

City of Columbia Community Development FY 2024 Needs Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

22 February 2022 - 11 May 2023

PROJECT NAME:

Community Development Needs Survey

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Please rank the following 1, 2, 3 - 5... (“1” being highest importance and “5” being lowest importance) as to how you would I...

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Build new affordable rental housing	2.76
Preserve existing housing through comprehensive home rehabilitation, minor home repairs and energy efficiency upgrades	2.76
Increase homeownership through direct homebuyer assistance and homebuyer education, including assistance for down payment and closing costs	2.95
Build new, affordable, owner-occupied housing	3.04
Provide rental vouchers to homeless population in need of housing	3.26

Optional question (338 response(s), 20 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question

Q2 | Please rank the following 1, 2, 3 - 9... (“1” being highest importance and “9” being lowest importance) as to how you would like to see funds used in the City of Columbia, Missouri. Please note you can only use each number once.

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Provide a City program that buys and removes abandoned and dilapidated houses used to rebuild affordable housing	4.17
Provide vocational training for low to moderate income residents (i.e. HVAC, CNA, Heavy Highway Construction)	4.19
Construct, expand or renovate a facility to provide 24-hour services to chronically unhoused populations	4.61
Construct, expand, or renovate community facilities serving vulnerable populations	4.76
Build new/improving existing neighborhood sewers/drainage to eliminate storm water flooding	4.94
Build new sidewalks and crosswalks with connectivity to bus routes and schools	4.96
Provide accessibility improvements to existing homes	5.22
Conduct City housing code enforcement inspections in low to moderate income neighborhoods to assist in maintaining quality housing in the neighborhoods	5.44
Provide low interest loans to start new small businesses and provide technical assistance to existing business owners	5.77

*Optional question (345 response(s), 13 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q3 | Please tell us more about your No. 1 ranking; why is it most important to you?

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2/03/2023 04:43 PM

Those who are housed often become displaced due to faulty and un-maintained living provisions.

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2/03/2023 07:02 PM

Everyone deserves housing. The only way we can achieve that is to help those ppl in any way we can

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2/03/2023 09:27 PM

When you give someone the tools to build a better future for themselves they are no longer reliant on others to survive and begin to thrive. When they are able to thrive under their own power, they are empowered to turn around and help others rise around them too.

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2/03/2023 11:17 PM

I feel Columbia needs more affordable places to live. It's really hard to find it here.

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2/04/2023 10:52 AM

I was shocked by recent event of a family including 2 children dying in a fire in their low income housing. The building did not have working fire alarms. Low income housing deserves the same safety, dignity and respect as other housing, while remaining affordable for renters. I personally live in a low income housing and hoping my rent will not increase if my landlord improves the safety of the building.

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2/04/2023 11:10 AM

There are a lot of good paying jobs in those vocations but it can be hard for folks to get into them because of lack of focus on them as career options in high school and college, and because some of them "appear" to require certificates of vocational training typically provided by for-profit private educational institutions that mostly scam poor people into taking out loans to pay for those vocational training certificates. Our schools and libraries could and should provide those training certificates free of charge if possible or at seriously discounted rates (just enough to support the instructors that provide the training)

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2/04/2023 02:12 PM

There seem to be a lot of pedestrian incidents along our roads. It would also encourage walking which is good for everyone.

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2/04/2023 04:23 PM

Providing vocational training for low to moderate income residents could lead to employment opportunities that would allow for

individuals and families to better afford rent and/or home ownership.

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2/04/2023 05:40 PM

Why build or repair a building if due to lack of improved water drains or sewers will rapidly destroy the building.

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2/04/2023 06:14 PM

It seems particularly cruel to NOT do something to at least assure SURVIVAL to those without homes.

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2/04/2023 10:14 PM

So many houses in the affordable range are not in good shape.

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2/05/2023 08:28 AM

We should be helping people have sustained opportunities for themselves which comes with helping them find employment which allows them to have consistent income for housing, food, etc

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2/05/2023 08:59 AM

Remove derelict buildings to improve neighborhoods for renovation
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2/05/2023 03:48 PM

Lowers expensive car dependence.

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2/06/2023 08:36 AM

Homelessness must be addressed in the city

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These are living wage jobs and in high demand.

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combating food insecurity - healthy food availability helps children and adults maintain their mental and physical health so they can learn and work effectively.

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The unsheltered problem in Columbia continues to grow. The city has ignored until it is so pervasive that even people in the 4th and 5th wards see it as a problem. It is time to address it.

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All streets that people depend on for access to basic services should have sidewalks.

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2/06/2023 11:09 AM

To help people help themselves permanently

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2/06/2023 11:07 AM

I would like to see unhoused people taken care of

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2/06/2023 11:08 AM

Isn't question "Build new/improving existing neighborhood sewers/drainage to eliminate storm water flooding" supposed to be answered by City's internal programs that we tax people for? Why take money from other humanitarian programs for this?

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2/06/2023 11:09 AM

We have a huge need for housing options in this community.

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Abandoned and unused properties are broke into and used by homeless as a gathering point and shelter since they can do as they please there. These properties are usually in low income neighborhoods where the owner can not afford to have them removed or secured to the level to prevent the homeless issue.

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2/06/2023 11:09 AM

Housing is important need. More home ownership allows people to move out of long term poverty and improve the entire family situation.

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By providing this program, you would clean up neighborhoods and hopefully help those who can't get out from under it.

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2/06/2023 11:16 AM

Small businesses were heavily impacted in the community during COVID and I feel it is of utmost importance that this funding help preserve/introduce small businesses to the community. Small personal owned businesses are what make a community desirable to live in and help keep the city alive. A lot of small businesses were either shut down or unable to get off of the ground due to COVID and other factors beyond their control. I feel as though it is important to let those businesses/potential business know that Columbia wants them in their community and we are here for their success. I don't want downtown Broadway to look like every other small town's main street or downtown STL with boarded up windows and vacant buildings.

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Increase in older population and relocation to older neighborhoods and redeveloping urban cores, where accessible sidewalks and crosswalks were long ignored, makes this an absolute priority.

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I think that fixing and adding sidewalks makes neighborhoods safer and more accessible for use, and it allows people to access transportation in a safer way. It makes the city at large safer for pedestrians and those who have transportation challenges, or who simply prefer to walk or bike due to health and environmental reasons. We have a big city but only certain parts are walkable and this needs to be fixed! Como Livable streets campaign is working hard on this and it is amazing!

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2/06/2023 11:24 AM

I am a Realtor and have seen too many run down homes that have previously been rentals. Some of them were nearly uninhabitable.

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It is the old Teach people fish rather than a fish for a day theory. Invest in the people, not the "things".

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We need to take care of infrastructure that is crumbling in some of these areas and causing low income people additional expense as a result of focusing on the southward expansion of Columbia. The central area full of low income people have suffered.

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Infrastructure, IS the City of Columbia's most important job as the local government. Better sewer, better roads, and quality electric power for all residence.

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We need to get homeless people off the streets and into shelters/facilities that can provide services needed to help them become productive members of society. Homeless camps, where mental illness festers leading to people being thrown off bridges, should be cleaned up and new homeless camps should not be allowed to establish. Law enforcement needs to be a component of this.

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The more business, the more jobs and income for citizens and revenue for the city from sales tax, the more the City can invest from the general fund.

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I work closely with the homeless population in Columbia and I feel the need for a 24/7 facility that they can go to. During the day time their option is the library. Having a dedicated place they can go could take some of the pressure off of other community organizations that are

providing this service to them now.

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No one can have the other 8 options without getting out of #1 first

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Both of the items I ranked number 1 seem like the most direct ways to address the issues associated with a lack of affordable housing.

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Providing vocational training gives individuals an opportunity to get on their feet and become financially independent. Many that need this cant afford to start up a program or are unsure of how to start without support.

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People that become disabled do not plan on doing so. Having funding in place to help people who haven't made that choice to become disabled is key to helping the community.

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Almost all the new houses being built are unaffordable. I would love to be able to live close enough to the city center to ride my bike or walk to work and take my child to school, but all available inventory is either too expensive or in almost unlivable condition. Being forced to purchase a home far from the city center means families of modest means experience increased costs for transportation on top of expensive mortgages and rent. I don't think most private companies are motivated to build affordable housing so I would like the government to expand their role.

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Every affordable place I have found close to my work downtown is full of mold. Every place new enough not to have mold is several miles away from downtown, which is a long commute. The gross, unhealthy places downtown need to be cleaned up, but replaced with places that are equally affordable. All the new construction close to downtown is prohibitively expensive.

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Give a hand up not a hand out. Don't make Columbia better today. Lets make Columbia for years to come.

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#1 Increasing housing & food vouchers. #2 Long term, City sidewalks-solid passage from low income housing to bus stops is vital yet a basic need for wheelchair bound individuals. The Ash st. bus stop, 2 blocks NE of City Hall, does not have a wheelchair accessible

entrance onto the side walk causing wheelchair bound individuals the conundrum of sitting in the roadway. Solid sidewalks w shelter from the sun at bus stops is basic yet non existing here.

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This will provide for a long term investment that continues to benefit families and the community.

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I work in downtown Columbia and see the homeless population on a daily basis. People live in the parking garages, hang their clothes in the stairway and camp out in tents off of Hwy 63/70. People need basic shelter. The City of Columbia down payment assistance program should look at revising their income limits. Not very many people can qualify when the income limit for a joint couple is \$56,350 yet a single person is \$49,300.

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2/06/2023 11:42 AM

BUYING A HOME IS THE BEST AND MOST AFFORDABLE OPTION BUT ITS HARD WHEN YOU DONT KNOW HOW OR WHAT TO EXPECT. NOT TO MENTION THE COST TO RENT IS REDICULOUS BUT WE DONT KNOW THAT IF THE KNOWLEDGE IS NOT SPREAD. ALSO LOW INTREST LOANS FOR STARTER BUSINESSES GIVES THE PEOPLE OF COLUMBIA A CHANCE TO HELP THE ECONOMY BY PROVIDING MORE JOBS AND MORE INCOME. WE SUPPORT OUR OWN.

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I think it is important to give people the opportunity and training to help support themselves. That way once they are back on their feet with some assistance from the City, they are more likely to remain on their feet and not just continue to need the assistance of the City. It would help build a better society as people take care of their living conditions better when they own their houses.

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This is especially high need for our community. This could serve as a central hub for work.

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Housing prices are rampant and it's no wonder there are so many unhoused people.

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2/06/2023 12:05 PM

The chronically unhoused population in Columbia is significantly high. These individuals are vulnerable and at risk.



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It is getting harder and harder for people to own homes. Even I am unable to own one. It is also important that disabled individuals are able to get in and out of their homes. Ramps and other additions are expensive. Most disabled cannot afford to purchase them and are incapable of assembling them. Many don't have to the help to do either.

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Rental vouchers would increase housing accessibility and buying and rebuilding abandoned homes would increase the low income community with housing opportunities in different areas as well as a house oppose to a duplex as an option.

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Homeless population is growing and they need somewhere that can meet the needs of this population without them causing more havoc for the regular population

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Provide vocational training for low to moderate income residents (i.e. HVAC, CNA, Heavy Highway Construction) because providing a skill to earn income is a key to oportunites for generations.

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It would benefit the entire community, not just a focused population. Also, teaching unhoused some skills allows them to become active participants in our community.....and benefits their productivity in the long run. We certainly need to continue to provide benefits to low income/unhoused etc....however, as the old saying goes, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime".

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Essential infrastructure should always be a top priority. We need to climate-ready our town by protecting folks from flood, heat, cold, drought, disease, etc.

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People need to be able to earn living wage jobs. If everybody had living wage jobs, some of these other options wouldn't even be necessary. By helping small businesses start up they are creating these jobs.

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I have work for the City of Columbia 12 yrs. and I work a side business 9 yrs. Most people need 2-3 incomes to live and buy a house unless they make 60k-70k a yr. I think it's important for people to buy a newer home if possible to enjoy what they are working for.



Trade school and college can help along with a good work ethics the interest rate and down payment affect the final monthly payment so help in those areas can keep monthly payments down and more affordable.

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2/06/2023 01:04 PM

Moving toward being a home-owner as an attainable goal in Columbia, MO is important to me as well as protecting our vulnerable populations.

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There is a serious issue with housing in Columbia. The houses are too expensive at too low of quality. Even affordable houses are in terrible condition. Rent is too high for places in horrible conditions and the housing market is almost nonexistent. There are far too many rentals in Columbia, leaving the buyers market to struggle. There seriously needs to be a cap on rentals in Columbia.

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The only way to really help people is to provide them with the tools to help themselves in the the future. This is done best by providing them with knowledge and skills to become productive members of society. The other options are just tools to continue to enable them by city and government programs. Low interest loans to people that can't afford to pay them back will only hurt. Give them the ability to make money is the only honest way to use this money to benefit both the homeless and the people that pay taxes to fund these programs. Also, you need to provide mental health and drug use interventions so they will choose to stay in the workforce once they are employable.

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Columbias homeless population is large and underserved. For the second question I picked building a facility to house them when needed. As of right now there are little to no places for these persons to go. Especially in the winter months when it is below freezing and so unsafe for them to be outside. For the first question providing them rental vouchers and helping them find a place to live is the first step in helping this population. Having a home address will allow them to get a bank account making it easier to get a job.

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There are 5 abandoned homes on my street alone. Next door has been empty for 5 years. Across the street empty for 25 years.

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We have to get more housing stock in to circulation, and need to take a multi-faceted approach. This should include everything from rehabbing existing home, to reviewing city ordinance/policy to make

higher-density development easier (I'm looking at you, parking minimums!), or other creative approaches.

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It can assist not just one property but a whole neighborhood. It can also be used to beautify a neighborhood. Many people benefit not just one property. No.2 b/c it removes unwanted structures and replaces them with a new house for people to live in.

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Increase homeownership through direct homebuyer assistance and homebuyer education, including assistance for down payment and closing costs/Provide a City program that buys and removes abandoned and dilapidated houses used to rebuild affordable housing

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Quality housing is important for everyone, if you have a nice, well kept home you feel better as a person and tends to keep a neighborhood safer and cleaner.

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It provides a sustainable solution to assist individuals with housing assistance. I support programs that provide downpayment assistance with a requirement for the individual to reside in the home a minimum number of years or repay the loan if the home is sold. The problem with most programs is there is no follow up to ensure the program criteria for the downpayment assistance continue to be met.

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When you give someone something, you are responding to their needs that day, but if you teach them how to do something, you help them address their needs long term.

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Homelessness is fundamentally a housing issue, and we will not be able to solve it without additional housing units. Anything that increases the stock of affordable housing is a good idea and much needed.

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2/06/2023 04:30 PM

There is no where for our unhoused neighbors to exist in the evenings. While simultaneously being worried that a 24 hour drop in center isn't the end all be all solution, we will still have people camped out - so we also need a no barrier shelter for extreme weather.

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The process that is in place in today's rental applications is pretty

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ridiculous and then once you're finally in a rental, then the property management pushes that you sign a lease for the next year within 1-2 months of being in current lease which is very stressful. If I don't sign then they start showing my place for the next year which I find very unprofessional and unfair. I can see them wanting to know within 2-3 months from the end of the lease, but not 1-2 months into a new lease. I think that property owners and property management companies should be regulated more by the City.

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We have got to take care of our vulnerable populations. We will never be a genuinely great city if we can't figure out a way to care for those who can't take care of themselves.

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Stable housing is paramount to mental & physical health

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Meaningful employment at a decent living wage (higher than a minimum of \$25 - \$30 per hour) can begin to provide a stable income foundation for low/moderate income individuals. We should also look for potential ways to also facilitate affordable child care.

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I've heard that old sewage lines have leaks which cause pollution in the local streams and that affects the quality of life for the whole city.

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2/06/2023 07:45 PM

Need a true safety net of basic human protections for those in our community.

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2/06/2023 08:05 PM

People are homeless because it is the best they can do. Help them. Our schools and government make the problem, so our community needs to help the homeless.

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Alternative travel infrastructure is the most important because it transportation access allows for easier upward mobility

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The cost of maintains and improving property is related to the ability to maintain the structure and facilities. Damage from flooding and sewers is often difficult and expensive to repair

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I don't feel the City of Columbia does a very good job of code inspections. It needs to be fair and unbiased and treat ALL housing

inspections the same. Not favoring certain neighborhoods, landlords, etc

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Neighborhood stabilization through quality affordable housing is proven to reduce crime and homelessness.

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With the passage of the new state law outlawing homelessness, providing shelter to keep our unhoused population from running afoul of the criminal justice system must be our first priority.

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2/07/2023 08:07 AM

NEED MORE OPTIONS FOR HOME OWNERSHIP TO PEOPLE MAKING 60,000-100,000.

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It will help build the work force needed to address the many challenges we face. Together with low interest loans to start small business, it will help address several other goals on the list.

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Provide a safe way to people to move around the city.

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More funds need to be spent on infrastructure

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If current landlords of vulnerable populations are held accountable for adequate living habitats then we could expect true community enrichment to happen in these various spaces. Currently, Wards 2 and 3 have dilapidated neighborhoods that could be improved upon with the held accountability of the property owners and the resource traffic to those who inhabit the neighborhoods.

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2/07/2023 10:33 AM

City is decades behind improving infrastructure like sewer, storm water, roads, sidewalks, & electric security & reliability.

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I feel providing vocational training to people will help them in the long run as well as providing valuable services to the population as a whole.

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2/07/2023 11:24 AM

Home ownership is expensive and maintaining and improving a home can be difficult, especially when there are life changing events

(change or loss of job, adding a new family member, losing a family member). I've been around long enough to see these affordable home projects come to fruition and then watch these areas steadily decline as home owners are unable to maintain their homes. Offering education, incentives, and assistance is imperative to keep the low to moderate housing areas in good shape and attract people that want to work and improve the communities in which they live.

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People need to feel good about themselves and job training would put them in that position. The more you give people things the more it loses value. Free has no value.

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Education leading to a trade is vital to help end homelessness.

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No waste

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Need to do something permanent about homeless population

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2/08/2023 07:31 AM

More support to small businesses who generate sales and taxes should take a higher priority over housing homeless who contribute little to nothing while straining resources.

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Transportation is important to populations without cars

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Finding affordable housing is becoming more and more difficult to find in Columbia. Even more difficult is finding housing that will take a voucher. Landlords are becoming less willing to do this. Selling off properties to others and then the new owners want nothing to do with this. Along with this, what is available to rent is in terrible conditions. Low income housing that "pass" inspections but smoke detectors don't work, flooding, mold that cannot be seen. There needs to be better effort by the city to inspect and sanction landlords or what I like to call "slumlords." We are giving the appearance as a community that we do not care and everything is just talk and no action.

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We have been attempting to develop a comprehensive homeless services center for nearly 20 years.

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water damage makes cost that will keep growing until corrected

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2/08/2023 01:00 PM

There is a large vulnerable population in Columbia that needs assistance.

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2/08/2023 01:05 PM

Missouri has recently passed a law to make it illegal to sleep on state-owned land. We need to support our unhoused community members by providing them with somewhere to sleep, since the state is taking away their access to many places where they sleep now.

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I am a young disabled person who cannot go up and down stairs. Most rental properties have several stairs and are not ADA-compliant. This makes it hard for people with disabilities of all ages to find a place to live and be independent. The cost of rent has also increased and certain people who are on fixed incomes cannot pay \$800 - \$1,000 or more a month for a one or two-bedroom to house their families. We also do not have the income to cover three times the rent as most rental applications ask for. We deserve to live within our community and not be segregated into certain areas or housing.

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Large unfunded needs.

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2/08/2023 03:59 PM

Our homeless population seems to be growing, and I think it has become an urgent issue.

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I think we need more social services in the city overall and providing more accessibility for residents and their families to get that assistance whether it be through a state or federal program or something locally to help address people's needs.

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Flooding doesn't fix itself and new developments make it worse.

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The city is in need of both affordable owned homes and rentals. We are seeing rental rates increase at a fast and untenable pace. This will lead to more folks becoming unhoused. The need for services and shelter will grow.

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This accomplishes two important goals: removing dilapidated



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abandoned properties from neighborhoods and increasing the supply of affordable housing

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It's important for occupants safety and security and helps keep neighborhoods stable

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Columbia desperate needs this!

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2/08/2023 09:59 PM

Providing resources, housing and employment services to our unsheltered neighbors can alleviate the burden on the health care system and judicial system while simultaneously positively impacting our economy. I also believe homeownership should be accessible to all citizens. If we can move renters that are able to demonstrate financial stability (regardless of their household income) into their own homes, the rental units will then be available for the next cycle of renters.

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2/09/2023 07:38 AM

Columbia can only be as good as it treats it's most needy population. How can we not assure people are allowed to live without shelter?

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I believe that communities with resources that properly serve the folks needing them are the most see a thriving community as a whole.

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homeless population seems to increase these past several years and need to be address

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2/09/2023 08:33 AM

Because there are so many old uninhabitable homes, in Columbia, used as drug dens for homeless and runaways. Many of these homes are also used for sexual exploitation. Runaways and those that have left home early, and have fallen on hard times tend to meet other teens in the same situation, and get involved in selling themselves in exchange for drug habits or money for things like cigarettes, and food. I know this for a fact has been going on since 1996 when I first arrived here and met children living together after they could not return home, or felt they could not return home after leaving and dropping out of school. I have also known teens as young as 12 in Columbia, in this situation. I do not see anything on here that remotely addresses the teen drug and sex problem. When going through the Stephens College Counseling program, and completing internships in both Hickman and Rockbridge, I learned 70% of all Hickman students were sexually active. Of those sexually active



students 76% had herpes, three had HIV and one had aids. None of which were sharing this information with partners. Rockbridge, on the other hand, had a large drug problem. Columbia has a large homeless problem, primarily due to dual diagnosis or co-occurring diagnosis. Working with the homeless population, many are milking a system, which allows them to consistently tear up homes, be evicted, and go right back into the system. When will the problem be addressed, instead of using a Band-Aid solution? Get them off the street, then address why and how to prevent it, or start with ways to prevent it, in the beginning. What have we come to with students demanding they are cats, and winning lawsuits because we must respect their choices, instead of being adults and teaching children how to handle stress, bullying, and anxiety, which all of us face at times in life. Life is not easy, and all of us will experience everything life has to offer. We need to be taught what to do, and how to react, rather than cry, it was my parents. They were too strict. We have lost are sense of values and direction. Its okay to be accepting of all. Teach tolerance. If we are raising children to be themselves, and not conform to societies norms, then lets teach them, to accept the world is a scary place, and we need to be vigilant and work hard. Hard work pays and every child can make their dreams come true. Choose there dream job and never give up on the dream. Nobody is there for the children. Society demands we all work two and three jobs. They must be taught somewhere! Drag shows are designed for those over 21, not for impressionable middle schoolers. Lets just teach them sex at 12 is acceptable. The reason I hand out condoms for Halloween, when I live in Columbia! Now maybe I should hand out clean needles as well.

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2/09/2023 08:36 AM

Having a safe shelter is the first step. A job is almost impossible when you live on the streets.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2023 08:48 AM

We need more affordable housing so that the homeless population can be housed Homeless population also need more shelters

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2023 09:04 AM

I believe that it is immoral that we have great prosperity here in Columbia, yet we have chronically unhoused people forced to live out in the elements. We should be pursuing housing-first policies and practices to help our most vulnerable people. But the next closest option on the list is improving our shelters, which the city pulled funding for this year.

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2/09/2023 09:07 AM

Addressing the lack of permanent housing for those most in need/most vulnerable automatically addresses the downstream needs

of those who have lesser degrees of need.

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2/09/2023 09:54 AM

I was injured in December and became wheelchair-bound. I can't get my wheelchair out the door of my apartment building because the door doesn't have a button, the threshold is too high off the ground, and there are often cars blocking the only way out. Yet property managers insist it is "wheelchair accessible." I just want to go to work!

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2/09/2023 10:13 AM

Build a person mentally and physically while teaching a skill.

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2/09/2023 11:00 AM

I work with the homeless population in my line of work. There is a need for a 24/7 low barrier shelter to provide immediate relief for our community members experiencing homelessness and a short- to mid-term need for affordable housing for individuals transitioning from homelessness to residency. Housing Vouchers have less impact now that there is a shortage of landlords willing to accept them. A shelter and affordable housing address the needs more effectively for our community members experiencing homelessness.

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2/09/2023 02:39 PM

Providing Vocational Training for low to moderate income residents would allow them to secure employment and provide better for their families.

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2/09/2023 04:38 PM

As our President of choice Biden said Vets and any US Citizens shoule NOT be Homeless

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2023 08:45 AM

Homeless population needs somewhere to go. Some are never going into permanent housing, but they deserve a safe place should they choose to use one in the hottest and coldest of months. We have more vouchers than we do housing, every place is handing out vouchers but no land lords are taking them. There is an extreme lack of housing.

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2/10/2023 10:29 AM

My thoughts and feelings directly reflect the numbers above, no need for explanation on my end.

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2/10/2023 01:14 PM

People without shelter need a safe shelter regardless of the temperature and time of day; it needs to be 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, open to anyone. Having people leave at 6 or 7 AM, especially in bad weather (too cold, too hot, rain/snow) and making them travel

long distances often by walking is inhumane.

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2/10/2023 03:32 PM

There is a need for workers in fields that require vocational training; once an individual has that training, they're employable, which is essential to self-sufficiency.

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2/10/2023 08:27 PM

My #1 is "Build new, affordable, owner-occupied housing" and I chose that because we finally qualified to buy a house, but then couldn't find anything habitable in Columbia in our price range. We now live in an adorable 3 bedroom house in Granite City, Illinois. Bye-bye CoMO, sad to see you go. At least we live in a blue state now.

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2/10/2023 10:07 PM

Helping those that are trying to make a living by working to start a business.

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2/11/2023 11:22 AM

Rentals for the homeless

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2/11/2023 12:12 PM

Need increased housing stock to stabilize housing costs; want to promote better standards of habitability for those with vouchers and low-income

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2/11/2023 12:13 PM

For the first part, we're in a position where we'd like to buy a home but it's increasingly difficult For the second, money should go toward helping others at least have some shelter in place.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2023 03:03 PM

Housing the homeless population is the humane thing to do. Also if a person has a decent place to lodge, then they can attend to other important life matters like being able to be physically clean for a job, education, etc.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2023 03:16 PM

I feel that the homeless population should be our most immediate concern.

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2/11/2023 03:46 PM

When we moved to Columbia from out of state we noticed the large amount of rentals that were in very poor condition. We learned that these homes are rented to students and not upkept. There seem to be an abundance of homes in need of repair or even clearly falling apart. People need decent housing, including students and those making lower incomes. I think it would be wonderful to see older

homes and neighborhoods restored and also be affordable . It would be important to make sure that these houses are not bought up by people wanting to rent them out for a profit.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2023 03:25 PM

The homeless rate in Missouri was estimated at 4,416 individuals in 2020, according to HUD. Over the years, the rate in Columbia has increased as well and as a community, I feel that is where we need to focus first. The amount of homeless in a community is a reflection of how well the community is addressing issues affecting the people within that community. We can do better!

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2/12/2023 07:04 PM

Our un-housed community has been neglected by the city. The city cannot continue to rely on individuals and groups of people to support this population.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2023 11:37 AM

There is no reason for a city this big to not have more resources for our unhoused population. They should be able to have shelter, food, and resources to help them on an individual basis.

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2/13/2023 11:44 AM

Because we are letting people lose toes by locking them out of warming facilities at dawn, if we even open them in the first place? They then have no way to get anywhere warm, because we don't have public transportation. (No, we don't.) And even if we do open the warming center doors, there are no bathrooms in places like Wabash. Because Matthes made even the city benches impossible to rest on. Because we are failing basic human decency.

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2/13/2023 09:08 PM

Would appreciate seeing more resources for our vulnerable population

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2/14/2023 02:07 AM

Public works and Infrastructure is a primary responsibility of the city and where they should be putting their money.

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2/14/2023 10:18 AM

Because I think that helping the most vulnerable among us should be the number one priority of the city.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2023 11:05 AM

Flooding causes numerous health and safety issues

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There is a terrible lack of affordable housing in Columbia- even if

2/15/2023 02:58 PM

residents received a voucher, they wouldn't be able to find housing to accept that voucher. If the City bought old abandoned houses and refurbished them to either rent or sell to low income families, that would be amazing.

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2/15/2023 03:24 PM

I believe that constructing, expanding or renovating a facility to provide 24-hour services to chronically unhoused populations would be a great help to these individuals by giving them a safe space. The shelters that we currently have in Columbia do not have the capacity to house all of the unhoused individuals, leaving them with nowhere to go. Recently, there have been several issues in the news about the local homeless camps and having a designated facility for unhoused individuals would help eliminate the need for these camps. A 24-hour facility would provide a safe place for unhoused individuals during severe weather and could potentially help them become aware of additional resources that our community has available to them as well.

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2/15/2023 03:29 PM

Abandoned and dilapidated homes are not fit for people to live in, and getting rid of them could create a space for a safe home to be built for a family

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2/15/2023 04:35 PM

We have to take care of our most vulnerable. They deserve better. This is life or death.

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2/16/2023 11:51 AM

Homelessness effects all areas of our community and solutions have momentum right now.

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2/16/2023 02:06 PM

Dilapidated is not safe and harbors vagrants and rodents. Also just a damn eyesore.

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2/19/2023 09:14 AM

We need better transit to schools and other congestion heavy areas of town.

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2/19/2023 01:23 PM

The city is failing its unhoused population. Facilities are somewhere between inaccessible and non-existent and the city just doesn't seem to care. For instance, last summer, I attended a neighborhood meeting with councilman Lovelady and then-councilman Skala. Even in the evening, it was sweltering hot. When asked about providing cooling shelters, Skala said the city council would get to it later... August being the earliest. The earliest they would DISCUSS



implementing a cooling shelter. He said this during the worst heat wave of the summer. "We'll get to it." This really exemplifies the city's attitude. Heat waves aren't a new phenomenon here; why didn't the city already have a plan in place? This degree of apathy from one of our more progressive council members was appalling. I want a city that takes ALL of its citizens into consideration. Many of the other options presented in this list are things the city already acknowledges and incorporates, but the unhoused appear to be an afterthought. That is part of why basic services for the unhoused are a top priority for me. Let's focus on those we have neglected and help get people off the streets - ideally into housing, but at least some accessible facilities people can shelter in so people don't needlessly suffer or die - and work up from there. Given the state legislature's increasingly hostile attitude toward unhoused people, this is more critical than ever. Let's get our fellow Columbians into housing before the state puts them in jail.

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2/20/2023 12:05 PM

Lot's of job training resources are already available through Missouri Job Center, Job Point and Vocational Rehabilitation, but a thriving local economy needs successful small business owners with enough assistance at the forefront to compete with large corporations.

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2/20/2023 06:23 PM

Vocational training will allow residents to secure consistent income which will have the potential to lead to consistent housing.

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2/20/2023 10:38 PM

The north side of the city is in desperate need of attention. The lack of funding and attention it gets compared to the south side is embarrassing.

Screen Name Redacted
2/21/2023 02:02 PM

Serving the homeless with shelter and housing options is very important as our community continues to grow.

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2/21/2023 04:57 PM

At park bldg will help food insecure population

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2/22/2023 08:56 AM

We need somewhere that our unhoused folks do not need to pack their things up and continuously move about town to have safe spaces from the weather or other factors. Providing one location for case management and other resources could centralize help for those folks and get them back on their feet quicker.

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I'm not qualified to say which of the above are the most important and



2/22/2023 09:14 AM

you might consider how you evaluate these responses with that in mind....I just know there are many homeless people in my immediate community, and not the people who live in the camps or on the streets. I know too many families who are moving between family members' spare rooms or couches, or even garages. The city can only do so much. We need a business community that is interested in the health and safety of all of our residents, especially the most vulnerable. The city is too deferential to the wealthy business community - many of whom have benefitted SUBSTANTIALLY from the vibrant community in Columbia that includes artists, musicians, writers, educators and other creative types - many of whom can't afford to live here anymore. We need the city to stop pretending they can fix this without that kind of help...it's cruel and misleading to make people feel like there are changes coming when whoever is reading this knows it's going to take a lot more than \$1.6 million to address years of racism and entrenched policy that has impacted the Black community and other marginalized or vulnerable people and left them without safe and stable housing, and even safe and stable community places to gather. I also think you could stop asking for everyone's opinions - I know these surveys result in less than 100 responses and that is not worth the substantial delay in spending the existing ARPA money, for example. A minority of jerks will complain no matter what you do and it seems like the city has a backlog of projects to deal with - affordable housing is one of many issues.

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2/22/2023 09:30 AM

I feel that having a comprehensive safety net for our most vulnerable community members is vital. If we are going to build a better world, we need to prioritize addressing deep structural inequalities.

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2/22/2023 10:42 AM

I work with many underserved populations. One of the major problems we have right now is a lack of affordable, quality housing. Time and time again I hear of people who are unhoused or are at risk of becoming unhoused due to the rising cost of rent. People want the security of owning their own homes. It is an investment. It makes them feel safer and less vulnerable.

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2/22/2023 10:56 AM

The homeless population of Columbia needs support

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2/22/2023 10:57 PM

Think we are not taking care of infrastructure needs as much as we should.

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2/23/2023 03:41 PM

There is a large homeless population in Columbia that is largely underserved. Columbia is a hub for the homeless population in Mid-

Missouri. We need more services for these folks.

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2/23/2023 05:45 PM

Affordable Housing is the most acute need. Vouchers don't help if there aren't enough affordable rentals. Also this could help improve neighborhoods that are mostly low income and improve home values.

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2/23/2023 08:54 PM

Both of my number 1 rankings are about protecting the unhoused population in Columbia. We have the ability to provide a space and safe shelter to prevent people from dying of exposure. It is better to help them find jobs and medical care when they have housing. We need to be better about supporting our most vulnerable populations.

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2/24/2023 01:47 PM

Those that truly want to improve their lives will, but oftentimes they simply need a little boost to open the door for that opportunity. FREE or affordable training and job placement helps people become independent and when you support yourself your desire to sustain that is far greater than when handed something for nothing. Addressing "homelessness" without extensive mental evaluation, treatment and support is like trying to swim without water. You'll get nowhere, as most don't want what cities will try and provide. Look at Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake City...I've personally seen the signs in all of these cities that literally say, "Please don't give food to panhandlers, we have warehouses of food for them rotting". I don't believe that's the culture this beautiful college town that obviously values education, with 3 higher ed institutions, wants to build. Rather, the value of education/training should be reflected in the government and the focus of spending. Old adages are long lasting because they are true; give a man a fish he eats once, teach him how to fish he eats for life. I HIGHLY support the education/training , mentoring, of people for jobs, life skills, and self sufficiency. One last point...when you give people things without any investment on their part, you're more or less saying they aren't capable of doing or being more. It's unintentional under-minding and deflating. The education/training/mentoring option is harder than building a building and sticking someone in it...by far!!! But the results will be more fruitful, healthier, and gratifying for each individual AND the community. Just look at mentally handicapped (Down Syndrome folks come to mind) they WANT to work. They have every excuse to say they "need" free housing, food, and support but I've yet to meet such an individual who would accept that. Regardless the spectrum an individual falls; able and unmotivated to work, motivated and without training and resources, Columbia will benefit across the board in setting an expectation for education and training, and investing in making it affordable, and providing the mentoring and health services that teach people it's value when they already lack it.

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2023 07:32 PM

Am hoping that enforcing city codes will force slum lords to maintain their low income rental properties.

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2023 02:31 PM

Job training for people who can make use of it, if the job exists, and if they can get the job after the training, bypasses the need for all the other elements on this list except bizarrely, storm water flood mitigation. Why is that one on here set against all the social programs?

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2023 06:56 PM

The more dilapidated homes are targets for flippers who remove affordable housing for a profit

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2023 01:13 PM

While it may not impact me directly, I think this would be life changing, even if it were to only touch one person. The person concerned is also the exact type of person who may not be aware of or may not have the time to speak up in this way so I would like to for them.

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2/28/2023 03:19 PM

Many times a lack of transportation is what prevents vulnerable population from staying gainfully employed, accessing community services, government offices, healthcare facilities, or lower-cost shopping alternatives. By constructing sidewalks and crosswalks (plus bike lines) we give people who do not drive or do not have access to a car the ability to connect with these services. An option I would have loved to see above it to provide transit system improvements, like schedule connection to Google maps or facility improvements.

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3/01/2023 04:07 PM

Our homeless population is growing in our community. This is due to many factors, such as lack of affordable housing options, criteria that is strict and unrealistic that singles out certain groups of people by socio-economic status and other identifiers. As a community, it is our responsibility to provide services and resources that are relevant to the people within our community.

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3/05/2023 07:37 PM

I think that we should be encouraging home ownership over rental. Home ownership is one of the best ways to build equity/wealth and if housing is so expensive that it prohibits a large proportion of people from ever entering the market, then those people will forever be denied the ability to build wealth in this manner. At the same time, it is also important for those properties and neighborhoods to be well-maintained since the value of one's home is significantly tied into the

quality of the homes around it.

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3/05/2023 09:09 PM

Empowering people to earn a living by equipping them with skills to get better paying jobs will empower them to provide for themselves and their families and reduce the need for other services.

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3/05/2023 09:25 PM

I don't believe that the city should be taking on any of these responsibilities, but if you feel that you must, then encouraging training in order to better someone's skill set/financial situation would be the most responsible use of funds.

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2023 06:10 PM

THERE ARE A LOTS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT CAN NOT AFFORD A PLACE TO STAY OVER NIGHT

Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2023 09:55 PM

Promote and reward the citizens that need a hand to move up.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2023 09:03 AM

Helping people help themselves is the best way to create long term change.

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3/16/2023 12:21 PM

Safe pedestrian access to not only schools but necessities like grocery stores encourages physical movement, creates an increase sense of community, and decreases dependence on fossil fuels that pollute our neighborhoods. Sidewalks are not only for vagrant & low income populations, every neighborhood in town could benefit from adding protected bike lanes and sidewalks for highly frequented paths. I live on Highridge Dr, less than 1/3 of a mile from a grocery store, yet have no sidewalk option to for safe transport. I have to dodge traffic whenever I want to leave my house as my neighborhood has NO sidewalks. Walkability is going to only increase in importance as Columbia grows, and prioritizing it now will increase the quality of life for the whole community.

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3/17/2023 03:40 PM

Infrastructure should always be a priority

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3/18/2023 08:34 PM

The unhoused population is seen with disdain by many in this city, they need the most help and support. It's time we do more for this population.

Screen Name Redacted

3/19/2023 03:38 PM

Many houses in the central city are vacant and dilapidated. Lots of opportunity to turn this around to affordable housing

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2023 08:29 PM

Renting and owning homes in Columbia is a huge problem. Rent is increasing at wild rates in part due to rental agencies buying up huge amounts of property and being able to gouge prices as they desire. Owning homes becomes even more difficult - especially for those in marginalized groups - as it's harder to save money when it's all going to rental expenses.

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3/21/2023 01:58 PM

Because Columbia is in desperate need of low income housing

Screen Name Redacted

3/22/2023 09:57 AM

If there is wasted space that could be utilized to help those in need it seems like the logical thing to do. Also development of these facilities should rise property values for surrounding residents.

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3/22/2023 03:11 PM

I do not approve of urban sprawl . Us existing land and buildings to avoid this and to preserve natural green spaces for people and wildlife.

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3/22/2023 05:00 PM

Education is the foundation we build everything on

Screen Name Redacted

3/23/2023 08:44 AM

We need more affordable housing for people with families, there is an abundance of housing options for students. Why not use buildings/homes already there that need upgrades/improvements? Not only that, people that have been living here for some time giving in taxes and boosting our economy for many years should have top priority. Programs geared towards people already with property needing assistance and structures already in place here should have top priority. We've spent many years building new things and catering to student populations, it's time put more focus on other areas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/23/2023 11:42 PM

We need affordable housing and most of the dilapidated homes are not candidates for rehab, they need to be torn down. The City is in the best position to subsidize the construction of low cost housing.

Screen Name Redacted

3/24/2023 10:05 AM

Taking care of your local citizens and helping them to keep their homes is more important than trying to have more services to bring more homeless to this city. Help those that want and need help and

let the others move on to another city. Many of the homeless are not local to columbia, they came here for all the free programs and they are trashing our city and then moving on to the next city. Allowing them to live on vacant land, pollute our water, do drugs and commit crime is just doing wrong for your tax paying citizens and local business owners.

Screen Name Redacted

3/25/2023 07:35 AM

I believe we need to correct and improve existing neighborhood problems (such as sewer and storm water drains) instead of ignoring problems and beginning new projects.

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3/27/2023 09:15 AM

My main concern is actually air quality. BAN WOODSTOVES IMMEDIATELY! People in my neighborhood have been dying and moving and at the center of it is one person who heats his home with wood. The air is so toxic outside and it gets into the house creating a torturous environment. I now have a respiratory disease and am certain it is a result of woodburning neighbors. And we live near downtown by an elementary school. Woodburning needs to be banned !!

Screen Name Redacted

3/27/2023 04:34 PM

Housing/renting costs have increased dramatically these last few years. The buildings themselves have not had any renovations or changes made. We need affordable housing available.

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3/29/2023 07:25 AM

With being on Section 8 programs the houses/duplexes are old and need repairing no matter how much we pay the landlords refuse to fix update anything because we are on Section 8. I want to get off this so I can have a beautiful home for my family that is not old and run down. Something I can afford.

Screen Name Redacted

3/29/2023 09:42 AM

I would like my own home, in order to have a walk-in tub, as I have not been able to get in an out of a tub on my own.

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3/31/2023 02:45 PM

People need to get skills and become self sufficient

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3/31/2023 04:06 PM

I think home ownership is key to thriving communities. Most people take pride in things they own, things for which they are responsible. I think people should be able to own a dilapidated property, if they occupy the property.



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4/01/2023 12:58 PM

All housing should be handicap accessible! Ramps rather than stairs. Showers instead of tubs. Laundry on main floor. Will help folks age in place and assist those with disabilities.

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4/02/2023 04:05 PM

Most expensive "fix" and cannot be completed by individuals. Needs community effort and all will benefit someday somehow down the road.

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4/04/2023 09:55 AM

Columbia has a workforce shortage. Training to allow upward economic mobility will help get people, especially homeless and/or panhandlers, into productive jobs.

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"For safety so you don't get hit and go to school safely. Walk safely."

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4/12/2023 03:46 PM

safty for other people

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4/12/2023 03:51 PM

The storm drains need a total re-vamping. If driving through town on Providence, for instance, you cannot drive on the right in a rainstorm. It gets totally flooded. Other places in town are like that, too, but Providence is the worst. Also, the homeless situation in this community is awful. I see many people, even in winter, living on the streets out of grocery carts or whatever they have. They need a clean, safe place to go.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2023 04:01 PM

The older neighborhoods with no or unacceptable safety are important. We have asked [illegible] we would get speed bumps crosswalks for [illegible] from Rice Rd for years. Not done

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2023 04:16 PM

There is to many people that are on the street unhoused. I myself was once without a home.

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4/12/2023 04:21 PM

I am looking out for kids and in wheel chair. People on cruse!! Disable people. That has disbiltily.

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It will be safe

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All of them are number 1 because they are important

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Screen Name Redacted The water is poison in our place
4/12/2023 04:24 PM

Screen Name Redacted Affordable housing for all
4/12/2023 04:25 PM

Screen Name Redacted Better for everyone
4/12/2023 04:26 PM

Screen Name Redacted Preserving existing homes are very importance Cost is lower this way
4/12/2023 04:29 PM of rebuilding homes.

Screen Name Redacted Homeless need to have a place to go to get help. Some don't want
4/12/2023 04:31 PM help, then build building

Screen Name Redacted NEEDS MORE HOUSEING FOR THE HOMELESS NEED
4/12/2023 04:33 PM HANDICAP FOR WHEELCHAIRS AND WALKERS

Screen Name Redacted There are so many homes around town for sale that can be bought
4/12/2023 04:35 PM and rented to people w/ vouchers because landlords are HARD to
find.

Screen Name Redacted My daughter walks to and from school everyday and her crossing
4/12/2023 04:38 PM Providence & Worley makes me extremely nervous with all of the
traffic & minimal awareness/caution used by drivers for the kids.

Screen Name Redacted I beleve ever life is inpor.
4/12/2023 04:42 PM

Screen Name Redacted People need housing before anything else.
4/12/2023 04:43 PM

Screen Name Redacted To give the homeless or about to be somewhere to go so they're not
4/12/2023 04:46 PM in camps w/ garbage all around that's visable its' disgraceful &
disgusting

Screen Name Redacted my income is low and most of the places need to be updated.

4/12/2023 04:47 PM

Screen Name Redacted To eliminate flooding

4/12/2023 04:48 PM

Screen Name Redacted My #1: Columbia needs more affordable houses constructed in some of the nicer neighborhoods.

4/12/2023 04:51 PM

Screen Name Redacted Now more gas build up in the system.

4/12/2023 04:53 PM

Screen Name Redacted There's a disparity between # of Section 8 vouchers and the # of affordable rentals that accept the vouchers

4/12/2023 04:55 PM

Screen Name Redacted I am a senior citizen and I'm not planning on moving anywhere, and these concerns must be done

4/12/2023 04:57 PM

Screen Name Redacted People with training and skills are most likely to become productive, employable and not homeless.

4/12/2023 05:00 PM

Screen Name Redacted To provide the people priority of life

4/12/2023 05:08 PM

Screen Name Redacted At least please get the homeless population off the streets because it just keeps growing

4/12/2023 05:10 PM

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4/12/2023 05:11 PM

Screen Name Redacted There all important but I think it about the seasons also. bad weather were all have a responsibility not just about low incomes.

4/12/2023 05:14 PM

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4/12/2023 05:19 PM

Screen Name Redacted Pendleton walkway has no back door. Everyone needs a home to live in. Finding housing with upgraded living quarters free of mildew, water damage bugs.

4/12/2023 05:24 PM



<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:26 PM</p>	<p>Because it's whats useful for me and my family</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:35 PM</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:37 PM</p>	<p>[illegible] need those,</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:38 PM</p>	<p>Having repares done, so you don't have to look like you live in slums.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:40 PM</p>	<p>community facilities serve many people & can be hub for resources, support and safe places</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:42 PM</p>	<p>New up to date housing and appliances instead of these old outdated living. It's 2023!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:48 PM</p>	<p>I depend on city buses to go places & use a wheeled walker to go</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:51 PM</p>	<p>I personnally think Columbia is growing and there's a lot of old abandon house that SHOULD be torn down and replaced to beautify our [illegible]</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:58 PM</p>	<p>do what has been done in Jeff City with [illegible] of th large homes to th smaller ones in Columbia</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 06:01 PM</p>	<p>it helps plepo</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 06:07 PM</p>	<p>We need more housing so creating [illegible] a start on more housing</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 06:09 PM</p>	<p>We need to try to get all the homeless, of the street that want to get off the streets.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 06:13 PM</p>	<p>Alot of people that are in wheelchairs cannot access alot because they are not even/broken.</p>

Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:37 AM	I care about other citizens in the city + don't want them dealing w/ buying new furniture/tech to improve for next time.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:39 AM	So that this could eliminate slum lords on the part of rental agencies
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:40 AM	I am phyicle and mentally handecaped
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:46 AM	Home ownership is vital to our furture. Affordable ownership.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:48 AM	As I walk everywhere, I would feel much safer on a sidewalk than being forced to walk on the road.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:49 AM	The city needs more affordable housing for the homeless populations/veterans.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:52 AM	These sidewalks are ridiculous! You'll break your legs walking a some of them
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:54 AM	A lot of people would love to be Homeowners but have no idea how to go about accomplishing that goal for themselves.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:56 AM	Flooding cause damage, can be dangerous. No one wants sewers backups.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:59 AM	it can help with connectivetty to others
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 09:01 AM	It is the most important
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 09:03 AM	Homeless need help very inportance
Screen Name Redacted	Homeless need to be off the streets

4/13/2023 09:06 AM

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2023 09:09 AM

None. My experience most homeless people don't want help. Just money for alcohol + drugs.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2023 09:14 AM

I have been homeless it was rough to get back to normal life, having your own place is a start. Nobody want to do Section 8 I have 2 months to get out the house that I am living in. I talk to Ashley [illegible] She said Kinney Point is only for Public Housing no Section 8 that is not right. We need more section 8 apartments houses in City of Columbia. I would like to be 1st on as I am on deadline. [illegible]

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2023 01:50 PM

People can't stay in homes they have due to repairs being needed

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4/15/2023 09:40 PM

In a city this size, there should be a 24/7 facility for the homeless population. Room at the Inn helps in the winter, but other services should be available for this population. Since there is currently no facility to assist 24/7, many of these residents wind up in the emergency department, since they do not have access to a warm place or food.

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4/24/2023 08:32 AM

I have close calls on a weekly basis where I almost get hit walking in the road.

Screen Name Redacted

4/25/2023 02:18 PM

#1 Everyone needs a permant place to call home. # To help homeless to feel safe

Screen Name Redacted

4/25/2023 02:20 PM

Very disgusting when drains backup & leave sewage inside the home.

Screen Name Redacted

4/26/2023 02:06 AM

Office of Neighborhood Services does a TERRIBLE job at Code Enforcement. Especially, in these areas allowing for lower income or less advantaged folks to live in substandard housing. Landlords are not held accountable enough.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2023 09:51 AM

Dilapidated homes negatively impact neighborhood both in reduced property values and increases in criminal and drug activity.

Screen Name Redacted

OUR COMMUNITY INCLUDES THOSE WHO ARE IN POVERTY.

5/10/2023 11:02 AM

THIS ALSO BUILDS COMMUNITY TRUST

Screen Name Redacted

5/10/2023 12:28 PM

We need more affordable housing. Also need to raise the income levels to at least 55k because the current level leaves out people that are just getting started in their careers.

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5/10/2023 12:38 PM

It's an eye sore seeing the dilapidated & abandoned houses plus depreciates the area. But with "affordable" construction it enhances the area and gives assistance to those that would not normally be able to afford home ownership on own. Then Columbia can prove it is proactive in providing affordability and cleaning up it's community in positive manner. 5/10/23.

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5/11/2023 12:18 PM

homeless people need a place to live; they need help

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5/11/2023 12:21 PM

Room at the Inn is only temporary: can't concentrate or think about future

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5/11/2023 12:24 PM

one day, I want to start my own business and will need help finding a building

Screen Name Redacted

5/11/2023 12:29 PM

I was homeless here before and [illegible] them to

Screen Name Redacted

5/11/2023 12:31 PM

It's important to preserve or improve what we already have instead of starting new projects. We have so much if we just make it viable

Screen Name Redacted

5/11/2023 12:34 PM

Low income housing is critical to everyone in the population. Anything we can do to help is critical.

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5/11/2023 12:37 PM

help people be self sufficient so the city's overall conditions will improve lower-working class people struggle to pay bills help them out of poverty with education and loan progmmms for small business's

Screen Name Redacted

5/11/2023 12:39 PM

BETTER BUS ROUTES TO MORE AREAS. NO BUS ROUTES TO TOO MANY PLACES. REINSTATE BUS ON W. NIFONG - MUST DRIVE TO GET BUS + NOWHERE TO PARK CARS NEAR BUS STOPS.

Optional question (281 response(s), 77 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q4 | What community barriers to these services do you feel you are experiencing?

Screen Name Redacted
2/03/2023 04:43 PM
None, personally. However, I am close to some who are struggling with becoming unhoused.

Screen Name Redacted
2/03/2023 09:27 PM
Communication, awareness and accessibility

Screen Name Redacted
2/04/2023 10:52 AM
Rent is increasing throughout COMO and it is almost impossible to keep up.

Screen Name Redacted
2/04/2023 02:12 PM
It's not a priority for city council.

Screen Name Redacted
2/04/2023 04:23 PM
It would be helpful if definitions for "low to moderate income" were published in a highly visible place on the city government's site.

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2/04/2023 05:40 PM
low paying jobs. Lack of opportunity to increase income. Job Point isn't the answer.

Screen Name Redacted
2/04/2023 06:14 PM
Not enough mental health treatment available, & some people feel that the homeless folks are in that situation because of bad personal & deliberate decisions.

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2/04/2023 10:14 PM
Very few affordable houses for large families.

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2/05/2023 08:28 AM
lack of communication about such trainings

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2/05/2023 08:59 AM
None

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2/05/2023 03:48 PM
Bus and biking infrastructure not expansive enough

<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 08:36 AM</p>	<p>Cumbersome requirements</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 10:54 AM</p>	<p>both access and cost of HEALTHY food ; and food desserts.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 10:54 AM</p>	<p>Lack of public transportation to anywhere useful.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 10:54 AM</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:09 AM</p>	<p>none</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:07 AM</p>	<p>none</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:09 AM</p>	<p>Drugs and addiction issues, as well as bad rental history with harm people who are trying to place to live.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:09 AM</p>	<p>Lack of affordable housing stock in Columbia</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:14 AM</p>	<p>It is not utilized enough currently</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:16 AM</p>	<p>City Departments do not work well together.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:25 AM</p>	<p>Personally, we have minimal sidewalks in my neighborhood. This makes it difficult to go on walks with my dog, as I have to be in the streets, and it makes it basically impossible to take my two children on walks or biking as they cannot be in the streets.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:24 AM</p>	<p>Funding and implementation.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:18 AM</p>	<p>Overreach of government into areas that less restrictions could lead to community solutions.</p>

Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:18 AM	The sewers, waterlines and roads and not fully adequate.
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:18 AM	By spending money on new land/homeless centers and services, which are all taking from making the roads better.
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:22 AM	Law enforcement is not doing enough to get homeless people off the streets and out of the camps.
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:22 AM	It's expensive.
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:25 AM	Lack of affordable rental housing, low income population is too low income to be able to afford anything on the market and the supply and demand of vouchers does not match the supply of affordable housing units that will accept vouchers.
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:25 AM	Consideration of "assets" and what qualifies for "need"
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:27 AM	As a small business owner, I've been struck by the amount of red tape there is when it comes to affordable housing. I renovated a property and wanted to expand it to have another rental unit, but P&Z said I couldn't, so I'm planning to move elsewhere.
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:29 AM	None personally
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:28 AM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:30 AM	Lack of available public transportation options combined with unaffordable housing costs.
Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 11:39 AM	There is no reliable public transportation during all the hours of the day needed to make living farther from downtown sustainable.

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special interest groups and their influence on City Counsel

2/06/2023 11:35 AM

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Allocating our resources, funding, City government.

2/06/2023 11:55 AM

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AS A SINGLE MOTHER OF 5 RAISING KIDS AND MYSELF... I HAVE SO MUCH THAT I WANT TO DO BUT I WAS NOT GIVEN THE PROPER KNOWLEDGE TO DO SO THEREFORE I TRY TO DO MY BEST TO LEARN ABOUT THE THINGS I WANT. BOTH OF THESE NUMBER 1 ANSWERES WOULD HELP ME TRAMENDOUSL

2/06/2023 11:42 AM

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I have no barriers. I feel like the barriers that lower income individuals are facing are skills training, not knowing that their are skills training available, and child care for families. Child care assistance would be a huge hlep to young families.

2/06/2023 11:44 AM

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Lack of funding for these issues.

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There should be regulation on short term rentals and subleasing to prevent such high profit margins when renting to people that don't live in the city.

2/06/2023 11:52 AM

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The ability to buy a home.

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Lack of communication and education

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There isn't enough resources to help house and treat the homeless

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access to equal benefits

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Many parts of the City are still hostile to non-automobile transportation. Building more sidewalks and bike lanes built would be a great service to the community.

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The housing development process is cumbersome and does not lend

2/06/2023 12:47 PM

itself to affordability.

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2/06/2023 12:56 PM

If I didn't work 2 jobs I couldn't afford a decent home.

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Not enough affordable housing options.

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Lack of housing availability and housing pricing

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2/06/2023 01:16 PM

Too much enabling and free handouts. There are no incentives to actually be productive members of our society. There are no punishments for being a deadbeat in Columbia.

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2/06/2023 01:41 PM

As of right now I don't feel that I personally feel these barriers.

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2/06/2023 01:46 PM

Bias against low income. Stop calling it affordable housing. Call it workforces housing and see how different the survey results would be.

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Red tape

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2/06/2023 02:16 PM

I have purchased my home in the City taking advantage of the first time homebuyers program years ago. I raised my children and home has been paid for many years.

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2/06/2023 03:17 PM

The attempts to provide support and housing for chronically homeless individuals undermines the ability to provide services to individuals who need assistance with affordable housing for family stability and a fresh start.

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2/06/2023 03:47 PM

Communication. I had no idea these were things that existed

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2023 04:02 PM

A pervasive sense of being paralyzed by the scope of the homelessness issue



<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 04:30 PM</p>	<p>Stigma.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 05:02 PM</p>	<p>Landlord/property management companies are not fixing what needs to be fixed which in turn leads to higher utility and/or bills for tenants.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 06:11 PM</p>	<p>Resistance to having short-term or low income housing close to them</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 06:21 PM</p>	<p>I am retired and not eligible to receive any of the services noted</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 06:24 PM</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 07:45 PM</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 08:05 PM</p>	<p>The schools do not test all who request help. The schools are where the problem begins.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 09:07 PM</p>	<p>The need to facilitate transient populations that are not residents or citizens of the county and the need to find a real solution to homelessness besides ignoring the issue and patching it with providing housing to people who do not want it</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 09:41 PM</p>	<p>As a minority, I feel we have been treated unfairly many times and have been passed over for opportunities within the community.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/06/2023 10:16 PM</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 08:07 AM</p>	<p>no comment</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 08:18 AM</p>	<p>Lack of respect for people who build things and keep them running. Lack of knowledge of how these jobs and small businesses can lay a foundation for a good life.</p>

<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 09:03 AM</p>	<p>none</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 09:49 AM</p>	<p>The biggest barriers are first adequate, approved, and verified representation of the vulnerable populations and then follow through and implementation of the recommendations from the communities representatives.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 10:33 AM</p>	<p>The City mismanages funds & wastes so much money. Plus, they're not proactive on addressing issues or reactive fast enough to fix issues.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 11:24 AM</p>	<p>Unwilling to help people maintain their properties. Predatory capitalist that come in and buy affordable homes for rentals and charge premium prices and then don't maintain the properties.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 02:44 PM</p>	<p>I have no experience on this topic</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 04:38 PM</p>	<p>Rich getting richer</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2023 08:40 PM</p>	<p>None for me personally.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/08/2023 07:31 AM</p>	<p>Too much funding and resources are provided for homeless. They are better taken care of than tax paying/law abiding citizens. Begging at every stop light and litter makes stopping in this town less desirable.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/08/2023 11:39 AM</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/08/2023 11:44 AM</p>	<p>No accountability by city officials. Want to blame those who are fighting the good fight and working with mental illness and substance use and call the state to complain they are not doing enough. I don't see city officials tromping through the woods.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/08/2023 11:43 AM</p>	<p>I don't understand this question.</p>



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low to moderate income neighborhood quality housing

2/08/2023 11:50 AM

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Educating the population on these services is a barrier.

2/08/2023 01:00 PM

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I don't experience any barriers where I live. I want everyone in Columbia to experience the same ease of living that I do. I know that's not just the city's responsibility, but that's my dream.

2/08/2023 01:05 PM

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Rent was \$680 a month and I was already struggling to pay. In 2022 rent went up \$120 to \$800. Thank God for the SAFHR program! Now, that program is no longer available. Rent is increasing to \$850 this year for a two bedroom on one level.

2/08/2023 01:32 PM

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None.

2/08/2023 01:45 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I'm not sure of the question.

2/08/2023 03:59 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I feel one of the major ones for me is the lack of reliable bus transit around town to get to services, public transit needs a massive overhaul in Columbia

2/08/2023 04:55 PM

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Small, affordable homes aren't being built and those that do exist are being bought up by property managing groups.

2/08/2023 06:08 PM

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None

2/08/2023 06:21 PM

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None

2/08/2023 07:07 PM

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None

2/08/2023 07:53 PM

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I'm privileged and will be volunteering within these services.

2/08/2023 08:18 PM



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2/08/2023 09:59 PM

I have lived in the same rental unit for 14 years. I have 2 children- one is now in college (and lives at home) and the other is a senior in high school. I work full time. I would like to be a homeowner but don't know where to begin.

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2/09/2023 08:05 AM

With folks that I work with and talk to they can't get to these services because of the lack of public transit to get to them, and in general the location isn't close to where they live.

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2/09/2023 08:22 AM

place homeless vets into affordable rentals.

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2/09/2023 08:33 AM

Affordable rent for single individual housing. Columbia went on a greed rampage, and have began charging rent by the bedroom, forcing out families and single individuals. People no choice but to have roommates. Whether they are college students or elder

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2/09/2023 08:36 AM

Lack of understanding in what causes homelessness.

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2/09/2023 08:48 AM

Not enough low income housing

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2023 09:04 AM

I am not experiencing barriers to services, but I am not the one in need of them.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2023 09:07 AM

The City has historically under addressed these needs for years without utilizing citizen engagement or data to assess and address these needs.

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2/09/2023 09:54 AM

Funding and workers for home repair/modification programs. Lacking power to make property owners comply with the ADA/FHA in a timely manner, if at all. More accessible, quality transportation.

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2/09/2023 10:13 AM

Older and not as strong or mobile

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2/09/2023 11:00 AM

Landlords unwilling to accept housing vouchers, student housing prioritization over unhoused community members, lack of rent control, lack of 24/7 homeless shelter.

<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2023 04:38 PM</p>	<p>Low income housing with in City of Columbia</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2023 08:45 AM</p>	<p>Misconceptions and misunderstanding of the homeless population</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2023 10:29 AM</p>	<p>The INCREASED desire to put the influx of homeless and their needs above the taxpayers, citizens and employees of the city. There are REAL families and individual's struggling (NOT BY CHOICE) that should be given priority over those that CHOOSE to be in t</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2023 03:32 PM</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2023 10:07 PM</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/11/2023 11:22 AM</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/11/2023 12:12 PM</p>	<p>Lack of landlord accountability and engagement, largely because they don't have to with insufficient housing stock and little incentive to work with low-income people, so they don't, or they're predatory and/or unfair to low-income tenants</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/11/2023 03:03 PM</p>	<p>None for me personally.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/11/2023 03:16 PM</p>	<p>I'm not experiencing them personally but it is ranked for those who are experiencing barriers.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/11/2023 03:46 PM</p>	<p>There is an abandoned house next to ours that is increasingly becoming an eyesore, but our family does not otherwise have a barrier to decent housing.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/12/2023 03:25 PM</p>	<p>Funding is a huge barrier as we have ways to address the issue, but funding is so scarce for these issues which leaves the problem unsolved. Another barrier is access to the services that are available.</p>



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2/12/2023 07:04 PM

#1 There is no facility where holistic services can be available #2 The library cannot continue as a warming center # 3 There often is no warming center on weekends or holidays. #4 transportation needs to improve to support our un-housed community.

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2/13/2023 11:37 AM

I feel that there is such low pay for many social service workers there is a lot of turnover. Keeping employees comfortable in their position will allow them to work with vulnerable populations and improve the community

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2/13/2023 11:44 AM

Not in my back yard; getting hooked on details while people suffer; worrying more about CYA than human suffering.

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2/14/2023 02:07 AM

No real community barriers.

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2/14/2023 10:18 AM

None personally, but I'm sure many people are.

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2/14/2023 12:48 PM

None

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2/15/2023 11:05 AM

Columbia desperately needs more affordable housing stock both owner and rental.

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2/15/2023 02:58 PM

None.

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2/15/2023 04:35 PM

I am unable to afford a rental house on my own. I have 2 adult roommates who split rent and utility costs. The affordable housing options are almost non-existent. It should not take 3 adults with full time jobs to afford a 3 bed house thats falling apart.

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2/16/2023 11:51 AM

reaching all the people with needs with the resources allotted.

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2/16/2023 02:06 PM

Landlords are charging ridiculously high rents. Yet they were the first to whine when the ridiculous Covid lockdown occurred and nobody was around to fill their units.



<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/17/2023 09:04 AM</p>	<p>Lack of awareness/communication that these programs exist</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/19/2023 09:14 AM</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/19/2023 01:23 PM</p>	<p>See above re: apathy toward the unhoused population. The city's lack of initiative leads to a broader lack of understanding and empathy in the community.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2023 12:05 PM</p>	<p>They consolidated the bus routes which is actively working to make jobs and economic opportunities less accessible to the poorest in our community.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2023 06:23 PM</p>	<p>Lack of a vision by residents to accomplish consistent income.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2023 10:38 PM</p>	<p>Lack of basic attention to anything on the north side.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/21/2023 02:02 PM</p>	<p>I strongly support the need for the proposed Opportunity Campus for the homeless.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 08:56 AM</p>	<p>Locations currently available for unhoused folks do not have the capacity or resources to serve them (ex. Room at the Inn, Turning Point, Public Library) particularly during severe weather. This increases tensions and makes these locations unsafe.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:14 AM</p>	<p>There are too many programs, too many organizations, too many acronyms, too many community forums. No easy answers, too many websites, too many forms.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:30 AM</p>	<p>As someone with a disability who works 30 hours a week making less than a living wage, the cost of living is too high for me to afford rent and other essential expenses on my own.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 10:42 AM</p>	<p>Wages aren't keeping up with the rising housing costs.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p>	<p>Preconceived bias and misunderstandings</p>

2/22/2023 10:56 AM

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2/22/2023 10:57 PM

politics, perception, need to address transportation in areas of affordable housing

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2/23/2023 03:41 PM

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2/23/2023 05:45 PM

I am retired and with adequate finances. I don't perceive barriers for myself, but I do see barriers for some of my grandchildren who live check to check.

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2/23/2023 08:54 PM

Much of Columbia has been focused on allowing high rise cheap apartment buildings and allowing for by the room rent. This luxury student housing is pricing locals out of their homes as landlords raise already inflated rent prices.

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2/24/2023 01:47 PM

None myself. I was an Afghanistan refugee volunteer and am currently a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer so I have had a lot of firsthand contact working with both the undermotivated, the mentally ill, and the ready but willing and without.

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2/26/2023 02:31 PM

I am lucky and do not need any of these for now. The barriers I hear people encounter most often are lack of availability (ex: does the housing exist?) and lack of transportation, and lack of personal motivation/supportive environment to follow through.

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2/26/2023 06:56 PM

Sheesh, all of them

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2/28/2023 03:19 PM

I have to speak of my past: Lack of transportation, lack of low-cost education opportunities and lack of affordable housing in a save environment for children..

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3/01/2023 04:07 PM

Lack of access to information regarding how to address problems faced. There is also systems in place that prevent certain groups, such as Blacks, Hispanics, Felons, and low income households, from accessing services they need to meet their basic needs.

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3/05/2023 07:37 PM

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3/05/2023 09:09 PM

Transportation can be a challenge. Communication - actually knowing what is available is also a huge barrier.

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3/05/2023 09:25 PM

Failing downtown infrastructure.

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3/09/2023 06:10 PM

LACK OF SUPPORT

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3/14/2023 09:55 PM

Getting consensus on solution, or best one. Kudos to a survey. I support systems that promote independence and self reliance. Start with the ones that are willing to step up and forward.

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3/16/2023 09:03 AM

What does that question even mean?

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3/16/2023 12:21 PM

I was lucky enough to purchase a home before the inflationary period started, but I have relatives who are unable to find an affordable home in a safe part of town and more affordable housing options would be great.

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3/17/2023 03:40 PM

I think another of these ideas are costly and the citizens of columbia already pay a premium to live here.

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3/18/2023 08:34 PM

Income requirements by those offering rentals are putting up barriers , requiring 2-3 times the rent rate in income is disgusting. And then there are owners who won't rent to you if you have a voucher, and those forms of discrimination need to be outAw

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3/19/2023 03:38 PM

No incentive for property owners to keep their properties up

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3/20/2023 08:29 PM

I feel like the city of columbia doesn't prevent rental agencies from establishing a monopolized market and it's becoming frustrating in columbia finding places to live.

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3/22/2023 09:57 AM

Getting into a larger home is a struggle. I'm currently waiting for Section 8 however when section 8 does become available to me I

worry about finding a place that accepts the vouchers as well as having the full amount to get myself moved.

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3/22/2023 03:11 PM

People want to build here because it is a great city. I would like to see more recycling and composting outlets

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3/22/2023 05:00 PM

I don't

Screen Name Redacted
3/23/2023 08:17 AM

I live in a old run down place that is filled with mold. But it is all I can afford and my health is suffering. There is no affordable housing in this town that is not in terrible condition or in unsafe areas.

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3/23/2023 08:44 AM

The only issue in the community I face currently is no sidewalks/shoulder on road around my house. There are areas that have them(new construction sites) and then areas that do not(neighborhoods that have been here a long time).

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3/23/2023 11:42 PM

The building code regulations are providing more road blocks than solving problems. They are increasing the costs at a time when we need to encourage more building. Preserving outdated housing is not efficient.

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3/24/2023 10:05 AM

The city needs more mental health services and more police to help control the out of control crime rate in the city.

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3/27/2023 04:34 PM

Affordability. Missing or damaged sidewalks.

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3/29/2023 07:25 AM

Bad landlords, being judged for being in the program. Most of the section 8 homes are in bad low poverty neighborhoods and the homes are not affordable.

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3/29/2023 09:42 AM

I would also like to have parking for my guests, as the streets are often crowded.

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3/31/2023 02:45 PM

Government giveaways trap people in poverty



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3/31/2023 04:06 PM

Internet continues to be delivered on squirrel chewed DSL lines. With spotty internet services, education is difficult, bill paying is difficult, employment is difficult, etc.

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4/01/2023 12:58 PM

We need an on demand paratransit. Right now, rides must be scheduled in advance.

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4/02/2023 04:05 PM

Genuine understanding and explanation of services. It's one thing to tell us and brag about in newsletters - but I don't always really "understand" how loans/ assistance/etc. really works.

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4/04/2023 09:55 AM

None. It is time for tough love to get people into the workforce.

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4/12/2023 03:43 PM

"Not really"

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4/12/2023 03:46 PM

cross walks - need more

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4/12/2023 03:51 PM

Not sure

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4/12/2023 04:01 PM

Danger backing out of driveway, elderly/handicap on walkers, canes and electric chairs in danger because of speeding vehicles. Crossing streets to office.

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4/12/2023 04:16 PM

affordable homeownership

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4/12/2023 04:21 PM

No, I don't feel like I am experiencing.

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4/12/2023 04:23 PM

I don't know

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4/12/2023 04:24 PM

Lawyers don't help CHA don't help

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More safety and policing

4/12/2023 04:25 PM

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none so far Just the floors are cold + hard + hurts your hips + lower back at times.

4/12/2023 04:29 PM

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I am not homeless

4/12/2023 04:31 PM

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PAQUIN OATS

4/12/2023 04:33 PM

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lack of good landlords for people with vouchers.Lack of rentals in good areas for people w/ vouchers. Lack of good quality homes for people w/ vouchers.

4/12/2023 04:35 PM

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Seems as of lately the city continuously spends funds on irrelevant things not vital to humanity, like months to year long debates over trash bins/bags and other unimportant matters.

4/12/2023 04:38 PM

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I am experiencing black mold which I have complained and put work orders for the two years I've lived at Hanover Village and nothing gets done. I even showed the Section 8 inspector.

4/12/2023 04:40 PM

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4/12/2023 04:42 PM

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N/A

4/12/2023 04:43 PM

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fortunately none at present time, although it's a real struggle trying to get by on \$1,118.00 per month, especially with the cost of food.

4/12/2023 04:46 PM

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High heating bill

4/12/2023 04:47 PM

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Don't know

4/12/2023 04:53 PM

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Where I'm at is way better than what I've seen for rent.

4/12/2023 04:55 PM

Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 04:57 PM	These sidewalks needs lights in the [illegible] room
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 04:58 PM	People knocking on my door all hours of the night
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:00 PM	I have disabilities, + elderly. I am in the vulnerable group
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:08 PM	People in needs need more help and [illegible] than infrastruture
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:11 PM	Low income housing for residence
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:14 PM	I think the first time services compared to anyone who has experienced the same.
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:19 PM	[illegible]
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:24 PM	Finding a program for disable people to be able to purchase a home with any income.
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:35 PM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:37 PM	none
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:38 PM	Not getting things fixed when needed
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:40 PM	anxiety
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:42 PM	People that genuinely care about the people in the community without prejudice.



Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:48 PM	Uneven sidewalks lack of bus service to forum area
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:51 PM	Central part of Columbia
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 05:58 PM	not educated enough in th [illegible] or market to do it on my own.
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 06:07 PM	Too long wait list
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 06:09 PM	The community's prspetion of Home people and the Chruch's not doing thier job.
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2023 06:13 PM	I would like to keep all housing benefits as they are.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:37 AM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:39 AM	Negitful rental agency in other word slumb lords
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:40 AM	Walk with no sidewalk I cannot. (It is hard for me to drive)
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:46 AM	Home ownership.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:48 AM	Just not enough sidewalks connecting to each other for a safe and easier route.
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:49 AM	Transportation
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:50 AM	Resource to ownership
Screen Name Redacted 4/13/2023 08:54 AM	I applied for a voucher, and, I haven't heard a word back about it.

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4/13/2023 08:56 AM

Not getting her done "Bad or poor govement. They don't even want to do water testing. Mabbie they know something they want to hide.

Screen Name Redacted
4/13/2023 08:59 AM

Not having heat in my apt.

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4/13/2023 09:01 AM

Not sure

Screen Name Redacted
4/13/2023 09:03 AM

Lack of money.

Screen Name Redacted
4/13/2023 09:09 AM

None. Live in Paquin and love it I feel forniate to have the oppourtuny to live here. The manager Mallory B. the Assistant Mgmr + Samatha all are great. I plan to live here the rest of my days.

Screen Name Redacted
4/13/2023 09:14 AM

Rentals loases and apartments in town don't want to rent Section 8 PEOPLE. My name [illegible] I have been looking for Section 8 house (1 Bdrm) or apartment since June 2022

Screen Name Redacted
4/14/2023 01:50 PM

seems like nothing exists to help

Screen Name Redacted
4/15/2023 09:40 PM

Lack of community support, lack of financial support, lack of education and knowledge regarding the homeless population in COMO

Screen Name Redacted
4/24/2023 08:32 AM

Officials making the decisions aren't spending real time in the environments to get true understanding of the issues faced.

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4/25/2023 02:18 PM

Low credit scores

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4/25/2023 02:20 PM

Cleaning the street would help keep refuse out of the drains so clogging won't occur as often.

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4/26/2023 02:06 AM

Same comment as above.

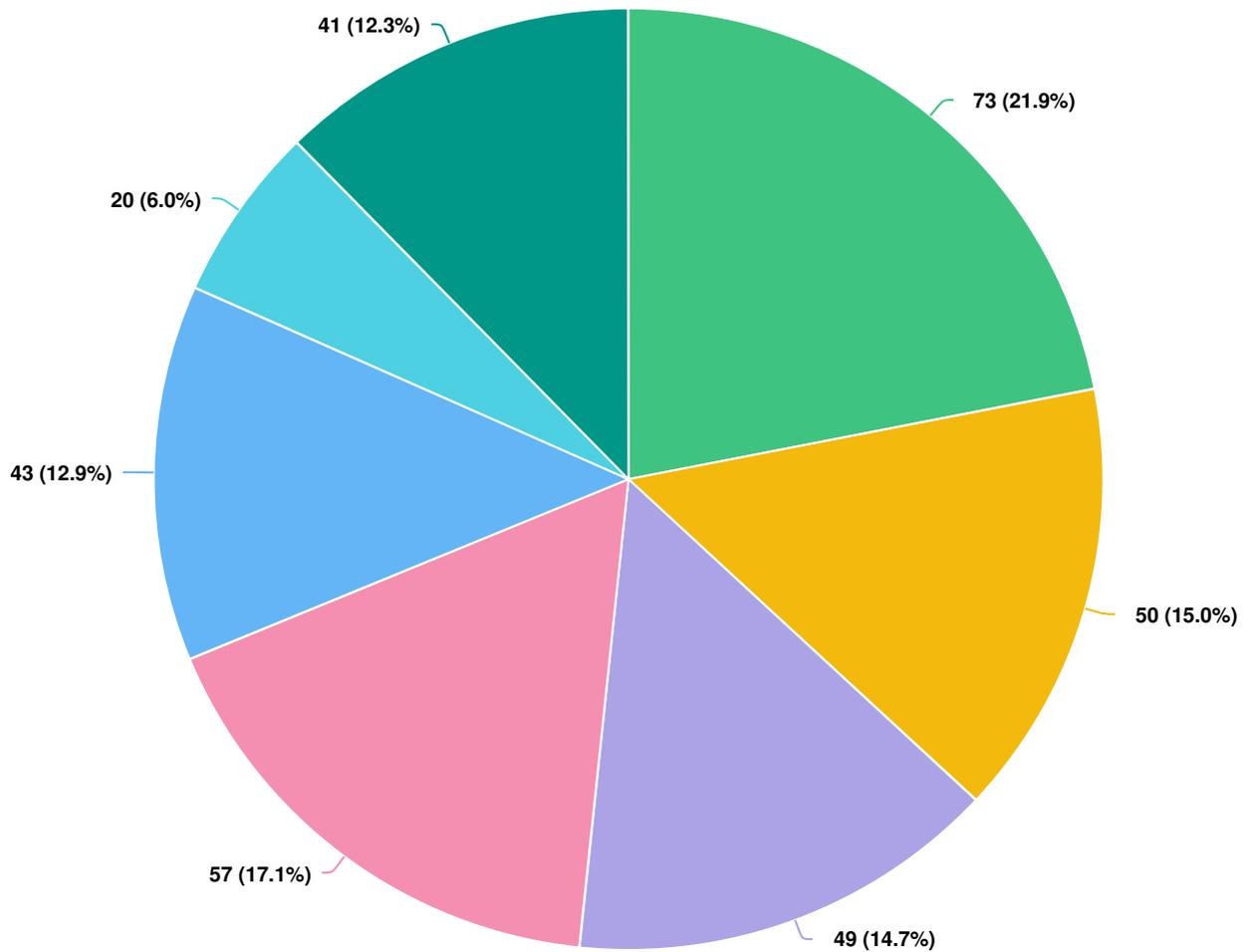


Screen Name Redacted 5/03/2023 09:51 AM	n/a
Screen Name Redacted 5/10/2023 11:02 AM	FUNDING, EMPATHY, THE WILLINGNESS TO NOT BS THEM & LISTEN & ACT
Screen Name Redacted 5/10/2023 12:38 PM	None for me
Screen Name Redacted 5/11/2023 12:18 PM	housing, not enough money, no houses available.
Screen Name Redacted 5/11/2023 12:21 PM	alcohol, drugs, mental health, cost of medication, not enough caring people
Screen Name Redacted 5/11/2023 12:24 PM	housing shelter doesn't have enough spaces
Screen Name Redacted 5/11/2023 12:29 PM	[illegible]
Screen Name Redacted 5/11/2023 12:31 PM	Finances and accessibility (i.e. homes that aren't wheelchair accessible)
Screen Name Redacted 5/11/2023 12:34 PM	There are always lots of different [illegible] to be taken care of. Narrowing it down is difficult
Screen Name Redacted 5/11/2023 12:37 PM	The #1 rankings in each category and low interest loans, rental ass. homebuying ass.

Optional question (243 response(s), 115 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q5 In which Columbia Ward do you live?

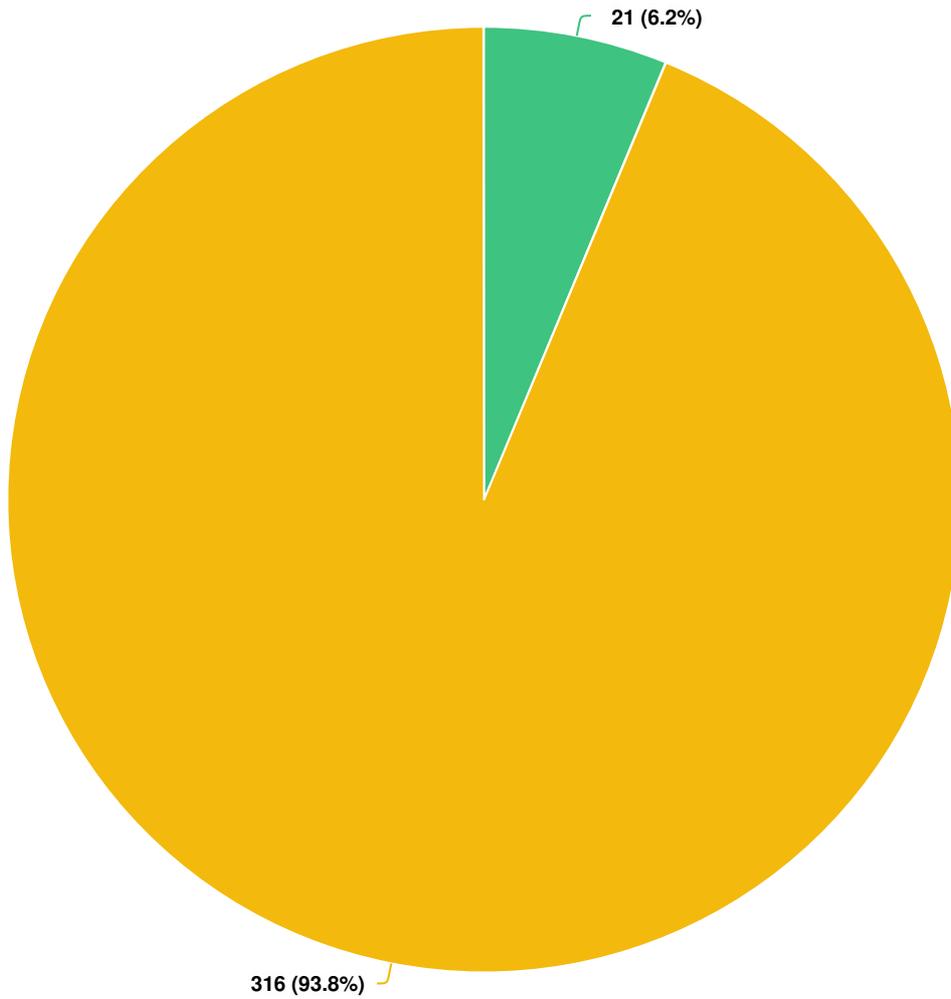


Question options

- 1st (Central Columbia)
- 2nd (NW Columbia)
- 3rd (NE Columbia)
- 4th (West Central Columbia)
- 5th (SW Columbia)
- 6th (SE Columbia)
- I do not know

Optional question (333 response(s), 25 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 Are you of Hispanic, Latin, or Spanish origin?

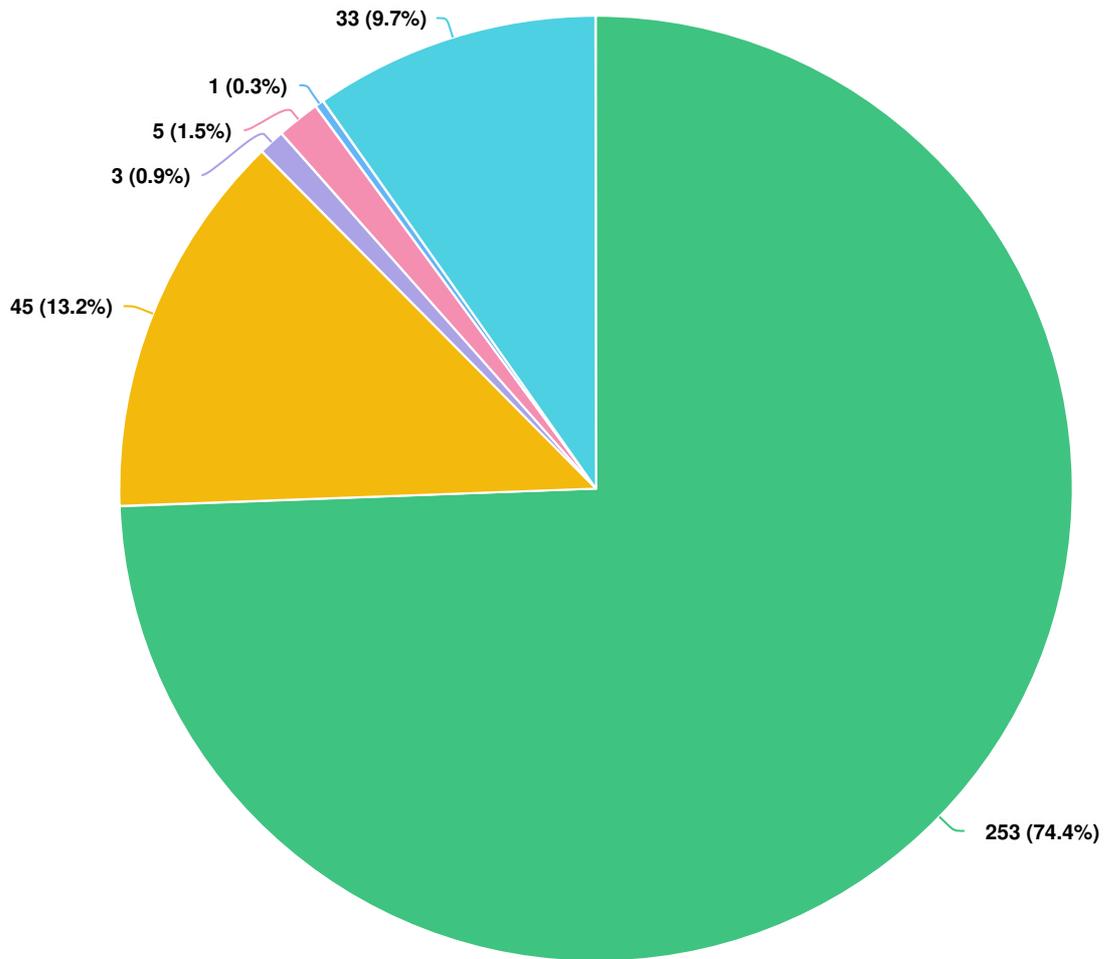


Question options

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (337 response(s), 21 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q7 What is your race?

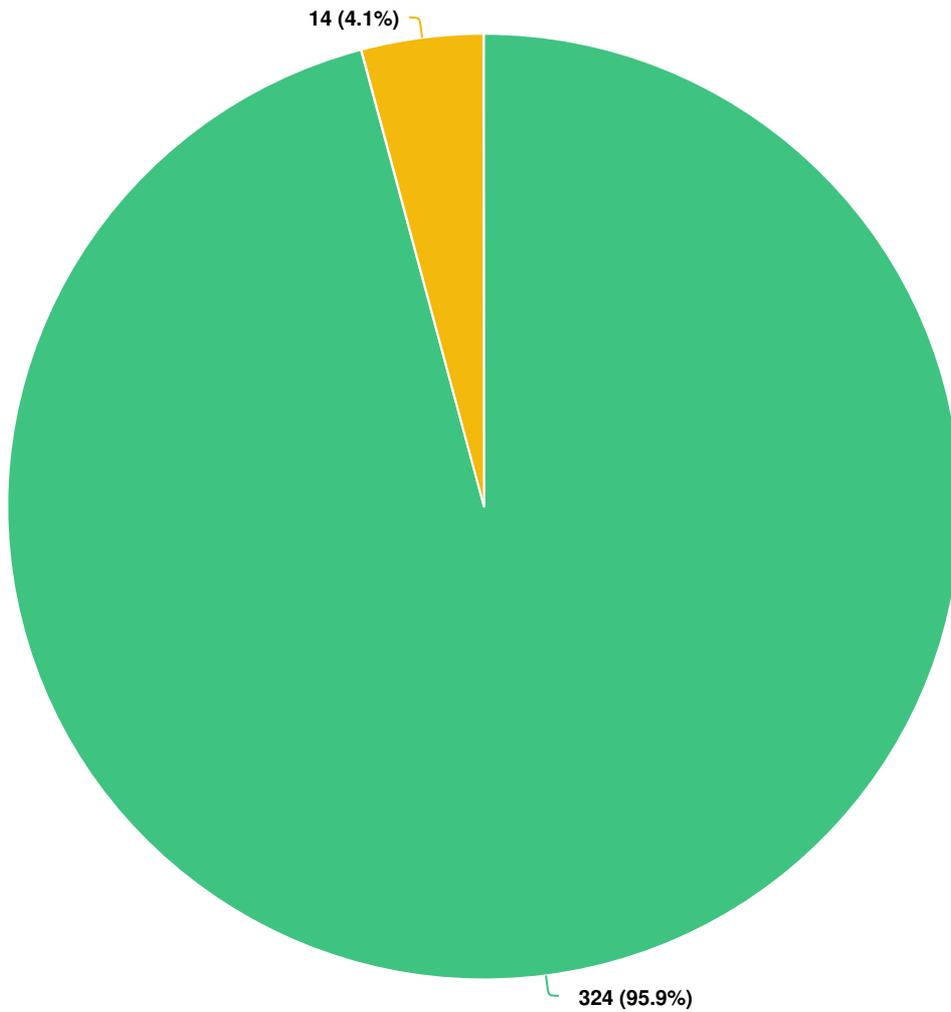


Question options

- White
- Black/African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (340 response(s), 18 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 What is the primary language you speak at home?

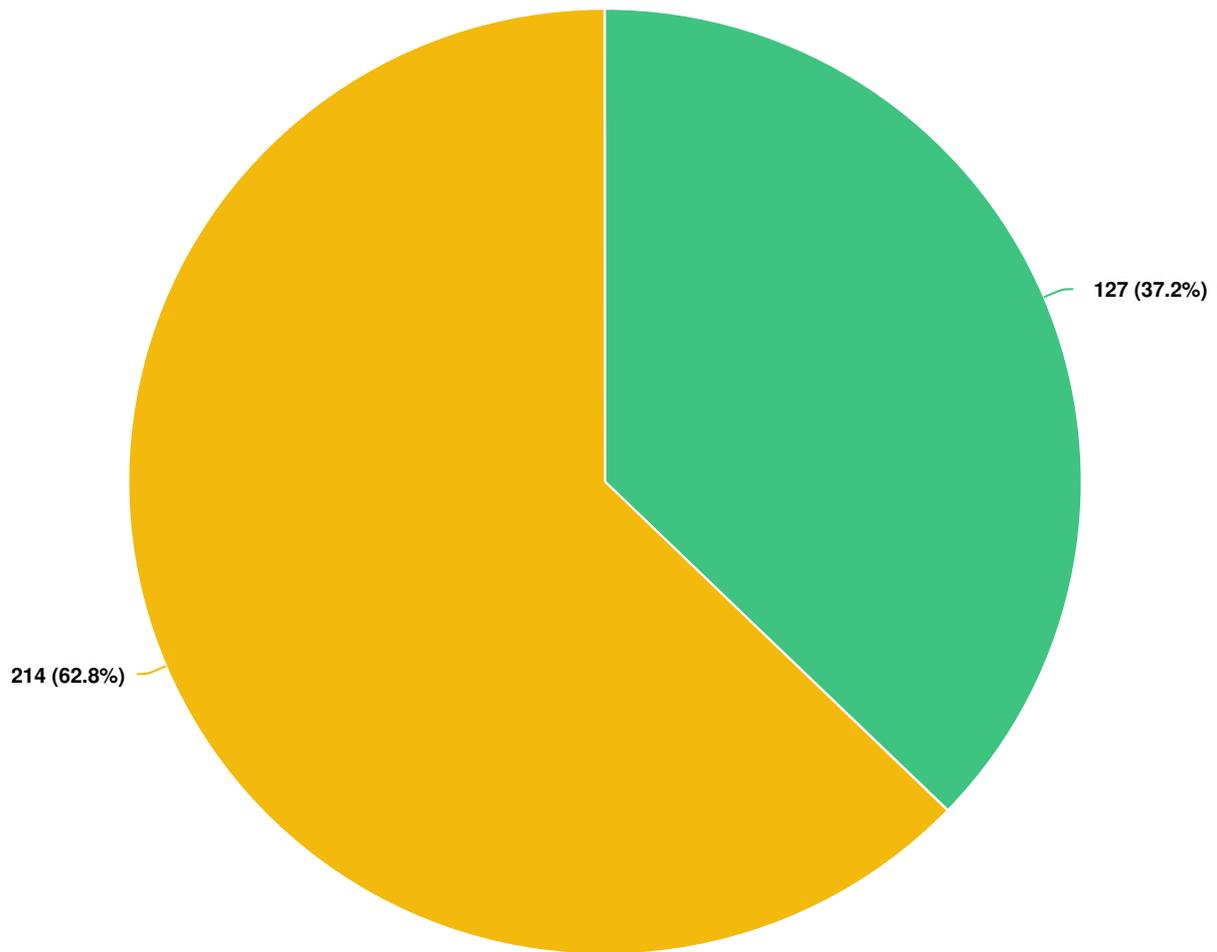


Question options

- English
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (338 response(s), 20 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 Does anyone in your household have a disability?

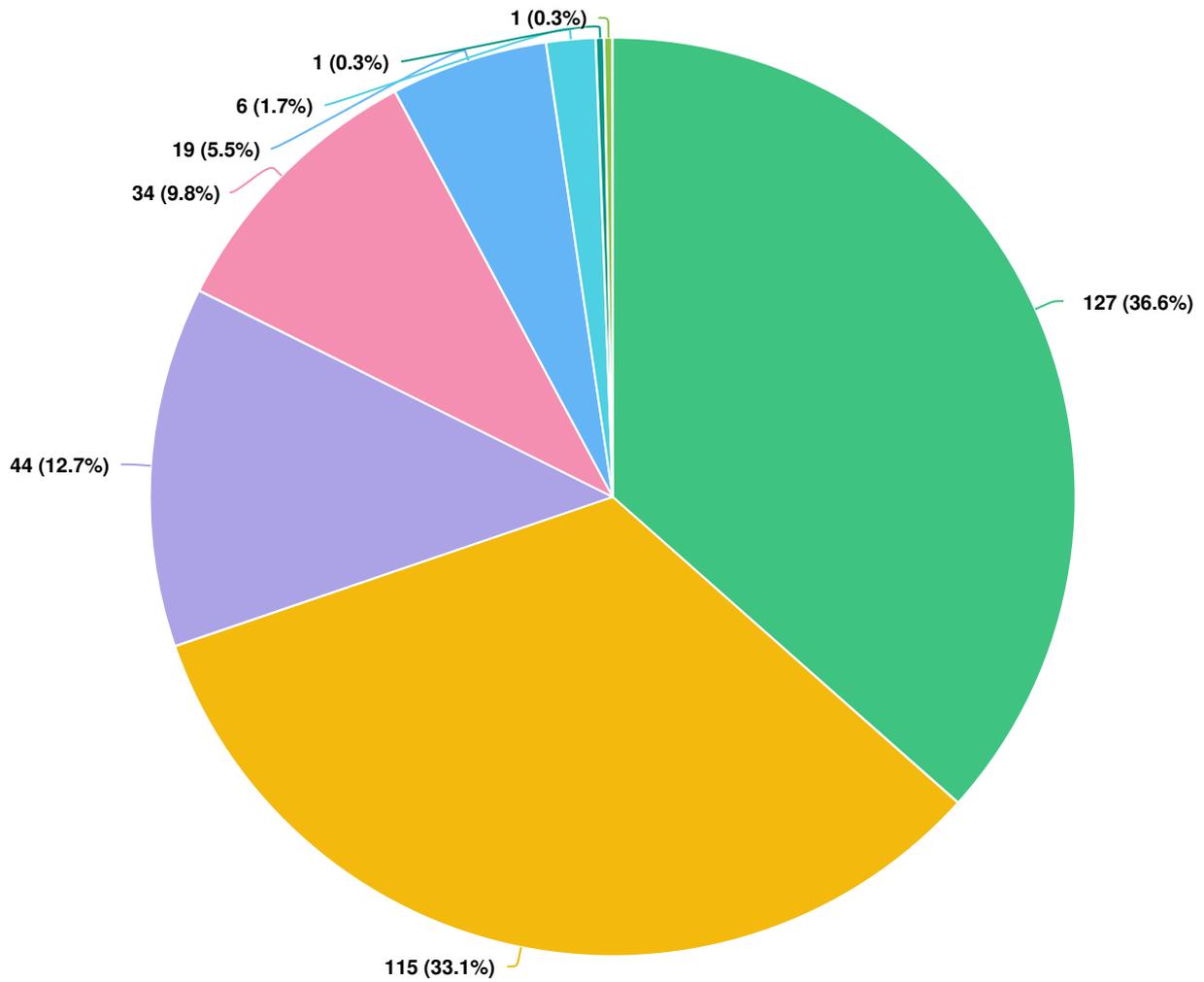


Question options

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (341 response(s), 17 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q10 | How many individuals live in your household?

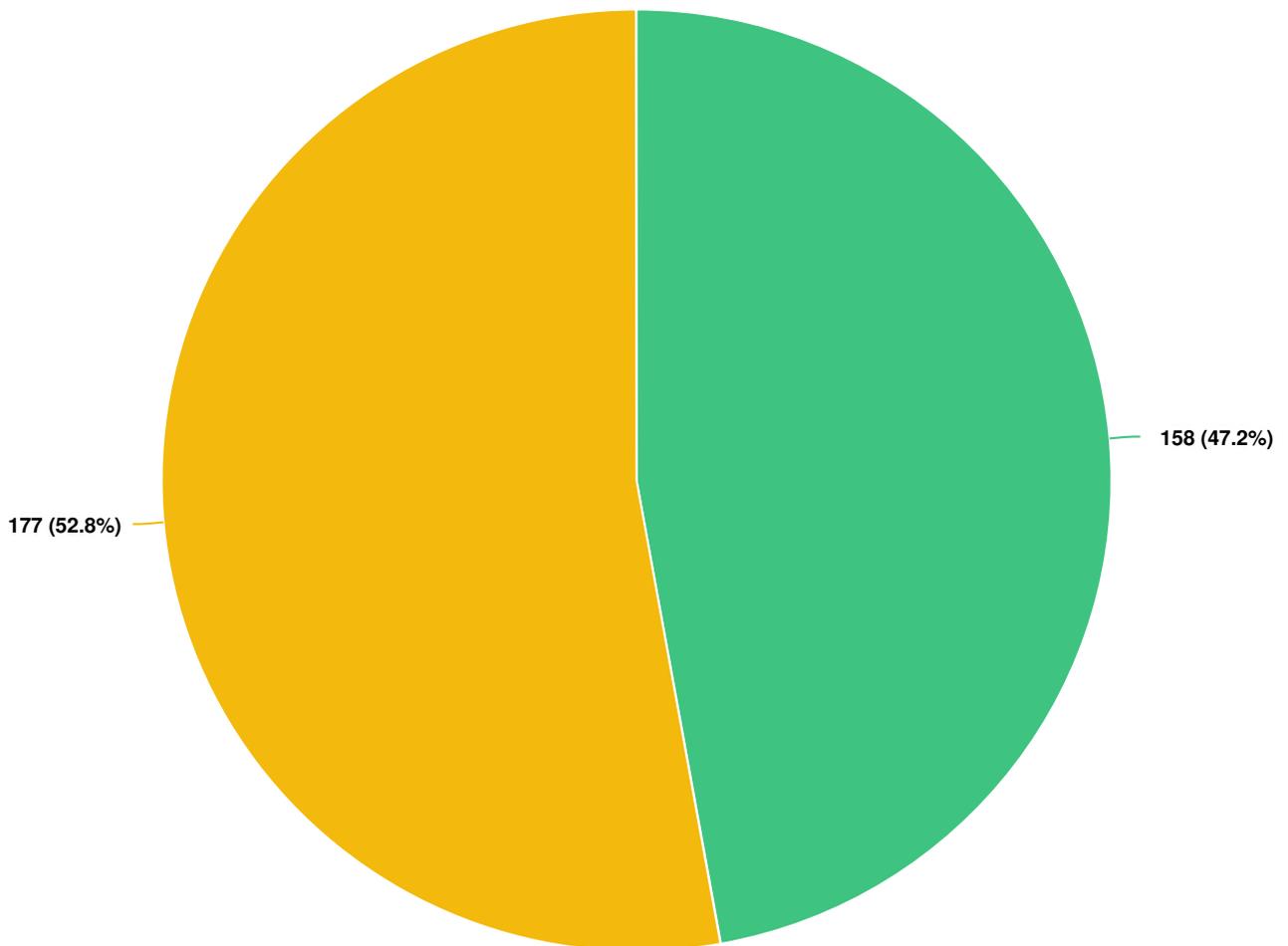


Question options

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 or more

Optional question (347 response(s), 11 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 | Is your annual household at or below 80% of the area median income?
Household size 1: \$49,300
Household size 2: \$56,350
Household size 3: \$63,400
Household size 4: \$70,400
Household size 5: \$76,050
Household size 6: \$81,700
Household size 7: \$87,300
Househ...



Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (335 response(s), 23 skipped)



Optional question (see responses), 20 skipped
Question type: Radio Button Question