying/investing in vacant and/or blighted storefronts	
	Free education for residents (college)	
	City wide business coaches/advocates to walk Grand Rapidians through starting a business	Education
	Bigger fun outlet malls, roller rink, aquarium	
	Major theme park in our city	
	Gig opportunities fro Grand Rapidians to work city festivals/events and be paid	Entertainment
	Rethink and invest in large land mass, center point with more activity	
	Increase in # of vouchers	
	Funding revenues to support moderate income homeowners reinvesting in their home	
	Missing middle vouchers	
	Housing is a human right. The ability to choose where you want to live and have access to housing that is affordable to them	
	Eliminate single family zoning	
	I would love to see a birdge between renters and homeowners	Housing
	Investors must give back in some way, invest in the neighborhoods	
	Eviction prevention and relief beyond the church community	
	More programs to address cost burdened families	
Polcy to keep an equitable % of neighborhoods housing able to be owned by Grand Rapidians		
Policy so that neighbors don't get forced out of neighborhoods when the area gets development		
No industry harmful to human health - Viant should have never been allowed as ethyleneoxide was a known carcinogen)		
Parks that are maintained and are walkable for neighbors		
Multi income neighborhoods		
Walkable neighborhoods		
Not auto-oriented		
Affordable retail space for artists		
More single family		
Safety		

MIB (NO - SWA/JBA)	<p>Neighbors know and look out for each other. The saturation of rentals and high turnover (students) prevent people from getting each other</p> <p>Remediate contaminated areas and do not create new contaminated areas</p> <p>Vibrancy - development of businesses and housing should encourage neighbors meeting neighbors and businesses meeting neighbors</p> <p>Build housing over Rapid bus station</p> <p>Bus service that serves neighborhoods not just the suburbs</p> <p>Class should be included in our bridge to the future</p> <p>Environmental justice - pay attention to place like Viant don't move into neighborhoods</p> <p>Build more CLTs</p> <p>Experiment with free bus service on one or more routes</p> <p>Econ development should pay attention to access to jobs for all classes</p> <p>Build housing over parking ramps</p>	
MIB (CC - Victor Williams)	<p>A trail that will provide direct access for residents in the 3rd ward to the riverfront</p> <p>Equitable opportunities for residents to have resources to start businesses along the riverfront</p> <p>Light rail</p> <p>Urban farming</p> <p>Great public schools</p> <p>Grand Rapids history museum owned by residents</p> <p>Farmers market, local bank, community greenhouse</p> <p>Tree canopy, green spaces</p> <p>Modernized electric grid</p> <p>Walkable neighborhoods</p> <p>Better housing for low income families</p> <p>Have free city bus transportation</p>	
	<p>Tax waiver for GRPD staff living in city limits</p> <p>Neighborhood policing with cops on bikes</p>	GRPD
	<p>Less restrictive drop in center options for unhoused</p> <p>City payment hub sites outside of downtown</p> <p>Free community wide wifi</p>	Accessibility
MIB (NO - LINC UP 1)	<p>More garbage cans area</p> <p>Senior fitness equipment in parks</p> <p>Clean, well kept parks</p> <p>Sustainable commercial buildings and apartments</p>	Green Space
	<p>Lots of local businesses</p> <p>Fun events</p>	Quality of Life
	<p>Public transportation/walkability</p> <p>Protected bike lanes - not sharing with cars but roads dedicated for bikes</p>	Transportation

	Bigger/wider sidewalks so more people can walk/run on the sidewalks	
	Grow up, not out. Prioritize growing in the space we have vs pushing people and resources out	
	Getting rid of single family zoning and providing incentives for dense infill	Housing
	Affordable housing	
	Mixed use development with affordable housing	
	Actually reenact the rapids (river) with inclusivity and accessibility	
	Expanded tree cover across the city. More green space!	
	Supplement the Grand River project - now! Please.	Green Space
	Outdoor green spaces that are inviting - trees, paths, climbing/exercise aparatuses	
	River access for the people	
	Economic development - more incentives to attract new large companies	
	People driven, less downtown development authority driven	Development
	Reduce use of fossil fuels - require developers to use sustainable resources	
	Carbon negative	
MIB (NO - Eastown 1)	More frequent bus service	
	Modern transportation system that utilizes more than just buses (trolley, commuter trains, etc.)	
	Public transit innovation	
	Expanded bike lanes across the city	
	Adjust road standards to emphasize public transit, pedestrians, and bikes	Transportation
	Improved volume and access to transportation	
	Eliminate parking minimums	
	Creating a network of paths separate from cars that will allow biking, wlaking, scootering, etc. to be viable alternatives to driving	
	Community policing to build trust and improve safety	
	Creating pedestrian zones downtown that will increase community and business	
	Safe schools. Safe, nurturing places for kids to play.	
	Improve social space	Quality of Life
	Sustain the arts - fine, folk, popular	
	More public restrooms that are maintained	
	Monthly social events in every neighborhood that are diverse and equitable	



Preserve the housing stock we have, lessen the requirements for loans to improve and make renovations.

Access the housing vouchers and the process to obtain them.

Online

Create parks all families would appreciate, think of autistic, disabled and mentally ill families.

Make downtown parking affordable for low income families, maybe offering discounted rates if families receive government assistance.

Housing needs should be priority...analyze the city's budget and take a little away from areas that are thriving to accommodate areas that are not.

some of us are trying to help our parents age in place and then do the same with the opportunity to earn some rental income in between these stages in our lives.

Implement real bicycle facilities throughout the whole city - not just focused along the river. We need real low stress bike facilities neighborhood streets and major streets that are cleaned regularly of debris, snow and ice.

Expand the Vital Streets program to cover transportation safety, not just pavement quality - add real dollars for more sidewalks, biking facilities, roundabouts, traffic calming, bus only lanes, and smarter traffic signals.

Online

Properly fund neighborhood associations for every neighborhood, including staffing for all of them.

Help support residential facade improvements, architectural consultation on paint colors and renovations, low-cost loans and grants for home renovations to help keep people safely in their homes and not preyed upon by unscrupulous contractors, and to help them understand how to properly take care of their properties.

Recognize the underlying Native American heritage throughout our community, including dual nomenclature

Online

The leaders of Grand Rapids need to enable the development of "missing middle" housing that \*contributes to a walkable urban fabric\*. Reduce the red tape and END PARKING MINIMUMS. Having "eyes on the street"/people out and about walking and \*using\* the city for their business and personal needs creates a vibrant environment. Parked cars in lots and garages create dead zones. Again, END PARKING MINIMUMS.

Online

Grand Rapids needs to be a place where all road users feel safe. When I walk or ride my bike I do NOT feel safe. We need dedicated bike ways (with physical separation from automobile traffic), narrowed streets and wider sidewalks, pedestrian islands, pelican crossings, curb-bump outs, speed bumps, and \*\*\*traffic enforcement\*\*\* to create a place where people feel safe and comfortable spending time outside.

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Murals in all the neighborhood business districts  
A community space for people to participate in the arts  
Clean streets in all neighborhoods - more trash cans, removal of construction and detour signs that have expired  
Accessible advanced compost and improved recycling services  
Build partnerships with ecofriendly biz to partner with neighborhood  
No dark streets - safe lighting for all neighborhoods  
More support for new businesses, attraction of businesses that fill a need in an area  
Help getting documentation for housing  
Improve outreach to unhoused persons, i.e. working options  
Stop criminalizing homelessness  
Less panhandling  
Eliminating chronic homelessness  
Incentive for local biz to host/offer community programming  
Partnerships with DGRI to help neighbors take care of the infrastructure  
Adaptable softball/athletics league  
Mixed housing development  
Monthly art day (market!)  
Create events like bowling leagues or golf league for the neighborhood  
Franchise business brought into Grand Rapids  
Affordable housing  
Address noise at night  
More pedestrian safety around the city

MIB (CC -  
Mallory

vibrancy  
Patterson)

Use the giant wall on the south-west facing wall of GRPD building for a large electronic billboard used specifically for wayfinding, community events

Wayfinding

Less homelessness

Truly affordable housing for low income less than \$1000 a month

Increased bus lines throughout the city

Innovative housing solutions for advanced needs

Mobil station trash addressed

Invest in our parks - accessible park equipment

Larger area where food trucks are allowed - opens business opportunities

Public transit - affordable, accessible, reliable, out of state travel

More bike trails/accessibility

More vibrancy on the west side of town

Don't ever consider reducing Heartside Park

Free public transit, with added routes and access

More available parks and trails

Walkable/bikeable trail that spans the city

Funds to support upkeep and maintenance for Ward 3 home owners who have lived there for 5+ years and its their primary residence

Improvements to walker safety at crosswalks and intersections

Safe river access from the 3rd ward

Improved network of bike trails

More bike lanes

Delete 131

24 hour access to bathrooms all around the city

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Round 1 Engagement Results - ASP			
ID #	Source	Which area are you commenting on?	What are your ideas for this area?
1	Online	Butterworth Area	That old landfill could be so much more than what it is even if its, skate park, bike paths, ect.. I had also heard of a soccer/football stadium being put in. That sounds like good use.
2	Online		Cheshire Village has so much untapped potential. I reminds me of what Alger Heights just less activity and development. I dont know what the city can do to help that but density would help. I love little neighborhood cities that are within cities. They have their own vibe and unique atmosphere.
3	Online	Creston Neighborhood	More nature areas pocket forest park benches to stop and rest and enjoy out of doors, places to take the dog and children for family picnics and play time with all (Elderly, Disable, Pets, Children and infants)
4	Online	Southtown Neighborhood	
5	Online	Butterworth Area	Not familiar with this area to comment
6	Online	Creston Neighborhood	Not familiar with this area
7	Online	Creston Neighborhood	This neighborhood has a huge amount of opportunity for the connection of residential development and a thriving business community. I would like to see increased housing options (townhomes, condos, smaller unit sizes) in this community so that folks looking to be in the City can call Creston home and support increased business development in the neighborhood.
8	Online	Creston Neighborhood	Parking permits for residents to allow for reduced parking requirments, more mixed used development.
9	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Continued investment in the connection of the Creston Community to Riverside Park. Looking at ways to develop additional residential opportunities as those investments are made.
10	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Business/artisan/artist incubation spaces. Music, film, design, food, fabrication
11	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Ampitheater/quality performance space in Riverside Park
12	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	I see a lot of pedestrian and bike traffic going back and forth along Fuller, particularly from Oakview Apartments. A proper, two-way separated bike path along Fuller from Knapp to Lake could see significant use.
13	2/21 LP	Southtown	Lot lines and maps are often not reflective of reality
	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	The lane "dividers" on Plainfield are sad: empty, sunken and devoid of life. Just holes with weeds.

Round 1 Engagement Results

14	2/21 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Remember we are a neighborhood that is full of people who have lived here for decades or generations so we know the area well - ask us what was there, what was the effect of this change, what needs to change in the neighborhood - what are the issues.
15	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	City High-Middle has tennis and basketball courts that could be great if updated
16	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Dog Park at Riverside park. I currently have to drive to Covell near Union High and Hill crest. Dog park at Riverside Park! Please! We like our neighborhood :)
17	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Left turn lights at College and Leonard
18	2/21 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Govt need more presence, more police presence, better lighting
19	2/21 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	How to incentives - underwrite small business growth that is for and by residents in that neighborhood. What areas are not served by neighborhood association? How to support parid neighborhood outreach
20	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Leonard and Fuller desperately need traffic calming to reduce car speed and increase safety for bicycles and pedestrians
21	2/21 LP	Butterworth Area	I'd love to see the party stoers get cleaned up. Safety at night is a concern.
22	2/21 LP	Butterworth Area	Clean up facades of storefronts. Assist homeowners with needed efficient upgrades
23	2/21 LP	Southtown	New roundabouts suck
24	2/21 LP	Butterworth Area	Food truck zone
25	2/21 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Need for tree canopy; affordable, dense housing; bike infrastructure
26	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Development on Plainfield seems to be outpricing low wealth income
27	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Lots of non ADA sidewalks - west of Plainfield - Aberdeen area
28	2/21 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	I think Eastern is an artery for cars, but has but has bike lanes - I can't imagine actually riding a bike in that traffic
29	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	A growing community of young families with pets. People like their quiet and parks. Small business development is greatly appreciated.
30	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Huff Park is great! It is potentially being developed next to along Knapp. No multifamily next to Huff Park!
31	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	I travel Eastern Ave often and I would prefer to bike, but usually drive, for want of safer bike infrastructure.

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32	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Low-income families @ Riverside Middle but higher income at City High. We should do what we can to make Creston affordable for the families there. City High folks commute in for the school.
33	2/21 LP	Butterworth Area	The roads are awful and bike trail connection is dangerous.
34	2/21 LP	Ward 3	Redlined and historically neglected this area needs to be developed (not just gentrified) with the communities
35	2/21 LP	Ward 2	Protected bike lanes would increase bike transpo
36	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	I take Monroe to get in and out of downtown nearly every day to by bike - where there's raised medians, cars pass me way to close for comfort
37	2/21 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Monroe lacks amenities (North of Leonard) - want more restaurants, housing retail like Monroe North Area
38	2/21 LP		Urban tree cover, especially 49507
39	2/21 LP		Community gardens
40	2/21 LP	College & I96	Really, really bad light where the street went thru - has backed up traffic like I haven't seen in 30+ years there
41	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Playing in the original public museum, going to YMCA day camp
42	2/23 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Residents and visitors might enjoy the opportunity to visit locally owned restaurants, grocery stores, and businesses after enjoying an afternoon at Riverside Park
43	2/23 LP	Butterworth Area	Retaining trees and green space. Not clear cutting trees and having large investors build cookie cutter development - residents able to walk and buy healthy affordable food and access public transit and the riverfront
44	2/23 LP	Butterworth Area	John Ball Zoo brings many people to the area but there is a paucity of locally owned restaurants, cafes, bars, etc. so people don't stay to spend their money. Additionally residents have limited options for nearby/walkable businesses. Also the riverfont which could be an asset is completely inaccessible.
45	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	We need resources. Exalta Health clinic would like to expand our care services to do in home visit care - we have limited resources and need help. 75% of our income comes form donations and we are struggling to keep our clinic running
46	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	This is a very convenient area with lots of businesses, employers, public transportation and bike infrastructure. I would love to see space for cars minimized in any new zoning ordinances

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47	2/23 LP	Ward 3	Housing is incredibly expensive, and pay has not kept up with inflation for anything. More affordable 1 bedroom houses/apts would be great and allow people to spend more of their paychecks on local businesses, bringing more money into the community.
48	2/23 LP	Butterworth Area	Insane rent and panders to short-term college students in this area. Tons of Lego brick condos :(
49	2/23 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Housing prices are insane in this area with rentals/developers flipping within months, with little regard to neighborhood feel or impacts to rent
50	2/23 LP	Creston Neighborhood	<i>Comment about Plainfield, a corridor in Creston:</i> Local artist row. Shopping, cafes, community hubs
51	2/23 LP	All	Activity centers in each area. Community kitchen, activity space, skilled learning. Invest in location and staff who manage volunteers to rent and maintain space for community events. Provide the tools and experience rewards
52	2/23 LP	Ward 3	I would love to see more affordable housing within ward 3. It is desperately needed.
53	2/23 LP	Southtown	
54	2/23 LP	All wards	Service areas outside of industry and commercial use city dollars for residents
55	2/23 LP	Ward 1	Our ward has a proud history as a working class, scrappy culture. That should always be embraced.
56	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	There is a huge distrust of gov't and many of the people at city hall etc. as perceived as not city residents. It's a big deal and misspell things such as Ottawa. Only get one chance, get a bad rep as a person or project won't get another chance
57	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Since gentrification is already something making housing a challenge to most folks, I would like to avoid a gentrifying approach to this community.
58	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Increase walkability, better sidewalks, lighting, etc. Increase funding improvement for business storefronts and development for streetscape along business corridors
59	2/23 LP	Butterworth Area	This area needs more housing for single families that can create generational wealth. There also needs to be affordable commercial space to attract small businesses.
60	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	I would like to see welcoming, safe and accessible public space such as a library, coffee shops, and business areas. All locally owned and operated and not an effect of gentrification.

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61	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	I would love to see local grocery stores (in addition to Southeast Market) in our neighborhoods. Access to affordable health, local food is needed! An urban community garden would be great to see.
62	2/23 LP	Southtown	Not well connected to riverfront
63	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Businesses only should be here. Bad area to live. Maybe a large park!
64	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Community solar along railroad tracks by 131 could provide lower energy burden to this area.
65	2/23 LP	Creston Neighborhood	Increase the walkability on the river march like we did in downtown
66	2/23 LP	Butterworth Area	Butterworth area industrial is an eyesore and pollutant. I would love to see something different there along Butterworth where Padnos scrap yard is. Awful looking.
67	2/23 LP	Southtown	No more liquor stores, "books not bottles"
68	2/23 LP	Butterworth Area	Increase student potential housing
69	2/23 LP	Ward 3	Need planning for safety and density
70	2/23 LP	Southtown	Enforce limits on trucking traffic
71	2/23 LP	Southtown	Utilize lots to build affordable housing
72	2/23 LP	Ward 2	More green space, rain gardens, green roofs, walkable city
73	2/23 LP	Butterworth Area	Class should be equal in all areas (not a better area because of more owner occupants). All areas of Butterworth ASP should be treated equally
74	2/23 LP	All areas	Making them all mixed use with affordable, equitable housing, commercial and industrial spaces
75	2/23 LP	Southtown	Rent control (not just low-income housing)
76	2/23 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Many residents and workers in this area need a great amount of notice and multiple events to attend input sessions for the ASP when they happen. Great breadth of communication and very ahead of time notice (6 months to a year) to neighbors and neighborhood organizations.
77	Online		Black Wallstreet Grand Rapids : Beautiful, Thriving, Sustainable Business Districts & Housing Developments that brings equity & Inclusion to Black & Brown minorities of South East Third Ward 49507, while being a cultural blessing for tourists, visitors and out of towners looking to relocate
78	Online	Southtown Neighborhood	More need for affordable housing, more diversity with bilingual information. More shopping districts and more family related activities
79	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	Improve safety, stop the police helicopters. There is VERY MINIMAL evidence that this actually achieves crime reduction and the noise is ridiculous!



80	Online		Cleanup and restoration measures. Increase the "curb appeal" by restoring parks, sidewalks, and public areas. Add extended and protected bike lanes along the riverfront and major street-ways.
		Butterworth Area	
81	Online		This area is in desperate need of parks, small local businesses, and more development. It's currently just a drive through area of rough patches of roads, construction, and a few businesses with residential areas. Development should NOT be gentrification, however. Current residents of this area should have the main say of what gets developed and it should be complete transparency about any tax inflations that could appear.
		Butterworth Area	
82	Online		More community engagement and assistance for current residents. Avoid gentrification.
		Southtown Neighborhood	
83	Online		Recreation! Could be a great opportunity for riverfront fishing, kayaking, and more!
		Butterworth Area	
84	Online		Perfect area for cheap housing, so much unused space and vacancy!
		Creston Neighborhood	
85	Online		Affordable health care to the un-insurance, underinsurance, and refugees.
		Southtown Neighborhood	
86	Online		Safe to walk in the street and the clinics parking lot
		Southtown Neighborhood	
87	Online		
		Creston Neighborhood	The Plainfield Corridor is very clearly going to be the heart of this neighborhood and I think some strategic planning about what businesses to attract are important. A lot of folks live in this area, and I'd like to see this corridor function as a main street, offering services and businesses that truly serve the needs of the people who live here BEFORE attempting to bring in too many folks from further afield. I don't want this to become another solely entertainment focused district the way Bridge Street seems to be.
88	Online		
		Creston Neighborhood	The corner of Leonard and Fuller is very busy and not terribly walkable. Trying to walk in to the Family Fare here is a disaster and so incongruous to the otherwise walkable nature of most of the City. I hope any further developments in this area are more walkable and less catered toward car traffic.
89	Online		This spot truly feels like a suburban stripmall. Can we get rid of the Country Club? Golf courses are terrible for the environment. That land could be better used for housing and public space with greater biodiversity that wouldn't be a drain on water and other natural resources. Also, the fence line along Plainfield is an absolute eyesore. The least they could do is improve the way the neighborhood looks.
		Creston Neighborhood	

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90	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	Low income housing, and a full grocery store with competitive pricing.
91	Online		
92	Online	Creston Neighborhood	<p>The Creston Neighborhood worked diligently for 2 years to get an ASP for the area, then the City told them no due to the upcoming Master Plan process. This has hindered many projects coming to the area in the last few years. Housing has been impacted the most. We need more friendly zoning rules in Creston to bring all types of housing to the neighborhood. Many affordable housing developers have looked at land in the neighborhood and have not been able to reach the point threshold in the LIHTC applications due to no ASP and the lack of transportation options available. The City needs to make housing development a priority in this ASP and the entire master plan.</p> <p>I want to see a connection from the bike paths downtown connect with Riverside Park. The way it works currently is dangerous and not family friendly.</p>
93	Online	Creston Neighborhood	
94	Online	Creston Neighborhood	<p>The intersection at Leonard and Plainfield hinders the flow from downtown to Creston. This intersection needs to be reworked to make it more pedestrian friendly. I know there are issues with the railroad line running right through the intersection, but something needs to be done to create a more seamless transition from downtown to Creston. Beautification projects at this intersection might assist in this as well to make it less concrete and asphalt.</p> <p>The Plainfield corridor through Creston needs less cement and more greenery. It is not pedestrian friendly and looks as though the area is simply a mini highway for people to get to GR township/Comstock Park area rather than a destination. The corridor needs more trees/plants, along with a barrier between the cars and the sidewalks.</p>
		Creston Neighborhood	

95	Online		The greatest issue is affordability; people (investors) snapping up what would be affordable houses for rentals and then those rentals being snapped up by college students or young professionals, leaving the existing area residents left without. I feel that the "affordable" apartments are great, but what about everyone that CURRENTLY lives here and has for years? Has there been any canvassing of the current residents to gather their input on what they would like to see done in their neighborhood? The existing buildings and houses need some renovations, they need some support and not just new buildings to try and overshadow the existing ones.
96	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	The "180 lots" should be used to provide housing for those who have none. This is a growing issue in our City and these people need our help.
97	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	
			Please see my "big ideas" submission but ultimately for us it boils down to
			Walkability Vibrancy through our neighborhood engagement /art/greening work Improved drainage Open spaces that connect the business district Embracing cannabis use and presence in the neighborhood A potential business district or CID for west wealthy as we call it. This is Wealthy st west of 131 until butterworth.
98	Online	Butterworth Area	More options for young people and upkeep of streets which are usually full of trash. Not inviting. Also, many homes are very old and in need of rehab.
99	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	
99	MIB	Butterworth Area	Butterworth landfill needs to be developed. It's old and needs renovation, development
100	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Parking!! More public lots needed. Effectively a food desert - Kingsman is expensive. Housing is stark longtime residents are being priced out. No affordable housing, gentrification, needs a beautification plan. Riverside Park brings community together, but needs renovations
101	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Burton Hills needs and upgrade. More commercial business should be moved from residential area. Needs more resources in the community - it's been left out of the growth
102	MIB	Butterworth Area	Address parking lots

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103	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Reonvate buildings (baker furniture). River walkway. Need successful small businesses within the neighborhood
104	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Industrial sites, empty space around railroad, small businesses specifically serving neighborhood, walkability
105	MIB	Butterworth Area	More houses and apartments
106	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	More receptacles for trash, more trees by the river, vending machines, wrap housing
107	MIB	Southtown	Less littering
108	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Road maintenance, repurposing abandoned buildings, develop parks, decrease congestion outside of City High parking lot, better parking solutions, more walkability, open more homeless shelters to decrease homelessness, increase in school funding
109	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Fix roads, more green spaces. Community events like block parties, child friendly social events. Art shows, carnivals, concerts, festivals
110	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Affordable housing, air quality, community events. Develop Riverside and Huff Park as gathering spaces. Develop all neighbors equitably/reduce gentrification. Free busing for all students, increase school funding/more efficient school spending. More street parking and better parking solutions. Traffic calming around City High. Walkability - repave sidewalks, add bike lanes, reduce car-based infrastructure
111	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Has a strong neighborhood association. Creston is a Mecca for gardeners with tree lined streets, lush parks, and parkways planted with naitve plants. Focus on nature. Friendly neighborhoods within Creston. Creston has all the services and amenities nearby - dentist, bakery, grocery, etc. River at Riverside park is a hug resource. Creston is a highly desirable (but expensive) enighborhood to live in. Environmental sustainability is important. Consists of 4 neighborhoods
112	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Creston is rich in parks, trees, green spaces/natural areas, community spaces like Briggs pool and Huff park. More splash pads, Riverside park could use a physical structure for events and host a regular farmers market, more green space and presrve the existing, more tree lining and bio retention
113	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Events like Creston After Dark markets and murals are important
114	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Trash cans and bike racks on Plainfield - we want to keep them

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115	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Business district has lots of potential. Many long-standing businesses (bars, grocery, Northfield Lanes, Frosty Boy). Very few chains. Long district- lots of opportunity for infill. Direct access to Plainfield Twp businesses. Some hesitancy in extending the business district
116	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Would like more protected bike lanes - we have a lot of potential
117	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Would like the country club to contribute more
118	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	The neighborhood is very welcoming and prosperous, safe and has low crime, diverse in people, diverse in housing style and age, politically active and diverse viewpoints. City High/Middle is a great school
119	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Want to support retail, education, outdoor activities, opportunities for both high and low income fams to live, new housing development with less red tape, access to short term rentals for tourism, more walkability.
120	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Creston is a great place to live, work, play
121	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Neighborhood is in close proximity to a diverse, natural environment
122	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Many green spaces
123	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Short commute to many employment opportunities
124	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Creston needs a library that best serves the needs of people in the neighborhood and surrounding areas
125	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Creston has a fair share of vacant buildings - how can we better use these?
126	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Creston has been a working-class neighborhood but needs some boosting to keep it from being run down
127	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Very convenient access to downtown opportunities
128	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Close to highways to travel everywhere
129	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	The people who live and work in Creston are very loyal to the neighborhood - they want to stay
130	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Walkability and safety are very important to Creston
131	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Business, neighborhood, and non-profit and faith orgs work collaboratively to ensure all can thrive
132	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Safe and affordable place to live, work, and play
133	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Affordable housing in a vibrant business district
134	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Many people from other areas visit to use the biggest park (Riverside)
135	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	One of the best neighborhood associations for years!
136	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	For our residents, diversity of neighborhood is a strength
137	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Vibrant and social nightlife
138	MIB	Butterworth Area	No traffic, potholes, too many potholes. Park is too outdated. Modernize buildings add community hubs, Stores. More food places.

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139	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Areas out of Plainfield are not fun. Add more places to hangout. More bus routes to that strip. Add more tourist attractions, more color. Beautify the view point. Add more indoor parks
140	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Pot holes. Cleaner streets, focus on safety. Don't displace unhoused people. Housing - make houses look better. Restore theater by Popeyes. Have a refuge for unhoused people. Have a place where people can find a step stool for having a home if they don't have one. Improvements that does not result in gentrification. Regulations to encourage people to keep houses/streets clean
141	MIB	Butterworth Area	Rezone for multi-use. Improve river access. Address food desert
142	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Connect Riverside trail between Leonard and Ann. Unhoused people would be displaced and this is a concern. Signage for where parking is and light it. Creston needs to become a destination commercial/restaurant area and needs investment
143	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Encourage in-character infill. Address food desert. Enhance parks
144	MIB	Northeast	Engaged concerned neighbors advocating for neighborhoods improvement
145	MIB	NECAA	Deer are a big concern to all neighborhood residents
146	MIB	Ward 2 NE	There are lots of young families who want outdoor activities to feel safe getting to and being at.
147	MIB	Ward 2	Kids food basket 3 library are great resources and support for our neighborhood
148	MIB	Ward 2 NE	Needs increase in walkability and local shops
149	Online	Butterworth Area	More housing for students since this area is close to campus!
150	Online		Connectivity and traffic improvement during rush hours. Expand the bike lane infrastructure on Monroe alongside riverside park.
151	Online	Creston Neighborhood	possible potential for more housing developments like apartments.
152	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	more commercial development that brings in traffic to the area.
153	Online	Butterworth Area	dredge river for boat access. Non-motorized trails to connect to Millennium Park. Add lights and cosmetic arches to bridges like 131. Utilize Jackson island and old railroad bridge as a park.
154	Online	Butterworth Area	Help form up higher density smaller footprint commercial districts along the Plainfield corridor while allowing for higher density residential along the corridor between the commercial districts.
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155	Online		Walkable, affordable, grocery store and/or farmers market at the south end on the area.
		Creston Neighborhood	
156	Online		Residential units that stay affordable. People are worried about getting priced out here too. Mixing in affordable and big-a Affordable housing.
		Creston Neighborhood	
157	Online		Disincentivize holding on to vacant commercial storefronts.
		Creston Neighborhood	
158	Online		Rooftop solar everywhere. Neighborhood wind, perhaps in cemeteries. Community gardens. Design buildings for mostly passive heating and cooling. Woonerven; that is, streets friendly to children with vehicles as guests at walk speed. Subsidized decent housing for all who need it.
		Southtown Neighborhoods	
159	Online		Black Wallstreet Grand Rapids : Beautiful, Thriving, Sustainable Business Districts & Housing Developments that brings equity & Inclusion to Black & Brown minorities of South East Third Ward 49507, while being a cultural blessing for tourists, visitors and out of towners looking to relocate
		Southtown Neighborhood	
160	Online		more walkability and business incentives. More parking options. Less loud driving like semi's and trucks through the neighborhoods. Better biking lanes. Investment into making Leonard and Plainfield a prettier area
		Creston Neighborhood	
161	Online		Dog park. Bike lanes.
		Creston Neighborhood	
162	Online		More development of the existing "green spaces" to increase community residents' engagement in outdoor recreation. An establishment/expansion of community gardening. Expansion/establishment of intergenerational exchange of information. (Not sure how such exchange would occur, perhaps intentional meetings with associations, community events, programs, etc).
		Creston Neighborhood	
163	Online		Am becoming concerned with the development of apartment complexes and multi-family residences that are not building additional parking lots/structures for these new developments. With limited space already for vehicles, how does increasing housing without increasing parking options work? (Short-sighted accomodations versus long-term solutions).
		Creston Neighborhood	
164	Online		This area is vast and a bit disjointed. It's in desperate need of a green space that the community can utilize. Affordable housing would be great, as there is land to grow. This area is still very affordable for businesses, and can hopefully attract a good grocery store as well as other businesses that can fill the needs of its residents.
		Creston Neighborhood	

165	Online		Can the City specify who the steering committee is for the Creston ASP and what resources are being made available to create a quality plan? At a recent neighborhood meeting it was said that the neighborhood would have to raise money but it was not clear how much and what the timeline is.
166	Online	Creston Neighborhood Southtown Neighborhoods	Provide alignment between City departments to help budget for and facilitate ASP improvements.
167	MIB	Butterworth Area	Appearance of disinvestment, except for areas around GVSU. The businesses coming in seem to be targeting college students, not neighborhood residents. Make the sidewalks, trees, and general care better.
168	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Get all leaders to meet in this area
169	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Looks like an area of disinvestment. Provide incentives to residents to give feedback about what they want/need. Lack of consistency from police presence breaks trust in this neighborhood. Police need to know the history of families and neighborhoods to limit over judgement and harsh reactions. Provide incentives to engage residents in this area.
170	MIB	Butterworth Area	Not too much needed here. Maybe wider streets. Very little LGBTQ facilities, no BIPOC rep in hospitals.
171	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Lots of business development. Very few black-owned businesses, but plenty of housing.
172	3/15 LP	Creston Neighborhood	2-year resident, street wanderer. Many vacant businesses along Plainfield, not sure what's going on
173	3/15 LP	Butterworth Area	Businesses in this area have had a lot of turnover, I have seen several go out of business within a year or two. The area is also not the safest. The GVSU campus overpowers a lot of this neighborhood.
174	3/15 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	Updated area renovated. A lot of businesses that are out of business. Upgrade and make attainable housing for low income families (no waiting lists)
175	3/15 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	This area of Southtown is not attractive at all. We need to revitalize this neighborhood to allow for people to live and work here
176	3/15 LP	Southtown Neighborhoods	From downtown going south the division road, you cross Wealthy turns to crap. No live, investment, or anything happening.
177	3/15 LP	Butterworth Area	We need to resist rapid gentrification that displaces long time residents
178	3/15 LP	Butterworth Area	Connect trails from millennium park to the river. Expand riverwalk. More local biz on Wealthy and Butterworth.
179	MIB	Butterworth Area	Family and student housing
180	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Working class, starter homes



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181	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Worth keeping old structures, but need to get landlords under control
182	MIB	Butterworth Area	It's very disjointed and feels more business focused. Mixed use buildings would be beneficial for this area. Not a lot of amenities. Sidewalks not good for walkability
183	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	The river restoration will be very big for this area. Lots of wasted commercial building potential. Keep housing affordable.
184	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Heavily redlined district. Encourage tree equity. Putting central of housing to the people and out of the hands of investors/landlords
185	MIB	Butterworth Area	Improve transportation, ensure industrial doesn't encroach residential, good area to improve biking and nature trails as river is revitalized, more affordable housing
186	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	More trees in City High parking lot. Restrict marijuana and alcohol sales from being so close to schools, more bike and sidewalk access near schools and river, youth drop-in center for after school, find space for community gardens
187	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	More natural areas, park land, create affordable housing
188	MIB	Butterworth Area	Affordable?? Student vs homeowner conflicts
189	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Affordable homeownership opportunities
190	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Affordable home ownership opportunities, most open space for development
191	MIB	Butterworth Area	Providing affordable housing, accessible green areas/parks, walkability, sidewalks, bike paths, wifi, technology
192	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Boardwalk. Work on feeder schools for the City HS
193	Online		The facet water is very high in chlorine chemicals in our area. This concerns me as washing dishes by hand even after using dish soap my wife can still smell it on the silverware.
194	Online	Creston Neighborhood	This area has an incredible amount of potential. Streetscape and sidewalk improvements are needed. A larger sidewalk with bulb outs at intersections and better on-street parking delineation would improve walkability. Pedestrian-scale lighting in the core of the business district would also improve the pedestrian experience. Zoning changes may help encourage the adaptive reuse or redevelopment of existing buildings and sites.
195	Online	Butterworth Area  Southtown Neighborhoods	I am mostly concerned about gentrification in this area. Existing residents should not be priced out of their own houses

196	Online		Dense, walkable community, with protected bicycle infrastructure and safe, pedestrian friendly streets. We need to create a community for the people, not cars.
		Creston Neighborhood	
197	Online		Clean it up. Remove all guns and liquor establishments. Remove all drug dealers. Put in a library. Put in a sound system on every block and play classical music 24/7 to promote a harmonious environment. To promote safety allow police officers to walk lions and tigers from the zoo in the area. Light up the place with efficient street lighting. But whatever you do whatever your plan is. Don't confront the people leave them alone and by all means give them all the freedoms that would provide to their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness like no helmets for motorcyclists or lighting bigger and better fireworks oh and more pot shops. Greater density of housing in the area closest to downtown, more business attraction (perhaps office space?), more social zones and recreational activities.
		Butterworth Area	
198	Online		We should embrace this neighborhood becoming largely renter based for students and young families.
		Butterworth Area	
199	Online		This is the last area with enough acreage to develop affordable housing for people with low or fixed incomes and transitional housing for the homeless. I have a plan for this area, which could lift G.R. and Kent county out of the bottom of the list of worst counties in addressing homelessness. As cited in the recent kconnect documentary- finding Home.
		Butterworth Area	Gsnap23@gmail.com
200	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	Boston square could use some development as gentrification takes place.
201	Online		Get rid of minimum parking requirements, make it easier to build housing in this area
		Butterworth Area	
202	Online		What if there were separated bikelanes, a network of them, so people could readily access the river?
		Creston Neighborhood	
203	Online		What if there was a separated bike lane that could take people north to south? Business owners would probably like that, seeing as how bikers are more likely than people in cars to buy from businesses they go past.
		Southtown Neighborhoods	
204	Online		Creston Neighborhood should be more focused on Plainfield Ave corridor. Area of Fuller and Leonard is separate neighborhood and should be treated as such, without having to compete with Creston/Plainfield neighborhood.
		Creston Neighborhood	

205	Online		More frequent transit options, more housing options along Monroe, more restaurants in Cheshire business district, better sidewalk continuity in Riverside Gardens, more of a sense of place (refreshed neighborhood signage at gateways to Creston), signage guiding you to local parks
206	Online	Creston Neighborhood	
207	Online	Creston Neighborhood	I would love to see a change in zoning in this area to move away from the "linear" business/apartment corridor and to a more sensical, walkable, and dense neighborhood. Increased transit availability going to other wards/business areas (Bridge St., Leonard, Eastown, Cherry St., Wealthy, Alger, etc.) would enable residents greater opportunity to travel without using automobiles with less time commitment (getting a bus to Central Station then waiting for a connection). A radial route between the business district should be looked into.
208	Online	Butterworth Area	a nice park or something
209	Online	Butterworth Area	park green space with other small atractens for people like a play ground, RC car track, grefety wall, small stuff like that but mostly a green space like new york city
210	Online	Butterworth Area	Some of my Ideas are parking spaces, apartment buildings, entertainment for civilians, and practical solutions for production like solar panels.
211	Online	Butterworth Area	My ideas for this area will benifital to all people, with many fun activities available for all ages.
212	Online	Butterworth Area	that we would build a fairly nice and clean apartment building with a fairly sized viewing platform to help see grand city
213	Online	Butterworth Area	Our idea for this idea is to create a space where people can go and take time to regather their thoughts, do work, or enjoy the beauty of Grand Rapidsâ€”making this a space where people are able to come together and grow and learn more about one another. This space would have areas, such as a playground, picnic area, food truck lot, etc. where people of all ages can enjoy.
214	Online	Creston Neighborhood	I think this could be a very productive and successful plan.
215	Online	Butterworth Area	More access to healthy food options. Walkable or by bus routes.
216	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	More access to healthy food options. Walkable or by bus routes.
216	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	This area would benefit best if less liquor store and more positive businesses were available.

217	Online		A substantial urban grocery store -- better yet, a Food Co-op. Low-rise, affordable housing for low income people. More intentional green spaces / parks. What a difference Pleasant Park has made in my neighborhood.. we need more.
218	Online	Southtown Neighborhoods	
219	Online	Butterworth Area	This neighborhood has been underinvested in for generations. The housing is in poor condition and the adjacent scrap and industrial uses have not created an environment that supports new residential or mixed-use investments. Please work with the industrial and commercial land owners to make improvements to the landscaping and perimeter walls of their facilities so that they are more inviting and/or attractive to the surrounding neighborhood. Allow for more variety in housing types (ADUs, 3-4 unit buildings, and small multi-family investments), and use new tax increment generated by development to enhance the public right of way with more street trees, furniture, art, and micro-mobility. Select one or two areas to become mixed-use zones with greater height and density, and plan for an overall neighborhood density of 15-20 units per acre.
220	Online	Creston Neighborhood	Allow for slightly greater density by-right - smaller lot sizes, ADUs regardless of ownership status, 3-4 unit buildings on primary streets and neighborhood connectors.
221	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods Butterworth Area	Allow for slightly greater density by-right - smaller lot sizes, ADUs regardless of ownership status, 3-4 unit buildings on primary streets and neighborhood connectors. Neighborhood needs vibrancy. Needs updated and affordable housing. Road construction.
222	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Belknap Hill and Lookout Hill needs desperate revitalization. Housing updated. Localized free transit system similar to Dash
223	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	This area needs to clean up industrial businesses next to railroad. New retail, healthy restaurants. Updated housing north of the railroad tracks
224	MIB	Butterworth Area	Environmental clean-up to do - environmental strategy for cleanup. Parking and transportation issues.
225	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Need cohesive small business plan - stop turn over. Need better coordination with public school. Economic plan both of locally owned businesses. Connection between business and residential areas. More walkability.

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226	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Development equity - make sure residents aren't disenfranchised by groups like Amplify. Street level gun violence - better law enforcement strategies
227	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Safe walking paths. Variety of businesses. Community center. Love the bike lanes by Riverside Park
228	MIB	Butterworth Area	Huge developments, built in the last 5 years. Huge homeless population. Landscaping and aesthetics look very nice to encourage to come downtown. Ample access to health that is not accessible to black people. Lots of homeowners were displaced in that area
229	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	In a rebuilding phase. High rate of car accidents in that area. Highest ground in the city. City High School thriving city, but not for all. Need for a family workout facility
230	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Only thing we can have direct access to in Southtown is liquor and sweets, but not so much grocery. Wealthy St gentrification happened fast. Need for more wellness centers, and more programming for youth.
231	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	More minority owned businesses are needed (vibrant business districts). More affordable housing is needed. This area needs more investment in skilled trades. Helping with financial literacy. Breaking the cycle of dysfunctionality. More mental health services
232	MIB	Butterworth Area	More mixed business, tax credit incentives, put in an above ground subway to get to jobs. More healthcare facilities in this area - urgent care center
233	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Walkable resources - laundromat, grocery store, fresh food access
234	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Least invested in area. Housing owned by investors, high turnover community. Housing investors pull from area without investing in the area.
235	MIB	Butterworth Area	Where boundaries should be: all of Butterworth from River to John Ball - everything south of Butterworth - Lane to Fulton, straight to Fulton ASP, Lexington to Fulton, Front to Fulton and Wealth, and everything between Butterworth and Watson from park to the River (since Watson goes from Valley to almost the river)
236	MIB	Butterworth Area	2 separate retail areas separated by multi-story housing not exceeding 2 or 3 stories. If each retail section cannot support retail then make one retail section that allows for offices on first floor

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237	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Modern energy efficient "green" housing. Mixed use - commercial below, living above. Purpose built communities. Mixed income housing. Walkability. Green space, social space. Incentives/programs for black homeownership.
238	MIB	Creston Neighborhood	Feels incohesive and unwalkable. Density would benefit affordability
239	MIB	Southtown Neighborhoods	Change in minimum lot area could drastically increase buildability and housing availability
240	Online		Improve transit, bicycling and walking access throughout the neighborhood is needed. Wider sidewalks plus bike lanes along Plainfield Review Fuller and E Leonard areas for denser developments Need to be able to cross major streets more frequently and safely (Fuller, Leonard, Knapp, 3 Mile)
241	Online	Creston Neighborhood	
242	Online	Butterworth Area	Wider sidewalks plus continuous bike lanes in the business district please How do we keep from modest income residents from being pushed out by student housing and wealthier new residents? Improve walkability Review Seward and Wealthy connectivity to take pressure off residentially fronted streets for trucking
243	Online	Southtown Neighborhood	Improve existing housing stock by supporting existing home owners and encouraging new home ownership by real people, not private equity/investment companies. Reduce speeding/reckless driving RR corridor is a barrier - how can more connections across it be achieved? More efficient transit is needed Safer crossings of major streets including Eastern, Burton, Hall, etc.
244	Online	Creston Neighborhood	Remove the traditional low density designations from Creston neighborhoods. Our houses are old and in many cases not in great condition. The properties deserve to be redeveloped into a newer, denser form that gives renewed life to the commercial activity on Plainfield.
		Creston Neighborhood	Encourage the development of multi-story apartment buildings along Plainfield, Monroe, and Fuller. As high-traffic areas with bus stops and easy access to nearby businesses these corridors deserve to be accessible and livable.

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| 245 | Online |                      | Reduce Fuller to 3 lanes. Currently the road serves as a high-speed raceway, making it inhospitable to residents and visitors. With little to no enforcement of the speed limit the wide right of way enables dangerous speeds and limits pedestrian and bike accessibility. |
| 246 | Online | Creston Neighborhood | Replace the on-road bike lanes on Plainfield with a dedicated cycle-track/multi-use path to improve road safety for all users.   |
| 247 | Online | Creston Neighborhood | Install speed bumps and other traffic calming devices with the same density as seen in neighborhoods like Heritage Hill and Eastown.   |

**Round 1 Engagement Results - Housing**

FID	Comment
0	Creston needs more small affordable houses for families
1	I don't want more housing in this area. This area is full of single-family homes in a relatively quiet area of the city.
2	Why hasn't the City been able to utilize the old Fulton Manor for housing, or common ground church for housing? Just
3	east of Carlton on both sides of Fulton
4	High density housing should be allowed by right along all mass-transit corridors
5	Apartments/condos near Riverside Park between income restricted and high earners
6	Small family homes near zoo
7	Turn old factories into mixed use/housing
8	Larger apartment buildings for more population density. Wealthy is cool, but not enough population to support
9	businesses and too expensive!! Only single family homes
10	Single family homes
11	There could be a lot more multifamily developments in this area however there has to be a creative solution for
12	parking. Currently in the belknap area, there is barely any parking for the apartments on clancy ave but it is great
13	location for people who w
14	Creston is a very desirable neighborhood and has a distinct neighborhood character. I'd like to see more "missing
15	middle" housing (duplexes, sixflats, etc) that fit the character of the neighborhood before we jump straight into half a
16	dozen soulless 5-ov
17	The church parking lots take space away from neighborhoods should be remade to add tiny houses or made as actual
18	houses to get rid of unused except on holidays and not used by city residents at any time.
19	College-affordable apartments with access to easy transit.
20	Mixed income apartments with business involved as well. There are abandoned buildings sitting empty.
21	The industrial space near Leonard are underused could have high density housing
22	New high rise affordable senior housing above the Rapid bus station (Ward 1)
23	Could put high density near Leonard and Monroe/Taylor
24	Apartments
25	Affordable housing - people are being locked out of communities
26	If we want equity and more busing, we need more infill in all areas. Disingenuine exercise when you tell people to think
27	of proximity to busing and walkability. Suburbs should have infill too!
28	I placed my sticker outside of the city because it covers the whole city - every neighborhood needs more multifamily
29	housing
30	I think it would be highly beneficial for us to create low-income housing within an apartment complex. The main floor
31	of this complex would be made of various small businesses and family-friendly opportunities.
32	More multifamily housing near Richmond Park
33	Could we get services apartments like 1920s meant for singles providing an option for group dining, a group
34	gathering/programming, regular maid service but entire building is singles - somewhere between rooming/boarding
35	house and micro apartments with st
36	Add houses and apartments to the lumber factories
37	To address the growing gentrification of this corridor, students recommended developing affordable, high-density
38	housing around Fuller and Wealthy St area
39	Single family homes
40	Study alternatives to 131 cutting through city
41	Single family housing



- 29 Affordable, sustainable zoned for tiny homes. Shower, store, and sleep/shelter and car wash on F&E
- 30 SE side Cesar Chavez - affordable housing, duplexes
- 31 multi-family
- 32 Between the freeway and Michigan St
- 33 Old church not being used - make into apartments or condos? Reuse building
- 34 Townhomes
- 35 Affordable housing, condos
- 36 Single family homes
- Increase apartments with nice neighborhoods and communities with common space for people working on medical
- 37 mile
- 38 Corner of division and hall - current vacant lot! Apartment community! Even if special land use is needed!
- 39 Replace industrial use building with medium to high density residential or a mix offices and residential.
- I know that there's lots of commercial by John Ball Zoo, but little housing. In my mind I think you should have housing
- 40 by a zoo so it can be visited more
- 41 Student housing on the Lalter Line
- 42 No more unaffordable housing
- We need to increase density (building up) and increase services (dental, grocery, etc) in different areas throughout this ward. More affordable housing is needed just about everywhere.
- 43 There are areas in the 3rd ward that I don't think have as much as
- 44 More multiuse development (housing, retail -like New Holland/Bridge St)
- 45 The city has a "10 minute walk to a green space" idea, but then why aren't we building houses around green spaces?
- Many people want to work downtown or near easy accessed public transit however affordable housing is needed.
- 46 More affordable housing in or near downtown is needed.
- I think this area has available land that could be developed with medium density apartments or condos, the area
- 47 already has some density and is close to many amenities.
- 48 Everything needs to go vertical
- 49 I don't want more housing in this area. This area is full of single-family homes in a relatively quiet area of the city.
- 50 Indian trails golf course - single family, mixed
- 51 multi-family
- 52 West of the river, south of Leonard
- 53 Tiny house community
- Take out the blight of older industrial spaces. Add affordable housing that compliments the wages of those that work
- 54 in the area.
- 55 Housing density along river and balancing access to river as a public amenity
- 56 Single family housing
- 57 Build high-density on the DASH lots
- 58 Plainfield district growth
- 59 Starter homes
- 60 Duplexes
- 61 Huff Park - aging out single homes
- 62 Close to the farmers market so people can access fresh, local food =)
- 63 More affordable units on the SW side of town
- 64 Baker furniture building could either be refurbished for affordable housing or torn down

- 65 Funding for homeowners in historic districts (help to cover extra costs of maintenance)
- 66 Infill opportunity for housing! Too much surface parking & vacant space
- 67 More affordable apartments
- 68 Housing for homeless
  - 49507 is about 1/3 single adult households and another third multi adult household - make it far easier and less expensive to add an ADU either addition to house/garage, build out attic, or a building but it should be something can
- 69 buy "off the rack" so
- 70 Create a community garden managed by the Seeds of promise in the Madison Square neighborhood
- 71 Apartments or duplexes
- 72 Lofts and townhomes
- 73 Single family housing
- 74 High rise buildings, accessible to work
- 75 Surface lot by Charlie's Crab - dense parking, real-estate and commerical
- 76 Lots of land by GRPS university
- 77 Redevelop into dense mixed income housing
  - This is a huge parking lot that could easily be the site of a development the size of (or bigger than) Riverhouse and the
- 78 Varnum building.

The church parking lots take space away from neighborhoods should be remade to add tiny houses or made as actual houses to get rid of unused except on holidays and not used by city residents at any time.

The NE corner needs high density housing due to it's proximity to parks, Grand River, downtown, highways, and public transportation.

81 The VanderJagt space has six lots worth of space

82 Fill in missing teeth on Michigan St - better utilization of space where the giant old dilapidated homes still are

83 Continue high density development downtown

84 Single family homes

85 Single family

Continue to develop south division corridor with mixed use apartments, mixed market/subsidized, and variety of building types: 3-6 stories.

87 Michigan St needs more housing and transit options - it feels like a highway

88 Conversation about relocating or discontinuing the country club to make room for housing

If we want equity and more busing, we need more infill in all areas. Disingenuous exercise when you tell people to think of proximity to busing and walkability. Suburbs should have infill too!

More housing in Michigan/Fuller corridor, add density, incentivize single family homes to add more housing to their lots - ADUs, granny units, etc.

91 Baker furniture building on Monroe

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Infill opp: develop housing along Michigan St where concentration of people experiencing homelessness are now

94 North Coit around Sunshine Church

95 Riverfront

96 Housing closer to offices, services along and off the Beltline (needs MDOT support to improve E Beltline for humans)

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97 There are areas in the 3rd ward that I don't think have as much as

98 The NE corner needs high density housing due to its proximity to parks, Grand River, downtown, highways, and public transportation.

99 Apartments - use some of the parking lot at Centerpointe

100 Apartments

There are many parcels of land in NW part of the city that could be built for more housing, infill and new stuff. Also there are opportunities to build more through streets in a discombobulated area such as extending Fulton past Wilson

101 and extending 7th

102 Replace golf courses with housing

103 Maximize density, infill everywhere

104 Single family homes

105 Need old homes to be inspected more regularly for safety, quality. Many priced out of market due to high costs, with limited apartments available for people between high income and income restricted

Currently industrial, in some cases defunct sites have access to collector streets and the highway is nearby. A prime spot to re-use or rebuild buildings into medium or high density residential apartments and/or condos.

107 test

108 If we want equity and more busing, we need more infill in all areas. Disingenuous exercise when you tell people to think of proximity to busing and walkability. Suburbs should have infill too!

Some homeowners have been and will be displaced due to higher property taxes (due to new business development) Low income housing is desperately needed as investors have scrambled to buy up property and sell/rent to a specific population. (gentrification)

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111 test

112 West side/Leonard-Senard area needs affordable, multi-family, income based rentals

113 Townhomes or multi-unit (moderate density)

114 Plenty of room near the river in old industrial areas between Ann and Leonard

115 We need more affordable housing here. This is my neighborhood, and we are currently hosting a refugee from Ukraine. We have found it is an ideal location because it is close to the resources he needs. However, he won't be able to stay in this neighborhood

116 North Park has opportunity for more housing

117 multi-family

118 The SW side of Wealthy has spaces that would make great high density houses

119 The Kent country club has a lot of space for green space and affordable housing

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121 Denser housing around downtown

122 West John Ball Park - aging out single family residential close to amenities

123 Single family housing

124 Apartments

It's an industrial area, so there are jobs. There are tons of restaurants and Bridge St Market within walking distance.

- 125 Apartment building.
- 126 Zone more of downtown to take advantage of amenities
- 127 Housing for unhoused mixed with a range of 20-40% AMT to 40-80% AMT
- 128 Apartments for the homeless who have worked hard to get it, shown effort!
  
- 129 Affordable small homes or condos or rehab of the many very old homes that are dilapidated. Money pits.
- 130 Apartments
- 131 Replace industrial use building with medium to high density residential or a mix offices and residential.
- 132 Duplexes, Apartments and housing
- 133 Aquinas college apartments
- 134 The Fuller and Leonard area should have more high density housing
- 135 Investment in quality of life and more affordable housing
- 136 Prevent homelessness, tiny housing, stackable housing, duplexes or townhomes
- 137 Develop north Monroe by the river
- 138 Replace industrial use building with medium to high density residential or a mix offices and residential.
  
- 139 Infill development with more duplexes - quadplexes. Adding more through streets east-west mixed-use greenway
- 140 Single family homes
- 141 Build more "up" instead of "out"
- 142 Remove 131 and turn into vibrant green space with housing
- 143 Spaces near Riverside Gardens on N Coit
- 144 Area between Monroe and Taylor - Leonard and Sweet
- 145 Townhomes/duplexes
- 146 Townhomes/condos
- 147 Apartments, close to jobs
  - GR and West Michigan have a housing problem. Underutilized parking lots could be made into higher density, mid-rise buildings. This neighborhood is walkable and contains many of the amenities needed for living without a vehicle
- 148 already.
- 149 Eastern Ave - Re-investment in dense housing
- 150 Black Hills
- 151 Many under-utilized factories/office buildings that would make for great, dense housing.
- 152 Near Dean Lake Ave
  - Apartments. There are abandoned industrial buildings here, perhaps brown field grants could be utilized? Close to
- 153 downtown, businesses, and GVSU
  
- 154 Demand is high for housing in walkable areas. By failing to meet this demand, GR increasingly pushes more vulnerable residents into unsafe areas with high costs of transportation, and increases burden from automobiles.
- 155 Display campus is rife with opportunity for development
- 156 More affordable apartments
  - I think the city needs more apartments/condos within walking distance to downtown. It would be great to keep the spirit of the west side in the new structures. It would also be great to see more small businesses within walking
- 157 distance
- 158 How might we re-use a golf course for housing - especially in 2nd ward?
  - If we want equity and more busing, we need more infill in all areas. Disingenuous exercise when you tell people to think
- 159 of proximity to busing and walkability. Suburbs should have infill too!
- 160 Kent Country Club - single family, mixed

161 High rise

162 Row houses

This neighborhood is well connected to transit, has many shops, and walkable. More multi-units and apartments pleas.

163 Let's increase density!!!

164 Duplexes with more than 2 rooms for bigger families

165 Houses

166 Apartments that would build community

167 Add houses and apartments to the lumber factories

168 I don't want more housing in this area. This area is full of single-family homes in a relatively quiet area of the city.

To discourage heavy truck use and chronic speeding, I would like to see more roundabouts on Cesar Chavez ave in the

169 Roosevelt Park Neighborhood

Currently industrial, in some cases defunct sites have access to collector streets and the highway is nearby. A prime

170 spot to re-use or rebuild buildings into medium or high density residential apartments and/or condos.

171 Apartments above businesses in Alger Heights and Seymour Square

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172 transportation.

All along the Plainfield corridor: Reduce the number of auto-centric one-off commercial buildings with dedicated parking lots. Create denser street front commercial districts at fewer nodes. Combine high density residential at floors

173 above grade at comme

174 Higher apartments with multiple rooms

175 Increase in GVSU and increasing density along main arteries

176 Need housing near downtown jobs, affordable to service industry, teachers, etc

177 Madison & Adams

The Creston area needs more diverse housing types in this area, there are many aging homes that could be converted to duplexes, ADU's that could be added if square footage requirements were reduced and while new apartments are

178 coming online, there are ve

Kent County Country Club is rooted in systemic white privilege and has beautiful land that could support a beautiful

179 place to live for people and nature

180 multi-family

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181 above grade at comme

182 More low density housing toward Allendale - lots of green space and amenities nearby

183 Dense mixed-use, multi-family infill

184 Duplex family homes and feeder schools for City HS

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187 Mixed use, multi-family

188 Mixed use development in business districts (ie Wealthy st)

Re-visiting the ability to add multi-family homes to heritage hill without tearing down homes. Keep character of

189 neighborhood while adding density.

190 Market and Godfrey area

To address the growing gentrification of this corridor, students recommended developing affordable, high-density housing around Fuller and Wealthy St area

192 Continued adaptive reuse of industrial buildings

We need more higher density housing in and around the city center to promote walkability and reduce traffic/congestion caused by people commuting to or from GR.

The city needs to improve minimum wages in the area so that businesses pay people a living wage rather than having taxes fund housing. We are just supporting businesses rather than individuals.

195 I don't want more housing in this area. This area is full of single-family homes in a relatively quiet area of the city.

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197 Housing priced to attract students commuting downtown/split campus schedules

198 More affordable apartments

199 test

200 Duplexes/townhomes

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203 Apartments - so much land and parking lots at Calvary Baptist Church

204 Many under-utilized factories/office buildings that would make for great, dense housing.

205 How might we re-use a golf course for housing - especially in 2nd ward?

206 Bigger houses with multiple rooms for multi generational homes

I would love to stay in my neighborhood (Alger Heights) when I'm too old to take care of a house - I'd love to see condos.

We need to increase density (building up) and increase services (dental, grocery, etc) in different areas throughout this ward. More affordable housing is needed just about everywhere.

208 There are areas in the 3rd ward that I don't think have as much as

209 test

210 Under utilized surface parking 3-6 stories

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212 Condos and duplex options for individuals and young families

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215 More affordable housing is because the population is growing, and it has become more expensive to live in the area.

216 Housing density along river and balancing access to river as a public amenity

217 Please fix the deep, dangerous potholes :(

Close to everything, excellent transit options already exist. Row housing along major street corridors to increase density. Increase options for ADU's develop rules and inspection processes for shared housing.

This Ward has the highest concentration of high lead in both homes and soil and also a high concentration of low income and BIPOC this area need better landlords to not have high rents and slum rentals. Most rentals are in older buildings these need to b

Round 1 Engagement Results - Share your Understanding					
ID #	Source	Vibrancy is...	Safety is...	Equity is...	Culture is...
1	Online			sharing the \$33M generated by Artprize with the artists without whom there would be no \$33M generated.	stop taking advantage of desperate creatives who work and expend precious resources for the entertainment of thousands and thousands of visitors ... all for free and in fact to their own financial
2	Online	a place celebrating all aspects of life. From music to culture to arts to food. A vibrant place is a place where something is always going on and has an authentic feel.	Grand Rapids is safe. It seems all problems lead back to childhood development and the culture around that, education and mental health. If we can work on that we will have less guns/violence, homelessness & drugs.	When I moved to GR 17 years ago I noticed how sectioned off different neighborhoods where. Now this can be bad and this can be good (I love visiting neighborhoods with a specific cultural attitude.) I noticed GR trying to push black owned DT business's to happen and IDK if that's how things work. I think we treat people equal and give classes to the under privileged,	Culture is fun, interesting, informative, tasty, exciting. I went to school to become a Human Geographer so the more we can celebrate different cultures, sub cultures, lifestyles the more we can look through the eyes of someone else, learn and enjoy life. Just do it respectfully and un-judgmental please.
3	Online	Healthy, active, exciting community and or neighborhood.	The feeling that you can live your life without fear of injury or property damage.	Removing barriers for success, not everyone needs the same thing but they have their	The overall environment of the community, the feeling you get by being in the community.
4	Online	Interesting, colorful, safe, fun and serving a good	A MUST, if it is not safe no one will participate or	Fair, even the same for all	No discrimination , or greater interest in one culture over another
5	Online	A growing community with new places, spaces and events for people to find a place they belong within the community. Vibrancy is a place that you are excited to call home, can	A neighborhood where you are financially secure, connected to your neighbors.	The ability of the community to support a wide variety of socioeconomically different individuals, with different backgrounds, cultures and desires that allows for them to thrive.	Intentionally investing in and engaging with people who don't look like you or have the same life circumstances or background as you. As a community we can do this by investing in placemaking including the ability for every neighborhood to have diverse housing options
6	Online	people feeling welcome, secure, and bringing their	rooted in community.	when systems feel fair and people get what they need to thrive.	our way(s) of building relationships and enjoying our community.



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7	Online	Community connection and involvement.	Walkable or public transit-oriented infrastructure to	affordable and fair housing and healthcare opportunities for all	The wonderful arts scene, as well as access to parks and recreation.
8	Online	Green spaces, community gardens, education for the community and passion for building a better city that works for the PEOPLE, not the devos and vanandels.	Being able to sit in your car without being murdered by GRPD because you are black, because you don't understand English, because those pigs are never trained properly. Safety is in the community not in GRPD. When the community is invested in, with schools, after school	Not giving the wealthy any more privilege and benefits to the city while there are people hungry and dying on the streets. Equity is taking care of your poorest citizen before anyone else.	
9	Online	Greenspace, free growing fruit trees, and pedestrian only	Less police.	The equal opportunity of all residents to live and succeed in this city.	Music, diversity, food, and the small artist. Less beer and corporate art
10	Online		a community that's caring and cared for.		
11	Online				
12	Online	The state in which unique characteristics are	Protection against physical, emotional, psychological, or any	Ensuring that all individuals have equal access to resources and	The unique characteristics shared and displayed by a particular group.
13	Online	when people are active and visible in their neighborhoods.	low crime. With a GRPD that is respectful and does not tolerate incompetence or	giving all neighborhoods have the same opportunities for improvement, and the resources needed.	when people from across the city of different backgrounds can come together and make something that is uniquely
14	Online		Not having to worry about bad things happening. Safety is being able to walk down the street and	Everyone having a fair chance by adjusting to where people are to acknowledge and correct the imbalances each	
15	Online	seeing clean neighborhoods, bicycle riding and many family	Walking freely in all neighborhoods without fears	not being compared to Suburban areas of Grand Rapids and having the same education and net	being able to share yours and learn others and possibly in different languages while doing so
16	Online				

17	Online	Active arts and social communities. Progressive thinking and willingness to try new things. Opportunities for new businesses. Mixture of people of various incomes, races, occupations, and religions.	Safety for Everyone! Community involvement in safety. Adequate training of safety officers and staff that can handle various kinds of problems.	Inclusion and non-discrimination against women, diverse races, sexual identity, occupations, ethnicities, religions, etc. Equal pay for equal jobs, opportunities for everyone to advance in education and jobs.	Inclusion of fine arts as well as "folk" arts. Education that includes the arts, the liberal arts, history, physical ed, in *every* school. Opportunities for arts education, library accessibility, celebration of various cultures and ethnicities. Art museums, libraries, good schools with neighborhood and parental involvement. Knowledge of our social development as a
18	Online	A thriving city that folks want to live and work in	Being able to walk the city without feeling unsafe. Knowing I can ride	Ability for all folks of GR to tap into equity in their neighborhood	Our vibe! Art, tech, music, community.
19	2/21 LP	Accessibility, cultural diversity	Solutions-focused, relationship-focused,	Equal opportunity for all	Shared norms, values, and experiences between
20	2/21 LP	Feeling alive and sharing it with loved ones and	Everyone's voices can be heard	The understanding that the history of our ancestors sticks to our	Walkability, places designed for people, not cars
21	2/21 LP	Green vibrant streets	Knowing your neighbors	Knowing and respecting your neighbors	People+land=culture. Opportunities to relate to
22	2/21 LP	Encouraging more outdoor uses, events, live music	Clean accessible walkable green	Offering everyone a safe play to live, affordable place to live, and equal	Shared values with agreement on how to celebrate them
23	2/21 LP	Events and opportunities reflective of and participated in by a	The result of deliberate choices to value all of the people in a	Everyone getting what they need to be successful	Learning about someone different through events, festivals
24	2/21 LP	The result of many diverse	Clean air, clean water, access to	Uplifting minority voices to create positive change	Respect
25	2/21 LP	Plenty of shared experiences in	Being able to be outside without any	The city being transparent and	A shared experience
26	2/21 LP	Numerous small businesses within a 10 minute walk	Reducing car traffic	Not letting business owners, landlords, and police unions dictate the public policies that	Shared language, art, music, food
27	2/21 LP	Feeling proud and excited about living here	Neighbors looking out for one another	For the community by the community, with persons who have historically been left out/excluded leading	Libraries

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28	2/21 LP	The experience of a place and moment awakening you	Medicine, food, shelter, kindness, stability, chance for	When race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. don't predict outcomes	Learning more about your neighbors
29	2/21 LP	Played out	Being able to live your life without fear	Equity is meeting the needs of diverse people, adjusting to individuals	Community programming for seniors, kids, families
30	2/21 LP	Variety of opportunities	Mutual aid and support. Getting	When everyone is and feels welcome	Equitable access to visual arts
31	2/21 LP	15 minute neighborhoods,	Safe biking and walking	Getting a fair chance, getting a bit of help	The people represented in the community
32	2/21 LP	Welcoming and celebrating our neighbors	Police accountability	People given what they need to thrive, especially because environmental health does not affect	Culture is the invisible part of your identity
33	2/21 LP	Variety of activities/events. Dancing, music,	A safe, accessible green space, free of commercial traffic	Having reliable transportation and economic opportunity	Tangible, cultivated, accessible, layered
34	2/21 LP	Addressing the population with cultural humility	Neighbors connected and solving issues together - with	Everyone having an outlet/space to be seen and heard that is	A beautiful blending of same and different ideas
35	2/21 LP	A feeling celebrated	Lights	Affordable housing and universal basic income	What we all bring with us, and should feel comfortable expressing
36	2/21 LP	Meeting and liking your neighbors	Safety is the ability to bring your whole self into a space without	Inclusive representation across groups (age, ethnicity, race, religion)	Equitable access to performing arts
37	2/21 LP	Is creating a diverse community, multicultural one,	Not getting yelled at by cars while on bike	Organizations that try to solve the problems in their mission	Celebrating our differences
38	2/21 LP	More green space to play	Knowing your community will take care of you	Providing all citizens with the ability to apply for permits with a	Celebrating our ancestry and heritage, and respecting other's heritage
39	2/21 LP	More art!	The ability to walk around my city, my home, my	Having the ability to have the same quality of life as someone else	Celebrating our different histories and sharing it with each other

40	2/23 LP	Beautification of public spaces	An outdoor space that is screened/fenced/separated from children running through or public stores for older adults who may struggle to walk etc. but if given some space and not feel in the way or spectacle could go and gather there to combat the danger of loneliness from a one adult	Community ID of needs and in a position to do something about it	Everyones culture is importatn
41	2/23 LP	A colorful and tree filled city	Not worrying about getting in a car crash	Breaking up housing monopolies	How we know each other's background and traditions
42	2/23 LP	Healthy individuals able to thrive in	Top prioity	Giving voice to the folks not accustomed to the	International district
43	2/23 LP	Opportunity and connection facilitated across	Mental health response teams instead of armed	Physical and economic access to all aspects and regions of community	Personality and how its expressed
44	2/23 LP	Walkable neighborhoods	Privacy in home and neighborhood	Ownership and access	Free expression of music, poetry, dnace, writing, and history supported by
45	2/23 LP	Safe city that is navigable for 8 to	Not being afraid to walk home at night	Devoting less public space to private	Empowering the others around you
46	2/23 LP	Removing the freeways and parking taking up so much valuable	Less need to resort to crime	Receiving equity unconditionally without having to "pull yoursels" up	Culture is not a black national anthem, where is the white one?
47	2/23 LP	Where Christians can actually exercise their faith	Increasing police funding/first responder funding	Thoughtful design based on community voices	Diverse and welcoming place to all
48	2/23 LP	Fully embraced and engaged multi-	Being able to walk down the street	Helping the homeless	A vibrant walkable downtown
49	2/23 LP	Life happening outside your door - opportunity to	Not using GRPD for so many things not suited for a	Diversity	Less beer
50	2/23 LP	Activated green spaces and parks	Knowing who you call for help in an emergency will trust,	Racial, gendered, and income/net worth based	Access to education, the arts, and enrichment opportunities
51	2/23 LP	All people are important	Fewer cars, fewer guns, more trees, more clean air, more	Equity is able to receive excellent and affordable healthcare	Adaptability
52	2/23 LP	A welcoming and diverse city for all	Affordable efficient housing	Transit used by everyone affordably	

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53	2/23 LP	Neighborhoods with unique character and identity	Not looking over your shoulder when walking alone	Acknowledging "red districts" and turning them into home ownership and increase
54	2/23 LP	Diverse successful businesses	Community led public safety efforts	Freely sharing power and trust among all
55	2/23 LP	Truning required infrastructure into beautiful items	Exciting street life	Going to all lengths possible to include people usually left out,
56	2/23 LP	Safety in our culture and murals!	Less % city \$ to cops	Sustainable and just distribution of resources
57	2/23 LP	Being inclusive of various people from different ethnic groups,	Ensure housing options have citizens best interest - fire code, flood risk,	Access, opportunity, belonging
58	2/23 LP	A community of more than folx from West MI	No state cops in helicopters at night flying over	Recognizing that we are all strangers together and racism is for losers
59	2/23 LP	Public plazas within neighborhoods for people to relax outside and gather	Not being hit by a car when biking	Listening to the oppressed
60	2/23 LP	A city that is for people, not cars. Everyone feels safe to walk or bike in a	Investing in education and reducing poverty makes communities	Everyone having the opportunity to succeed based on their effort and ability
61	2/23 LP	Safe bike infrastructure	Not afraid to leave my hous or walk in the neighborhood	Everyone given the opportunity to thrive - opportunities for people of all incomes, ages, abilities, races, and educational status to
62	2/23 LP		Creating spaces for youth and more to	We're all in it together
63	2/23 LP		Not overpolicing communities of color. We need an	More scholarships
64	2/23 LP		Safety is traffic rules agreed to by all	Diagnose and treat that supremacy mindset in our public workers
65	2/23 LP		Not about policing	School gyms open to community exercise
66	2/23 LP		New recruits from	More sensible transport
67	2/23 LP		Having my kids walk to school without me	Everyone welcome, including all classes
68	2/23 LP		Kids play out front	Equal for all races

69	2/23 LP	Protected bike lanes not just paint on roads	Recognizing we do not start from the same place, acknowledge it and make adjustments
70	2/23 LP	Reducing reliance on vehicles which make neighborhoods more empty, dangerous, and add to traffic	Supporting long term residents, especially those that are aging in accessing resources so they can maintain and
71	2/23 LP	Not defunding the	
72	2/23 LP	Minimize harm and maximize public	
73	2/23 LP	Safety is not allowing guns in schools or	
74	2/23 LP	Full police record history (no cleaning	
75	2/23 LP	Slow roads	
76	Online	lighting for visibility as pedestrians at night, protected bike lanes, helping people without shelter or other basic necessities who cannot afford to do it themselves, programs helping people overcome addictions.	not focusing only on housing for those who have stable lives and incomes/jobs, but providing help to those who do not have those same fortunate standings in their daily life to survive. Of course it is good to focus on growing our economy, but we can't leave those behind who literally don't have any form of Opportunities are created for any person in any circumstance, not
		our various festivals (celebrating art, cultures, music, other interests), our different neighborhoods, our Fulton St. Farmers Market, and our music venues.	our arts community through the entire year (not only ArtPrize), our public library system, our shared public parks, and our museums.
77	Online	Diverse opportunities that bring excitement to	Lots of options to expand a persons lived experience.
78	Online	Walkable life. Not having to worry about your store being robbed or your employees being accosted leaving a shift and walking to their car. It's no longer a need to hire an armed guard to	Access to a multitude of channels weather that be transportation , housing , education , finance across a multitude of demographics, backgrounds and races.
		Clean , colorful, accessible and attractive spaces with complimented greening.	The fabric that is woven together by history and expression of a community.
79	Online	A city that has many events, opportunities and	Walking the streets safely. ALL areas have equal opportunity to housing, shopping, etc. All co-cultures able to share the same vision and respected.

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80	MIB	?	For all ages, in all	For all	Our heritage
81	MIB	Friendly neighbors	People can pay their	Fairness for everyone	Music!
82	MIB	Youth, arts, prosperity	Knowing my neighborhood-assigned police	Open communication both ways	People moving here from other places and bringing new ideas and traditions
83	MIB	Movement ahead	Confidence and	Even playing field	Encompassing
84	MIB	Vitality	Security and comfort	Proportional access based on history and	Individual, family, geographic norms, values,
85	MIB	Positive outlook for	Comfort for all when	Opportunity for	Understanding of others
86	MIB	How living in the ciyt is and how much is going on not just in the downtown area	Being able to go anywhere in the city feeling safe from discrimination or feeling out of place	Equal pay and addressing everyone's needs	The diversity of our residents
87	MIB	Allowing diversity to shine and be established	Providing communication and social equity to the fullest of one's	The value of the whole. Disparity offsets value and detrimentally affects equity	A manifestation of organic function around established infrastructure it is rarely contrived successfully
88	MIB	Opportunity that is equitable for all cultures and communities	Level of comfort outside of your home without police presence	Diverse financial communities, not pockets	Teach culture. GRPS should require GR history and physical visits/immersion into all areas of the city
89	MIB	Neighbors interacting with	Essential for success	Opportunity!!!	Life force!
90	MIB	Active community expressed in evetns, visual representation.	Absence of actual or threat of violence, confidence in walking around the	The access to tools for success regardless of the ward in which you reside	Shared commitment, way of life, and beliefs regarding ones neighborhood
91	MIB	Neighborhoods, community coming together, intertwining cultures	Being safe in your own neighborhood to walk around without having to look over your shoulder. A police HQ or officers that	Every neighborhood with different economic backgrounds have same access to funds, reosurces. Richa reas should not just automatically have the	More than what is shown throughout the city, more than just Beer City USA, we need more promo on the arts
92	MIB	Where folks are thriving, where you can see opportunity happening for all	Feeling protected. A sense of safety and wellbeing	Where there has been adjustments made to get people to an equal playing field	Where there are beliefs, traditions, etc. happening within pockets of people. May be shared beliefs
93	MIB	Bright, clean, places of art and culture at the forefront and	Established trust within a community so that no person	When everyone has what they need to thrive	Shared experience, history, traditions, and rituals
94	MIB	Green space and parks, movement and sound	Clean water, clean and safe homes, city lights everywhere at nights, homeless	Affordable housing, good food access, accessible trasnportation, jobs at thriving wages	Shared experiences "promoted", good food

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95	MIB	Variety of entertainment, energy, stuff to do, diverse groups of people, community	"Feeling" safe. Safety for all - from bias, over-policing. Equal access to mechanisms of	Accessibility, affordability, lack of stigma, acceptance, inclusion	Diversity, arts and entertainment, tight knit community
96	MIB	Colorful, friendly, green/nature, active	Keep your hands to yourself, low if any crime, don't commit	People can become friendly and have fun with each other	Tradition, show respect for all, no racism, be respectful of all
97	MIB	Lively diverse communities that are full with creative areas	The ability for everyone regardless of race, gender, or any other factors to	Wealth	The groups of people you feel most tied to
98	MIB	A diverse, progressive, and fun community that	Feeling secure about your home, life, school, job. Equal	Accumulation of wealth	The environment in which you grow up in, and what you identify with
99	MIB	Plants, green space, gardens. Colorful murals, storefronts, art. People from all different	Not being afraid to walk alone at night. Security that can come ASAP when needed.	Equal opportunities (jobs, education, loans, etc.)	Traditions and lifestyle that originates from one's background and can be shared with others.
100	MIB	Variety of people and cultures, nature, art.	Having little to no stress about your needs being met.	Everyone being at the same level of opportunity and	Self expression, art, food
101	MIB	The appearance of anything new such as buildings and	Having the freedom to do what you want without putting	Having freedom to do what you want without economic wealth	What defines yourself, how you grew up
102	MIB	The appeal of visiting, why is the city cool to visit and unique	Freedom to not have to worry about whether your car will be gone when you wake up, if you can walk to your place of	Equal opportunity for everyone regardless of income, race, or where they live	What defines GR, what we can offer, what we value, and what traditions we continue
103	MIB	Plentiful	Okay	Okay	Amazing
104	MIB	Peace within	equity	having equal opportunity	different perspectives
105	MIB	Peace and equity	equity	Equal opportunity	Perspective and opportunity
106	MIB	Having a variety of activities for different ages and	Being able to go downtown at night and feel safe	Opportunities for all; no prejudice; supporting each other	Participating in religion, foods, clothing...
107	MIB	Unique, independent businesses. A growing, active, moving, changing city. A city that is	Well lit streets and parking. Active, busy, walkable streets feel safe. Clean, well-maintained streets sidewalks and		Community engagement, the arts in all forms, events, concerts, shows
108	MIB	Alive, active, colorful, energetic	Feeling secure that strangers aren't going to harm me.	Fair opportunity for all people that gives some a leg up to give them an	The essence of a community. The interests and personality of its



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109	MIB	Clean, open, friendly, active neighborhoods -	Low crime. Caring and dedicated police force. People able to	I don't know - latest buzz word?	Involving and interacting of many people's traditions
110	MIB	A city without a lot of vacant buildings	Being able to walk down the street without worrying	The ability to buy a property wherever you want to	Having a neighborhood with many different cultures living together
111	MIB	The dynamic interaction of residents with a multitude of easily accessible community resources	Knowing that everyone has what they need for a dignified, quality lifestyle so that no one feels the need to infringe on others.	All residents are respected, valued and treats as equals regardless of race or sexual orientation	the norms that determine standards
112	MIB	When a person, place, or thing is thriving, healthy	When and where you feel secure and free from harm	When people are given the same opportunities in life regardless of	What a city, neighborhood, workplace, or home is like for the people who occupy
113	MIB	Health and happiness	Walking in the city without fear of harm and good lighting at	Everyone can live where they would like to live regardless of ethnic	Being open to all thoughts and ideas
114	MIB	People out and about making use of public and private space -	Freedom to walk/ride/live without fear available to	Making all space and amenities of city truly available to everyone - having a culturally and	Availability of music, art, and education
115	MIB	Thriving in a certain age, career, place, enjoyment with	No crime if possible, no pressure from others, not being	Opportunity for all in accordance to their capability, individual	A combination of language, customs, songs, dances, food, and faith beliefs
116	MIB	People outside, engaging in activities, festivals	Free from fear	Everyone feeling safe and accepted - race, gender, physical ability	Arts - music, performance, visual
117	MIB	Green space, parks. Free public art. People out about about who feel fully free to express	Walking around at night as a woman while carrying a handbag. Everyone feels they are part of	Better libraries, schools, healthcare, public transportation. Historically underserved populations get more of	Art, festivals, music, free/accessible. Celebrating diversity (check out WMU's international fest). Traditions that bring
118	MIB	diverse, artsy, parks, greenspace, festivals, concerts, food trucks,	Important - but people often do not think enough about the root causes of	Acceptance, accessible, inclusion, freedom, growth, success, opportunity	vibrancy - diversity, history, invaluable
119	MIB	When people of all economic backgrounds can	Being able to go anywhere at anytime in the city without	Fairness to all no matter color, religion, or economic status	Diversity!
120	MIB	Enthusiasm of ideas and concepts	the state of being free of injury, damage, and loss of things	A quality of fairness for all	Beliefs passed down from one generation to another. A mix of cultural forms a melting pot - the American

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121	MIB	Lots of opportunity for a good quality of life for all residents that allows us to thrive	Feeling secure in your neighborhood in many aspects.. Good sidewalks, lighting, low crime	In this sense, I think vibrancy and equity are similar... better opportunities for better outcomes... I would add a better distribution of	A space that acknowledges and celebrates the diversity of this neighborhood's people
122	MIB	Active pedestrian street life with places open for	Walking out to my car at 12am by myself as a woman	A welcome seat at the table with purpose	The design, feel, smell, thoughts, taste, and livelihood of an area
123	MIB	Happiness and taking pride in our city	Feeling comfortable exploring my city day or night with or	Everyone having equal opportunity	Celebrated! Becoming non-discriminatory
124	MIB		Where everyone feels safe regardless of race, etc, and where the police and	Diversity in all backgrounds of people, environmental justice	Where there are opportunities for music, museums, art and similar experiences
125	MIB	A healthy and engaged community that lives, works, plays,	Living without fear	Equally available outcomes given necessary assistance in overcoming unequal	Shared values of hard work, family, faith, and self discipline
126	MIB	Life that is stimulating, filled with variety (people thrive)	To live and move about without fear of being threatened, injured, or robbed	Equal access to services and life improvement for all who are willing to pursue	The shared "norm" of a given society - based upon historical moves and new (learned) experiences
127	MIB	Daily activities in the community. People out walking,	Safety in GR is going down - more crime, especially over the	Equal opportunities rather than equal outcomes need to be the	GR's culture has turned more interested in equal outcomes
128	MIB	Growth, lots of opportunities and things to do, many local	Essential need/right that people should be able to count on	Fairness and opportunity to succeed for all. Understanding.	What makes life richer
129	MIB	Diverse age groups	A strong visible compassionate law enforcement		An active, curious, diverse groups of people interested in all kinds of experiences
130	MIB	good business environment, activities	Feeling of being able to live and have activities without	equal opportunities	art, diversity, tradition
131	MIB	A wide variety of business types with a high density of independently		A level playing field for all that wish to participate, regardless of race, religion, sex, or	Always evolving
132	MIB	Areas that are safer with proper shopping areas and	Being safe in all areas and communities in GR	Opportunities for all races, colors, and creeds	Shared vision for development

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133	MIB	Being known for something that you do better than other places or only	When people are safe and feel dafe with the people and environment around	When you give up something for a person who deosn't hav it	The diversity that people have between them and things that they have been doing for centuries
134	MIB	Landscaping, parks, beautification without gentrification	Help to get people off the street, safety ≠ more cops, people that help and protect everyone not just the	Equal opportunity to housing, equal protection and care	Respect and celebration of peoples culture, festivals, education of people culture, businesses of different cultures for people of
135	MIB	What something is known or famous for	Feeling protected at home, school, etc.	Giving what you see you don't need to people you see that need it	Language, traditional dances, clothing
136	MIB	Emphasizing our culture or art throughout	Feeling protected at all times	Promoting each others needs	The way of life of a community and using vibrancy to ensure everyone
137	MIB	Parks and the Grand River	Seeing people who you know can help	Giving and sharing to those in need	Many different nationalities and languages
138	MIB	The way you feel and react to the way a setting or atmosphere looks/makes you	Being able to go anywhere with anyone and not think your life could be in danger	Having access to the same thing as everyone, so fi someone needs a lttle more help they get it, and those who have	Customs and traditions that could be passed on through generations and are embraced indifferent communities
139	MIB	Clean and energy	Not being scared of the police	Rich pay more and the city employees intentionally go to understand communities and provide them with	Language - signs are available in multiple languages. Color and music
140	MIB	Attractions and beauty within a place, something	Protection, no crime, regulation	Affordable homes, more job opportunities, inclusion	Art, activities, diversity
141	MIB	Welcoming places, not dirty, cool colors	Lower crime rates, homeless shelters and affordable	Affordable homes, bilingual schools, job opportunities for all,	Diverse restaurants, things in multiple languages, cultural festivals
142	MIB	Colors, plants, no trash	Neighborhood watch, more regulations, quicker	Everyone being able to have more freedom and equal opportunities	Colors, language, patterns, music, art, neighborhood parties
143	Online			The desire for an equal outcome by means of inequality or more specifically in a cities' case unequal distribution of resources to areas or people that subjectively "need" it the most based	Flavor, vibe and unique traits
		well planned, low people, businesses, density, lights, ect.	crime, access to public safety		

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144	Online	Seeing people actively use commercial areas. Neighbors knowing	Up to people but supported by policy. Both physical and program policy.	Providing additional support to those held back by generations of structural racism.	Recognizing and encouraging local art and culture.
145	Online	Seeing a variety of people who express	Holding law-enforcement	Everyone participating according to their	What emerges when the other three are healthy
146	Online	visually beautiful spaces that make people excited to see everyday or on occasion. Brings a sense of excitement and wonder	Feeling safe getting around to places, in your home, and safe from environmental issues. Feeling safe as a community that they are prepared for disaster. Feeling safe that justice will be	Making the community feel everyone is included. Making up for the people of color who have sacrificed to live in our community. Giving people who have been disadvantaged a leg up, even greater than those	the unique way that others learn and interact from one another
147	Online	community events and small business culture.	a better trust and understanding between the police and the citizens in	housing that is not only affordable, but in control of those that live in the residence.	recognition of the melting pot that is Grand Rapids and proudly embracing each group.
148	Online	having everyone know they have equal opportunities for a fulfilling life full of positive experiences and connections.	knowing that no matter what time or place you may be in or at in the City of Grand Rapids your overall physical, spiritual, and mental well-being is safe and secure from harm.	not equality. It is ensuring that no matter what circumstances one has that everyone has the same opportunities. (Equality would be everyone regardless of their height gets the same size apple box to stand on to see over a fence. Equity is when	in Grand Rapids a combination of multiple cultures from around the world but what defines Grand Rapids' culture is one of acceptance, community, loyalty, and common set of values that makes the Midwest "America's Heartland."
149	Online	green	paramount	high quality	under funded
150	Online		Not allowing riots in downtown GR. Stronger police presence in downtown GR so that people don't have to worry about assaults.	Getting rid of specious ideas of everyone being a victim. We're letting the past control the future. "Affirmative action" is tool for divisiveness, not for equity. Create a better education system by giving all children money to use to go to the school of their choice.	
	MIB		When we have confidence that we	When all of our citizens are truly treated equally	How was our city built and what culture evolved from it

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MIB	Thriving and creative environments	Feeling comfortable to move throughout the city without	Everyone gets what they need	Activities and environments tied to/created by the authentic creativity of local
MIB	Well established parks, playgrounds constructed with all equipment	Children being able to walk home from school with no worries		
MIB	Energy, full of life	Free from harm, a sense of safety	Equal opportunity for everyone, free from	Diversity, understanding and appreciation of other
MIB	Our city's art scene, activities that include families, music in all forms, celebration of	Ambiguous at best. Grand Rapids is safe in bubbles, but it is not a safe city for people of color or		Rich in Grand Rapids, but needs to be understood, celebrated in deeper ways
MIB	Being able to shine as you are	Not being worried about your surroundings. Knowing you are ok		Being ok being yourself, being who you are without scrutiny. Sharing our differences.
MIB	Clean, creative, busy, all arts represented	Less churches. Being able to walk at night and feel safe. Access	Everyone is welcome, represented, and included	Friendly, inclusive - how a stranger visiting the city is going to talk about it when
MIB	Multiple things to enjoy	Priority	Responsibility, having invested stake in	Consistency of being and enjoying what you do
MIB	Fun, excitement, entertainment,	Feeling secure, ability to live your life not in	Equal opportunities for basic needs and	The people, the events, the attitudes, the community.
MIB	The community of GR, where we have a diverse area of residents that bring	Being a community of individuals and families that monitors	Giving the opportunity to be equal: equal housing, equal school systems, equal	Creating a new lifestyle with the community around you
MIB	Brightness, how it looks, fun	A place where you feel comfortable and safe	Assets and money you accumulate	Your color and your ethnicity. How you were brought up in your family
MIB	A thriving community where you love to live	Place where you don't need to think wither what time or what route you are	Attainable and affordable housing and economic possibilities for everyone	Enough diversity and freedom to be yourself without feeling ostracized
MIB	An inclusive environment that allows all to	Maintaining a balance between justice and equity	Allow all to have access to the opportunities and resources in an equal	Whatever you feel
MIB	Life, activities, outdoor play, engagement with other, laughter,	No need to feel like patrolling is necessary, freedom to walk without	Fairness and inclusive opportunities for all. Availability of resources in every area despite	Humans from all over engaging in daily life activities
MIB	Bright, beautiful, and full of wonder	Physical/emotional, state of being	The absence of barriers to basic human needs	The expression of safety, equity, and vibrancy by a

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MIB	The freedom to live and love who we choose. Unfortunately in our area this is not	Not to be harrassed by police, not to be questioned about me location or what I'm doing. Safety is a	Access to healthcare, accwss to opportunities that fit my skill level for my career, the opportunity for	Identification that we are all different and exploring each others traditions, food, etc.
MIB	Being or feeling at peace	Whe you are comfortable to walk	Taking a thought and making it a dream	The differences in our individual thinking
MIB	Bustling. People meeting new people. Dynamism. Sharing space,	Investing in people of color. Keeping them safe. Protecting the environment.	Excellent schools. Affordable housing. Green transport. River renewable for all	Too separated. Bring cultures together, difference is everything.
MIB	Easttown	Homeless people having better access to housing/food.	Low income housing	Different cultural stores. Parks devoted to different cultures.
MIB	Cool places to eat, shop, and hang out in. Activities that make the city	Feeling safe and comfortable no matter where you go. No "good	Everyone having a fair chance. Easy access to loans for low income residents. No redlining.	Fun things to do - integrated of people and arts and culture. A thriving art community.
MIB	Opportunity, accessibility, opions and an environment that is	Moving in and around the city without fear from crime or radical road	Opportunity for all regardless of any personal background qualities	Organic and open with the community free to express itself in ways they choose to do.
MIB	ArtPrize, farmers markets, gardens, concerts, local music and music	Work on car break ins, more poice in high crime areas. Parking ticket	I don't do equity.	Respect for all religions cultures
MIB	Activity after dark and on weekends. Residents volunteering to	Hands free cellphone use while driving. Police call boxes at crime prime areas.	Low cost rent for services in target neighborhoods (i.e. grocery stores in poor	Supporting arts with city funds and inexpensive permits for events
MIB	Many green spaces, more grocery sotres downtown, co-op housing, co-	Living without guns, no open carry, strict firework laws, compassionate law		Ethnic diversity, grand rapids already has a good reputation for are, music, and other cultural
MIB	Diversity of people and oppotunities focus on the street	Perception, relative, good design - CPTED	Access to housing, tansit, recreation, employment, retail	Representation and celebration, inclusion, history meeting th present
MIB	Enjoying walkable, diverse neighborhoods	A desire to feel comfortable walking from a neighborhood	Housing oppotunities available to more residents	A center of the arts in every season
MIB	People wanting to move here because we are the premier	Walking downtown from Heritage Hill without being	Families can afford housing on average incomes	Diverse population and oppotunities to experience others' culture

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MIB	A diverse city with well supported arts options, diverse housing options, multiple groceries and marketplaces, convenient reliable	A neighborhood with front yards and porches where neighbors interact and look out for one another and a city whose environment	When everyone can partake in city life because they are provided the tools to do so	How people accept one another
MIB	Something to do for everyone	Feeling safe	Something to do for everyone. Housed by choice.	Variety of opportunities for recreation, entertainment, socializing, learning
MIB	Our city	No fear of being anywhere in my	Fairness in job opps, housing, and financial	An open feeling to all lifestyles
MIB	When you can have fun around town at restaurants and	Being able to walk around and feel safe - not worrying about	A community that sustains by attracting businesses and locals to	All inclusiveness and celebration for all people and ethnicities, especially
MIB	A well functioning city that fully addresses the	Reducing poverty which is the number one indicator of	Stable, affordable housing that coexists with a strong small	Celebrating the melting pot that is Grand Rapids
MIB	Our community walking, biking and local businesses thriving. Also lots of	Feeling comfortable walking alone in my community at all hours of the day	Inclusion of all people regardless of skin color, religion, sexual orientation, etc.	A focus on art and design throughout our city
MIB	Knowing and having friendly conversations with	Pedestian crosswalks and pahtways plainly marked for motorists	A more diverse (culturally and racially) neighborhood	The common love for a neighborhood
MIB	Publice, low traffic space people can be. Mixed use, walkable neighborhoods. Public green space.	Reducing cars on the road, increasing mobility options beyond cars. Flood, and extreme heat/cold	Mobility options beyond cars. Investment in 49507. Affordable, dense, green housing. People being able to afford energy because it	Mobility options beyond ears. Public spaces people can be - within a short trip form their homes.
MIB	The energy of the city on all levels - parks, bars,	Being able to walk without fear	Opportunities for all	A variety - not just museums or plays - of things residents like to do.
MIB	People out enjoying GR at all times of	Getting home safe	Equal opportunity for all	Respect
MIB	Neighborhoods that work nd party together	Knowing your police officer by name. Knowing the trains that pass through are	Being able to buy a house to call home	Being able to walk downtown to catch a play or concert
MIB	People of different ages and socioeconomic levels enjoying the	Being able to enjoy the city, walk to places, let kids play outside without fear	I think this definition could be the same as vibrancy. Also ability for residents in all	Many opportunities for different types of communtities to enjoy together and share with

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MIB	A cultural diverse population. A community invested in making the community	Increase legislation on gun control. Helping the homeless downtown. Increase mental health and	Helping under priveleged with food security. Alternative gender acceptance	Art, music, science
MIB	A place where things are "happening".	No random acts of violence (assault, robberies,	No discrimination. Inclusion of as many populations/groups as	People feeling able, willing, and safe to express their unique views, rituals, arts,
MIB	Innovation, art, creativity, startups	No fear, no guns	Respect, value	Connection, help others, living and working
MIB	Active lifestyle with diverse offerings to support it. Arts, business, places of congregation,	Having the peace of mind that your kids can go around the area without worries	How we provide access to the basic needs for all segments of our community. Making our community thrivable for	How we all behave with kindness, warmth, and care for each other
MIB	Lots of different activities. Happiness	Being able to park near where I want to go or being able to park off site and be	Outdoor spaces to gather	Inclusiveness
MIB	Hustle and bustle, busy city. Stores are open late. City that never sleeps	Being able to hang out downtown and walk around after midnight downtown	Providing everyone equal opportunity for employment, housing, healthcare, regardless of	A city that is diverse in terms of race, religion, and restaurants
MIB	Regular activities, preferable free or very affordable	Being comfortable walking alone anywhere in the city	Including wach and everyone barring differences in race, education, money,	Learning about the place we live in - the environment and its people
MIB	Energy derived from the city	A state of being secure and unafraid	A state of equality among stakeholders	Values and traditions of people
MIB	Places to meet and be together with your friends and	Neighborhood watch and to look after each other	Economic development - good paying job for all people living in the city	Diveristy - melting pot of all diverse culture



Online		Very important as it ensures that my children , my family does not have to fear walking to stores, school . It's important for patrolling neighborhood s to keep crime down; in the last 7 years living here we have had are car broken into 2 yrs ago; the neighbors had there license plate stolen		
Online		Allows children to move around the community safely.		
	People growing and thriving.	Women and older people feel comfortable moving around and traveling in the community all times of day in all weather conditions.		Allowing all people to grow and thrive and be uniquely them.
	Possible in GR with the right mix of support, tolerance, and acceptance.	Food is available for residents.		Recognizing and honoring and providing space for people to commune.
Online	Something GR is striving for.	Redundancy in the Safety is being in the places where people want to be. Nobody likes walking down an empty street.	Allowing people who live in the city other ways to get around. Equity is putting your own tax-paying citizens needs ahead of the commuters.	Culture is a vibrant night life and more inclusion of diversity, not just of skin color but of wealth and disabilities too.
	No empty lots, more night life, and pleasant places to be in.	Safety is also less dangerous cars clogging up the a strong community facilitated by places		anything but more beer please lord
Online	A safe place with opportunities to come together with diverse groups of	when EVERYONE feels safe enough to walk in their own neighborhood	when everyone is given the resources they need, depending on their individual circumstances,	the values that are embodied in the policy-making, budget-spending, community-messaging of a

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Online		Not getting hit by a car in the painted bike gutter or half-assed bike lane/Sharon. Being seen at the intersection where I need to cross the road. Everything 28th	A city they works for all of it citizen, including those who are disadvantaged and impoverished. Access to cultural activity, shops, and schools in a 15 minute walk. Equal treatment in	
	Strong walkable communities and neighborhoods			
Online		Safety is a feeling that I can trust my neighbors. Confidence that our schools are safe. It's knowing the street lights will make it easier to deter crime.		
	A collective harmony, respect, investment, in our potential to thrive as individuals, families, neighborhoods and a diverse creative proactive city. The City That Cares.	That if needed the police, fire and other emergency services will arrive in time and be prepared to de-escalate, control and protect as needed for the situation whatever	Is critical to a vibrant healthy community. Human rights to live in peace, in their own culture, without fear of oppression, suppression, intimidation and judgement.	Culture is honoring ethnic traditions and values. Celebrating diversity while recognizing we are all the same in origins, basic needs and potential.
Online			Fair access to city amenities, parks, transportation. It is not requiring citizens to have cars to accomplish basic tasks around town, which exclude those	
	people out on the streets, for most of the day, all days of the week	Eyes on the street		including many voices, creating art in all its forms.
Online	Being in close proximity to local businesses, restaurants and entertainment options all year long.	Finding creative ways to make sure every community member is safe when they are traveling around business districts in the city, including the	Intentionally listening to people of all backgrounds, income levels and abilities and making sure everyone can access downtown and the city's major	Investing in local talent and artists for events and other projects within the city's control wherever possible.
Online	busy and able to support the businesses and	efficient security for all	all citizens having the same treatment	our past history that connects a group of people

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Online	A welcome city. A lot of cultural activities. A lot of local business. Spaces for local artists . Creativity , healthy food: urban	Where a can go around and feel safe. Where there no shooting, reduce weapons. Policy is community police. More funding for the	Access to living wages jobs, access to health, access to affordable housing, access to good quality public education, access to efficient public transportation. Investing	Belief, values, morals, language, food, art, music ...
Online	Diversity and culture. Interesting things to do within your city but	Being able to not worry about health and comfort when you are at home or in	Equal opportunity combined with listening and recognition of systemic inequalities	A shared value system that is unique
Online	Nice amenities and services intended for residents who pay higher in property tax and have the leisure time to enjoy them.	The feeling and trust that if something ever goes wrong, I can depend on my family, friends, neighbors, and City/State government to support me.	Everyone getting what they need with an understanding of historical/political traumas.	A way that people gather and hold each other in the past, present, future. A people that sees each other and celebrates together in song, dance, poetry, food, etc.
Online	more lights, better signage, more density, better	lights, better trained police	not important, EQUALITY is	a sense of place, identity, flavor, vibe, uniqueness
Online	i have no idea	feeling safe in the area that you are	treating everyone the same	the back ground of people
Online	The welfare of all the citizens/people	lowering accidents and crimes with	Being fair to all no matter differences.	respecting others history and where they came from
Online	Vibrancy is to make a space look more lively and not dead/boring.	Safety is the number one rule, as it's important people don't get hurt.	Equity is being fair to all people and not favoring certain people.	what people will remember after they visit or before they visit, it defines the history of the city or area.
Online	how eye catching that something is to catch ones attention. We want to make our city very vibrant but also good looking	the prevention of harm to others or property. When working on this project and when it is finished safety is still the number one priority	I don't know what this is.... I'm sorry	this is the ideas and holidays and religions you have been surrounded by for the majority of your life. We also want to make sure Grand Rapids is a melting/salad bowl of culture to make unique and
Online	The life and energy of a place. Grand Rapids is an extremely vibrant place. There is always so much going on for everyone.	The protection of people in a community. Grand Rapids can be a fairly dangerous place but we are taking steps to become safer.	The idea of fairness within a community. Grand Rapids, same with any other community, struggles in some areas of fairness. We all must strive to bring about more fairness where we	The history or overall life of a place. Grand Rapids is so full of culture, from our history of furniture production to the old buildings we have here.

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Online	Having life and a good spirit.	Being comfortable and ok.	Fairness. No favoritism	Many different aspects and walks of life.
Online	Alive, moving, growing, changing	Lack of crime & access to help	Opportunities given to all people	Personal and community historical & current
Online	the difference between a good and sunny day and a depressing lively sidewalks, flourishing small businesses, well-kept parks and other public spaces, people being comfortable out and mixing with each other regularly during the day and evenings,	not having to worry too much about thefts/muggings either of my home or person. Safety writ larger is not having to worry for others' well-being if they are a person of color and are being stopped by the police.	making the city serve and be home for all of us. Meeting the needs of the poorer/more marginalized members as well as of the big businesses and well-off professionals.	things that are good for the mind and soul, which engage us to think and feel outside of our efficient and productive lives, often beautiful, true, or good.
Online	Busy sidewalks, parks and playgrounds with frequent visitors,			
Online	People out on the street smiling at their neighbors as they pass. Ways to gather that are fun and safe and cross boundaries that have traditionally divided us such as perceived race or class or even	Being able to drive around town lawfully and not be stopped for trivial reasons as has happened to our Black citizens for far too long.	Having a home that is warm and dry, clean and well furnished and a kitchen with plenty of food. Equity means having the support you need to succeed and reach your full potential regardless of your starting point in life.	The ways we express our creativity as a member of a community. It binds us to tradition, beauty, and innovation. Understanding other cultures helps us be better humans who can accept differences because we understand where those differences came from and why they are valuable to

Online		No guns! Gun regulation is a must. What about all of our rights to feel safe where we live? Guns do not make me feel safe. Don't guns on the street make it harder for the police? I also deeply appreciate all and continued efforts to train Police in de-escalation and less force as well as having mental health coaches who are trained to de-escalate situations in an emergency		Fortunately Grand Rapids has grown culturally in terms of the arts. That's one way of defining "culture" Another definition is Diversity -- ethnic, religious, gender... and although creating healthy Diversity in a city is complex it is necessary for creating vibrancy, safety, and equity.
	Green spaces, trees, a thorough, affordable transit system.		It will take years yet to undue the devastating results of Red-lining in this city. But equity means being intentional about transforming the unethical results. Not easy but it has to be a priority. Race, ethnicity but also gender, age and abilities, too.	
Online			Effective communication and interaction within	
MIB	Neighborhoods outside of	Safe from violence and Clean up driving while black!	Not in Grand Rapids	Not just beer and visual arts Black and brown community
MIB	Something to	Somewhat lacking	Inclusion of all people	A multi-ethnnc community
MIB	Music, growth, community, art, love	Less cops, more community based services, harm reduction funding for	A sense of belonging for all (non-existent in GR)	People free to be
MIB	The quality of life people of all races, genders/backgroun ds can each	Multi faceted. Law enforcement can be police or it can be social service	The process of ensuring each individual is afforded the saem rights, even if it looks a	The ways in which the individuals in Grand Rapids can share their beliefs, ideals, foods, and more
MIB	Clean walkable spaces	Safe neighborhoods protection for families. Highly paid	Investing in minority/diverse business ownership.	Developing new infrastructures
MIB	People gathering in places, being social	Not worrying about your person no	Equal opportunity for everyone	Diversity combining in one place
MIB	A thriving community in all aspects that relate to a healthy, active	Being able to walk alone at night with little to no worries of being harmed	Having the equal opportunity to plant yourself in the community to buy	Embedded in the community. Creating traditions to get people involved and having things

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MIB	Lively, seeing change	Ability to walk out of my door and not worry about being harassed, arrested,	Playing field equal for all that want to participate	Mix of different races, nationalities, sexual orientations, etc.
MIB	An environment that's diverse (ethnic, income, class, business, residence) which is an exciting place to live full of activities and opportunities for its residents	Neighbors caring for one another. Competent police officers that show respect to all residents. Our children are protected and safe	Rebalancing policies and economic strategies to give all the opportunities to pursue a high quality of life. Making the city a resilient place to live for all.	GRPM and all important cultural centers in the city. Strong cultural activities in the neighborhoods.
MIB		Knowing that my neighbors and fellow city residents have a living wage and adequate housing		
MIB	Use of public green/social spaces and connectivity via mobility between them	Planning out better relations with the community in hands on proactive relations via social	Balancing development with specific neighborhood members to avoid gentrification. Accessibility to mobility	Neighborhoods organizing to communicate and share ideas for different events and relations creating better understanding among
MIB	Green space, gardens, clean river. Many cultural events - food, music, experiences.	Well lit walking paths, walking alone comfortably, enforced driving rules, crosswalks	People from various backgrounds being able to afford housing across the city and feeling welcomed in those neighborhoods. Healthy, affordable, and attainable food for all. Safe, wide spread, and	Music, food, storytelling, art, connection to nature
MIB	Decorative public flowers downtown and surrounding area. Displaying community artwork	Walking downtown alone. Not keeping my drink close out of fear. Comfortable taking public transit	Affordable housing for every demographic. School of choice/equal education	Artprize honoring small business and individuals, clean downtown
MIB	New and exciting festivals,	Street lights, sidewalks, pahtways,	Inclusive programs	The fod, traditions, etc. of all being represented
MIB	Fun art and lights to celebrate holidays	Lit sidewalks on all streets, police	Access to healthy food, healthcare, education	Celebrating each others cultures with festivals and
MIB	A community that gets involved with events and	Feeling comfortable walking alone	All residents having equal access to resources and	Having businesses and events that reflect the community and the people
MIB	Art, landscaping, lights, gatherings	Feeling ok to be somewhere alone	Education, food security, transportation	People and businesses of all race, class, and traditions

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MIB	Activities, liveliness and people coming together	Feeling safe and comfortable walking and being in the city	Transportation, education, access to healthy food	Inclusivity, representation and welcoming of all people throughout city streets and businesses
MIB	Wide range of events, art, and culture	Positive relationships with law enforcement and	Access to housing, healthcare, and education for everyone	Compassionate, diverse, and open minded community members
MIB	Welcoming of new ideas and	Feeling comfortable walking alone at	Programs, grants, accessibility	Tolerant, curious, open to ideas beyond the dominant
MIB	Only in some areas - blocks are different. More money goes into	GR is not safe and no other city is really safe	Too much	There are many cultures in GR - in different areas.
MIB	Getting to know your neighbors, building and creating growth within your community helping one another like planting a beautiful	When I walk in my community I don't want to be scared to say hello to someone who looks different. Because fear can control your life. Get to know the people	We must learn to treat each other with dignity and respect and not look at the color of our skin if you see someone that needs help, stop and ask if they are ok and support your	Diversity and differences in all human being coming to the table with a different view point on issues. Culture influence who you are and it's a part of vibrancy, equity, and safety and it is a bridge to our future
MIB	Examples are Wealthy St, downtown, not so	Grand Rapids is not that safe anymore. Just like other cities	There is not enough equity and inclusion in Grand Rapids	Different in areas/wards. Some cultures are not accepted
MIB	Overall ok	I don't feel safe in my neighborhood	Its not far in Grand Rapids because the housing is ridiculous and people are being priced	There is just not enough fun and frivolity in culture today
MIB	Some business districts are vibrant, but mostly downtown and only	Is high on my radar - a lot of shooting everywhere	Some people are left out of this equation. Inclusion is not always there	We are rich in culture, but we are not reaching out to everyone. It could be because of language barriers
MIB	Making bright	Feeling good not trouble environment. Have fun, laughter, friendly smile getting	Fairness, money, impartiality	Everyone's history and background. What people like in food, religion, education, etc.
MIB	Thriving education and youth centers	Neighborhood inclusion and	Community investment and participation	Art, history, and progresion combined
MIB	A balance of many factors that creates a thriving community (youth	Being comfortable and secure within oneself and their community	Power in numbers, both monetary and people	One's identity, what we resonate with. A combination of historical and future experience that
MIB	People outdoors,	Doctors offices,	School	Respect
MIB	Wherever I go <3	most important	Almost nonexistant	alive
MIB	Green space, bright colors, flowers	Gyms, health, wellness	Education, purpose, legacy	Coveted, preserved, encouraged
MIB	Glowing, bright,	Control	Value of life	Everything

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MIB	Funny and peaceful	Someway you can walk to work with no	When someone is the same as each other	Is what your family do in their family history
MIB	The state or city is full of energy and	Keeping the community safe from		Skin color/race
MIB	Food, weather	Safe but not safe	Its in between	We don't have no culture for black any other races except for white people
MIB	something great/fun/colorful	Protecting yourself, the city is not safe. I don't feel safe with the police, simple fact officers go	Everyone having the same rights	Segregated
MIB	Our city, food places, everything in the summer,	I don't feel safe, police aren't even protecting or doing	No equity you have to know all the above people to even be a	Very segregated
MIB	Different summer time festivals	Not here. Underserved neighborhoods are overpoliced and victims are turned	Is extremely unbalanced here	Is being presented as one sided in this town. Huge cultural divides whrn It comes to housing, business, and public events
MIB	The thing that makes us attractive to outsiders and residents. The pulse	I do not feel safe. We are a city where a white officer shot and killed an	No equity. It's who you know that determines what you can do. 3rd ward underfunded.	Mixed culture. Some areas are still segregated but progress is being made by the diverse activities the city
MIB	Food places, weather, clubs	I do not feel safe we are a city with hate and police kill black		There is no culture
MIB		Don't feel safe, police are not for us.		
MIB	Glowing	Police not killing us because of our skin	Everyone treated the same	
MIB	Multi purpose communities, lively with input from multiple generations	Asking for help when I need it and realizing that I am advocated for when I do without an underlying agenda	Even opportunity for all races to contribute, all life seasons to receive, no one to live short of their dreams or abilities and everyone to realize	Me and my ways, no matter wha I look like.
MIB	Improvement always, wide	Built trust, ability to depend on, change	Structure that works for everyone, listen and	Individual differences - celebrated and appreciated
MIB	Being able to enjoy activities share in joy without worries	Connection, security, trust	Understanding and effort to change, to make it better	Joined appreciation for differences and shared value in each other
MIB	glistening, shining, radiant,	Being able to not worry about the	Equal opportunity, a level playing field	A collection of systems within a race. A way of living
MIB	Lively, colorful	Protected	Having built up money or	A set of customs or practices



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MIB	Standing out, attractive	Having a police force that treats everyone the same and serves the dame and serves	All people afforded the same opportunities, education, and economic	A way in which certain races live
MIB		Feeling of comfort	Money, assets	Preset ways to live or act
MIB	Brightness, how it looks, fun	Comfortable, no worry of dange	Worth	Representative of a group's practices or beliefs
MIB	Neighbors know each other and visit. The parks are well used and well maintained. Businesses are	Being able to walk the neighborhood at any time of day. Neighbors are trustworthy.	Multi-income neighborhood, some rentals can be leased to own	All are welcome, regardless of age, income, race, home of origin. Celebrate differences, share cultures.
MIB	Is like on the west side where neighbors meet	Having people from the neighborhoods be on the police and	That all people are treated the same and all people given the same	Everyone is important and should be respected
MIB	Maintaining or better yet improving your environment all the while creating opportunities for the people that your plans are going to affect	Being able to feel secure in not only your neighborhood, but also your homes including and not limited to financesm health, and welfare. Safety not only from undesirable	The opportunity for all people in the community to have an equal chance to be part of a financial, business, schools, residential or things for individuals to enjoy	The ability to celebrate, to honor our history without compromise. Should not have to go along to get along.
MIB	Economic equity	Financial security	Economic prosperity for all	Belief system shared by a group of people
MIB	The locals of the	Crime free		A variety of different races
MIB	Bright, attractive, appealing, well maintained	Family, community, interconnection	Equal opportunity and equal outcome. Helping those who have not prepare to have, and equipping, resourcing, training, incentivizing,	Art, music, poetry, theater, spoken word, chess, language
MIB	Able to produce energy to attract	Allowing no man to be harmed by	The opportunity to profit through investment	Diverse inclusive of peoples way of life presented to be part of but not change
MIB	Positive vibes, pleasant imagery, wholesome communities	Having access to the means to live a quality life. No overpolicing. Investing in	Prioritizing the underserved to have a legitimate piece of the pie	Community norms, food, family, community
MIB	All are welcome and everyone	Looking out for each other	Giving more to those with less	The customs and habits of a group
MIB	An excited and energetic community willing to make sacrifices	The protection of all communities in GR no matter the neighborhood	Fairness and equal opportunity to everyone in the community	Shared interests, values, and customs as a community that brings us together

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MIB	Energetic community, full of life, and	Feeling protected in the community and not in danger or at	Fairness and equal opportunity to all in the GR community	Our shared interests, values, customs, and traditions
MIB	Events and social interactions to share the arts, culture. A city that is people-driven, rather than commercially driven. Attractive	Citizens look after one another. A police culture that is service-oriented and well-trained people with skills like psychology, social services, and knowledge of the	Equal opportunity to access services, recreation, education, social spaces, everyone can have a stake in the city, feel that they matter	Access to fine arts, folk arts and popular arts for everyone. Acceptance and interest in exploring different expressions in arts
MIB	Diverse social events happening regularly in each	Ability to go about your daily tasks without reasonable	All city residents having equal opportunities to access those things that	Connection to place and the human and non-human beings we share it with
MIB	People want to be here and encourage other people to come here	Being able to enjoy where you live without fear for self, others, property	Everyone having a seat at the table and have access to resources that fit their needs and	Welcoming all religious, or non-religious beliefs. Not censoring public art or museum/libraries, etc.
MIB	Embracing what makes us unique. We strive for beauty and adding	Not where it needs to be. Major improvements toward policing,	Everyone. Thinking about how our lives impact others is important. Desire	Curated. Culture is created by the people with how they interact with their day to day
MIB	Dense communities with easy access to services, dining, shopping, arts, community spaces	Community policing, accountability in law enforcement	Investing in underserved areas to improve access to services, healthy food, outdoor spaces, economic opportunity. Equal access for all.	Shared traditions between neighbors. Open minds to people of all types, and celebrating all types
MIB	Attractive green spaces, outdoor/community art, social service	Walkability/biking, police trust, neighbors knowing neighbors	Housing and transportation that all can afford. Home ownership equity, fair employment	Arts (fine arts, folk arts, ethnic arts) all celebrated. Common points of community pride - again that are diverse and
MIB	Activity, human based, strong economy, quality of	Increased trust in others, trust in police, a basic	Fariness, love for others	Ones sense of belonging to a community
MIB	Inclusion of various backgrounds, cultures, etc. within a community with each group feeling valued in the space	Walkability - at all times of day and night. Having wider, separated bike lanes and being able to traverse freely	Each person having the tools necessary to achieve the same end goal. Access to the same opportunities	In relation to a city, a culture is how they are defined in relation to the people who reside there. Is there a culture of inclusion that values the backgrounds of
MIB	People walking to local businesses, chatting with neighbors and	Trusting that your neighbors are looking out for you and that the police will	Quality of life at an affordable price for all citizens	Local flavor, creative enterprises, people centered spaces that feed your sense of belonging and

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MIB	Art - color and murals. Smiles - people out laughing and enjoying	Knowing your neighbors, people outside, walking around	Everyone having the same opportunities. Being respected as a person no matter where	Our communities shared values expressed by what we prioritize
MIB	Walkable spaces, nature at the forefront, sustainability	Being able to trust our public servants to prioritize citizens over money. The police protecting and serving all instead of	Opportunities for all citizens, not just those from priveleged socio-economic backgrounds	Investment in the arts, education, and service industries. Diversity in persepectives and types of people
MIB	Diverse events, strong arts scene,	Collaborative policing	Diversity and inclusion	Strong local customs and events
MIB	Everyone working together in community relationship building	Accessible spaces, inclusive space, consistent	Everyone has access to quality services (tranportation, grocery, arts, mental health care) and a similar experience	When people are able to shar customs, stories, etc. if people who are different than them.
MIB	Green space, maintained sidewalks and landscape, art and color depicting different culture, identities, and beliefs	Reduced minor infractions targeting people of color. Re-shaping/changing the status quo of policing. Funding policing alternatives, amending the city	Identifying and incorporating past inequities into policy and changes that impact the future. Takes power into consideration. Values existing GR residents over the potential and	All the things that make up a person, the spaces we frequent, the people we surround ourselves with, the things we are able to do/afford and the things we want/don't want to do/afford. The things that
MIB	Enriching activities for people to do. Community direct interaction.	No drug dealing on the streets. Protecting pedestrian movement. A	Making a city that lifts all regardless of circumstances	Beautiful thoughtful sounhds, visuals, environment, thoughts
MIB	People feeling welcome to occupy	Trust in the people and places around	Having access to the things you need to be	Values actualized in tangible representations
MIB	Creating a place for everybody	Feeling comfortable where you want to be	Making everything available to everyone who wants to participate	
MIB	Creating a space for people to be active	The creation of he feeling of being safe by having adequate lighting, clean and clear sidewalks year round, thinking	Creat an equal value of everyone and everything	Creating a way of life for everyone to achieve goals and dreams, both personal and business
MIB	A beautiful clean city with lots of things for families and children to do	Not having to worry about having to watch your back. No guns, no	Everyone gets the same treatment regardless for healthcare, education, jobs, housing	?
MIB	People of all different walks of like utilizing public	Food security, housing, and the ability to move	Equal access to anything that maintains or improves quality of life	

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MIB	Colorful, energetic, welcoming	Being able to walk outside without	Equal access to resources despite any	Inclusivity
MIB	When every area has great amenities aside from essentials, i.e.	An ability to live any place, work anywhere, go anywhere, without	When the zip code you live in cannot predict your future	The confluence of a diverse community, where everyone feels valued
MIB	Things I can't find anywhere else	People looking out for each other	Opportunity is accessible to all, despite income/class/race/religi	Expressions of human society
MIB	Beauty, activation, placemaking, community building,	Protection, community trust, perception, lighting, mutual respect,	Belonging, pride, ownership, access, empathy, commuity pride, loving kindness,	How we live, expression, upbringing, heritage, identity

**Round 1 Engagement Results - Storytelling**

ID Number	Source	Tell us a story about your favorite experience in Grand Rapids
1	Online	Being a participant in the Black Lives Matter Protest in May 2020 showed me that people from different ethnic backgrounds were beginning to engage in issues other than what had a direct effect on them.
2	Online	Discovering the downtown library
3	Online	I live about a mile from downtown and visit all the neighborhoods. My favorite thing about GR is probably when I unexpectedly walk into some event that I had no idea was going on and dive right in. I remember in 2007 or 2008 when i first moved here and walked into festival of the arts. It was a treat.
4	Online	Heartside Quality of Life Study. Multiple listening sessions to discover community's concerns and development of seven neighbor led committees to develop solutions.
5	Online	One of my favorite experiences in Grand Rapids is purchasing my home by Riverside Park. I was able to get into at a price I could afford as a young single adult and it allowed me to experience the City and all it had to offer. I felt a part of something bigger but I didn't have to be wealthy for that to happen. I could walk to the brewery or go for a bike ride on the White Pine Trail. Now as a married person and parent, I am able to share the park and the river in a new way in a new phase of life with the people I love. Where I live is one of my favorite things about being in West Michigan and I am so thankful I had the opportunity to purchase here and still have enough income to support a growing family and stay here as my career progresses and my life changes.
1	2/21 LP	Met some of the best and warmest friends through work and became my community and family
2	2/21 LP	Watching movies in downtown, fresh markets, festivals in John Ball Park zoo, 4th of July, all festivals in downtown
3	2/21 LP	Roaming the city with friends, city pools, festivals
4	2/21 LP	Festivals! The first ArtPrize, music downtown - and everywhere! The big slide!
5	2/21 LP	Visiting all of the city parks in all their diversity. GR has wonderful parks and they can be even more accessible, tree-ful, and free of air pollution (use clean energy/electric vs gas, etc.)
6	2/21 LP	Tree lighting, Dec 2022 - AMAZING. Studio Park - great addition to downtown
7	2/21 LP	I love how the city looks downtown. Something about it reminds me of Chicago and how the atmosphere seems to obscure itself in a flurry of lights.
8	2/21 LP	Biking and hiking on the trails. Sustainable policies and net zero commitments by the city.

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- 9 2/21 LP Summers!  
Visiting our parks is consistently at the top of my list of best experiences in our community.
- 6 Online
- 7 Online My fianc  loves that he sees the Mayor downtown all the time. He loves to skateboard past her and say "Hello Mayor".  
Being able to walk or ride my bike safely to my neighborhood library, restaurant, brewery or grocery store.
- 8 Online I can't narrow down my many wonderful GR experiences to just one. I always love neighborhood-centered events, like the Eastown Bizarre Bazaar, the Michigan Street Poutine Competition, or the Holiday Shop Hop. These events provide a focal point to draw me into a particular neighborhood, and I end up staying and exploring beyond the events themselves.
- 9 Online
- 1 2/23 LP Moving here from Grandville!  
I love all the events that are free that happen downtown. We have events year-round. There is always something to do!
- 2 2/23 LP
- 3 2/23 LP My favorite story isn't a one time occurrence. Every week I love being able to take my bike to the grocery store to buy what I need for the week. Only having to rely on a bike is the coolest. I get to see another layer of my city I wouldn't otherwise,  
Seeing our mayor passing out meals at the boys and girls club in the summer. I was super impressed, and honored to receive the service like that from our mayor!
- 4 2/23 LP
- 5 2/23 LP Meeting new people every year as a participant in the major running races: riverbank run, GR marathon  
Every winter, my mom comes to visit for the weekend and we go to the World of winter festival together, walking miles to see the artwork and stopping to warm up at bars and restaurants around downtown.
- 6 2/23 LP
- 7 2/23 LP The places and spaces in Grand Rapids are evolving, always changing; despite the constantness of growth, some places remain. My favorite memory is playing in the misting pool at Rosa Parks Circle with my son, circa 2011. We can return to visit the misting pool today, in 2023. And that pleases me, GR!
- 8 2/23 LP Meeting new people and enjoying the sport of pickleball at Belknap Park court facility  
Walking down Prospect Ave SE, lugging bags of food for my granddaughter from the LINC center, when 2 neighbors from that street stopped and asked if I needed a ride. What a wonderful, neighborly experience!
- 9 2/23 LP
- 10 2/23 LP Riding my bicycle to work at Bridge st Market

- 11 2/23 LP Our special olympics facility is about the greatest in the world! Being invited to the Van Andel arena to a basketball clinic was one of the greatest things ever experienced, with a game permitted to boot with the GR Gold!
- 10 Online My fianc  loves that he sees the Mayor downtown all the time. He loves to skateboard past her and say "Hello Mayor".
- 11 Online My favorite experience in GR would be a typical day: visiting the Fulton St Farmers Market, walking through the Fulton St Cemetery, biking to check out books at the Main Library Branch, working at Martha's Vineyard, saying hello to my neighbors, and seeing all the beautiful neighborhood gardens popping up (seasonal experience).
- 12 Online When we pursued our cannabis licensure we were openly opposed by adjacent residential neighbors, those directly next door to the site. It was a contentious planning commission meeting but we were ultimately approved. Fast forward three years - through ongoing engagement , communication and stewardship in the neighborhood we are now friends with , and thanked by , those who were staunchly against us. It's a testament that change, even non conventional industry ,can lead new and beautiful relationships in a most unexpected way.
- 1 MIB Seeing John Waters at Civic Theater
- 2 MIB Freedom as a young person to travel and enjoy bars and different art and music events
- 3 MIB Meeting my husband at FMG
- 4 MIB I like being downtown and at Riverside Park for festivals and Winter Beer fest!
- 5 MIB This is my hometown and my family for three generations. Grand rapids is what I grew up with and my 1st view of life
- 6 MIB Hispanic, Mexican, Asian, african festivals in GR. Makes me happy how diverse this city is. Always a joy seeing everyone being themselves and practicing their cultures
- 7 MIB Just this winter, I went from the Jim Henson at exhibit to a farm to table restaurant to seeing Six the musical. It was a magical evening that made me feel like I live in a cool, destination town
- 8 MIB I remember attending GRCC at the time, but a bunch of my Kendall friends started urban capture the flag. There were dozens of college kids running around the Arena District chasing each other. Law enforcement didn't bother us. It was glorious.
- 9 MIB I loved riding the ceiling mounted train in the basement of Herpolshiemers department store

- 10 MIB Attedning a cocktail lounge and meeting a random person who proceeded to strike an hour-long conversation with me and share about their upbringing in Grand Rapids
- 11 MIB The first time I even really went downtown, not just stay in one location, but really walked around and explored the city and what it had to offer
- 12 MIB Growing up in GR I remember (and miss) summer swimming at Garfield Park pool during the 80s and 90s
- 13 MIB My daughters' experience volunteering, farming, and interacting in all of GR due to Noreh Park Montessori (k-8) and Mrs Jen Hall
- 14 MIB Touring through bars and eateries downtown, my sister used one of the Lime bikes. Easy conveyance turned to comedy after she faceplanted.
- 15 MIB We bought our first home in Grand Rapids and moved in the week before Christmas. The day after we moved, we went out to return the truck and got back just in time for it to snow for four days straight
- 16 MIB Being able to walk around downtown to enjoy all of the fantastic options we have, while having so many neighborhoods that also provide high quality options. We have such a great city for hospitality; World class!
- 17 MIB Living at Newberry Place
- 18 MIB Walking around and spending time in the city, going to the GRAM and local restaurants
- 19 MIB My favorite memory in Grand Rapids is being part of the hardcore music scene. I play in a band and go to a ton of shows. It's been a great source of expression and fun.
- 20 MIB My favorite memory of Grnad Rapids is when I went to Martha's vineyard with my friends for the first time
- 21 MIB All the festivals and things that take place downtown
- 22 MIB Going to ArtPrize
- 23 MIB ArtPrize as a kid, adding a piece to one of the art pieces
- 24 MIB Me and a few friends went to the antique stores downtown and bought some cool knick knacks. We then walked to the downtown market and got some tasty snacks. This is my favorite memory because I got to connect with people I love, eat good food, and go to a unique location/activity
- 25 MIB My favorite experiences in Grand Rapids are definitely the festivals in easttown/downtown. Communities coming together is great to be a part of.
- 26 MIB Walking by the plaster creek/brookside walkplace in the fall with all the leaves.
- 27 MIB I loved taking my family to ArtPrize. We spent time together, outside, active, spent money at local businesses, engaged with others in our community and overall enjoyed the GR culture and history



- 28 MIB Still being best friends with 10+ people I started at Riverside elementary with, then Riverside JHS and all continuing to Creston HS. We all lived within walking distance of each other - went to our parks, pools, etc. that were close to home.
- 29 MIB As a teenager I loved going to "festival of the arts" all three days and listening to bands and enjoying food and art
- 30 MIB My husband and I moved here in 2017 without jobs and knowing no one. We built a community here and love exploring different parts of our city.
- 31 MIB Living on the block that I do and having great neighbors who look out for one another
- 32 MIB Since moving to GR 7 years ago, I have had the pleasure and opportunity to join and strengthen the Creston community as a volunteer and neighborhood association board member and it has been a life changing experience.
- 33 MIB As a kid, watching the first man crewed mission landing on the moon on the neighbors color tv/stereo console. With Neil Armstrong making it clear that it wasn't him but mankind that landed on the moon on Jul 20, 1969. Also knowing that several neighborhood kids dad's worked on this project while living in Grand Rapids. a brief moment when mankind was all together.
- 34 MIB Running the GR marathon, millenium meadows marathon, and groundhog marathon
- 35 MIB Swimming at Briggs Park, my friends and I would swim in the summer everytime of day that the pool was open. We had so much fun and it was very refreshing. Mayn laughs and smiles.
- 36 MIB Realizing that the Muskatawa trail connects to the White Pine trail all accessible from the bottom of my street
- 37 MIB The beauty of nature, in autumn especially. Friendliness of most, not all of course. Invited to CMP meeting tonight, thanks!
- 38 MIB GR River raft race in the 70s, art fest, Puloski days
- 39 MIB Hosting an artist from Berlin for ArtPrize. I offered a room in my home, my bike so he could get downtown, dinner with my friends. His entry won best foreign artist and we stayed in touch for many years
- 40 MIB My favorite place is the 4th reformed church's community garden space. In the summer, the pollinators come en masse. There is such a wondrous amount of biodiversity. Monarchs, swallowtails, goldfinches, hummingbirds, and other birds can be viewed up close. People grow beautiful flowers, plants, and vegetables that they share with the community. We've met some wonderful people through the garden. Too bad the church does not accept everyone as they are, like Jesus wanted.

- 41 MIB Hanging out on the rooftop of the Hendrik with our friends, enjoying food and drink on a summer night
- 42 MIB When I was in my 20s I loved that we had smaller concert venues that attracted some really good talent. Still enjoy going to live music events, but as and 18-25 year old it was a great community to have
- 43 MIB I really enjoyed the "Creston car show" when they closed down Plainfield Ave. It was family friendly and very nostalgic
- 44 MIB Being able to do business in a safe area
- 45 MIB ArtPrize, neighborhood schools
- 46 MIB I really love enjoying the many parks in Grand Rapids - there are so many and a park for every activity. You can play on equipment, take a nature walk, or just find a bench and practice a moment of mindfulness (a little oasis in the city)
- 47 MIB Riding a bike from NE GR through the city to Millenium Park all around the lakes, the North up to Leonard back through west side neighborhoods in a big loop, stopping for El (?) burrito or Creston Brewing fish and chips
- 48 MIB My favorite activity in GR is visiting a wide number of local restaurants with great food and local atmosphere
- 49 MIB Watching fireworks with the family outside! Eating at unique downtown venues. Attending artprize
- 50 MIB The old 70s raft race, ArtPrize
- 51 MIB I went to the park with my siblings and it wa sthe most fun I have had that whole year. I also got to do a lot of running and working out
- 52 MIB One of my favorite memories was when I was younger (around 11) and I danced folklore dance with my group at the Court arts center and we were able to dance and perform in front of other people at Rosa Parks Circle
- 53 MIB When I went camping and canoeing when I was in 6th grade and the environment was very comfortable and pleasing to look at
- 54 MIB Going to festivals downtown to celebrate cultures with my family and friends
- 55 MIB The Hispanic festival downotwn because everyone regardless if they're hispanic or not, enjoy the music and what it is about. There are no barriers.
- 56 MIB Winter Wonderland is my favorite winter event to visit in GR. It is cool and exciting to walk around and see cool art.
- 57 MIB I love when people make events or festivals such as the hispanic festival. Made me feel included and not bored because there was something different for once
- 58 MIB On a rainy evening, I was going to a store. On my way back, my umbrella didn't work, so I asked a stranger and that stranger helped me fix it

- 59 MIB I liked going to parks and walking around the neighborhood. The festivals were some good times as well.
- 60 MIB One of my favorite experiences is watching others view our culture and enjoy it. At the hispanic festival, they bring culture downtown and provide others with that experience.
- 61 MIB Walking through the Heritage Hill neighborhood and visiting Nantucket Baking for a snack
- 62 MIB Cultural festivals in downtown GR throughout the year
- 63 MIB My first public music concert was Celebration on the Grand in Ahnabawen Park. I think free and open events that are accessible are important for community building and connection
- 64 MIB My favorite experience was watching the women's world cup at Rosa Parks Circle and the celebrations that ensued when our team won Amplifying local neighborhood leaders achieve community-led goals through projects with multiple community partners that fosters resilient communities
- 65 MIB Becoming a first time homeowner and developing a feeling of belonging
- 66 MIB
- 13 Online I have lived and worked in Grand Rapids and for Grand Rapids residents for a long time. I love that my community cares about where we live. My favorite experience was getting engaged at lookout park downtown. My husband knew that I loved overlooking the city. It was a cold night, we had just seen the Christmas tree near the art museum and we drove over to look at the city by the park. It was dark but we felt safe with the lighting and close parking. We sat for a while and tried to keep warm. He proposed and I said yes.
- 14 Online Going to Bridge Street Market every Sunday morning for groceries! art festival at calder plaza last summer. I went all three days and met so many people. I think that festival really brings people closer together.
- 15 Online
- 16 Online I remember when there used to be an element of grittiness, high density industrial buildings and abandon warehouses, neon lights, even tall buildings downtown that were mostly replaced with generic buildings and signs or just empty lots. I would hope there is a focus to bring back more density and vibrancy at even a larger scale!
- 17 Online I love living in the city. I love walking throughout the neighborhoods and shopping local. I enjoy the people the work and play in the city.
- 18 Online I always enjoy showing the city to people who have never been her. I thy to show off the skyline by approaching via 131 from the west. Then showing people where to eat and what do go do.

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- 1 ICHS My family sometimes takes walks and its really good
- 2 ICHS Hanging with friends at the mall
- 3 ICHS My favorite experiences are probably the walks and the nature views I've seen. I don't see amazing views often but when I do, it's often amazing. I hope we have me nature views and trails in the future. My favorite story is probably me and my cousind playing paintball. We were popping each other it was very fun and I want to go paintballing again
- 4 ICHS Probably just when I'm with the family like downtown, its not always the funnest but we make memories
- 5 ICHS
- 6 ICHS My favorite day was giving my life to our lord Jesus
- 7 ICHS The small places like blue bridge or fish ladder park. I just love viewing the sunset or just the whole city. I love the look out park more its like seeing what's all around you and you don't even know what's still out there. It's just so pretty to take a deep breath and just think
- 8 ICHS Favorite experience is when I go to Michigan Adventures, I like the rides
- 9 ICHS It was nice to go ice skating because people would fall all the time and it was hilarious
- 10 ICHS ArtPrize downtown
- 11 ICHS Getting to drive on some decent highways
- 12 ICHS Being able to go to the zoo
- 13 ICHS My favorite experience here in Grand rapids was going to the park with my family when I was younger
- 14 ICHS Probably going to John Ball Zoo
- 15 ICHS My favorite experience in grand rapids was going to restaurants with my family like Denny's
- 16 ICHS I went to the zoo and it was amazing and was very cool
- 17 ICHS Running along the river
- 18 ICHS Walking after school with people I feel comfy with
- 19 ICHS Eating at restaurants
- 20 ICHS The time that I ate tacos with one of my teachers, a very humbling moment
- 21 ICHS My cousins and I went for a walk downtown beside the river. We stumbled upon some machines to work out, in my mind we looked hilarious because we were the only ones walking in the freezing cold tempratures, and us 3 were trying to stay warm by using the machines. Lol it's better pictured in my heaad
- 22 ICHS Summer nights and festivals
- 23 ICHS Riding my bike with my cousins through the city during the summer enjoying the fresh air, escasing problems and being a kid

- 24 ICHS My favorite experience in Grand Rapids has to be the hispanic festival events, the food, the live music, there's so much to buy and eat. Everything's upbeat, excited and happy. So much to do and so much to see.
- 25 ICHS I was walking to the lookout park and the whole afternoon the sun was setting and you could see how beautiful it was in the horizon. I sat there on the bench watching and it was silent, just the sound of the wind and the cicadas
- 26 ICHS The time I went to a bowling alley for my friend's birthday party
- 27 ICHS My fun memory is walking through the city with my friends. We went everywhere downtown.
- 28 ICHS Playing soccer and winning
- 29 ICHS Going to the zoo when I was little
- 30 ICHS At the park playing soccer with my school team and we won
- 31 ICHS Riding bikes with my friends around the neighborhood
- 32 ICHS After school when I was in elementary my dad took my family out to eat at the Old Country Buffet and after eating he took us to Garfield Park and let us run around and have fun
- 33 ICHS My mom taking me and my siblings downtown to ArtPrize! Walking around for a few hours every year to look at and admire the art of the people of Grand Rapids is always really cool (so is the food and music)
- 34 ICHS Any time it wasn't cold
- 35 ICHS Driving downtown during summer
- 36 ICHS Going downtown with my sister in 2019 before I came here to Central. Also ArtPrize.
- 37 ICHS I remember going to ArtPrize with my family and we saw a lot of cool art
- 38 ICHS The day I left GR
- 39 ICHS I love my small city that is big enough to be cool and progressive and diverse. Years ago we took a field trip to NYC with about 100 students. The real big city. Coming home, the bus crested the hill on 196 near Belknap, westbound. The entire bus, myself included, spontaneously chuckled at how "tiny" our city actually was. But it's home.
- 67 MIB Riding my bike as a kid with my friends downtown along the river all day. Skipping rocks and fishing downtown.
- 68 MIB Walking from City HS in late 90s to downtown for festival at the end of the school year. Getting food and watching live music with my friends
- 69 MIB Walking to Cherry park to see a local outdoor concert with my kids
- 70 MIB Growing up as a young boy on the West Side - big families with kids and everyday we played together, ate together, and no one was afraid. Best experience growing up in GR.

- 71 MIB Growing up living in front of Lincoln Park, summer was my favorite season. My brothers and I were able to walk across the street and enjoy the swimming in the pools. I love being able to walk downtown and walk into the buildings, see the city, participate in local events, artprize, protests, concerts, restaurants.
- 72 MIB The first year of ArtPrize. Walking through downtown with crowds of people from all different cities. There was a huge variety of attractions and vendors and an overall excitement throughout the city. It was a great environment and vibe throughout downtown.  
Living next to Richmond Park, swimming and ice skating every day.
- 73 MIB Growing up in the early mid 90s and taking the bus downtown to Woolworths and Wurzburgs
- 74 MIB When I lived @ 512 Prospect in Heritage Hill we had block parties with all our neighborhoods. A sense of belonging.
- 75 MIB My favorite experience in Grand Rapids was going to the Srien Circus to see the clowns and all the other things that the circus brings. But when I was a child I had a chance to ride an elephant and it was awesome!
- 76 MIB Being able to do things around the community and helping the community
- 77 MIB Slating at Rosa Parks Circle during a cold winter night with all lights lit.  
Laughter and spending that time with loved ones
- 78 MIB A group of friends and I spent an evening out in downtown GR. We had a fun night without harassment, without guns and violence, without police interactions. Pure fun and memorable
- 79 MIB Seeing that Rosa Parks had a statue made downtown  
My favorite experience in Grand Rapids is taking a bike trip to lookout mountain of the 4th of Jul and watching the fireworks looking over the City of Grand Rapids
- 80 MIB
- 81 MIB I don't have a favorite one, but what I love the most is the quantity of non-profits and community organizations working for the community. Grand Rapids is overall a generous community.
- 82 MIB My favorite experience in Grand Rapids is when I went to the YMCA with my mom and with my brothers. We went there every Saturday to go swimming or workout and that is my favorite experience.
- 83 MIB Being out in the community, networking and being in the feed of promise. Birth of all my children - had my kids in each hospital and they were all great and helped me out. Going sledding at park with my family. Going to Michigan Adventure with friends and family

- 84 MIB I have good memories of Festival of the Arts from a young age. Being immerse in a fiverse array of foodm art, music, culture, all run by volutneers has been a big part of my identity as a Grand Ravidian
- 85 MIB Block parties - Rock the Block in 2022
- 1 3/15 LP I love unique local events like Pulaski Days. The atmosphere is upbeat and you get to experience the halls/food/polka of the polish community here in GR
- 2 3/15 LP I coach the Ottawa Hills HS swimming and diving team and have since our program was only skids in my first season (2009). Last year our women's team won the conference meet for the first time since 1973 - and the first time ever out of the former "city league". It took 14 years of lessons and age group. Now, we need a new pool.
- 3 3/15 LP My first week here I was on Monroe Center, looking for Kinkos. Five people helped me. Also, Mayor Heartwell became a friend. As a former employee of the City of Detroit, I noticed the difference
- 4 3/15 LP Neighborhood night-outs are/were great, and a great instrument in getting to know one's neighbors which is essential to community
- 5 3/15 LP Going to Fulton St farmers marjet, buying seedlings, egges, and flowers - so much good energy and excitement
- 6 3/15 LP Wathcing the monkey hill at John Ball Park with my dad
- 7 3/15 LP When Bernie Sanders came to town
- 8 3/15 LP Camping out at Wabasis Lake, fishing
- MIB Walking to downtown market for dinner with friends and then going to house rules
- MIB Sitting around fire pits enjoying many of Michigans microbreweries at the brewer's guild fest at White Caps Stadium
- MIB Cycling through riverside park in late summer/early fall
- MIB Walking to a restaurant on Wealthy from our house with my family. Cycling the white lines. It would be so good to be able to cycle down there on bike paths
- MIB In 5th grade North Park montessori had a week where there was school at the public museum
- MIB Going to the planetarium at the old public museum when I was a kid. Seeing the Clash at the civic auditorium in 1982. The neon lights of the old pantlind hotel restaurants, walking around downtown. Seeing downtown be revitalized
- MIB Becoming a runner during the pandemic. Running round the lakes of Millenium park with my son, in silence with snow falling on us. Peace, beauty, amidst the pandemic

MIB I did a walking tour of the history of crime in Grand Rapids and learned so much! We walked all over the city and could walk with an alcoholic drink because of the social zones. It was awesome!

MIB In 1975 when I and my wife moved into HH into an old fixer upper house the delightful surprise when we found several neighbors that had bought old houses. We quickly became new best friends. Running with a group of friends - throughout downtown, parks, and neighborhoods, over bridges, along the river, and stopping at a neighborhood establishment afterwards - and doing so safely, in a low air-pollution period of time

MIB Having a wonderful neighborhood that people get together all the time. Helping each other.

MIB Brewery crawl with my adult children. Summer block party.

MIB I loved the vibrancy of the city during the original years of ArtPrize. The city was buzzing with people, business were full and the city was enhanced by colorful artwork at every corner. I've also loved the murals and sculptures that remained after the festival

MIB My favorite experience is actually my location to the city center and being able to walk to all my favorite entertainment and dining spots

MIB Feeling safe walking around the neighborhoods at night. Living in Heritage Hill and knowing our neighbors building trust, care, and support for each other. And businesses along Wealthy, Cherry, Division, Downtown - seeing more and more young people living, working, and investing in the city

MIB I was once giving a tour of downtown to a visitor. It was a perfect spring evening. There was a gallery reception at VTCA, children's museum was packed with families. Made me proud of my city!

MIB When my husband and I moved into the HH neighborhood we became members of our block club. Soon we realized we were a part of a family like no other. All neighborhoods should be this lucky.

MIB We moved to Grand Rapids and rented in a neighborhood that became our second family. We felt adopted and cared for almost immediately. After 5 years of renting our neighbors encouraged us to buy a dilapidated home on the block. They even help facilitate the purchase. It has been our home ever since.

MIB Volunteering for festival of the arts. This allowed me to meet others that want an active city. Getting involved and volunteering helps promote a feeling of involvement and energy for where we live.



- MIB Simple pleasures like walking downtown/along the river, being able to do so both as an activity with family and in small stretches during lunch hours
- MIB Going downtown for dinner, ArtPrize, and then going to play pinball at the Pyramid Scheme
- MIB Enjoying a performance by the GR symphony and then capping the night with a nice, curated glass of wine at Reserve
- MIB Enjoying what the big cities can offer without the hassle of congestions and the worries for safety
- MIB I am impressed with how much has changed in GR downtown, especially the last 23 years. I remember going downtown and there were bar rails on closed down sotres. Happy that there's so much development now and the diversified housing and restaurants in GR
- MIB I like the public museum experience and see the history of the city and see the history of the office furniture industry in the area
- MIB Being able to walk in Easttown and enjoying what it has to offer
- MIB Cultural events: GR festival, ArtPrize, WMAAA Gala, Downtown restaurants
- Online We love art prize it's a great way to connect with all cultures as well as the love and art of gifted talented children as well as adults. It's an opportunity to spend quality time wirh Family as well as represent our city. It's our favorite time of year. We also enjoy Creston neighborhood gathering s as it gives us a chance to meet and greet neighbors and get to know who we live around.
- Online Not necessarily my favorite experience, but A favorite experience: Riding my bike with a group of friends on a hot summer evening to Movies in the Park when it was hosted at the GR Ford Museum. Then enjoying sitting there with so many others in the community on the river, listening to the water flow by as the movie played.
- Online During Covid our family went for a hike in a different park in and around Grand Rapids almost every day. We found new parks we never knew about before! These hikes were our life-savers. They got us into nature where we could breathe deeply and not feel closed in by the walls of our house. They removed us from our computers and the endless voice of scary news. They gave us time together and we still laugh over memories of falling in a mud puddle or building a shelter or reading in hammocks.

I have a lot of civic pride and wanted my children to share that knowledge and experience with me. While they were growing up we would often go downtown and walk all around the city. We visited the museums, walked along the river and knew every landmark. We attended all the festivals, enjoyed concerts, plays and people watching. We visited the city pools and enjoyed the zoo. There are far too many experiences to choose a favorite. I now do these things with my grandchildren. As great as Grand Rapids is I feel it has lost its appeal in recent years for me. There is too much crime and police brutality. There are egregious inequities that are being ignored and I am disappointed with our city government and downtown chamber of commerce. We are all diminished because of it and it makes me sad. Sitting outside at a restaurant during an art festival. Roads were closed for pedestrian use. People were out in droves. It made me wonder how much more alive the city would feel if we allocated more space to people instead of cars.

Online

Online

My favorite experience in Grand Rapids was the 2019 Grand Rapids Pride Festival. It was the most people I've ever seen gather in such a safe way. It wasn't like what a lot of outdoor events in the city are turning into: spending all of your time waiting in line for something. There was constantly entertainment on stage, and you could easily purchase food and alcohol within the event space. There also was not a police presence, making everyone feel safer.

Online

Our communities festivals and events that bring people together. Our parks and Grand River that brings people together.  
Walking in the parks with people I love

Online

Online

My story is a reoccurring one that every so often I go for a walk or bike ride in GR and I'm surprised by someone I meet downtown, flowers I find in an open field, or the sunset over the town from wherever I am. My story cannot be recreated or distilled into a singular experience. It is what happens when a city's built infrastructure allows for chance encounters and its citizens have the freedom to simply walk out their door without a specific plan or destination in mind. This can happen when cities are more walkable and bike-friendly, but the people must also have a good quality of life where they're not overburdened by over-time jobs or maybe multiple jobs just to pay the bills.

Online

I like hearing positive stories about Grand Rapids in the national news being with family. i dont have many memories in gr as theres not really anything to do and its not very safe

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- Online when i used to lived in muskegon we would somtimes take feld trips to the zoo
- Online I had a class with volunteering in Grand Rapids. On the first day to get familiar with downtown we went on a scavenger hunt to take photos of certain buildings/signs it was fun as I haven't really been downtown often and my group found out about the sky bridge which was really cool to walk across.
- Online I don't really have a fun story but I have driven down and seen how busy and interesting our city is
- Online My favorite experience is just generally exploring Grand Rapids, as I did a scavenger hunt with my class which was quite a lot of fun.
- Online When I was a freshman in High school, I spent a year interning at Degage Ministries in the heart side of Grand Rapids. I experienced a lot of hard things and harsh words and things going on but I learned a lot about Grand Rapids that day. I feel safe here but I also hope and wish for better lifestyles for those people. I am truly hurt for them but I know that these Ministries are doing the best they can.
- Online Born & raised here, I'd say it is being a daughter, wife, mother, teacher and active community participant. No one story is enough. Picking up bagel sandwiches downtown and bike riding with my kids in the cargo bike north along the river through Riverside Park to my sister's house just north of 3 Mile Road.
- Online I've been working for years to help bring a community owned food co-op to central Grand Rapids. Through this work I have gotten to know people from all over the city. I would never have been able to meet them and come to know them if I didn't have this project that has brought us together.
- Online I lived in Canada for many years. Mostly in Toronto and in the heart of the city. In the 1970s Toronto was a manageable city. a transportation system that was sufficient for the population, affordable housing,... a city that was easy to move about in. Now. Restrictions on development -- especially up -- have been thrown out: the old torn down replaced by towering condominiums (not just places of business). The infrastructure has not kept of with the growing population. Now it is a city that is hard to live and move about in EXCEPT FOR at least there, I didn't worry about GUNS. Compare gun deaths in Toronto (population: 6,372,000) to Kent County. So: learn from Toronoto -- do not build up and up and up. And get rid of guns.
- MIB Fire on ice at Rosa was amazing. When the ampitheatre was an ampitheatre

- I was visiting before I moved here and attended the now-defunct Grand Jazz Festival where I struck up a conversation with a GR native.
- MIB He is now my life partner.
- My favorite moment in Grand Rapids was leaving Grand Rapids when I was 17. No Black footprint in this town
- MIB My favorite experience in Grand Rapids was having a "staycation" in downtown GR. The walkability, vibrancy, available experiences, cultural outreach and resources are plentiful and accessible
- MIB downtown.
- Cherry Park a place where families and kids come from all walks of life. It's a special third place, after school, after work, and summer events.
- MIB Concerts at Cherry Park. Seeing neighbors come out to enjoy local beer and live music from local artists! I love seeing people coming together!
- MIB
- Joining a run club (Lyon St) and running every Tuesday morning with a fun group of people in parts of the city I wouldn't otherwise go without them. PS walking around historic downtown and enjoying historic buildings and places.
- MIB
- MIB Concert nights at the Cherry Park summer concert series!
- GR skateboard park on 3rd Saturday of the month in the summer local band come together play music, food trucks are out, and families from all walks of life are out and enjoying each other and having a good time
- MIB
- ArtPrize, walking around town discovering art and interacting with neighbors and community venues
- MIB
- Walking around the greater metro area taking photos of various neighborhoods, parks, and downtown
- MIB
- MIB All of the shows curated by Erin Wilson at Wealthy Theatre
- MIB Art and music events at the GIY spaces pre-DAAC
- City leadership support, promotion, and advocacy for harm reduction at Red Project
- MIB
- Being close to the water (Lake MI) is important and should be more accessible for all
- MIB
- I remember going to the fish ladder as a kid. The structure seemed so huge and complex
- MIB
- MIB Third spaces for all
- MIB I like going out alone and running into familiar faces
- MIB
- A friend had her wedding at the Grand Rapids art museum. After the reception a group of us walked to another location. I just remember how pretty the city looked and how lively the downtown was that night. The next day I went for run along the river and a group of us got breakfast - it was such a fun GR weekend.
- MIB
- I love the variety of city parks and types of landscapes, resources, and oasis they provide
- MIB

- MIB ArtPrize - visited summer 2016 and loved the vibrancy of the city. Everyone was kind and the downtown was clean and easily accessible by parking/walking. I loved the signage for events and the marketing for small businesses.
- MIB Going to the christmas tree lighting downtown and walking through all of the booths/businesses that were set up.
- MIB Growing up in Grand Rapids, there were years in the early 90s that you didn't go downtown. I have had the great experience to see GR develop over the years and to see what it is today. Downtown restaurants, festivals, art prize, winter wonderland, restaurants that have outdoor seating and even igloos. I am very proud to be born, raised, and still live in GR
- MIB I love World of Winter Fest. I think the city and planning committees do such a great job of drumming up excitement and offering world-class installations for free all over the city. GR continuously has spectacular events that draw wveryone in, but aren't overcrowded ArtPrize! Going around the city seeing different art installations with my family
- MIB One of my favorite things about Grand Rapids is the expanse of activities/experiences. I remember a day I walked the trails at Millenium Park, went thrifting downtown and ate at a new restaurant. It was a wonderful day!
- MIB My favorite thing about Grand rapids is the library system both in GR and KDL. I love having so many safe places to go work and learn where all are welcome and taken care of!
- MIB When I moved in my house in the Baxter neighborhood
- MIB Owning my home for years - love living in Baxter
- MIB Moving into the neighborhood in 1986, and started working the the Baxter neighborhood association. We had the largest Block Club ever on the south east end.
- MIB Just living in my neighborhood makes me happy and being able to work on my own house
- MIB Living in a walkable community - and also being near bus stops with shelters. I like my neighborhood and my neighbors
- MIB King Park swimming gym youth football
- MIB Being selected for a volunter award from Davenport Univesity
- MIB My favorite experience was running for political office and winning. Being on a new path in life in a new city and things working out well was very uplifting
- MIB There is a lot of sightseeing places to go
- MIB My favorite experience here is when I see minority businesses thrive and survive

- MIB My favorite experience here in Grand Rapids is going to the arts and craft museum, transportation like the lime bikes and scooters, and going to community events
- MIB A time when I go places/parties/bowling/out to eat without violence
- MIB I went horseback riding
- MIB Riding my bike around GR when I was a kid and slowly discovering all of my surrounding areas
- MIB Moving from East St Louis to Grand Rapids. Going to public schools.
- MIB Festival of the arts has always been a favorite experience of mine. I remember being a kid in high school waiting for the 1st day of the festival and ended with the best gospel music ever
- MIB One of my favorite is when I was younger with my great great grandma
- MIB When I was young everybody was alive, ArtPrize was a part of summer, hanging around everybody
- MIB Being in the crowd when President Obama came to downtown
- MIB My favorite experience in GR is growing up in a large family of 10 kids. I remember when all of us were kids in the 1960s every day was a holiday
- MIB Giving birth to my daughter at St Mary's hospital and Dal Earnhardt Jr came to the hospital
- MIB Seeing Morris Day and the Time at Rosa Park Circle
- MIB Favorite is hard, but loved attending all the festivals in town
- MIB going to public schools in Grand rapids
- MIB Walking the neighborhood and downtown. Plant herbs at the park and trees around the city
- MIB Growing up in the city learning trade school for kids. United Methodist was my favorite
- MIB I grow up all my life in Grand Rapids, I like seeing progress of all kinds
- MIB Performing at the summer festival on the Calder Stage. There was so much talent in Grand Rapids, and our performance was on point to keep our group among the best
- MIB My favorite experience was growing up in the South HS neighborhood during a time when different races and ethnicities respected one another
- MIB Living and working downtown visiting restaurants, accessing the blue bridge, all within walkable distance
- MIB Being part of the taste test. When the community came out and tasted several different restaurants food including my business

In Boston Sq, going to the A&P grocery store. They would box the groceries up in a box on a conveyor. The box would roll down the conveyor out to the parking lot, where you could drive up and pick up tyou boxes of groceries

MIB

When the Americorp helps facilitate programs in GR

MIB

My grandparents used to take my siste and I to the old airport when it was still landing small planes. We'd watch the little planes take off and land there. Then we'd go out to the new airport and watch big planes land. A very relaxing Sunday afternoon activity. Spending time with grandma and grnadpa

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When the Panlind hotel was closed and up for sale. They held an open house, and my parents took my sister and I. Furniture and items were for sale. I remember a staircase that was falling apart and could not be used, it was dangeorus. I saw the before and after of twhat is now the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

MIB

Sitting with my love looking over the city at Belknap Lookout

MIB

My fondest memories have always been the museums. Growing up very poor, public interest areas with deals have always been most valuable. Getting to see the world on a block is beautiful!

MIB

At the 2022 Eastown Street Fair, we got to meet so many neighbors and creators. There was even a bagpiper marching through the streets. We ended up sitting at a table with someone who did magic tricks for our kids. It was such a beautiful, fun example of the diversity and life in this place

MIB

Walking around in the evening during ArtPrize with friends, taking in the art. Finished by heading to the top of the Amway to see overview of city with drinks

MIB

Showing/sharing with out of town visitors the cool things we have. Butterflies at Meijer Gardens. Fireworks from Belknap Lookout.

MIB

Sledding at Richmond Park

MIB

1. Out on a daily walk and unexpectedly run into a coworker. Decided to pop into the Grenwell and catch up. 2. Walking to my local Family Fare on an almost daily basis getting fresh food for dinner and getting to know people. 3. Walking to Wealthy Theater movie night.

MIB

I loved when our block started having block parties and I got a chance to get to know my neighbors better. I love how often I run into people

MIB

I know when I am walking around town

MIB

Summer day, having friends and family over for a backyard event. Grabbing snacks and drinks from a local store within walking distance, venturing out to a park for a game or to walk my dog.

MIB

Walking dog in Heartside Park

MIB

Seeing 400 people playing soccer at Riverside Park during the GR Champs League tournament

MIB

Round 1 Engagement Results

- MIB I love riding my bike in Riverside Park  
Being a part of actively changing the appearance of Grand Rapids.  
Being able to attend and volunteer for various activities which helps  
MIB to create the feeling of belonging  
Going to the Hispanic Festival with my friend from Bangladesh and  
MIB showing her a bit about my culture  
MIB Urban capture the flag downtown in 2007/08
- MIB I took a neighbor to God's Kitchen (he was 18) and I was able to take  
him to three resources within walking distance without judgement
- MIB I am a huge fan of World of Winter. Year after year it is truly  
exceptional. I love the diversity, creativity, activation, art  
implementation and vibrancy that this event brings annually. It  
encourages neighbors to play, explore and be in community together.  
MIB There's always something to do, be, and feel for all to enjoy  
Heartside quality of life study in 2018 (?) Neighborhood listening  
sessions to hear concerns. Led to seven committees of neighbors to  
MIB discuss solutions and develop game plans
- MIB Going to events in Grand Rapids. Going to comedy show at the Van  
Andel Arena. Eating out at different restaurants. Opportunity to meet  
new people. Having friends over to watch sports and the super bowl
- MIB Traveling with my two daughters on the DASH to enjoy downtown  
events in multiple locations around downtown. There are too many  
events to just name 1. Summer festivals and World of Winter allow us  
MIB to enjoy art, culture, and community during any season!
- MIB World of Winter/festivals/ArtPrize - these are my favorite and most  
life-giving experiences in GR. Love also seeing community specific  
events - City can you be mindful to better partner with local  
neighborhoods to fund neighborhood specific and centered events!?  
MIB Going to Brick and Porter after work with work colleagues. We sit  
outside enjoying the shade down the street. Our friend Walter is  
playing his (?) We order drinks and enjoy the quiet echos of Walter's  
MIB music.