

AGENDA

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, January 25, 2024 - 4:00 PM

Economic Development Committee: Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz;
Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

SELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 MINUTES

[09.28.23 ED Committee Minutes Draft Header](#)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE - SURVEY RESULTS

- *Staff will provide an overview of the on-line survey results (summary memo from AHBL attached).*

[Summary Memo From AHBL](#)

2024 WORK PROGRAM

- *Staff will discuss the 2024 Community Development Work Plan and items that will come to City Council for discussion.*

[2024 Community Development Work Plan](#)

MARINA STEPS FEBRUARY 13 MEETING UPDATE

DRAFT MINUTES

**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday September 28, 2023
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Council Members

Jeremy Nutting, Chair
Vic Pennington, Vice Chair
Traci Buxton

City Staff

Michael Matthias – City Manager (CM)
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Sara Lee – Public Disclosure Analyst
Jodi Grager – Admin Asst II

Guests: Councilmember Gene Achziger and Mayor Matt Mahoney
Chuck Coleman, Peter Philips

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Approval of 06.22.2023 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Navier Boat/Hydrofoil

City Manager Matthias introduced Consultant Peter Philips and discussed the Navier Electric Hydrofoil demonstration planned for next week, Wednesday October 4th at the Marina. He described the electrification of ferries as a possibility in the City's multi-modal transportation enhancement efforts for this community. CM Matthias recapped the 2022 Pilot Project with the fast ferry, *Chilkat Express*. The project exceeded expectations and the council requested staff to review a possible expansion to the service. The original fast ferry that was used last year was unavailable since the owner decided to sell it. The planned 2023 ferry service was cancelled due to a mechanical failure of the newly contracted boat and an adequate replacement wasn't located by the ferry owner. The Navier Company is a Bay Area Start-Up that recognized the City is working towards innovation regarding passenger ferry transportation options. Although the right size vessel for passenger service has not been built yet, the technology is similar to their current electric hydrofoil boats. The demonstration will use a six-passenger prototype. The previous experience with a passenger ferry has prepared the City for this opportunity to partner with the Navier Company. CM Matthias stated that Metro leaders are visiting the Marina soon to review the possibility of creating a re-charge area for their electric buses. He concluded that Des Moines is situated to become one of the first cities to move to providing electrification of public transportation.

Adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant

PROJECT MEMO



TO: Denise Lathrop
FROM: Nicole Stickney
 Seattle - (206) 267-2425

DATE: December 29, 2023
PROJECT NO.: 2220342.30
PROJECT NAME: Des Moines 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

SUBJECT: Task 2.2 – Survey Results

BACKGROUND

The City of Des Moines and AHBL staff collaborated to conduct a public survey supporting the 2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic update’s engagement efforts.

The survey was open from July 27, 2023 to December 4, 2023, and was conducted primarily online via the “Social Pinpoint” engagement platform that AHBL uses. A total of 482 responses were received. This is an improvement over the survey that was conducted for the city’s last Comprehensive Plan update which had 125 responses, and over double the number of survey responses received earlier in 2023 regarding the City’s Housing Action Plan.

Topics included planning priorities, transportation and infrastructure, and future land use development. There were also questions focused on specific topics that the City will need to address in the Comprehensive Plan update such as equity.

The city recently adopted a *Housing Action Plan (HAP)* and a *Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan (PRSS)*, and both plans were adopted following public engagement components. Therefore, there were fewer questions posed about those themes (and the survey stated so at the beginning, in order to manage expectations and provide a framework for the survey tool’s use). It will be important to also examine the results and findings of the public engagement for the HAP and PRSS when formulating suggested updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

METHODS

The City advertised and promoted the survey widely in the community through social media and on the City’s Facebook page and website. A flier featuring a QR code (to access the survey) was provided at several events (National Night Out and Farmers markets) allowing people to easily access the survey through their phone or other hand-held devices. A link to the survey was also featured on the City’s comprehensive plan update website, [*Comprehensive Plan - Imagine Des Moines 2044*](#).

The survey was conducted without sampling which can skew the results to some extent due to selection bias (those who opted to take the survey presumably determined it was worth their time to do so, or perhaps felt it was meaningful or important to participate in the survey). Although the survey results are not statistically valid, they are still very useful to assess the community’s concerns, views, and feedback.





Important notes:

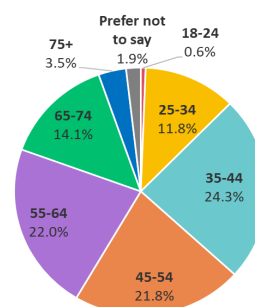
- The survey included certain demographic questions to gauge if the survey methods were effective in reaching a broad segment of the community. The intent was to capture a variety of perspectives and understand **who** participated in the survey. It was found that white / Caucasian people and homeowners are over-represented in the survey results.
- Most questions did not *require* an answer, so the number of respondents for each question may vary. The percentages listed in this memo (or displayed in the survey results) do not factor in the number people who skipped a given question, but instead reflect the share of different responses that were given.
- In many cases, questions were posed where respondents could pick more than one response among a range of choices. For example, the question asking, “Which Des Moines neighborhoods do you spend time in (when you are not home)?” specified “Choose all that apply” and listed ten different choices. Because multiple selections could be made, the percentages shown for different answer options [results] do not add up to 100. Instead, the percentage value indicates the share of people who answer the question or selected the option. These types of questions were identified as having “Multi-Selection” options.
- The survey was dynamic and allowed for different questions to be asked based on previous answers using a “logic” function. For example, one question asked the respondent if they live in Des Moines. If the answer was “YES” follow-on questions were asked such as, “What neighborhood do you live in?”.
- The online survey was offered in English and in Spanish. Additionally, participants could enable a computer-based translation (by “Google Translate”) and view the survey in nine additional languages: Arabic, French (Canadian), Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Chinese.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Demographic questions that were posed at the end of the survey focused mainly on age, income, and location of residence. The percentages listed here are based on actual responses (and do not include the people who opted not to answer).

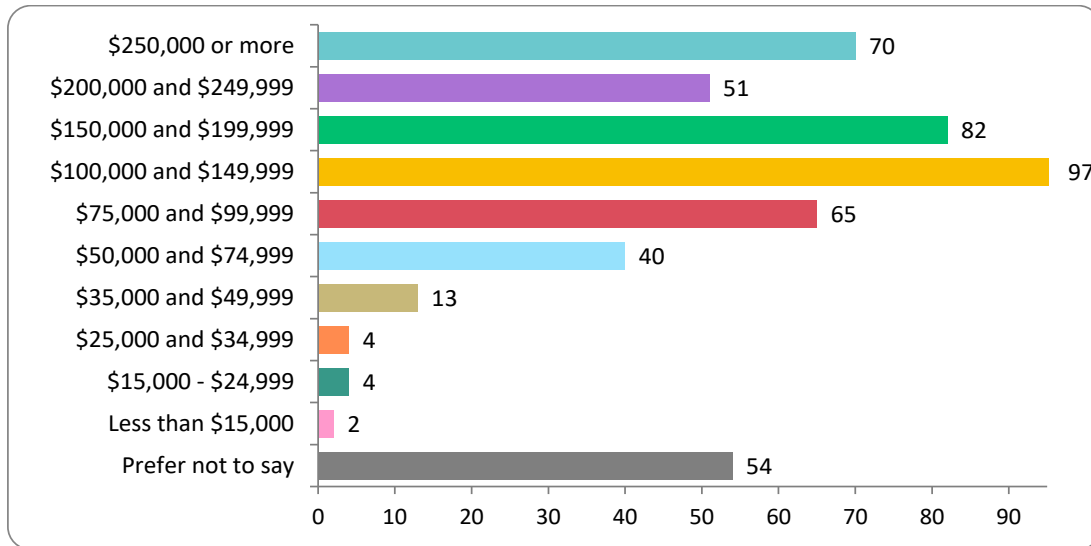
- **Location:** Most respondents indicated that they were currently living in the city of Des Moines (448 responses, 92.95%). Of the residents, most respondents indicated they reside in either the Central Des Moines area (87 responses, 19.2%) or the Zenith area (87 responses, 19.2%).
- **Age:** Of the 482 people who took the survey, only 1.9% preferred not to say their age. Most people indicated they were between 35 and 44 years of age (117 responses, 24.3%), followed by those between 55 and 64 years of age (106 responses, 22%).
- **Tenure:** Of the 454 Des Moines residents, 163 respondents (35.9%) indicated that they had lived in Des Moines for more than 20 years. The next largest portion of residents included 120 respondents (26.43%) had lived in Des Moines for fewer than 5 years.
- **Income:** Respondents were asked to indicate their household income; however, there was an option to select “prefer not to answer.” A total of 482 respondents provided information on their annual household income. Of these responses, 97 (20.1%) indicated an annual income of \$100,000 to \$149,999. The second most common income range was \$150,000 to 199,999, with 82 responses (17%). Only 23 respondents (4.8%) indicated they had a household income below \$50,000.

Age of Respondents





This shows that the respondents disproportionately represent higher earners. The Des Moines's median annual household income in Des Moines is \$81,362 according to the US Census (2022 ACS estimates).



COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Several survey questions asked those responding to rank their priority issues for the Comprehensive Plan Update. For example, what types of uses respondents would like to see more of was included as a question. The items most frequently selected include:

- Neighborhood commercial uses such as coffee shops, corner stores, local restaurants, small businesses
- Community facilities like recreation centers, parks, amphitheater, and
- General commercial uses such as larger grocery stores, gyms, banks, retail stores

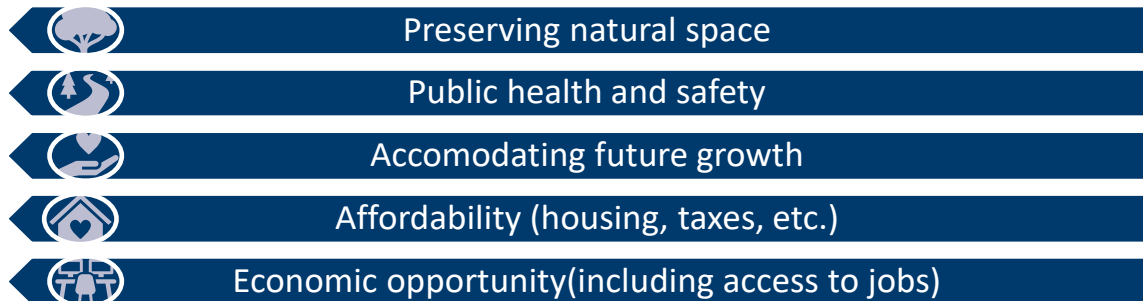
Respondents were asked if they purchase groceries in Des Moines, and 269 out of 477 indicated “no”. Questions such as these inform how the city can develop in the future to better serve its residents and visitors. Questions regarding equity were also posed such as “How well does our City promote an inclusive environment regardless of sexual orientation, race, age, nationality, or disability status?” and the average score (0-10, 10 being the best and 0 being the worst) was 5.48.

Additionally, questions were included that respondents could provide short written responses for such as, “How can the City improve our equity efforts?” The following word cloud displays the answers (the words/ phrases appearing larger were more frequently submitted).



In general, it appears that survey respondents would favor a larger focus on outreach, equity, and representation of community members. The responses highlight areas where the city can plan to improve communication and outreach to a variety of residents, while creating more public spaces for inclusive events.

Another focused question asked respondents to choose the top five topics they felt were important for the city to address in the Comprehensive Plan update. The totals for all eight options were calculated together to find the top five choices of the community. It was found that preserving natural space was selected the most often with 409 votes, followed closely by public health and safety with 385 votes. The following chart shows the priorities listed in order, according to the frequency of times the answer was selected.



These responses indicate that community members may be more likely to support designating natural spaces for parks, focusing on improving public health and safety, and planning for future growth that will not negatively affect the nature around it.

SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED

Several questions asked respondents to answer with short written responses, with a limit of 50 characters. The two final questions at the end of the survey were "What do you enjoy most about Des Moines?" and "What concerns do you have about planning for Des Moines' future?" These questions enabled respondents to include both the positive aspects of the city as well as the areas where improvement could be needed. The most common responses of aspects people enjoyed included affordability, the marina, and community. As for concerns for the future of the city, responses typically included lack of businesses, crime, and unplanned overgrowth.

Generally, respondents seem very supportive of commercial growth, in ways such as supporting new businesses in town so residents can spend their money locally. When asked where growth should occur, the most popular answers were in areas such as the downtown and marina, and nearby neighborhoods to promote walkability. Participants appreciate the location of the city, nature, water access, and their community.



Concerns about safety, specifically near Pacific Highway South (SR 99) were mentioned multiple times. A large emphasis on supporting new development and additional affordable housing options were also common concerns/areas of improvement. Additionally, respondents want to be more involved and have better representation through their city council's decisions.

Attachments:

- Survey Questions
- Survey Fliers (English and Spanish)
- Survey Results Summary (Slides)
- Full List of written-in responses

c: Laura Techico – City of Des Moines
Wayne Carlson and Elizabeth Espinoza – AHBL

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At the start you can provide demographic information if you'd like (optional) and no personal information such as your name or email address will be asked.

Please note: We have tailored this survey to focus on items of interest to the City that may not have been recently reviewed (this means there aren't many questions on parks and housing which have recently been studied). Sampling is not being used and therefore the results of the survey will not be statistically valid. This survey is conducted by the City's consultant AHBL for use by the City for the project.

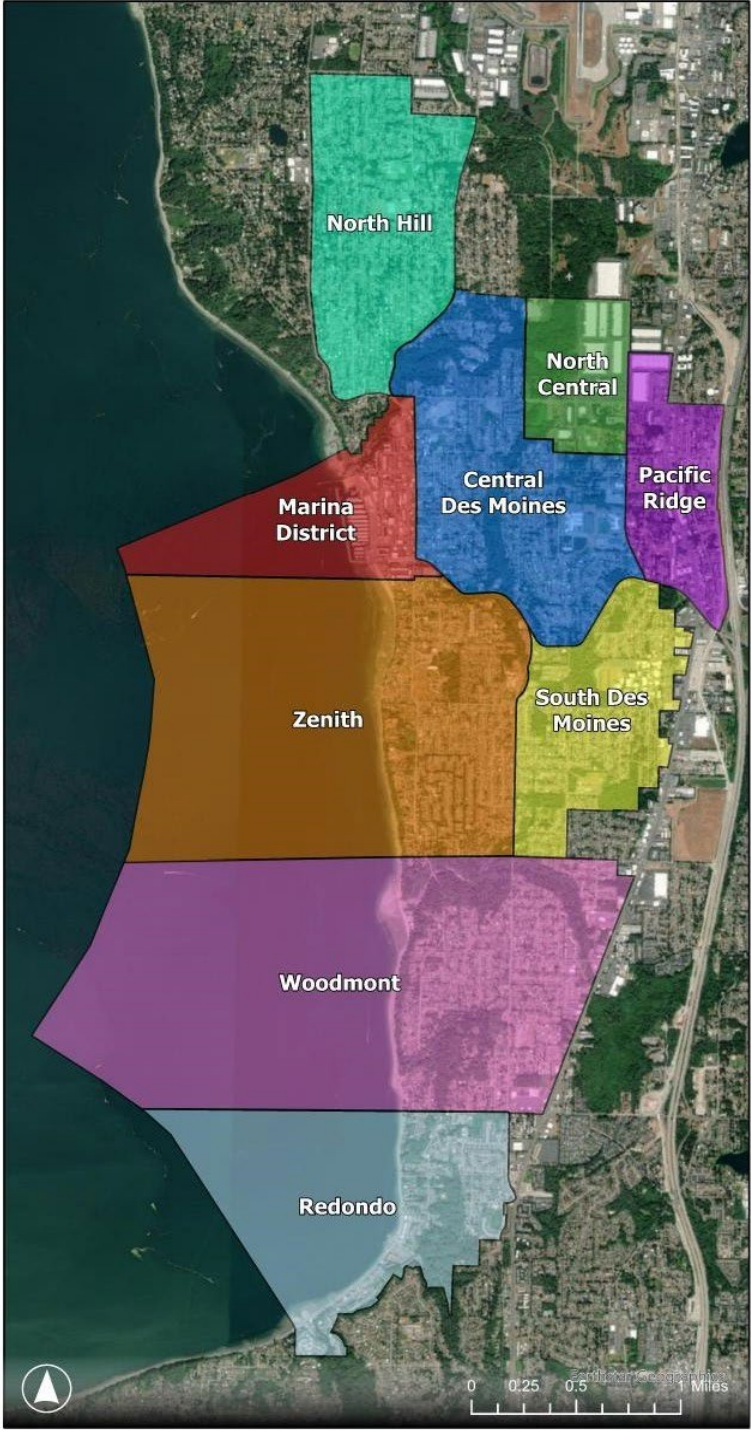
PART 1: ABOUT YOU

Q1 Do you currently live in Des Moines?

- Yes
- No (Skip to question #8)
- Yes but part time

Q2 Which neighborhood do you live in?

- North Hill
- Central Des Moines
- North Central
- Pacific Ridge
- Marina District
- Zenith
- South Des Moines
- Woodmont
- Redondo



Q3 Why did you choose to live in Des Moines?

Choose all that apply.

- Close to family
- Close to work
- Recreation/Natural Environment
- Size of the city
- Price of housing
- Housing types available
- Other

Q4 How long have you been a Des Moines resident?

- Fewer than 5 years
- Between 5 and 10 years
- Between 10 and 20 years
- More than 20 years

Q5 In the next 5-10 years, do you plan to...

- Stay in Des Moines
 - Q6** In a word or two what factor has most influenced your desire to stay in or leave Des Moines?
- Move outside of Des Moines
 - Q7** In a word or two what factor has most influenced your desire to leave Des Moines?
- Unsure

Q8 What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- Prefer not to say

Q9 What is your total annual household income?

- Less than \$15,000
- \$15,000-\$24,999
- \$25,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000-\$199,999
- \$200,000-\$249,999
- \$250,000 or more
- Prefer not to say

Q10 What race/ethnicity do you identify as?

Choose all that apply.

- Asian
- Black
- Caucasian
- Latin American
- Native American
- Mixed Races/Other
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

Q11/12 Which Des Moines neighborhoods do you spend time in (when you are not home)?

Choose all that apply.

- North Hill
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PART 2: Transportation

Q13 Have you started a new job in the past 3 years?

We want to ask about commuting habits and choices for persons who have recently begun new jobs.

- Yes
- No

Q14 Which modes of transportation do you regularly use?

Choose all that apply.

- Car
- Public transit
- Bicycle
- Walking
- Other

Q15 Do you own a bicycle?

Choose all that apply.

- Yes, a standard (non-electric) bike
- Yes, an E-bike
- I plan to buy an E-bike in the next 2 years
- I plan to buy a standard bike in the next 2 years
- No, and I do not plan to buy one

Q16 How often do you use your bike to travel? (To work, errands, etc.)

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Less than once a year
- Never

Q17 Which kinds of places are you able to comfortably and safely walk or bike to from your home?

- Park
- School

- Stores or restaurants
- My job
- Grocery store
- None of these

Q18 How could the City improve conditions for walking and/or biking?

Q19 Do you own an electric car?

- Yes
- No
- No, but I plan to buy one in the next 2 years
- Does not apply/I do not drive

Q20 What are the reasons/barriers of not having an electric car?

- Already have a gas-powered car
- The electric cars don't have enough range for the trips I take
- Location of charging stations
- Cost of purchasing
- I don't want or need one
- Other (please specify):

Q21 How important was it to consider the cost of parking when choosing a new job?

Slide to select on a scale of 0 to 10 (Select 5 for "neutral" if or you want to skip the question)

Not at all

Very Important

Q22 How important was it to consider the length of commute when choosing a new job?

Slide to indicate.

Not at all

Very Important

Q23 How important was it to consider the availability of transit (buses, trains, etc.) when choosing a new job?

Slide to indicate.

Not at all

Very Important

PART 3: HOUSING

Q24 What best describes your living situation?

- I own my residence
- I rent my residence
- Other living situation

Q25 Are you interested in adding an attached or detached accessory dwelling unit to your property?

- Yes
- No
- I already have
- Not applicable

Q26 Is your home older than 50 years?

- Yes
- No or Unsure

Q27 Have you made any energy updates (or plan to in the next two years)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Q28 Do you plan on buying a home in the next 5 years?

- Yes, in Des Moines
- Yes, outside of Des Moines
- No

PART 4: EMPLOYMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION

Q29 In a typical week, how often do you attend work or school from home?

- Never
- 1 day
- 2-4 days
- 5 or more
- I do not work or attend school

Q30 Do you work or attend school in Des Moines?

- Yes, my job and/or school is in Des Moines
- No, my job and/or school is outside Des Moines
- Unsure or does not apply

PART 5: NEIGHBORHOODS

Q31 What types of uses would you like to see more of in Des Moines?

- A wider variety of housing types and options
- Neighborhood commercial uses such as coffee shops, corner stores, local restaurants, small businesses
- General commercial uses such as larger grocery stores, gyms, banks, retail stores
- Community facilities like recreation centers, parks, amphitheater
- Civic/Institutional uses like schools and hospitals
- There are no uses I want more of in Des Moines
- Other (please specify):

Q32 Do you buy groceries in Des Moines?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

PART 6: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

Q33 How well does our City promote an inclusive environment regardless of sexual orientation, race, age, nationality, or disability status?

Slide to select on a Scale of 0 to 10 (Select 5 for "neutral" if or you want to skip the question)

Not at all well

Extremely well

Q34 How well does our City seek input from a variety of racially and economically diverse group of stakeholders in creating policies?

Slide to select on a Scale of 0 to 10 (Select 5 for "neutral" if you want to skip the question).

Stakeholder is a person with an interest or concern in something.

Not at all well

Extremely well

Q35 How can the City improve our equity efforts?

PART 7: THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Q36 Please choose the TOP 5 topics that you feel are important for the City to address in the comprehensive plan update.

- Preserving natural spaces
- Addressing climate change
- Affordability (housing, taxes, etc.)
- Inclusivity, diversity, and accessibility
- Public health and safety
- Accommodating future growth
- Economic opportunity (including access to jobs)
- Transportation

Q37 What are the 3 greatest challenges you face as a resident of Des Moines?

Select 3 responses

- Insufficient Infrastructure (roads, water, electricity, sewers)
- Housing (Lack of choices, Affordability concerns, etc.)
- Lacking access to healthy food
- Education Barriers or Challenges
- Crime or safety concerns
- Inadequate Public Transportation
- Lack of Community
- Other (please specify):

Q38 What could the City do to better support you as a resident?

Response may be a maximum 200 characters.

Q39 In order to best plan for the City's future, and to comply with the Growth Management Act, What are the most important things for the City to address?

Response may be maximum 150 characters.

Q40 What do you enjoy most about Des Moines?

Response may be maximum 50 characters.

What concerns do you have about planning for Des Moines' future?

Response may be maximum 50 characters.

Closing Notes

Thank you for your time in completing this survey! Please be sure to "SUBMIT"

For more information on the project please visit <https://imaginedesmoines2044.com/> You can also submit additional thoughts, ideas and comments directly to that page. Or, email us any time: compplan@desmoineswa.gov

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Survey Advertising

We encouraged community members to participate in the survey with electronic distribution via email and announcements via Facebook posts, together with a link to the Project Website "Imagine Des Moines 2044."

The survey was also prominently featured on the city's Website and we distributed fliers at events (survey invitation with a QR Code).

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Taking the Survey

After typing in the address or scanning a QR code, it was convenient for participants to respond to the survey on their phone, tablets, computer or other devices.

Most surveys were completed electronically, but surveys on paper were also completed.

Survey Dates:
July 27, 2023 – December 3, 2023

Number of Responses:
482

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Additional Survey Options

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Languages:
2 English
Spanish

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Arabic
 French (Canadian)
 Hindi
 Korean
 Portuguese
 Russian
 Tagalog
 Vietnamese
 Chinese

Alojamiento
 Parte 3 de 8
 11. ¿Qué describe mejor su situación de vida?
 No soy dueño de mi residencia
 No rento mi residencia
 Otra situación

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Survey Functions

The survey was **dynamic** and allowed for different questions to be asked based on previous answers using a "logic" function.

For example, one question asked the respondent if they live in Des Moines. If the answer was "YES" follow-on questions were asked such as, "What neighborhood do you live in?"

Various types of questions were asked:

- *Multiple Choice - pick one*
- *Multiple Choice - pick several*
- *Slider Bar ("scale of 1 to 10")*
- *Type in a Short Response*

15. How well does our City promote an inclusive environment regardless of sexual orientation, race, age, nationality, or disability status?
 Slide to select on a Scale of 0 to 10 (Select 5 for "neutral" if you want to skip the question)
 Not at all well | Extremely well | Reset

20. What do you enjoy most about Des Moines?
 Response may be maximum 50 characters.

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Icon Identifiers

On the slides that follow please look for a symbol in the top right corner which indicates the responses are from a particular question type:

- Multiple choice questions that allowed for *multiple responses***
 *This means the results are not given in a percentage
 *Think of these answers as a tally of "votes"... and remember that people could "vote" for many things
- Short response question**
 *People could type/ write in what they wanted to share
 *In many cases we have grouped the answers thematically and tabulated the results
- Logic - based question**
 *This question was only asked to a person if an earlier question was responded to in a certain way

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Survey Introduction - Introduction Text

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Survey Notes



Not "Statistically Valid"


- People that Participated "Opted-in" (No sampling)
- May not represent all segments of the community

Conducted at low cost to the city

The Survey was one component of the broader Public Participation Approach

Questions / Format

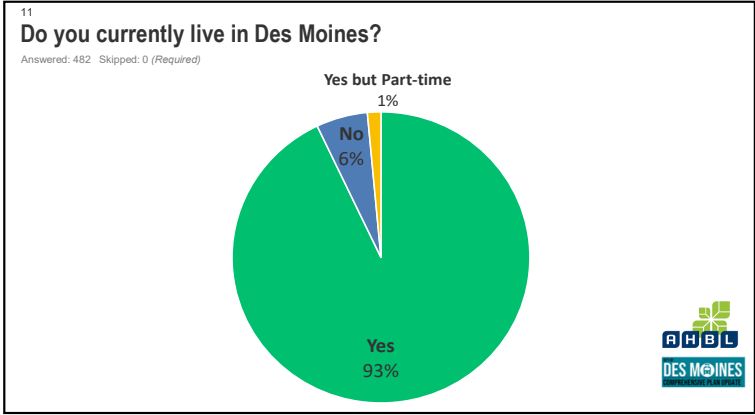
- Was Reviewed Carefully & Tested Prior to Survey Launch
- Could be Re-Used in a Future Survey to Gauge Changing Attitudes against a "Baseline"



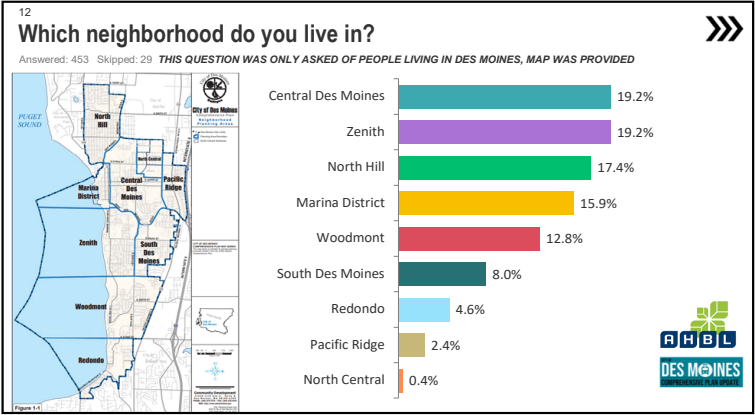
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SURVEY RESULTS

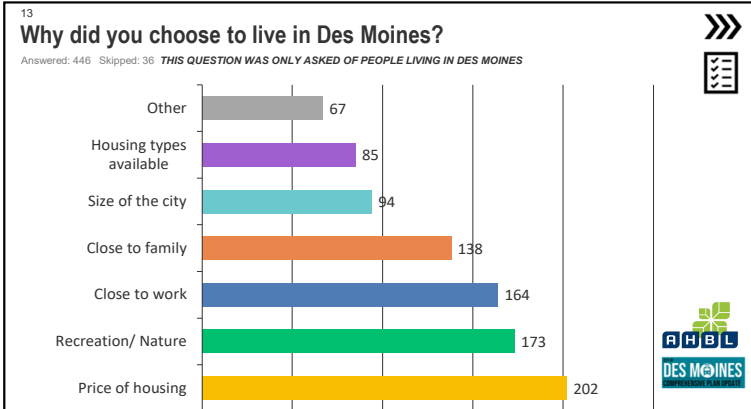
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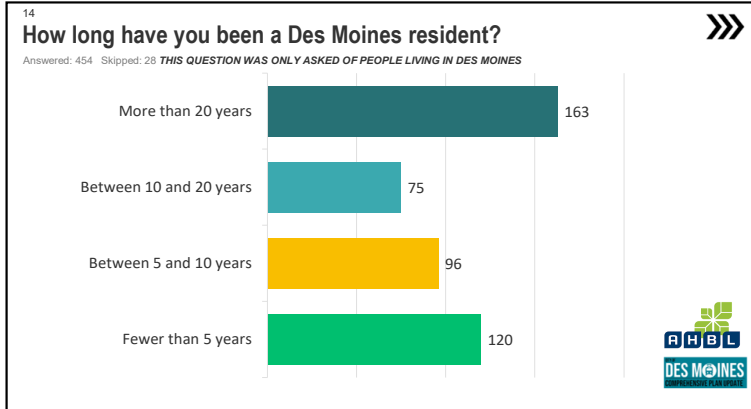
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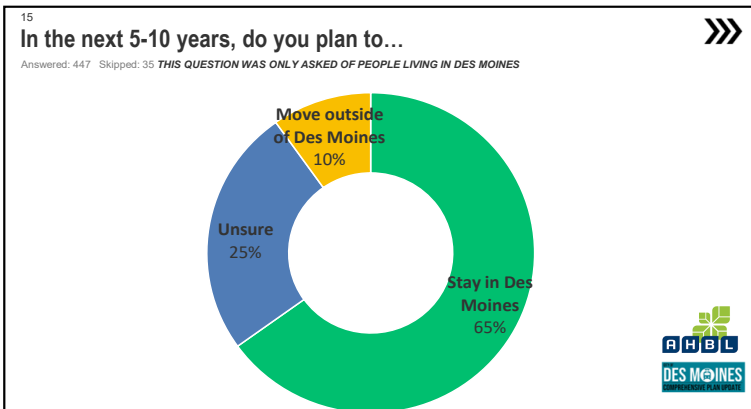
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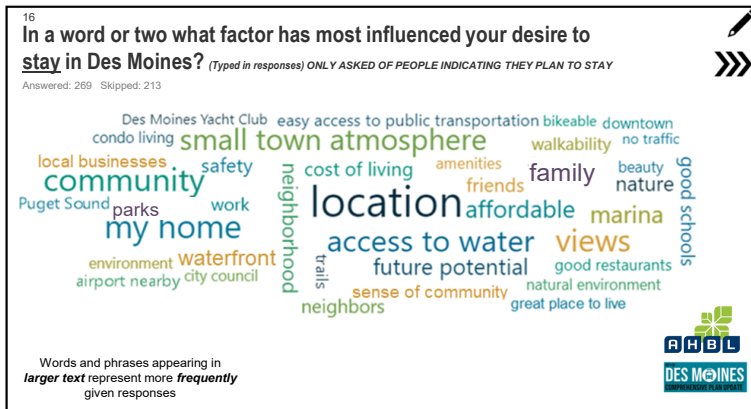
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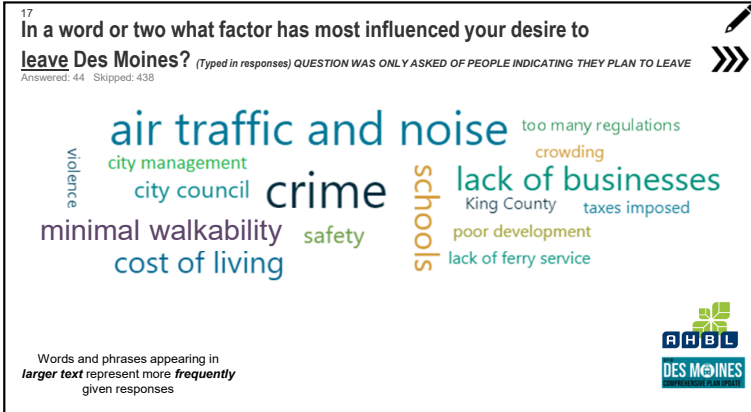
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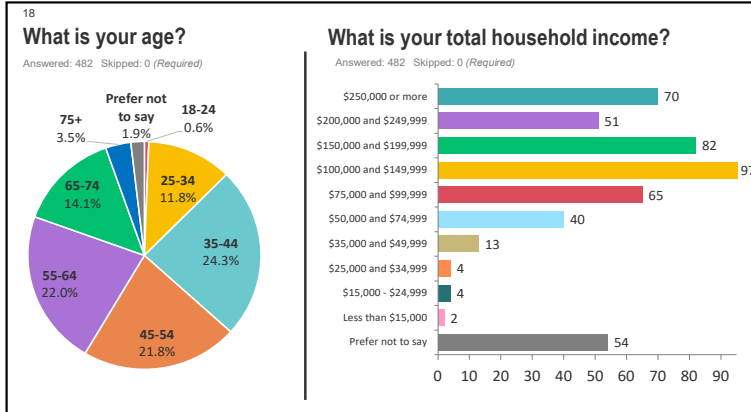
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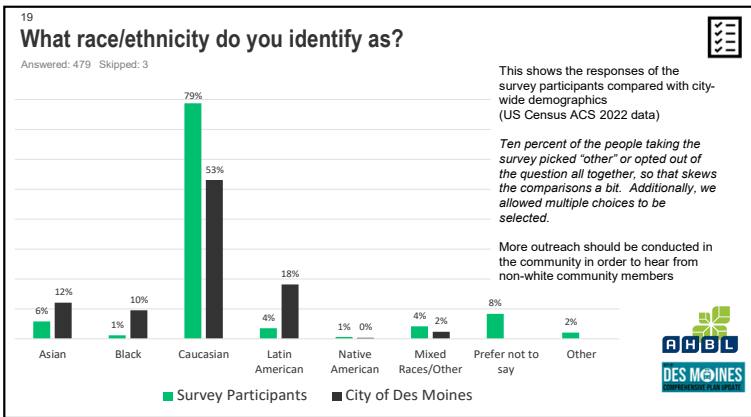
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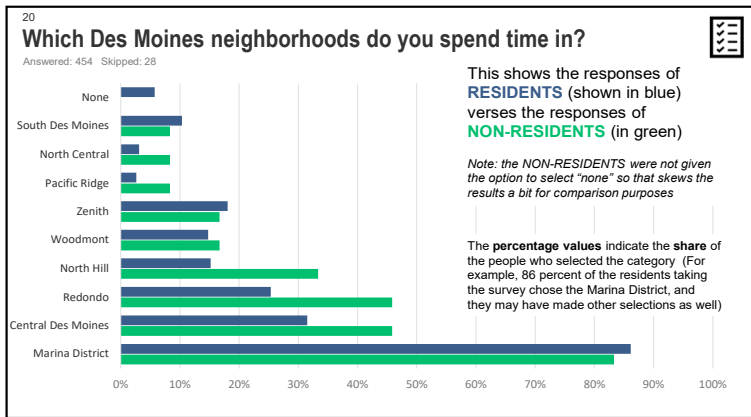
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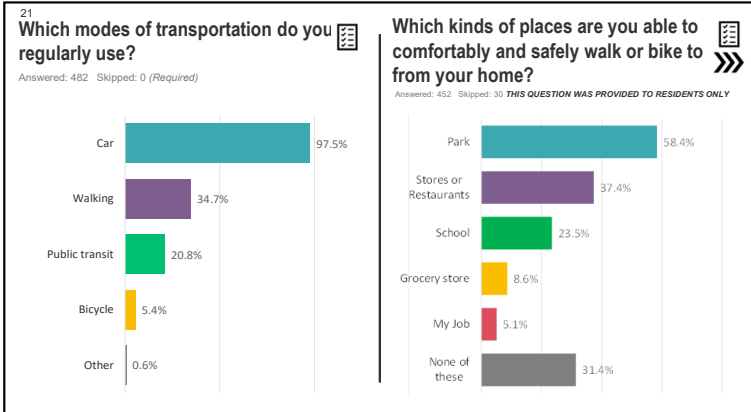
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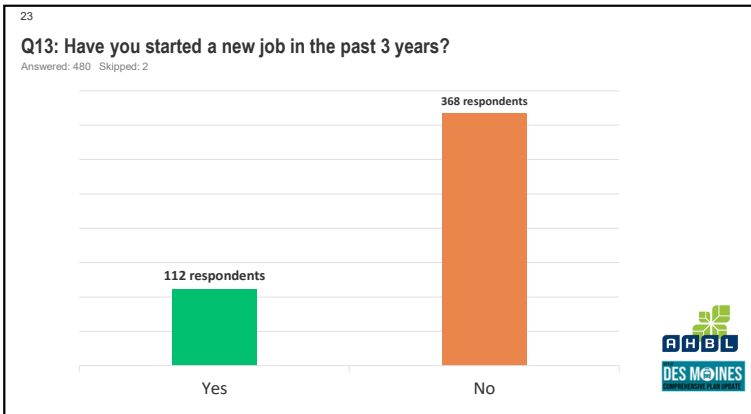
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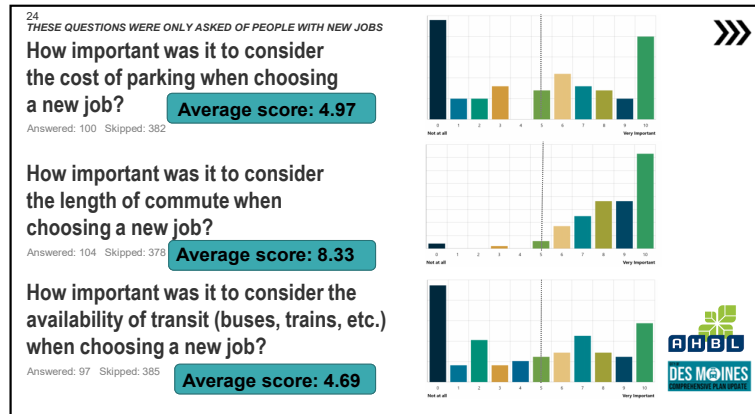
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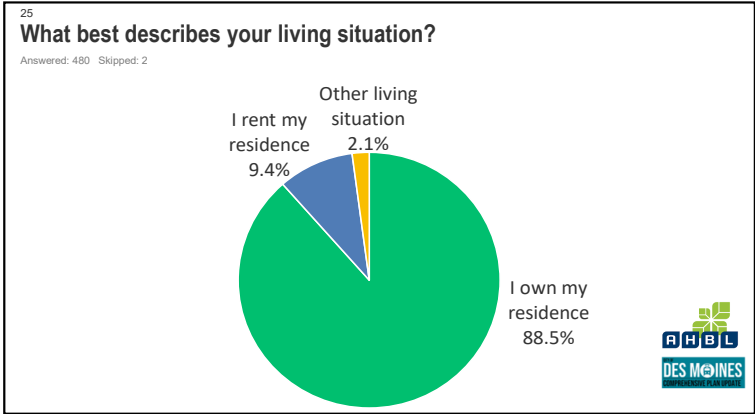
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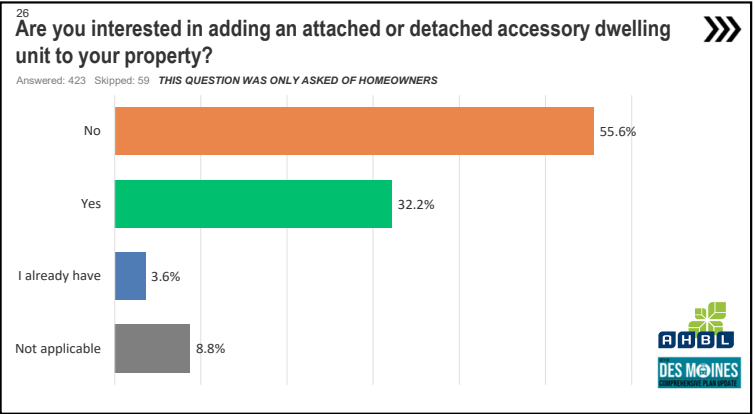
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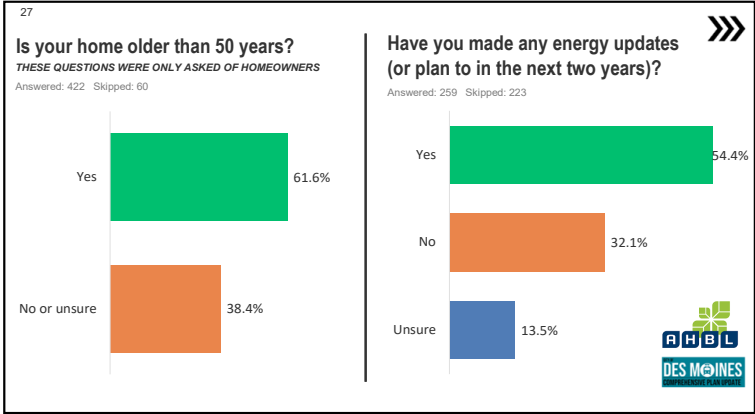
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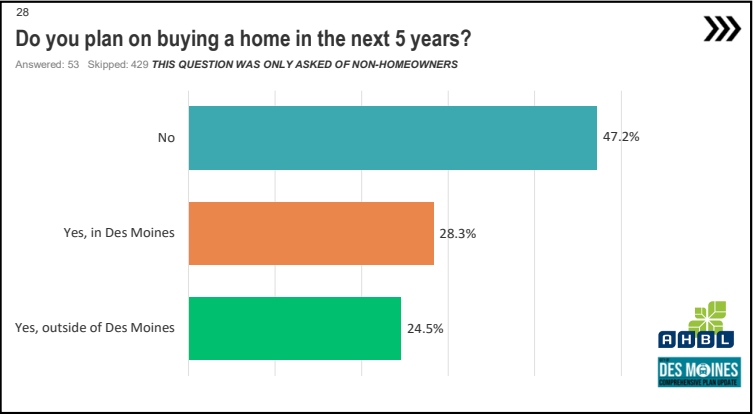
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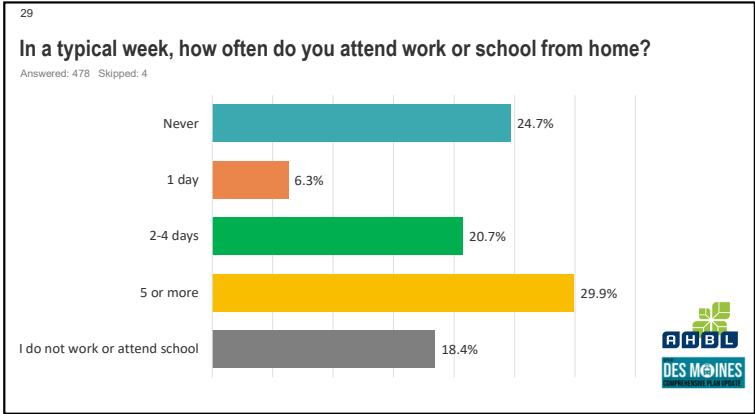
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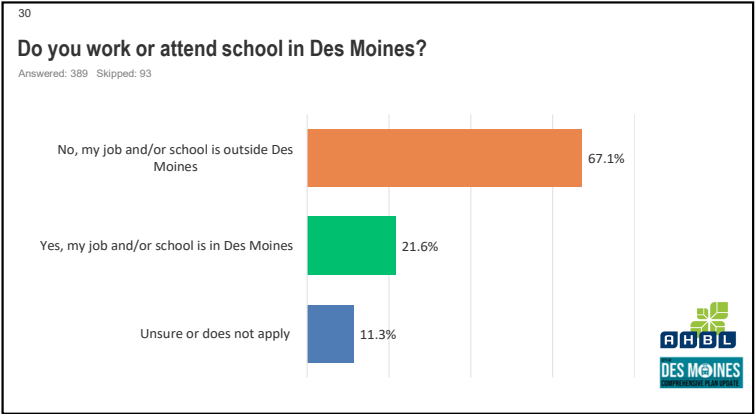
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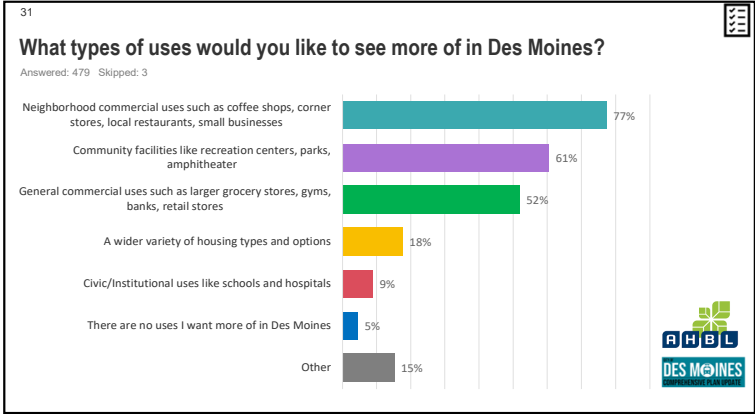
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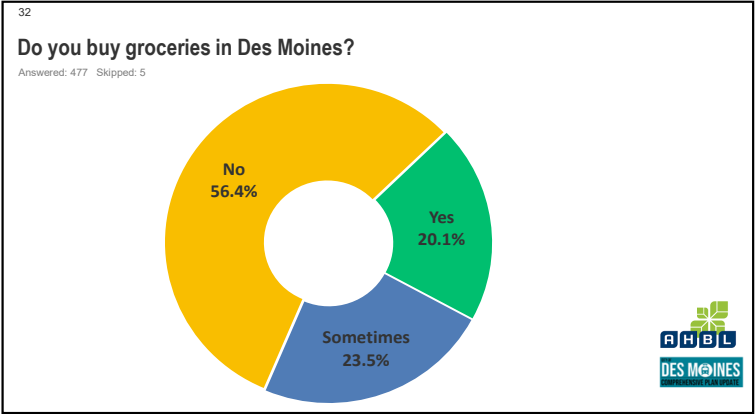
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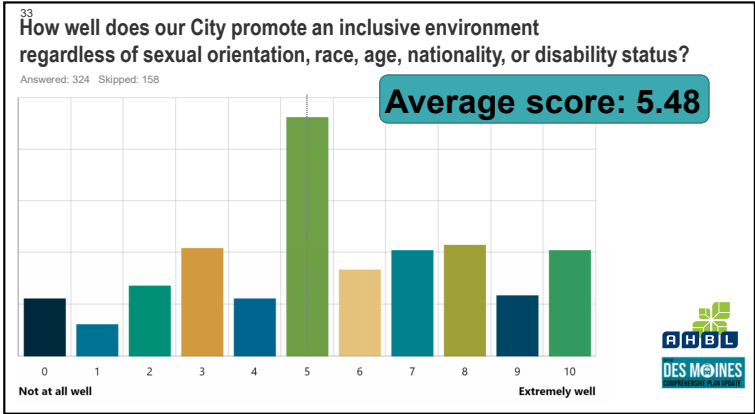
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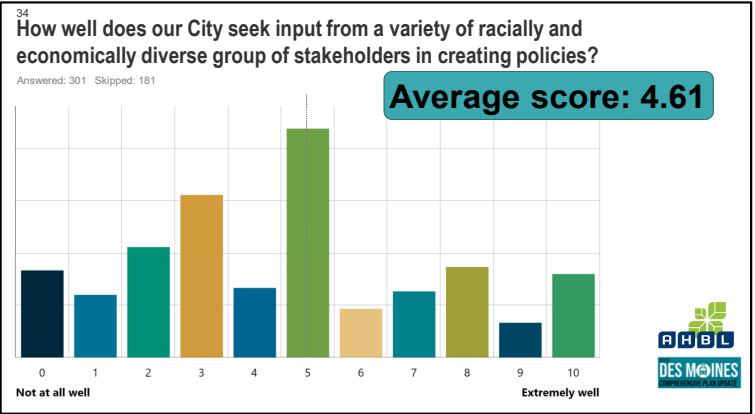
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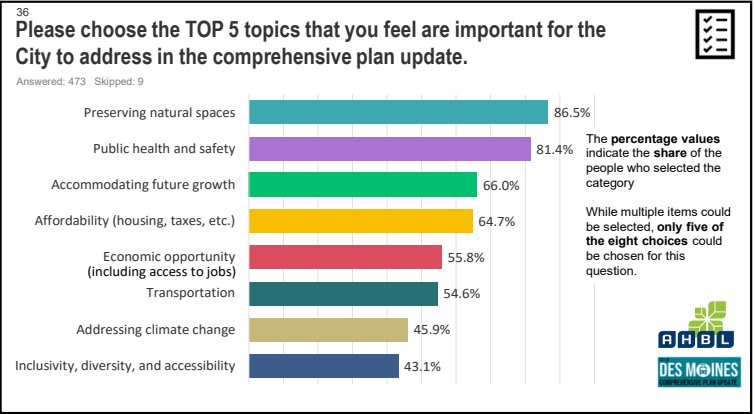
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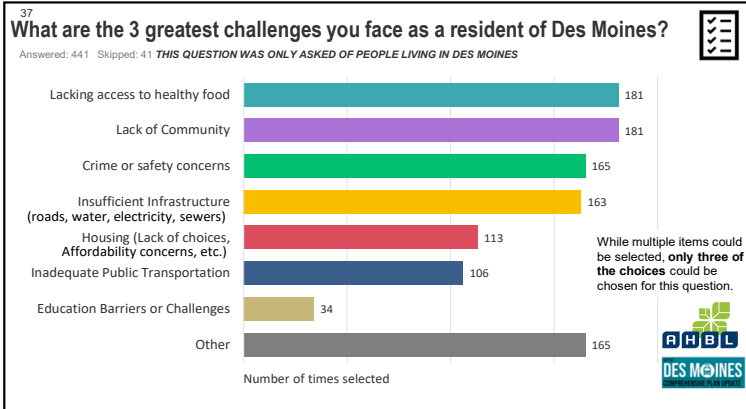
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What could the City do to better support you as a resident? (TABULATED)

Answered: 346 Skipped: 136 (Responses have been categorized by staff)

THEMES	# OF TIMES MENTIONED
Improve Safety	74
Manage Growth/Development	51
Ideas Relating to Community / Specific Focus Areas	49
Add a Grocery Store	39
Encourage Businesses	36
Improve Infrastructure	26
Other	71

See sample responses on the next three slides

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Continued: What could the City do to better support you as a resident?

THEME – Improve Safety

- Better crime control esp at both Safeways!!
- Address gun violence
- Gun violence, drugs, crime on Pac Hwy, even downtown/marina spikes in crime...
- Crime solves...
- Arrest public drug use, beggars and loiterers!
- Continue with safety at schools
- Elimination of the homeless camps and crime. Then residents can use the parks/green spaces safely...
- Start changing laws and enforcing crime issues, way too much violence. May have to move.
- Do something about the safety & crime issues. Sue the City of Kent for their lack of action on the crime at their City's border with Des Moines.
- It's not a safe community to walk around all the time, it's not an appealing place naturally or otherwise, all the food options are average at best. There is no motivation to want to be a citizen.
- Keep us safe! Literally every night there's a shooting or drugs on our corners. We'll never attract more businesses if we're in the news every night.

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Continued: What could the City do to better support you as a resident?

THEME – Manage Growth/Development

- Don't build up the Marina into a large tourism destination, the citizens enjoy it as it is and it belongs to the people who actually live in the city and pay the taxes and levies here.
- We need more opportunities for children and we need any consideration of growth to have the residents who live here currently in mind. Am not interest in development if it displaced my neighbors.
- Actually support businesses
- I want to spend \$[money] in DM[Des Moines]! NP[Normandy Park] and Burien get all my \$[money].
- Stop increasing property taxes on middle income families. Institute higher tax on business properties, add penalties to all properties without at least 1 (>5 years) tree per 300 sq feet, no sidewalks.
- Need zoning changes for developments of townhomes and access to more housing
- Build infrastructure before looking at anything bigger. Get rid of water district 54
- Better utilities, maintaining views, and promoting businesses to want to be in Des Moines
- Help support growth while also creating/maintaining community
- Bring in a more upscale, modern developed "downtown" stretch
- Rehabilitate downtown to be more walkable with diverse storefronts and better dining options

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Continued: What could the City do to better support you as a resident?

THEME– Community / Focus Areas

Better restaurants, stores, safer area

As a homeowner, I think Des Moines does a great job of providing services. Would like more interesting parks for when my grandchildren visit. A play structure in the Marina area?

More business and community events like Burien does.

Divert funding from a bloated police budget to community programs - fund parks, playgrounds, teen spaces, sidewalks, shelter, safe injection sites, etc. Create a community truly welcoming to all.

Communicate to residents regarding city events



Find several avenues for communicating with residents. Publish city happenings in one place including work being done by Destination DM, etc. We want to be more active in our community but not aware.

More recreational programs for adults, increase public safety, keep homeless camps out

Allow the council meetings to be remote, change some of the laws that are obviously trying to silence people, have better surveys, get a new city manager.

Show city council meetings more than live on channel 21 so if one misses the meeting one knows what is happening.

Pressure the port to come up with a solution about how low the planes fly

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In order to best plan for the City's future, and to comply with the Growth Management Act, What are the most important things for the City to address?

Answered: 353 Skipped: 129

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – SAFETY

Safety, inclusion, rules of civility, I feel that by fixing this, the rest will come by itself

CRIME AND SAFETY CONCERNS, plus homelessness

Public safety and littering along PAC highway.

Crime, homelessness and climate change

Safety and security of residents, Protect and preserve open space on the Marina floor, Support downtown businesses and downtown business development

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – GROWTH


Develop plans to beautify DM. It looks run down. Have standard for store fronts. More parks, Protect environment . Get commuters off streets

Allow more density in residential neighborhoods, especially near major roads

Supporting the growth of Des Moines by making projects move faster (permitting, approvals) and capturing economic opportunity

Realistic planning, taller buildings. Forget about retail on the first floor of buildings the empty unused space is echoing throughout the town.

Encourage more business to open



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KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – TRANSPORTATION

Good housing along efficient transportation routes for the work force

GMA probably requiring more density which is best located near public transportation up in general neighborhood of light rail and express buses.

Improving walkability and access to public transportation

Transit and TOD (especially east west and frequency). Targeted grown in areas while preserving the feel of other areas is key.

Traffic flows from FAA / Business Park and Federal Way.

Safety if the people, whether their walking to school, playing in the park, or biking in the streets.

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – COMMUNICATION

Safety, inclusion, rules of civility, I feel that by fixing this, the rest will come by itself


Educate me on what the Growth Management Act is.

Keep us informed of our options and your decisions

Better accessibility to all events and the downtown corridor

Transparency

Equity, diversity and inclusion of all socioeconomic backgrounds and cultures. Bring back more public transportation!



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KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – TOURISM

Focus on downtown before bringing tourists here. Right now there are only restaurants and services on MVD.

Focus on resident needs and not tourism wishes. No overpriced ferry. No hotel. We have a hotel. How about a grocery store?

Adding restaurants, small hotels and tourist type shops

Support small unique business as much as possible make city tourist friendly

Make it more desirable to spend time there. Boutiques, restaurants, wine tasting, plant trees etc

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – MARINA


More restaurants and sidewalks in the marina district

Promote growth and expand the marina. Build the stairs

Opening up marina to ALL boaters at a reasonable cost, make Des Moines interesting enough to walk, limit nail salons! Get a grocery store.

Leave the Marina and surrounding area for the people - maybe a fun pathway for GO TO places in DM. get all the cars off MVD hopefully

Keep the marina a public space



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Continued**KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – BUSINESS/JOBS**

Focus on downtown before bringing tourists here. Right now there are only restaurants and services on MVD.

Get some big box stores like a real grocery store. Infrastructure improvements on our roads and bridges. More police to address crime, drugs, homeless

Make it more attractive to do business in Des Moines without degrading quality. Signage standards for example.

Center for working age folks, support the airport, airlines and airline workers, lower taxes

Making it easier for businesses to come to Des Moines. People are so put off by the costs no one wants to come.

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – NATURE PRESERVATION/HEALTH

Preserving natural spaces, adding natural spaces

Protect tree canopies, creeks, parks, wildlife by preserving their habitat, the eagles, the salmon, the geese, even the deer, some are still around.

Whatever we need to save the salmon and Orca, and not continue to let the Port of Seattle toxify our community with runoff, and poor air quality..

Potential flooding from climate change. Air pollution—from airport and more. Address noise and light pollution. More frequent farmer's markets.



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Continued**KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – HOUSING/RESIDENTS**

People living in motor homes that do not move from residential properties. Makes me wonder where sewage is going.

Cost of living and more bigger named stores

Zoning, property care, growth management infrastructure to support all citizens

Add sidewalks, ensure accessible and affordable housing is available, create & support programs for crisis response that are not police based

Higher density housing within walkable distance to amenities

Supporting our unhoused community members and creating spaces & opportunities for third spaces (libraries, parks/playgrounds) esp. for children & teens

Remember that many of us moved here because we like the small community feel

Disapprove building multi family housing especially on existing residence properties.

Housing. There's too much land sitting untouched. Everything should be rezoned

Affordable senior housing

Preserving single family zoning. Keep multi-family/high density housing out of our neighborhoods - it should be concentrated near the light rail.



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What do you enjoy most about Des Moines?

Answered: 413 Skipped: 69

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – ATMOSPHERE

- It's small-town vibe and location on Puget Sound
- Peaceful, small town feel in downtown
- Community
- It's beauty

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – MARINA/ WATER

- The Marina!!! The Quarterdeck!!!!
- Nature/Saltwater SP, restaurants, downtown/marina
- The Waterfront
- Ocean access
- Beauty of the Marina area
- Our marina and parks

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – LOCATION

- The beauty and proximity to the airport
- Proximity to the water
- Proximity to Seattle
- Proximity to Puget Sound
- Its proximity to both Seattle and Tacoma, marina
- Proximity to freeways

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – NATURE

- It's quiet!!!
- The views
- The views of the sound
- Des Moines Creek trail and Marina.
- The natural beauty and closeness to everything
- All the greenery/old growth trees. Proximity to sea
- Parks, easy access to stores
- Green belts, beach access, small community
- How isolated it is
- Cute beach-town potential
- The view, fresh air

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – COMMUNITY

- The small community feeling
- Our community, safety and natural beauty
- Small community, police support, beautiful marina
- The people, governance, parks. Love this City.
- The small town feel. Community, Marina.
- The people I have met, people are friendly.
- Love the people, the marina and my family close by



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What concerns do you have about planning for Des Moines' future?

Answered: 375 Skipped: 107

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – SAFETY

- Police to keep gangs out
- Vandalism, speeding, homelessness, and crime
- Homelessness and drug use
- Litter and drug use on Kent DM Rd & PAC highway.
- Making Pacific Hwy safe. IS THAT POSSIBLE???
- Crime and safety
- more traffic with less observance of traffic laws
- Ensure the police force is adequately equipped.

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – INFRASTRUCTURE

- It could become a generic car focused suburb
- walkable city. South Des Moines needs development
- Increasing population w/ no infrastructure
- Invest in small business and unique downtown core
- Height limits transportation
- No tall buildings in downtown or marina hotel.
- Turning the roads into a concrete canyon.
- Trying to build something on every open space.

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – AFFORDABILITY

- Being unable to afford rent/stay here
- Can my family expand and still afford to live here
- Become unaffordable, overpopulated, lose uniqueness
- Increase in low income res. pushing families out.
- Unused commercial buildings & price of housing

KEY WORD OR CONCEPT – GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT

- Need small businesses
- We need activities & shops to draw us to downtown
- Don't let people hold back growth
- Noise & light pollution. control of traffic on 7th
- Growing too much, losing small city charm.
- Traffic - can our 2 lane roads support growth?
- The lack of a grocery store
- Build up downtown—businesses, parking, hotel
- Airplane noise, keeps getting worse
- Acceptance by older population of growth
- The glacial pace of improvement downtown.
- Airport pollution and noise



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THANK YOU!

In a word or two what factor has most influenced your desire to leave Des Moines?

Before this question, survey respondents were asked, "In the next 5-10 years do you plan to Stay in Des Moines / Leave Des Moines?" This question was only asked of people who indicated they plan to leave.

#1 Flight noise from SeaTac and #2 the city council and their politics
100% unmanageable airplane noise/decline in trees/lack of sleep/feels like a war zone.
Aircraft noise...scammy Port of Seattle lying to residents
Airport noise and crime
An opportunity to live in peace and quiet.
Better schools
Better schools, want a more walkable neighborhood
City council
City management
Cost of Living
CRIME
Crime
Crime
Crime and safety
Crime, city taxes imposed, city council mismanagement
Crime, cleanliness, absolutely of good places to eat and drink
Ferry service for wealthy over our communities needs while lifting up white supremacists Wally's
Grad school
It's entirely unsafe. There's a lack of policing and action. All talk!
King county!!!!
Lack of Additional Development and Walkable Ammenities
Lack of businesses, sleepy town
Lack of progress bringing in new businesses, not even a grocery store, it's sad.
Marina and Waterfront getting too crowded.
Minimal walkability and the flight path
No affordable housing with market rates taking over. The senior apartments starting at \$1500
Noise and air pollution from Pac Hwy and air traffic, worsening crime
Noise pollution from planes
not enough to do
on an old septic system. Theft increased so a gated neighborhood or adding my own to my forever home
Poor development without any apparent leadership.
Poor school district
Retire and live abroad.
Safety
School environment and crime
Schools and air traffic
The drug use, crime and litter.
This town is a dump! The airplane noise is horrible, the pollution is toxic and cancer causing.
Too many rules
Too pricey to retire here. Need home equity to retire.
Very slow growth to vitalize the community
Violence
Want to buy house but it's too expensive here
Washington state is to expensive

In a word or two what factor has most influenced your desire to stay in Des Moines?

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Access to the Sound, Marina, public safety
Access to the water
Adding a nice grocery store. No dollar stores, more nice, current restaurants
Affordability convenience
Affordability of my home bought in 2012; improvements in the city are promising, family lives in DM
Affordability. Safety.
Affordable home with a View - community
Affordable waterfront
Affordable, great community
All the amenities and activities at the Marina and Beach Park.
Balance of cost of living and waterfront access
Beautiful natural environment, close to ocean, good small businesses, safe, friendly neighbors
Beautiful neighborhood, close to water and shops
Beautiful scenery, great restaurants, and proximity to Seattle transit.
Beautiful views, great neighbors, and access to the marina and the Sound
Beauty near water, close to family and friends
Being close to the Marina
Being on the water and no buildings or developments taking my views
Bought forever home
Can't afford Normandy Park or Seahurst
Can't afford to move
Can't afford to move
Central location. Feels like a small town, but with all the big city perks. Particularly diversity.
City has great potential
Close community and the waterfront
Close proximity to marina and also airport
Close to elderly family. Like my neighborhood. Can't afford to move.
Close to ocean and family
Close to Seattle, but still a smaller city/more affordable
Close to Seattle, good schools, friends, community
Close to the beach
Close to the water
Close to the water, no traffic
Close to water; unable to move due to cost of downsizing
Close to work
Close to work
Close to work. Water views.
Comfortable
Community roots.
Community, Church, waterfront, city council
Community, service groups, and events.
Community, Transit
Community. Views.
Condo living

Connection to nature(parks and trails) and community feeling
Connections for our family in the community
convenience
cost
cost of living
Cost of living and housing costs.
Cost too high to move anywhere else.
Des Moines seems committed to the future
Desirable area
DesMoines Yachth Club & boating
Downtown
Easy access to parks and nature trails.
Easy to get to Seattle and love being 6 blocks from the beach.
Familiar
Familiarity
Family
Family
Family
Family
Family & convenience
Family & lived here for 50+ years
Family and perfect location.
Family and the semi rural atmosphere
Family home
Family in the area, easy commute
Family, work. Great location.
Fits life style
Friends
Friends
Friends and the waterfront
Friends and we like our house and neighborhood
Friends family history quarterdeck
good home
Good price for size of house and proximity to work
Great home/property, close to the marina where our boat is.
Great little waterfront community.
Great place to live
Great place to live, easy access to airport, freeways, half way between Tacoma and Seattle
Home
home is paid for
Hoping the city gets hipper
Hour house is paid
Houses are too expensive elsewhere
Housing prices
Housing prices are too high to move
Housing prices, inability to leave
i can't afford to move

I don't have a mortgage and don't want one.
I have an established home that my husband worked hard to remodel.
I like it here.
I like the area.
I like the location between Seattle & Tacoma, but mostly the proximity to the waterfront.
I love my home and community. It feels small town & tight knit.
I love my house
I love my house and my neighbors. Plus who can afford to move?
I love my neighborhood
I love my property and it's proximity to the major cities.
I love the easy access to the water, my home, local businesses, friends, community.
I love the small town feel downtown
I raised my kids here and I enjoy the water
Interest rates
It has everything I need - dining, the waterfront, trails, college, library, B&E Meats, pool
It's a wonderful little city!!!
It's cute and affordable
It's home
It's home, I own and know community.
It's my home
Just bought a house
Kids, work, affordable mortgage, waterfront.
Lifelong resident
Like proximity to marina and trails.
Lived here all my life.
Local community and environment
Location
Location
Location
Location
Location
Location
Location
Location
Location and our home
Location near work
Location to work / Seattle / being near the water
Location, beauty and I hope it will get businesses on the Main Street AND a grocery store
Location, community
Location, ease of commute, and smaller town vibe compared to neighboring towns.
Location, neighborhood
Location, Pricing, and Community
Location, too expensive to sell and buy elsewhere
Location. Near family. Beautiful scenery - Mt. Rainier, Puget Sound
Love being close to the Water and raising my children where I grew up. Family oriented community
Love living by the water, walkable community
Love our friends and location
Love our home

Love our home, neighbors and community
Love the area
Love the area and our neighborhood, looking forward to the towns potential for growth
Love the community and lack of homeless people and crime due to high police patrols.
love the small town feel, marina and parks
Love the small town feel,waterfront, conservative city council, N Hill viewsof water and mountain
Love waterfront community
Low crime and great community
Marina & sound view
Marina, Effective Police Dept, Close to Work, Small Town Feel, Access to City Leadership.
Moving cost lots of \$\$
my community is here
My family is here
My home at the Adriana
My home, and family
My neighborhood
My neighbors, living near the water
My view
Nature, quiet
Nature, restaurants
Nature, sea and quaint community
Near airport, small town feel, bikeable
Near the water and hope of the city becoming more fun
Never missed a payment but nobody will refinance. If we had to move we couldn't.
Nice community
No choice
No reason to move
Not moving the kids' school again
Not too crowded
Our house and view but some city improvements are needed.
Our kids are in school
Our neighborhood, high prices in other desirable places.
Overall atmosphere
Parks and nature
Peaceful & scenic
Peaceful (mostly), proximity to ocean water and Marina (as is), good restaurants,
People, Views, Marina
Potential
Potential for the city's growth and development
Potential of having the small downtown in a walkable community, the Marina Beach Park area
Pretty and good location
Pretty views, quiet neighborhood, nice neighbors. Love being so close to the bay.
Property Size.
Proximity to amenities
Proximity to family and the gorgeous waterfront which I hope expands even more!
Proximity to Seattle
Proximity to Seattle

Proximity to Seattle and nature
Proximity to the airport & cost of housing
Puget Sound
Puget Sound, 65 years of friendships, hope that problems will be solved.
Rapid transit nearby, small city near big cities, sense of community.
Repeat: We visited and LOVED the whole Marina District! We bought into the Mariner Manor Condos.
Safety and closeness to water
Safety of neighborhood
Schools
Sense of community
Sense of community
Significant investment in real estate
Simple life style and the water
Size and safety
Sma) town
Small town feel
Small town feel
small town feel
Small town feel, proximity to water, views, nice people
Small town near a big city. Close to light rail.
Small town near the water
Small town with low homeless and crime
Small waterfront community, nice local businesses, B&E, Wallys, Auntie Irenes
small-city vibe; we like our current house
So far, lower crime, and littering in and around the city of Des Moines's
Sound View
The beautiful views , close the the water
The City
The community and the beautiful views
The community, waterfront, Main Street, neighborhood
The expansion at the marina
The marina and des moines creek trail
The Marina and town development potential
The Marina close to Seattle Tacoma and nature
The natural beauty along Marine view Dr
The natural views of des moines
The people
The possibility of the downtown expansion. Bringing in tourism and new jobs for residents.
The small town feel
The small town feel but close to the big city
The state park and marina
The sunsets.
The trees
The view my house. The ability to get to nearby places
The water
The Waterfront
This is my 67th year I've lived in Redondo. Why would I want to live anywhere else?

Too lazy to move
Up and coming city, Views
Upside potential
Very livable and, for us, affordable
View
View and neighbors
View easy access to public transportation
view, condo
View, people, walkable. Close to family and all kinds of stores.
Views & businesses
Views of the sound, Large lots(not overly congested), small town feel while being close to Seattle
Walkable
Walking access and closeness to work at airport
Water
Water
Water
Water
Water access and the marina
Water proximity and activities
Water view
Water view
Water view but the drive to get here is getting uglier like White Center!
Water view. Grandchildren.
Water views and the Redondo area
Water, community, potential
Water, community, spirit
We are at the Wesley and love the community and how close we are to family.
we just moved here!
we like being within walking distance of the sound, downtown area
We love our community and our neighbors!
We love our neighborhood & our view!
we love the schools and the marina. This is home
We love the small town feel and the natural environment of being near the sound and parks & trees.
We own our home.
Wesley Retirement Facilities
Work and kids schools
Work is here and I hate moving
Work& kids schools

What concerns do you have about planning for Des Moines' future?

50 characters for this kind of question?
50 characters isn't enough to describe concerns
A cohesive, downtown plan
A stagnant downtown. Making all welcome.
A strong anti dev & change voice pulling strings
Acceptance by older population of growth
Accommodating safe growth
Addressing crime
addressing the housing/job crisis
Affordability for decent people to make a living
Affordability of the region
Affordability, safety
affordable/ workforce housing, human services
After 8 years please stop cutting down trees
Air pollution, food desert, water pollution
Air pollution, homeless camps, noise pollution
Air traffic noise, crime
Airplane noise, keeps getting worse
Airport growth and deafening sound, contaminants
Airport noise
Airport pollution and noise.
All condos/apts & not enough single resident homes
All we ever hear is talk, no safety action
Amount of senior homes, bring younger residents.
An uptick in homelessness.
anti houseless bills in the guise of camping
ARPA \$ spent on police salaries isn't sustainable
Bad priorities-eg. ferry instead of human services
Bankruptcy, lack of businesses, wrong focus
Be more supportive of small businesses
Become unaffordable,overpopulated, lose uniqueness
Being able to afford to stay long with one income
Being unable to afford rent/stay here
Bloated police budgets, no anti bias spaces
Bring more restaurants/businesses to Des Moines
Bring new young energy into city council and plan
Build up downtown—businesses, parking, hotel
Building height and lack of a grocery store.
Building height in marina district (obstruct view)
Building low income housing.
Burien has really blossomed both 152, now 153rd
Can my family expand and still afford to live here
CC seems more interested in vanity projects
City becoming too unsafe for family activities
City council and city manager corruption
City council is out of touch and divided

City council is out of touch and divided
City council not listening
City council not listening to the people
City Council seems to dislike each other, alot.
City council's ability to make sound decisions.
City management continuing to be self serving
City manager has a lot of power, permitting slow
City managers absence from the community
City mismanagement, our little city will go broke
City throws out big ideas, but no overall plan.
City's rep for being unfriendly toward businesses
City's perceived lack of desire include community
CM & CC R spding too much \$ on Wants,not on NEEDS.
commercial development downtown and at the marina
Community members lack of embracing change.
Community NEEDS not leisure Ferrya for rich
Consider traffic impact in Des Moines and MVD.
Continue outstanding public safety
Controlling traffic
Core ammenities, gun violence, open government
Corruption and greed. It's so unsafe now
Cost and crime
Cost of living
Cost of living.
Costs, transparency, leadership decisions, vision.
cram housing and make it too crowded
crime
Crime
Crime
Crime & Pubic safety; Loss of public benefit space
Crime & safety and maintaining our parks
Crime and safety
Crime is overflowing from outside cities to ours
Crime is rampant find a viable solution
Crime on pac highway
Crime on Pacific Hwy. safety.
crime, lack of commerce in downtown area
Crime, pac hwy homeless
Crime, safety, and security
Crime, too soft on it.
Crime/traffic! Keep the marina spacious/no hotel.
Crowded w/ ugly hirise bldgs, no services to match
CURRENT ADMINISTRATION
Current leadership toxic. Council is ineffective.
Decrease in public safety
DEI and other progressive policies.
Desmoines becoming a major technical city.

Development according to a plan
Dislike the fight against growth
Disregard for residents in favor of new growth
Do not allow a Hotel right on the Marina.
Does the city listen & care about it's citizens?
Don't get corporate. No low income housing.
Don't sacrifice safety, police presence
Don't sell us out but grow
Don't let people hold back growth.
Don't overload it and make 509 ridiculous
Downtown growth.
East of 99 needs help.
Economic development/ water district impacts
Economic support
Encroaching airport.
Ensure the police force is adequately equipped.
Environment for development of vacant land
Expand where there are already buildings
Expertise/creativity. Public input.
feedback will be ignored & no changes will occur
Fewer warehouses/ trucks; more houses/ families.
Focus on equity or climate change not solutions.
Focus on hotel without a reason for tourists
Going to take another 50-years for progress
Good schools for my kids
Grocery store, public boat launch crime
Growing too big, crime, trash, homelessness.
Growing too fast and no say in the matter.
Growing too much, losing small city charm.
growth and push everyone right out of Des Moines
Growth and sustainability of small businesses
growth and transient issues from growth
have serious doubt about city able to do anything
Height limits transportation
High property tax
Homeless
Homeless on aurora. Increasing airport noise.
Homeless population is growing by the dollar tree
Homelessness
Homelessness and drug use
Homelessness.
Hotel at the marina, police to keep gangs out
housing prices and property taxes
How are workers supposed to live here?
How can we thrive as a community without groceries
I like what we are seeing
I think your on the right path, just lean in

I want the city to grow and not to die
I'm not sure
If we try and avoid growth we will lag behind
Ignoring the situation of insecurity
I'm concerned about future building in the marina
Im most concerned about \$ being spend frivolously
I'm not concerned, I'm hopeful.
Improving Marina and business about town
Increase in crime, homelessness and drug use
Increase in low income res. pushing families out.
increase in population density
Increase traffic/noise in marina district
Increased air and noise pollution
Increasing affordable housing & changing dynamic
Increasing crime/shootings,eliminating green belts
Increasing pop w/ no infrastructure
Increasing rent prices,more housing for nonelderly
Infrastructure
Infrastructure
Invest in small business and unique downtown core
Irresponsible planning. If my kids want to stay
It expanding too much
It will become another seattle
it will grow too big
It will take too long.
It's not walkable. council only cares about marina
itll turn into suburban hell like everything else
Just tired of it being a dumpy little town
Keeping it a Safe City. Walkable.
Keeping residents due to crime.
keeping small town feel while supporting business
Lack of a pedestrian focused zone
Lack of activities, programs, play areas
Lack of affordable housing
Lack of affordable housing
Lack of alignment on vision for the future.
Lack of business and economic development.
Lack of community input
Lack of development in Downtown Des Moines
Lack of improvements due to not being proactive
lack of progress
Lack of safety around Pac Highway corridor
lack of space for 18-55 age bracket (not bars)
Lack of strategic planning. Foot ferry focus.
Lack of support for unhoused/housing insecure fam
Lack of vision and practical planning
Lack of vision from leaders in our city!

lacks transparency, kowtow to PoS. merge w/ SeaTac
Large city feel.
Light rail and its effects on the community.
Lightrail might come with more crime?
Listen to citizen's input and do it right!
Litter and drug use on Kent DM Rd & PAC highway.
Local government and their personal interests rule
Local politicians inability to work together
long time locals won't be open to change
Losing it's charm. Wasting money.
Losing Preserving natural spaces
Losing the small town feel
Losing the small town feel to warehouses.
Maintain the small-town character of Des Moines
Making Des Moines as walkable as possible!
Making Pacific Hwy safe. IS THAT POSSIBLE???
Marina hotel not needed. Grocery stores are
More flights overhead
More grocery stores
more places like quarterdeck in marina
More road/ air traffic, worse noise/ air pollution
more traffic with less observance of traffic laws
Multi- family housing homeless camps, high crime
My concerns or becoming overdeveloped.
My kids safety and education. Need good schools.
Need small businesses. Hotels, Keep crime down.
Need strong area-wide response to Port of Seattle.
Need to bring back the old water land festival
needing to improve the 99 corridor, decrease crime
Needs to find an identity. And character.
neighbors removing large beautiful healthy trees
NIMBY-ism will curtail the needed growth
No action let's get the marina hotel and ferry
no bold vision; economic agenda for the downtown
No development
No groceries, shops, link between waterfront & sho
No grocery store
No grocery store or fresh food available
No grocery store. Too many empty lots.
No hotel at the Marina-Consider Masonic Lodge land
No public comment.
No room--horrible questionnaire.
No sense of successful development for us
No tall buildings in downtown or marina hotel.
Noise & light pollution. control of traffic on 7th
None
Not acting on opportunities and letting the city b

Not bringing in new business.
Not family-centered.
Not have infrastructure to support the community
Not investing in the right businesses
Not meeting it's tourism potential
Not much to do
Not much will be done.
only in it 4 the \$ & commercial & not aging pop.
open drug use, crime we need more police.
Over populated
Over vocal minority view points. Crime.
Overcrowding
Pac Highway crime
Pacific Hwy. Everything about it.
Parking. Blocking my view
People that do not want change.
Placing frontage improvements on housing owners
Planning without using money wisely
plans include all residents not just the wealthy.
Please consider needs of residents before others.
Please focus on numbers and facts, not feelings.
Policies will stifle growth and business.
Pricing out of younger generations
Promote kindness and community support.
Protect natural environment and wildlife habitat
Provide fun transportation from light rail
Public not given timely information
public safety
Public safety needs to be top priority
Putting needs of few over the needs of many
Racist and bigots and white majority control all
Raise building heights to revitalize the downtown.
Removing open space and filling with buildings.
Residential road maintenance.
Residents do not hang out or shop in Des Moines
Residents get in the way of progress & prosperity
Rise of taxes
Risks: being like Hwy 99. NO strip malls or junk.
Roads are very busy. Crime. Cost of living
Safety
Safety
Safety, local jobs, local shops/restaurants
Safety, youth opps & MVD development, Masonic
Safety.
Safety. Also, studying things too much
Sale/rental of Public Land to commerce
Sea-Tac airport noise and pollution, public health

See above. Bring back the sling
Slow to no decisions, lots of banter, no actions.
Spoiling the natural beauty; changing character
Stagnation
state trying to force one size fits all planning
stop supporting racist shops support LGBTQIA folks
Stop with the low income housing. We are maxed
Supporting small businesses and young families
tall blgs, crime from higher density, green spaces
Tax and spend is not the way to go.
Taxes on adu and small business
That business aren't attracted to open here
That business development will be stifled.
That children will not be safe walking in DM
That it becomes overpriced and gentrified.
That it could become a generic car focused suburb.
That it isn't all inclusive.
That it will be turned into a city for the wealthy
That it'll continue to be a retirement town
That mental health crisis will take priority.
That more crime will enter the area
That not all resident's voices will be heard.
That nothing will happen. All talk and no action
That the Council will continue to punt.....
That the focus is only waterfront restoration
That the Marina is the only thing worth improving
That this survey will be ignored
That we focus on long term solutions.
That we have too many ambitious politicians
That we will continue to have no grocery store.
That you will cater to the retirement community.
That you will ruin its charm with a hotel at peer
The building code system here is out of control.
The city council.
The city won't listen to what us residents want
The city's financial records
The city's lack of to serve ALL DM residents
The Council's wasteful \$26 million bond issue.
The crime/drug use by the Des Moines/Kent boarder
The drug and crime problem needs to be cleaned up
the electrical lines to be put underground
the empty eye sore lot behind jack in the box
The glacial pace of improvement downtown.
The inability of Des Moines to grow.
The lack of a grocery store
the lack of affordable housing for senior citizens
The liberal agenda overriding logical common sense

The need to plan for Des Moines future
the people planning have no clue what is needed
The spreading nimby attitude
The theater being built will add the wrong crowds.
The vision of a few overriding that of the many.
They allow crud like dollar store in marina.
To be of keeping what's left of historical value
Too expensive for businesses to move here
too many apartments
Too much commercial building, lack of green space
Too much focus on retirees, not enough on workers
Too much growth
Too much power given to City Manager
too-aggressive growth
traffic
Traffic - can our 2lane roads support growth?
Traffic and safety
Traffic, cost of living, safety
Traffic, growing too fast, safety.
Trash on Pac Hwy and public opinion
Try to encourage tourist attractions downtown.
try to encourage tourist attractions downtown.
Trying to be like everywhere else.
Trying to be too PC; we to be more pragmatic.
Trying to build something on every open space.
Turning the roads into a concrete canyon.
Unaffordable housing
Unbridled growth, run down blgs, lack of cohesion
Unknown
Unresponsive arrogant city administration
Unused commercial buildings & price of housing
Unwanted transients
vacant lots in town look dirty,unkept. No hotel
Vandalism, speeding, homelessness, and crime
Very slow not a lot of progress in 8 years here.
Very slow to take action
WA law adding more houses/people to each parcel.
walkable city. South Des Moines needs development
Wasteful spending on non beneficial initiatives
Wasting \$8 million on Marina Steps project.
Wasting taxpayer money
We are stuck in the past. Focus on our assets
We don't have a grocery store . How are we to grow
We need activities & shops to draw us to downtown
What future? The city council they can't eve
You won't listen to needs of community.
You'll screw it up.

You'll take away public space for a select few

What are the 3 greatest challenges you face as a resident of Des Moines?

These are write-in responses from people who indicated "other" and may have also selected from the following provided choices: • Lacking access to healthy food • Crime or safety concerns • Education Barriers or Challenges • Housing (Lack of choices, Affordability concerns, etc.) • Insufficient Infrastructure (roads, water, electricity, sewers) • Lack of Community • Inadequate Public Transportation

A marina that isn't friendly to boaters who have boats on trailers in their garage.
A robust Downtown and Marina area.
A viable corridor through downtown, adequate parking, MVD thoroughfare is totally messed up. Lack of business parking and safe middle turn lanes fail to support businesses.
Ability to affect change
Access to parks
Affordability for local businesses to create community spaces.
affordable elder care
Again woodmont are was annex into Des Moines and even the school is still in the federal way school district
Air traffic noise & pollution; the city should be front & center on this! Lack of more viable retail options (restaurants, coffee shops etc); lots of unused/rundown commercial properties. Would love to support local business and see our city thrive.
Airplane noise and pollution as well as destruction of natural woods environment by neighboring city Seatac.
Airport noise
Airport noise
Airport noise
Airport noise and environmental pollution
airport noise and traffic and light rail
airport noise,pollution,council/senior city management be lackeys for pos
As a walker I am very frustrated with the gaps in routes without sidewalks. I can only walk south on sidewalks. I have to walk in the street to transit, shops, restaurants and to visit neighbors.
Become a tree friendly city, reduce pesticides use, protect and increase green space
Being able to enjoy our home with windows open/sitting on deck with constant airline noise & pollution
better police protection
City council take residents suggestions
City council that acts only in its best interests
City council unresponsive to community
City government thinks they know what is better for the residents than the residents do.
Clean potable drinking water in the central district.
Communication failures (ecoli), not preserving history and making it something cool (Masonic lodge)
Controlling crime.
Cost of living is getting to high, the bus no longer runs down 250th my daughter can't get to work or school
Crime
Crime and safety concerns, quality of life
CRIME and SAFETY!! (see block 29)
Des Moines is seriously lacking good restaurants and attractive small businesses. There is no reason Des Moines cannot have a look and feel like Kirkland. It is a very unattractive city with no appeal to visit beyond the marina and park.
Des Moines is seriously lacking in basics like grocery stores and a true city center that feels vibrant and will draw in others.
Diversity of marine stores

Downtown development needs to be incentivized. Look tthe city of Edmonds for examples.
Downtown is dying.
Early death due to SEA/PFAS/NOISE POLLUTION/ULTRAFINE PARTICLES/TOXIC WATER/LACK OF TREES TO HELP WITH HEAT AND POLLUTION.
Excessive budget to enforcement that's not required to protect anyone,only property instead of community services needed
Excessive traffic on MVD/1st Ave/509
Feeling generally unsafe
Filth along pac hwy s
Finding out what the City is doing to improve our lives.
Forced to respond. I don't want my money spent on any of the choices
Government transparency
Graffiti and trash
Grocery store in central Des Moines vibrant commercial area diwntown
Growth plans without acting on community input
Have to drive to next city to grocery shop for safety reasons
Heavy traffic on main streets.
High property taxes
High property taxes, jet noise
I am fortunate not to face many challenges per day but I'd love to see more offerings like cafes, bars, small business. These create community and would make me want to stay in Des Moines.
I am tired of seeing people not being able to walk on sidewalks through our neighborhood. One can start on a sidewalk, then need to step onto the road in many areas. The Cliff Avenue sidewalk should be high priority. I've seen too many close calls where pedestrians are almost hit by cars. The sidewalk is single file, and pedestrians are walking in both directions, with cars driving by constantly. Get the Marina gates working! Crime is out of control!
I think there needs to be more development and businesses in Des Moines. New coffee shops, restaurants, wine bars, etc. Des Moines had so much potential.
If you clean up the crime on Pac Hwy and the area, businesses would happily move in and expand the charm of the city. It is the biggest issue. Fix the crime and pride in the community will flourish. We can then have nice things.
Ignored crime and drug use in public spaces every day!
Inequity - lack of confidently queer friendly and antibias practices.
Insufficient walking/ biking spaces.
It feels dangerous to go certain places in Des Moines. The gun violence on Pac Highway, the cars racing through our residential streets, 60mph or more in a 25mph zone, create a hectic situation. Makes a person feel unsafe when out and about in town.
Lack of access to information of what is going on in the city other than social media! Really? and the Currents magazine is out of date by the time we receive it as well as the 3-4 months it covers.
Lack of anything good or motivating to stay
lack of City communication
Lack of commerce in Redondo (restaurant, coffee shop, corner store)
Lack of confidence in city leadership / management (perceived or real). Perception of cronyism.
Lack of good restaurants and bars
Lack of Grocery store downtown.
Lack of grocery store in a walking/bike riding/safe distance
Lack of grocery store in the Marina District!

Lack of grocery stores and entertainment options
Lack of in-town grocery, crime on 99, excessive property tax increases
Lack of local well paying jobs. You have to travel outside of the city for anything other than service or education jobs.
Lack of public/residential inclusion & information in city planning and projects
Lack of quality establishments: restaurants, coffee shops, cafes and grocery stores.
Lack of recreation, culture, shopping, good restaurants
Lack of restaurants
Lack of restaurants, lack of a vibrant waterfront community
Lack of sidewalks outside downtown!!!
Lack of sidewalks to support walkability and access to public transportation.
Lack of walk-ability.
Lacking access to healthy AFFORDABLE food
Lacking parks and playgrounds
Little to no resources for children activities and extra curricular education/experiences. We constantly have to leave Des Moines so our children can take part in activities and community center type programs.
Main stretch of marine view drive very old, empty lots, not modern developments.
More green space
Need underground utilities to decrease outages and improve views
No animal control
No boat launch
No central walkable shopping, groceries, gathering place etc. like in Kirkland, Edmonds, U Village.
no downtown grocery store
No grocery store in marina district after QFC was removed and replaced by Dollar Tree
No grocery store nearby that I feel safe shopping at. I'd like to see a grocery store downtown again
No public boat launch
No safe grocery stores to shop at.
No services for poor folk
Noise concerns
Noise is off the charts and needs to be addressed (not airplane noise)
None
Non-enforcement of existing laws regarding automobile equipment, traffic and parking in Redondo area.
Not just a lack of healthy food, food diversity in general. This area is a food desert. I'd welcome a bunch of food trucks in the downtown vacant lots
Not walkable and necessary services not available (kid friendly parks, grocery store)
Nothing to do downtown
Opaque government that has made poor decisions supposedly for the betterment of the city. An example is the type of businesses in the business park that do not bring in adequate income to the city. I thought the business community was going to save the city with new income but instead we got increased sales/utility taxes on the residents. Please stop trying to sell the public with irresponsible/imperfect/poorly crafted information. Also, although it is not the job of city government, we are sorely lacking objective community information which is a problem all around the country as local newspapers have folded.
Options for EV charging
Parks for kids
Preserving natural spaces
Property maintenance of commercial properties. Make owners maintain their properties.
Property Taxes are way too high

Protecting lower income groups
Racism
Safe and easy access to parks and walking trails. We live off of kent des moines rd and our apartment doesn't have a park. Since kent des moines road is absolutely not safe to walk down with kids i would have to walk quite a distance uphill to get to elementary schools but can use those while school is in session. I typically drive to normandy Park for their parks but would love a safer walking path to a local park
Safety
Septic tanks are failing and in North Hill. Sidewalks are needed.
Seriously though, the cost of living here is bonkers
Sidewalks for exercise
Single family housing that's affordable. Stop cramming people. Long term as people age, townhomes are not appropriate or accessible into small spaces
Speed cameras security cameras increase in law enforcement
Speeding on my rural street-223rd
Staying in Des Moines and shopping local for my needs - not enough variety of businesses, entertainment
Support of small businesses.
Taxes
Taxes, taxes, taxes, fees, fees,bs fees used for social engineering BS slushfund and pet projects
That levies and ordinances will bury property owners in the future
The airport growth needs to be stopped. It's too much! Represent the citizens health. It is not a "gift" to live under these non stops noise pollution impacts.
The glacial pace of change.
There aren't very many good restaurants or shops here!
There's not many attractive places to visit downtown. A taproom would be a fantastic addition and meeting place for the community.
Too much unchecked gang activity
Traffic
traffic
Traffic tie-ups from FAA / business park employees along 24th Ave S, especially when parents are picking up their kids from Midway and Pacific. Federal Way traffic using my street - 16th Ave S - as an alternate to I-5 and Marine View Drive, and speeding. Lack of a real grocery store downtown and instead, annoying Dollar Stores that prey on lower income families.
Traveling outside the city for healthy groceries and good restaurants
Underdeveloped downtown
Walking along Marine View Drive -- no sidewalk or designated area to walk
wasting tax dollars, neglecting to collect parking fees,
Water taxi
We need more new businesses. Look at all the great places in Burien.
We need to keep homelessness, drugs and gun violence away. We need to prosecute to the fullest extent zoning laws and complexity that do not allow for creative solutions that address the complex needs: housing, social engagement and climate (high energy efficiency, solar, small footprint/outdoor spaces/trees)

What types of uses would you like to see more of in Des Moines?

These are write-in responses from people who indicated " other " and may have also selected from the following provided choices: • A wider variety of housing types and options • Neighborhood commercial uses such as coffee shops, corner stores, local restaurants, small businesses •General commercial uses such as larger grocery stores, gyms, banks, retail stores •Community facilities like recreation centers, parks, amphitheater • Civic/Institutional uses like schools and hospitals

A better pool facility
A brewery or taproom
A downtown that is walkable with small shops, cafes and a park that is usable
A public boat sling! Using the Redondo boat ramp is ridiculous and dangerous.
a ramp to launch the boat. Also, shouldn't be charge to park on the des moines marina. People should be able to drive down to the marina, park for free and walk around casually after a stressful day
A trail around the central district schools that contain gym equipment. Similar to what is near the Redondo Marina.
A weekend walking mall with street closures and support & promotion of small unique businesses
Affordable housing please
Animal shelter and animal control for des moines
Art galleries, interesting small shops. Would love more murals, especially history murals (like Anacortes
Bakery
Ban Red Robin. its trashy
Be more like Burien
Better park for kids
Better walkability between businesses.
Brewery
Brewery
Come up with an architectural review board and historic preservation board and take advantage of what you have! The abandoned elementary school, the Masonic property McMenamins like hotel.
Community resources - crisis centers, safe injection sites & needle drops, affordable shelter & housing, safe
Des Moines seems to be unfriendly to businesses. There seems to be people who live downtown who don't want people coming into town. These small voices are destroying the potential of this seaside city, that's a short hop from Seattle. A row of cute shops and amazing restaurants could be a huge draw. Des Moines is a traditional working class city, but it could gentrify a little and be a lively destination. My impression of Des Moines is that it is mismanaged by the city council and has little vision for the future.
Des Moines used to be a place to find middle housing. The cost to rent or own here has increased significantly, much of Des Moines is no longer middle housing. I would like to see a concerted effort to support more middle housing in neighborhoods beyond the state mandated levels
Dog Parks
Dog 🐕 Park(s)
Don't put hotel in marina
Don't trust the current administration to execute any growth properly.
Downtown grocery
easily accessable/walkable playgrounds
EV fast chargers at the waterfront or along 99, walking paths and sidewalks in more neighborhoods
Fast ferry!
few homeless and fewer large apartments
Grocery not gym or banks

Grocery store
Grocery store in downtown area
Grocery store within 2 miles of house.
GROCERY STORE!!!!
Grocery store, Chamber of Commerce, safe sidewalks for pedestrians, higher standard of keeping businesses and empty lots looking attractive. Use Channel 21 to keep us updated on city events. Monthly Town Hall meetings. Weekly City Manager's Report and calendar of events (Normandy Park Council as an example). More community presence by City Manager. Less bullying in council meetings.
Honestly, we don't need 'more' of something right now. We need to clean up and keep safe what we have. amore than 50% of Des Moines is unsafe enough that I won't go there.
Hotel, recreation
I love the idea of the boardwalk to the marina.
I would like to see some of the current businesses upgrade. I like the current mix of housing/commercial, but we have more than enough apartments and condos.
Make it easier to start a small business, streamline permitting etc. It'd be nice to see the Marina (or Redondo) expand opportunities for youth e.g. with a sailing school.
More contemporary restaurants and bars like the Quarter Deck. A book store would be fantastic.
More Marina Slips
More mixed use zoning and developments that prioritize pedestrians over cars could have very positive impacts on the city. (See Japanese zoning, Chophouse Row on Capitol Hill Seattle) The city should set high standards for aesthetics of new buildings.
More parks, more trees, no more buildings.
More playgrounds, and less nail and hair salons. Why are there sooooo many nail and hair salons?!
More restaurants and shops so that DesMoines can truly deserve the name/title "destination DesMoines"
Music store (instruments & lessons); Nautical and boating supplies; Bicycle products, Unique clothing, Art for sale or art supplies store; ,
Need a grocery store
nice upscale hotel more nice restaurants at marina
No dollar stores. A safe grocery store in Des Moines would be great - we used to have two in downtown and one on 1st Ave. I shop in Kent because I feel unsafe at Safeway on 216th. Keep the marina free from hotels and businesses.
No general commercial uses except a grocery store downtown.
No hotel down by the marina please
NO huge businesses like Walmart or Kroger or gyms. Make it safer with sidewalks on Kent DM Road. Claim Pac Hwy and have a dedicated PD force there. Make Des Moines charming like the Marina District. Clean it up and expand the cute sea town vibe of Marina District. We shop in Normandy park because Pac Hwy is just filthy and dangerous.
Parks, parks, parks! There are no playgrounds that we actively use within des Moines city limits and we are at the playground 3-6 times a week.
Please for God sakes do not build a motel at the Marina, if you want to build up tourism, concentrate on making the downtown section store fronts modern and revamped, attract small businesses and try to work with private commerical property owners to create incentives to renovate old and worn down store fronts.
Public boat launch
Public boat launch.....not a ramp
Replace chain restaurants. Get a grocery store!
Solar and other green energy required on new construction

That entire strip mall and parking lot by Big Catch Plaza is all wrong. Knock it all down and start over. Big Catch plaza should lead to a green space, gazebo, picnic table, duck pond, town square, surrounded by small shops and small to medium sized grocery store. The parking lot should be BEHIND the shops, not in front. Also, Marine View Drive needs to be one-way heading north, while 7th Ave needs to be one-way heading south. This would help with traffic flow during rush hour, and make the streets more pedestrian friendly.

the only "large" commercial business we need is a grocery store downtown.

TOD near transit facilities in the Kent border and anything to support that. Continue to support ferry connections.

Vacant lots in downtown, on the main strip, is a bad look. It's been like this for years. Develop these in a meaningful and tasteful manner.

Various tourist-interest type shops to attract downtown use

Water transportation to Seattle, Tacoma (Ruston), and the Islands

We ALL wish there was a least ONE major grocery store in the downtown area!!

Would like to be able to grill at the marina

Wrap around services for our houseless

What are the reasons/barriers of not having an electric car?

These are write-in responses from people who indicated "other" and may have also selected from the following provided choices: •Location of charging stations • Cost of purchasing • Already have a gas-powered car • The electric cars don't have enough range for the trips I take • I don't want or need one

Added costs of electrical improvements on my house, need to add solar panels
Also addtl cost of installing new fuse box to facilitate proper home charging
Also own a hybrid vehicle
Batteries for these cars will create landfill disasters. The elements being mined in other countries for them is destroying landscapes
Cost of electricity
Current EVs don't meet my need for a high clearance 4x4 to do outdoor activities
Drive diesel autos, believe internal combustion hydrogen is a realistic long term solution drive offroad
Electric cars we wanted weren't available on a reasonable timeline so got a hybrid car instead.
Environmental damage of building the electric car and creating/maintaining charging stations is far greater than a gas powered car.
Environmental issues with batteries
Have a hybrid, easier to "fill" a tank
Have a Hybrid. This suits me fine.
I had an EV, but did not like the range anxiety. There are too many hills in this area, which suck the power from EV's.
I have a hybrid. I trade with my daughter who has an electric car, when she needs more distance.
I owned one before. Sold it because of range limitations
I plan to buy one in the future.
I want a hybrid, cost of purchasing
I'm not convinced they are better for environment
Lack of education on what to buy
Lithium mining and disposal is destructive
My next car may be electric but right now I need to use what I have
No way to charge at my house
Not appealing to drive
Not convinced total environmental impact as positive as marketed
Not enough information about future expenses
Not environmentally a sound product.
Our electric panel is full and can not accommodate a home charger.
Our grids are not ready for everyone to have an electric car
Own a hybrid
Own a hybrid (and prefer)
Own a hybrid and do not need a new car
satisfied with my hybrid
Seeing news reports of catching fire and no power to get out of car - no thank you
Supports China since all rare earth metals come from there
The batteries leach into water and mining the minerals destroys environment
The electrical system and panel in my house is old and would need to be upgraded in order to install a charging station. Tax break, anyone?
They are all too big, ugly, or expensive. Waiting another couple years at least.

They are not worth the hassle and they don't help the environment.
Too silent
Wary of lack of access to charging, especially during an emergency where the electrical grid may fail.
we own a hybrid
Will it replace with electric until my current vehicle gets too old

How could the City improve conditions for walking and/or biking?

#1 - Sidewalks I all neighborhoods. #2 - bike paths
216th is way too fast.
99 is a mess that is so bad it is hard to describe. The crime, trash, aesthetics, drugs use, people...I never imagined a street in the USA could be this bad.
A grocery store instead of dollar tree
Actual sidewalks, bike and bus lanes
Actually put in sidewalks...
Add a grocery store and better shopping
Add better restaurants and shops
Add more sidewalks so that we aren't walking in the street.
Add more trails and paths
Add sidewalks
Add sidewalks
Add sidewalks and streetlights in the south des moines area
Add sidewalks in northhill, it's absurd how close cars come to kids walking to school or anywhere really
Add sidewalks on roadways, such as 4th Ave s
Add sidewalks. Cleanup the green space at Highline College so people can use the trails and feel safe.
Add sidewalks. Enforce stop signs. Reduce drug addicts roaming the street
Adding sidewalks and clearing out addicts and nuisance people that endanger my kids and us.
Adding sidewalks to Kent Des Moines Rd to walk to the Marina district and improve safety for residents that commute by bus.
Additional bike lanes, sidewalk improvements. More transit connections, especially east west
Additional sidewalks with curbs and lighting.
Additional sidewalks, increased lighting, enforcing speed limits
addressing the outrageous uncontrolled crime!
Allowance for more powerful electric bikes
Attack income inequity, you have less crime when there's more opportunity. Ensure liveable income, UBI, gun control, sidewalk up redondo hills
Attention to speeding.
Better bike paths that are separated from the road
Better bus access to walking areas. Sidewalks!
Better driver awareness
better lighting
Better lighting after dark. More sidewalks on major arterials
Better lighting on side streets. 220th especially. Better sidewalks for kent desmoines rd
Better places to eat and drink, more options
Better protection for pedestrians on Kent Des Moines Road.
Better sidewalks (240th st) & lower speed limit
Better sidewalks.
Bike lanes
Bike lanes and sidewalks
Bike lanes and sidewalks on 16th ave S
Bike lanes and sidewalks! I live not far from Kent-Des Moines Road, but there is no sidewalk, and with blind curves, it is way too dangerous to walk, especially with kids.

Bike lanes for starters and police that are actually in the city and not Pac Hwy. Cars race down Marine View Drive and rarely stop for anyone crossing the street.
Bike lanes on main roads, more sidewalks, reduce ALL traffic speeds to improve safety & enforce. Create ebike paths off the main roads, provide secure bike racks near businesses & light rail stations.
Bike lanes or more sidewalks
Bike lanes to provide more ways to commute via bicycle going east west.
Bike lanes with separation, wider roads/paved bike sides
Bike path
Bring downtown DM back to life and it would be so walkable and nice!
Bring in a grocery store
Build sidewalks
Build sidewalks and bike lanes on Kent Des Moines Rd and other roads through the city.
Build sidewalks.
Build, Improve and maintain our trails and sidewalks.
Bulldoze or blow-up Pac Highway and everything around it, then plant a trees over it and never let it exist again
By having move things more busineses to walk to
Clean up the homeless tents
Clean up the homeless. I'm not walking my children around that
complete sidewalks and provide better separation between peds and bikes on the road shoulders
complete sidewalks or improve shoulders where pedestrians walk
Connect sidewalks and bike paths. There are currently gaps
Connect the sidewalks so we don't have to walk in the streets
Continue to improve lighting on roadways for safety
continuous sidewalks and bike paths are the obvious answers. Bike racks near businesses would be great!
Continuous trails would be nice. There are very few sidewalks and continuity in being able to stay safe. "Paths" feel cobbled together. Make crossing 1st ave/DMD safe!
Control the sped on MVD between downtown & saltwater Park. It's ridiculous speeding and people passing over double yellow lines constantly. Even the PD speeds.
Controlling speeding cars, widening shoulders and building sidewalks
Create a walking path all along Marine View Drive and up Woodmont Drive
Crime on pac hwy
Crosswalk improvements
Crosswalks on Marine View Drive
Crosswalks, designated shoulders
Decrease gun violence on the streets
dedicated bike lanes (not attached to the road) and LOTS of sidewalks. sidewalks with barriers on Pac Hwy
Dedicated paths removed from streets
dedicated protected bike lanes/ bike only trails
Dedicated sidewalks, repair chuckholes in a timely manner, enforce parking restrictions
Dedicated spaces
Disability access. Barrier free paths—the raised items in parking lot make the farmer's market treacherous for me. . Slow down traffic on 7th.
Dish out tickets for cars that don't stop at crosswalks. Patrol more. Speeding tickets

Don't waste money on that... unless your gonna get rid of the crime and homeless people taking over the city
Don't bother with this BS.
Educate drivers on pedestrians and looking out for people, bicycles, and kids.
Encourage new businesses along Marine View Drive
Enforce speed limits on side streets
Enforce speed limits, stop street racing, arrest illegal dirt bike riders terrorizing pedestrians
Enforce stop sign at 240th/MVD and keep bike lanes clear of debris
Enforce zero tolerance for drugs and homeless living on the streets. Implement no littering policy and fines.
Enforcement
Extend sidewalk or shoulder north along MVD into Normandy Park
Finish paving all of 6th Avenue. Fix the Marina District parking gates and reactivate them!!!
Finish the sidewalks/cross walks in neighborhoods where stores/restaurants reside. Combined the Marina boardwalk with its 5 surrounding parks by creating walking & bike paths.
Fix the 223rd walking path.
Fixing and walking paths and sidewalks in residential area
For biking, keep road shoulders clean of debris, especially metal and glass and encourage adjacent cities to do the same.
For walking, sidewalks would be nice. For biking, clean bike lanes free of debris, safety issue and cost issue (tube and tire replacement)
Get crime and homeless down
Get more police officers in the neighborhoods, the problems are homelessness and guns...
Get rid of criminals on streets & bus stops. Safeway @ S 216th is unsafe with gang activity in the parking lot & along S 216th.
get rid of the little green cube bushes in the landscaping and install something visually appealing
Get rid of the red flashing 2 way lights as there are a ton of accidents because of people passing through and not paying attention
get rid of those boring green cube shrubs along MVD and 7th Ave S
Give out more tickets for speeding cars; they make walking & walking so unsafe.
Go back 39 years before the city council "improved" MVD to make it an I5 bypassan
Good bike lane- safe
Grocery store downtown
Have a supermarket in town
Hiking trails the connect major parts of the city
Hopefully NOT spending money on bike lanes!
I am not sure as living on North Hill, it's not conducive for either without walking up hill
I don't feel safe biking almost anywhere in Des Moines, especially with my children. We take our bikes to the Green River trail.
I don't think you can. Lots of places to go do these things (parks, etc), but not for going to the store, etc. Store are too spread out, too many hills.
I feel it is safe now.
I feel these improvements are not needed.
I think having the train is going to help once it gets south more
I think they are pretty good now other than connecting the Marina to the main street
I use the stairs the lead down to Des Moines Memorial Drive from North Hill to get to the Des Moines Creek Trail. Would love to see a crosswalk at the intersection that leads to 12th Ave.

I wish there was a more protected bike path on the zenith part of marina view drive as I get uncomfortable biking with my son.
I would rather see better access and availability to public transit.
I'd love to walk from my home to the marina and downtown area but not safe or pleasant (heavy traffic). Sidewalks. Safer designated walking routes to downtown.
Improve pedestrian safety by penalizing reckless drivers (=screen addicts staring at their phone, blowing stop signs etc). Also penalize people with aggressive off-leash dogs.
Improve sidewalks
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Improve the sidewalks on 223rd - more light and level conditions.
improve traffic safety, build more sidewalks/bike lanes,
Improved shoulders on KDM and other areas throughout the city
Improvements would be more sidewalks and biking lanes!
In neighborhoods that do not have legal width streets please lower speed to 15 mph.
Increased street sweeping, enforcing traffic violations such as red lights and speeding
install high quality cameras to get dangerous drivers off the neighborhood roads and find a way to enforce speed limits as well
Install sidewalks in North Hill, specifically 208th Ave
Investing in more non-vehicular paths and pedestrian only streets
It's mostly a concern of safety w/ crime, not structure/paths
It's not safe to walk the streets of Des Moines
KDM Rd is right outside my condo. Walking out there is stressful. Cars speed up and down. They go over the fog line and enter into the walking area.
Keep vagrancy down
Keeping the drugs out, and high people
Larger / maintained sidewalks in neighborhoods. Enforcing codes regarding vehicle and or trash / debris left in sidewalk.
Less bike lanes
Less crime/ less drugs
Less hills
Lighted sidewalks
Lighting, bike lanes, LOVE the flashing crosswalks would love to see more of these.
Lights and sidewalks or trails
Limit shootings, public drug use, and homelessness
Maintain sidewalks address drug & homeless issue on pac hwy
Make it so you may not get stabbed or robbed
Make sure crime is under control so it's safe. Make a "no camping" law and keep the homeless from gravitating here. Handle all of the crime coming from pac hwy.
Make them continuous and safer
Make wider bike lanes. Current bike lane too narrow and dangerous.
Making more trails for exploration
Making the bike paths clean so as not to harm bike and equipment
Marine View Drive needs sidewalks in Lower Woodmont to Salt Water park. People drive so crazy and fast.
Marked, dedicated bike lanes
Minimize crime
more bike lanes

More bike lanes and better trail access (Barnes Creek).
More bike lanes to angle lake light rail.
More cops to keep people safe to bike
More crosswalks! Why were some removed on 7th Ave S?? More sidewalks. Better control of speeding.
More dedicated safe sidewalks
More emphasis on safety. Change to one-way on Marine View Drive, utilizing another street.
more flags or crossing lights on 1st ave at 208th, CARS DO NOT STOP AT CROSS WALK
More lighted crosswalks especially near the private schools.
More lights along the street, wider sidewalks
More parks and trails with green spaces
More paved sidewalks.
More paved walking paths
More police
More police and courts make them be accountable
more police patrol around, control gun violence and the homeless situation. I just dont feel safe anywhere i go these days.
More protected bike lanes, sidewalks, trails that connect and bike racks and infrastructure in public spaces
More residential sidewalks
More shared and marked bike routes
More side walks
More side walks , esp going to the Redondo neighborhood. Get commuter traffic out of desmoines. People from Fed way and other point south routinely commute through our town due to bad traffic on I5
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More sidewalks (esp on 223rd b/w 8th and 9th).
More sidewalks and bike lanes
More sidewalks and bike lanes. More photo enforced cameras down 16th and downtown and maybe a 16th Ave stop light
More sidewalks and crosswalks with flashing lights
More sidewalks and more pretty trees
More sidewalks and more street lighting
More sidewalks and street lights, especially to/from schools
More sidewalks and walking paths repairing the ones that are in disrepair
More sidewalks in neighborhoods
More sidewalks in neighborhoods, more bike lanes

More sidewalks in neighborhoods, separated bike lines for safety
More sidewalks in residential areas. Move planters on corners for better visibility of traffic. Currently block visibility of on coming cars
More sidewalks in suburban areas
More sidewalks with street lamps.
More sidewalks! Bike lanes on arterials. Public staircases/walkways on dead end residential streets.
More sidewalks! The lack of sidewalks is a real issue, especially along busy streets like 251st. For biking, more bike lanes.
More sidewalks!!!
More sidewalks, especially down to Redondo.
More sidewalks, more businesses in closer proximity to neighborhoods, helping support small business growth
More sidewalks, more security around trails, no homeless camps around biking and walking areas
More sidewalks, obviously especially on curvy roads 251st, Kent Des Moines
More sidewalks, on des moines memorial would be nice
More sidewalks, there are none in my street.
More sidewalks. It doesn't feel safe walking with our young daughter.
More sidewalks. Less vagrants on sidewalks
More sidewalks. When I had a stroller there was almost no neighborhood we could walk in.
n/a
Need more sidewalks.
Need sidewalks & bike lanes & bike racks
No sure
Not a thing
Nothing, seems fine as is
Obviously more sidewalks. would love more crosswalks across MVD in Zenith area. a stop sign at MVD & 251st
Offer bike's and helmets while having actual bike lanes throughout
Out more sidewalks on streets. Get the crime down on Pacific Highway
Paths please
Paved sidewalks
Pedestrian crossing light at 236th and Marine View Drive
Pedestrian lanes and side walk for students walking to their schools. Police post a block away from schools to make sure the kids safety.
Please add sidewalks and bike paths to marine view drive in Woodmont
Please don't put in a bike lane. HUGE waste of money.
Please more sani-cans at trailheads like Barnes Creek, or ghost town above Des Moines Creek trail.
Police
Police wooded areas for homeless
preserve and enhance green space and walking paths
Primarily, shops and places to walk to in the main Marine View Drive stretch.
Protected bike lanes
Protected bike lanes on streets, bike trails to Kent to make it easier to commute
Protected bike paths
Provide accessible sidewalks; develop an inviting downtown core
provide sidewalks, trails or pathways where there are none.
Providing bike dedicated lanes. The main city is not super bike friendly

Proving bike lanes.
Public safety
Public safety is the biggest issue
Put a sidewalk in all the way down 272nd to Redondo
Put in more sidewalks in neighborhoods. Light up crosswalks or just more crosswalks in neighborhoods that give access to Des Moines
Put in more sidewalks, create more walking areas and paths, fix the sidewalks that are unsafe due to roots of trees
Put in sidewalks . It's very dangerous to walk on Kent Des Moines rd or 240th without sidewalks
Real sidewalks along 1st Ave
Recreational parks
Remove sandwich board signs from sidewalks.
Remove the dollar tree and bring back a real grocery store
Remove the hills, decent sidewalks
Remove the homeless
Road maintenance
Safe sidewalks for walking along Kent-Des Moines Rd.
Safe travels for bikes on DMMD
Safe walking paths on Kent Des Moines Road as well as KDM bike lanes
Safety lights at cross walks on 1st Ave near north hill
Security increase hire more police
Side walks
Side walks
Side walks along 10th Ave S. From 282nd North to top of the hill, Redondo
side walks and covered ditches
Side walks and lowering crime
Side walks headed down to marina district on 240th.
Side walks I. Neighborhoods or at least on 1st to connect with Normandy Park. Nice lighting, stop signs or lights or speed bumps!
Side walks in marina district, speed bump at marina entrance because most cars do not stop at stop sign. Better signage so people don't go through the exit in marina parking lot
Side walks in north hill
side walks would be great
side walks, more police, speed bumps
Side walls are desperately needed on 16th Avenue south. It's very hard to get around this part of town and incredibly stressful to walk children to the parks
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SIDEWALKS
Sidewalks

Sidewalks !!!!
Sidewalks & better lighting
Sidewalks along 1st avenue
Sidewalks along all major arterials - I live on DMMD and cannot walk anywhere safely. In addition, I could use the DM Creek Trail, but most times, I do not feel safe walking it alone.
Sidewalks along arterial routes. 240th for example, has no sidewalk along the Mason home.
Sidewalks along marine view/1st Ave
Sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes
Sidewalks and dedicated biking lanes
Sidewalks and lighting
Sidewalks everywhere
Sidewalks everywhere
Sidewalks in 222, 224 for pedestrian safety
Sidewalks in neighborhoods, less trash by Pacific Highway
Sidewalks in North hill
Sidewalks in our neighborhood (near MRHS) and a grocery store downtown in MVD
Sidewalks in south Des Moines/ Woodmont would be very helpful
SIDEWALKS ON ARTERIALS
Sidewalks on both sides of 223rd please
Sidewalks on marine view dr
Sidewalks on the neighborhood's. It's very unsafe that there are not sidewalks.
sidewalks or more arterial streets outside of the marina district.
Sidewalks or wider shoulders on arterial roads. Big speed bumps for cars driving dangerously fast along 16th avenue. Speed cameras to enforce the speed limits. Anything to mitigate the speeding cars.
Sidewalks Please
Sidewalks please! And more crosswalks on 1st Ave S to get to NP.
Sidewalks separated from traffic - especially on 240th & KDM. Those roads are hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists.
Sidewalks sidewalks sidewalks
Sidewalks to school by north Hill. Bike lanes
Sidewalks with curbs.
Sidewalks!
Sidewalks! Where are the sidewalks?!
Sidewalks!!!!
Sidewalks, shoulder on Des Moines Memorial drive north bound. It disappears past the flag pole.
Sidewalks, better lighting, less crime
Sidewalks, bike lanes and traffic cameras
Sidewalks, bike lanes thru entire community not just limited to 1 or 2 streets then ending. See Copenhagen's traffic design. Coordinate with surrounding cities for bike traffic lanes.
Sidewalks, larger/bigger shoulders on the roads
Sidewalks, lighting and security
Sidewalks, or at least signals at high pedestrian / traffic interaction areas, ie: 1st Avenue South, traffic calming.....
Sidewalks, signals at cross walks. You would need to remove all the hills. Obviously not an option. We are not a bike friendly place.
sidewalks. streetlights.
Sidewalks. We have no sidewalks in my neighborhood by north hill elementary

Sidewalks/bike lanes on major streets
slow down the traffic on marine view drive. It is not always easy to cross at Saltwater State Park on foot
slow down traffic on roads with speed bumps or electronic photo cop
Slow drivers down
Speed bumps on side roads. Stop signs at undesignated intersections near schools
Speed enforcement and more lighting on residential streets and cleaning of vegetation near walkways
Speed zone enforcement
Stop focusing on walking and biking and focus on water transportation and vitalizing the Des Moines Marina district
Stop pandering to people who choose to be homeless.
Stop the north south traffic on marine view dr s.
Street lights and sidewalks in my neighborhood would make a huge difference
Street lights on side street. Sidewalks or pedestrian walkways on sidestreets
Stronger sidewalks in some places
Substantial barrier between road and pedestrian/biker. Too many distracted drivers.
Take action against the illegal drug activity on Pac Highway.
The wide spots on Kent-Des Moines Road should never be mistaken for sidewalks. That road needs raised sidewalks
There are limited secure places to lock up a bike while patronizing businesses
There are no bike lanes, too much traffic to safely ride on the streets.
There are too many street racers, would rather see drug addicts then racers everywhere
Ticketing speeders
Traffic cameras at crosswalks. Many cars speed through crosswalks even when the flashing light is triggered.
Traffic control
Trails connecting neighborhoods. Bike lanes where they do not exist
Unfortunately, the biggest problem is topography, which is beyond the city's control.
Upgrade the landscaping on MVD and 7th Ave S
Upkept sidewalks and bike lanes
Walking bridge over 516 at barnes creek trail
Walking from downtown to the marina gets treacherous on Cliff Ave S. There are many pedestrians and a very narrow sidewalk. This should be improved before there is an incident.
walking: sidewalks, good lighting along Kent-Des Moines Rd and streets in the neighborhoods leading to the marina, Saltwater Park
Way more Sidewalks and bike trails that don't have to compete with auto traffic
We live close to PacHwy and it is not safe to walk or bike there to go to stores - not because of the street itself but because of the people/crime
We need more sidewalks and walking paths - see a lot of people walking in the side of the road on 240th and on Kent- Des Moines road. Better speed control/ speed bumps on MVD. Safer ped. crossings
We need some actual sidewalks in Woodmont area. Too many busy roads with out safe sidewalks
We need to focus more on public transportation over wallking or biking.
we only like to ride our bikes where there are no cars (for safety reasons).
We should be able to safely walk to Safeway but the shopping plaza is not safe. We need speed humps on 222nd in front of st. Philomena school and more sidewalks everywhere.
Widen lanes and designate through signage/paths areas for biking and lower speed limits where bike lanes exist

Widen sidewalk on Cliff Avenue. I've seen elderly and young people with strollers step onto the street to allow others to pass. The concrete bank is horrible. People have been injured on the surface.

Wider bike lanes and up keep.

Wider road shoulders and keep vegetation trimmed back to allow for shoulder use/passage. Roundabouts or speed bumps to eliminate all of the car and motorcycle racing!

Wider sidewalks

Without major infrastructure change, it's not really possible. Des Moines Dr. needs to be widened.

Sidewalks need to be added from 200th to Downtown.

You could started working with Kent City to make the limits safer, there is a lot of drugs, more that the spaces to ride a bike, I don't do it because I don't feel safe, A lot of drugs dealers

How can the City improve our equity efforts?

1. Stop cliquish city council behavior 2. Get rid of current city manager 3. Get rid of racist s___holes like Wally's and the Dog House via policy etc 4. Take actual DEI training 5. Appoint POCs
About the only way you can reach all may be via old fashioned mail. Many do not have working computers, can't afford internet or smart phones. The return may be minimal but it would be a start.
Actually LISTEN and HEAR residents when they tell City officials things instead of ignoring them. Go to different neighborhoods and Meet your residents where they are. HEAR their concerns
Actually speak out on Wally's or the Dog house? It's disgusting the city not only allows but gives these businesses breaks. How do you think minorities or LGBTQ+ folks feel. Disgusting.
Address the crime (mostly property but also violent crime) that is happening in our city - if we don't arrest or prosecute these offenses we are tacitly confirming it is OK. This affects EVERYONE.
Address the white supremacy connections that Wally's has.
Affordable housing / limit cost of rent.
Aggressively promote and recruit more diverse involvement in city leadership / management. Current council has how many women? How many minorities? How representative is this makeup of our citizens?
All government agencies and officials need to be more transparent m.
All should be treated equally without specific emphasis.
Am disabled and the city has made zero improvements to update sidewalks and curbs. The cutouts are way too steep and narrow. I don't feel included anymore now that I am disabled. So sad.
Any and all projects should be viewed through an equity lens, and should require aggressive outreach to solicit TRUE community input.
As soon as you start focusing on 'equity', things become unbalanced. Work to make this a nice town for everyone to shop, dine and work in, with safe, clean streets & great schools. For everyone!
Ask community leaders, surveys or one to one interviews
Ask!
Be genuine with efforts. Leaders to participate in trainings, engage in self work. Undoing Institutional Racism to start.
Be more inclusive and welcoming of community input.
Be more open to all citizens
Be more vocal about the actions you're taking in this area. Reach out in places that citizens are using to frequently get information. Meet us where we are!
Be transparent and involve the community. Efforts seem pro-forma at best.
Being more inclusive in general.
Better outreach. More transparency from the city council
Better use of social media to promote engagement.
Build sidewalks in poorer neighborhoods
By having more events that promote diversity in our community. Hiring leaders or bringing in positive reinforcement programs for our youth and such.
By NOT bowing to pressure of the loudest people on social media! Many disagree with comments made online, but it's a snakepit trying to hold adult conversation with most of the radicals-left or right.
By proactively supporting creative approaches for the creation of additional housing at affordable levels while also addressing climate and social factors.
By providing spaces for residents and people who work in DM to voice their support, as well as express questions and concerns. This survey does NOT do that with these small text boxes for input!
By treating all individuals as equal, regardless of skin color, race, age, financial status

Celebrate and promote ethnic events and groups. Harvest the diversity we have to develop a stronger community.
City council could spend more time doing their jobs and seeking diverse input and less time trying to restrict or limit anyone who dares to disagree with their ideas or with the city manager
City council members and leadership team are not diverse and mostly Caucasian.
City council should stop taking money from Pat Nardo and other racists and denounce Wally's. There could be more grants for minority owned businesses as well as just being more business friendly.
Close Wally's
Communication
Connect and collaborate with Des Moines businesses, schools and residents to bring awareness and improvement ideas on order to eliminate inequities through cultural competency and inclusive policies.
Consider everyone, not just specific groups.
Everyone is equal.
Consider more input from high income conservative white males. Stop with the LGBTQ bs!
Considering that our city council is comprised entirely of older, white men (and Traci) it isn't at all representative of the people I see living in my neighborhood.
Continue to keep equity as a focus when making decisions.
Cory council members tend to all live on the wealthier parts of town.
DEI = Division, Exclusion, Indoctrination
Des Moines locals are frustrated by the lack of a grocery store which would be much more supportive to families than a dollar tree. We need access to healthy, fresh produce etc vs convenience food.
Develop a more diverse city council & city staff. It is hard for people to break into these roles if they don't see people like themselves doing them and aren't approached to be given an opportunity.
Diversity City council
Divert funding from the bloated police budget for social services such as parks, safe injection sites, mental crisis response teams, food bank funding (increase open hours), housing assistance.
Don't just listen to the loud complainers. Lots of people like fireworks and long parades.
Drop this ridiculous pop culture movement. Let people be who they are without government sticking their nose in.
Elect and promote a diverse counsel and mayor.
Elevate equity as a goal above other goals.
Embrace cultural differences. Representation matters in all levels of government.
Embrace your community groups and neighborhoods. Get out of your offices and talk to your citizens.
Encourage more community events
Equity efforts are not visible or known. After having participated in a variety of council meetings, residents' points of view have not been taken into account when developing the Marina district.
Equity in what???
What efforts are already in place?
Events, recreation, and amenities are broadly inclusive, but focus very clearly on families with young children or senior citizens—and rarely folks between those categories.
First step is for the individual City Council Members to actually engage with people in these groups and then ask people what they want/need from the City.
Flag banners, festivals
Focus less on equity & more on homeowners. There shouldn't be a minimum for #28. You're forcing individuals to opt for items they're concerned. This isn't how a proper survey is written.
Focus on public safety, keeping green spaces, and air quality.

For question 24: I would buy groceries in Des Moines if the only choice wasn't that dodgy Safeway up on 216th or Safeway all the way down at redondo
For starters;By protecting DM from harm the Port of Seattle. We are not seeing measures implemented for curfew or holding airlines, like Delta, responsible for harm re lowering wheels over community
Freeze raises for current city officials x 8 years. Freeze property taxes x5 years for properties market valued at less than \$650000. Set a \$20/ hr min wage.
Fund minority businesses and encourage them. Subsidized housing.
Get feedback from more residents from a diverse group
Get out and talk to people. Direct mailer (not City Currents)
Great question! I don't have an answer however there is always room for improvement
Grocery store in Downtown Des Moines
Grocery store in downtown Des Moines. We can't go to either of the Safeways due to safety concerns. Please!!
Have a city council that looks like our city.
Have a more diverse city council.
Have more public meetings before making major decisions
Have regular open, transparent meetings with the public on important city matters. Citizens Advisory is a good start. A broad representative Public Planning Commission would be good too.
Having more diversity on city council. Outreach to diverse folks to encourage them to run for city council. So many cis-gendered straight white men on city council, but this is also a societal issue.
Hire most qualified person for the job
Hire some people of color. It could start by even hiring one person of color. Hire a city manager that is a person of color or LGBTQ+. Make the city staff be a reflection of the community it serves.
Host cultural festivals
Hybrid city meeting options with microphone and closed captioning
I am newer to the city so not sure yet. Selected neutral above.
I am not familiar with the city's equity work.
I am not sure how they promote equity, although the City is definitely diverse. Maybe more information about how the City promotes equity, inclusion and diversity would help.
I am not well informed. As a white resident in a neighborhood of mostly white and Asian residents, I would appreciate help with understanding Des Moines' diversity and with cultural sensitivity.
I am unfamiliar with the city's efforts in this area, although I HOPE that both questions could be answered with a 10.
I do not have enough knowledge and experience to legitimately comment on this.
I don't have an opinion on this
I don't know anything about the city's equity efforts
I don't feel the City asks for input from anyone. There is an appearance of behind the scenes negotiating and decision making.
I have no clue what the City's equity efforts are.
I have no idea
I have no idea what your current efforts are so cannot answer. There are a lot of white supremacists that live here- try to get them out.
I have no input
I have no opinion on this as I haven't witnessed anything untoward by city personnel, or any particularly progressive behavior.
i think the City is doing all they can.

I think the city needs to do a better job in general of communicating with the public and getting their input on things. There is a struggle with communication between the city and the public.
I think they seem fine. I just want someone to clean up the filth on Pac Hwy. And NOT add any big corporations here. Expand the charming aspect and keep the community strong. More PD to stop the crime
I think would be good to encourage people from other nationalities to Make festivals to celebrate their cultures.
I think you are doing fine. Let's not discriminate or make people with different beliefs bad and at the same time let's not shame the traditional family set up.
I wish I knew.
I'm not worried about it just let people be people already
I'm unaware of the current efforts so maybe communication?
I'm unsure of their current efforts
I've never seen an ask from the city in regards getting input.
Idk
If the city cared about equity, truly, you'd provide more than a 200-word limit on this section.
I'm honestly not sure.
I'm not aware of any specific efforts the city is making on DEI outreach, so making a stronger statement about what the City is doing (if anything) would be a good start.
I'm unfamiliar with this subject. Although I did see the recent summer parade and did not see much BIPOC representation.
Improve city communications - established monthly townhall meeting with topics relevant to social justice and equity issues. Have visible City leaders that demonstrate a meaningful interest.
Improve? You have none. Look at your own staff and police force. How friendly is your website to ESL residents? The fact that you ask this question shows how out of touch the city is.
In person outreach to BIPOC neighbors along with interpreters.
In the words of Morgan Freeman - stop focusing on and talking about race. Focus on the betterment of all citizens regardless of ethnicity, gender, or social status!
Include POC in all committees and boards and elevate their voices, provide community forums for everyone to voice concerns
Increase access for variety of representation to provide input to leadership
Increase police presence throughout the city.
It's fine. You make it known that all are welcome but don't shove it down people's throats.
It's important to get the word out in multiple forms so that there is a proper representation of people's opinions. Not everyone is on social media. Not everyone has a computer.
I've been disappointed with the lack of signage with multiple languages. We have a big Hispanic and Russian speaking population.
Just be an open book.
Keep inviting EVERYONE to the table.
Keep it up!
Keep the marina open for all.
Lack of local news sources. The Waterland Blog is the only source available and changes to the city's website have greatly improved usability - though not enough, especially for non-English speakers!
LGBTQ businesses like Anchor cafe & churches. Better education of MRHS principal on how to support trans students & address online harassment. black, trans and other minority businesses along MVD!
Listen and take notice to young pop. DesMoines has always failed to recognize its younger crowd and mostly caters to the senior pop. Seniors are important, but the younger population is the future.

Listen to everybody and not just the loudest people. That got us in the non stop crime spree that were in.
Listen to more people then the ones who live in the marina district. Stop making it so hard for businesses to move to Des Moines.
Listen to opinions other than the city manager
Listen to the community members when an appointment to the City Council comes up and instead of appointing yet another white man, appoint a woman of color. Your insularity is offensive.
Lower my car taxes
Make it obvious to all of us.
Make it so you may not get stabbed or robbed
Make the place look better by coming up with a master plan===you have gorgeous flower pots at the Marina and around the city, now do this with the properties themselves.
Marina Condo folks are given more of a priority and honestly Wally's is a huge embarrassment, a couple of other establishments are also very racist. Would be nice to see them gone.
Meld the east of 16th with west of 16th
More after school care options for children, investing in youth from an early age will begin to heal social divides. Preschool / daycare options at the large retirement homes
More and broader communication.
more cute shops beach themed, not chain stores like the dollar tree. The marina should be a tourist destination.
More diversity on city council and in city jobs.
MORE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE...
More outreach, city council and senior manager is widely known to be an old boys/girls club, not much dedicated to transparency, conflicts of interest, inattentive to public health
More services for homeless
More sidewalks so that the elderly, disabled, and those who cannot afford a vehicle can safely walk to the beach and boardwalk in Redondo.
More surveys like this, more engagement out in the community to survey all residents of DM.
More visual representation of those who live in our city. Like the city currents or the artwork or the quotes used in community spaces...etc
More walkable streets for people without vehicles. I see people walking their children on the side of the road on 251st, 240th, kent des moines. People walk on kent des moines at night.
Move financial funding out of the police budget and repurpose it for supporting community programs - parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, shelters, safe injection sites, etc.
N/A
N/a
N/a
NA
Need more diversity on city council.
No comment.
No idea. How about emphasis on seniors, as our town has multiple senior facilities.
No improvement needed
Not needed
Not sure
Not sure
Not sure
Not sure, don't have knowledge of the efforts.

Not sure.
Nothing. Everyone should have equal opportunity. Race should not be used as a leg up or a detractor. Everyone's voices should be heard and hold equal weight.
Of all the problems the city has right now, equity doesn't seem to be one. This is a problem in many other parts of the country but not here
Offer discounts to local events and restaurants, parking to residence of Des Moines
Our city council does not represent our population or the concerns of those who live in poorer parts of our city.
Our city seems somewhat racially divided across neighborhoods. I hope the city is engaging many voices across the spectrum of race and economic status.
Parks, greenspace and beaches should be accessible to all
permit more affordable housing
Plan outreach activities that provide on-site daycare so families can attend.
Please stay focused on maintaining a balanced budget, public safety and supporting a strong local economy.
promote diverse activities down in the Marina. Promote as much activities as possible so that Des Moines can be fun. Promote games for kids, activities for the elders, diverse events for different race
Promote equality government can not promote equity
Put Action behind the words. Proclamations while promoting racist systems that continue to oppress the majority of this community says much. When we get eye rolls asking to fund children's services :(
Quit worrying so much about equity and start worrying more about business and amenities
Racial profile training for police. They need to ask questions not jump to conclusions.
Reach out to people of color.
Reach out to people where they live, shop or play.
Recognizing that the city of Des Moines is made up of a diverse population coming from many different backgrounds. Representation matters. Access to low cost recreation and public spaces.
Recruit more women and people of color for city council
Seems the city is so overly worried about "inclusiveness" that they have actually stopped seeking input or including the desires of the average, hard working, tax paying residents.
Send out fliers and stop relying on social media for input. Set up a table at the market to get input, visit schools to get input from families
Side walk. School outreach
Still too new to the city to get a feel for how the city is ran
Stop adding "affordable housing." We already have a greater saturation compared to other cities (Edmonds and Kirkland, specifically) and, like it or not, affordable housing brings more problems.
Stop being rude to certain council members and only being buddy buddy with your BFFs.
Stop focusing on race! It's divisive.
Stop gearing DM to only those with \$\$ You removed public boat sling, you added pay stations for marina parking, you let Qtrdeck take over public park area. We are not Shilshole
Stop marginalizing us minorities by thinking we want more equality. Therefore make it unequal for white Americans; keep Des moines's American, not ethnic-based. Make crimes illegal. Remove homeless.
Stop pandering to equity/
stop promoting Wally's, the dog house, and water land arcade. it appears that you have made it difficult for places like creole soul to have outdoor seating as opposed.to quarterdeck

Stop pushing it on our face. Most people doesn't care about race, color, ethnicity. Most people treat people how they want to be treated. Stop pushing this equity and inclusion agenda. We are all equal
Stop wasting money on stuff like this and put effort into cleaning up the city Less words more action
Stop worrying about this stuff
Stop. The stupid woke minority needs to shut up! Hire the best, pay for effort, and stop bowing to the stupidity.
Support a diverse population and help monetarily peoples who need help with rent, electricity, etc.
Take a public stance on political issues like the Proud Boys having a foothold in town. The silence is acceptance. Invite diversity by representation in our public and city offices.
Take advantage of those who show interest in participating on advisory committee's. Stop political appointments good old boy mentality.
Thanks.
The city council needs to be a voice for the diverse community we have in Des Moines. The city council and mayor only cater to white senior citizens and that has to change now.
The city of Des Moines needs to promote events and businesses that reflect the true diversity of who really lives here. Not everyone is old and white living in North Hill, Zenith, or Marina.
The city should NOT participate in Equity efforts they should support America's 1st ammendment and let the city improve and prosper organically unique & small business should have precedent o national
The entire council is white. What do you think?
The nicest neighborhoods are the whitest. please to more than remodel a sl park in the south end. build something nice near Parkside park. improve security so kids can actually plat there.
They seem only concerned with the millionaires on the water and destination DesMoines
This is BS social engineering. I worked all my life to support my family, paid taxes, paid my bills only to now find I'm supposed to support every freaking bum because of wokeness
This is not an area where I feel like the city is lacking.
This survey is a good start. Don't forget to share result openly.
Traffic improvements as soon as possible. A grocery store and some better options for shoppers
Transparency!
Unsure
Unsure
Use more outdoor advertising for events and opportunities in a variety of places (more than now). Not everyone follows social media (Facebook) messages.
Wasn't aware the city is actively promoting, that would be a good start!
We 1,000% need affordable housing. Not just below market rate housing but housing people can actually afford. I wish the city had housing that was only a third of the average poor person's income.
We have owned commercial vacant land for approximately 15 years. Despite considerable efforts to sell the property to have it developed - the zoning + high impact fees have proved insurmountable.
We need a city manager who works with community groups unlike the current one who is hostile to the community.
We need a grocery store and the city to be cleaned up. I think you should drive though town as a tourist. Des Moines looks like Pottersville from Its a wonder life .
We need a trader joes. better parking
What equity efforts? I can't say I've seen any efforts. At the very least, there should be more City communication in Spanish. Not even Channel 21 has closed captioning. Signs block sidewalks.
You could start by advertising this survey in a lot more places. So far I've only seen it on Facebook. How about mailing this out to residents? Email? Schools?

Your city council should be the same demographics as your city. Seems to be the good old boys club still active in Des Moines. Too much divide among leaders which seems to be the norm in society

What do you enjoy most about Des Moines?

Access to the water
Affordable waterfront. Small Town feel.
All the greenery/old growth trees.Proximity to sea
Bars views entertainment. Parking.
Basically just the Marina area.
Beach access
Beach Park
Beachfront access near 240th til it was taken away
beautiful and peaceful
Beautiful Marina, Salt Water State Pk, farmers m
Beautiful views all around.
Beautiful views, marina, and friendly people
Beauty
Beauty of the Marina area.
Being close to the parks and water. Local food
Being close to the water
Being close to the water although not much to do
Being close to the water.
Being in the marina water
Being near Puget Sound!
Being near the water
Being near the water
Being near the water, the community
Being near water and parks
Being right on Puget Sound
Bring by the water and bring close to friends
By the water, potential to be cute
close to water, fresh breeze, easy access to I-5
Close to city and shopping like Southcenter
Close to Seattle, redondo is pretty.
Close to the water, beautiful parks.
Community
Community
Community, waterfront
Concerts at the beach park, city parks, the view!
Could buy a house here
Cute beach-town potential
Daily/weekly walk along the marina district
Des Moines Creek trail and Marina.
DesMoines Yacht Club boating
Diverse community, natural resources and library
Diversity in my children's school. Nature
Diversity, neighbors, parks, sunsets, farm mkts
don't have any
downtown, marina mercantile
Easy access to beaches, marina, events, restaurant

Enjoyed it more when fewer multi-family units
Events at the marina.
Farmers market, waterfront, shops, restraunts
Feeling safe
Feels safe and clean
Four generations of my family in this neighborhood
Free parking.
Friendly people.
Friendly small town residents look out 4 eachother
Friendships and supporting the community.
fmrs mkt, trail/marina and 200th, community
Going to parks.
Good restaurants. Still quaint. Marina, waterfront
Green belts, beach access, small community
Green spcs,DDM evnts, DMWFM,no pd pking marina now
How isolated it is
I can drive to Seattle and Tacoma so easily.
I Des Moines marina Des Moines to future
I don't enjoy it. DUMP. CRIME. TOXIC.
I love the community and being close to the water!
I love the small town feel
I mostly enjoy being close to the water.
Independent downtown stores, water,
It has huge potential, and used to be safer
It is a beautiful place. Lots of community pride
It is cheaper than other cities and community
It's a beautiful city
It's a beautiful city with so much potential.
It's a small town located near a big city.
It's beauty
It's beauty, access to the Sound, the views.
It's quiet!!!
It's right by I-5, close to Seattle, the marina
It's a beautiful small community.
It's a pretty place, wish it were more equitable
It's cute, peaceful, and has a ton of potential.
Its not overcrowded
It's proximity to both Seattle and Tacoma, marina
It's small town vibe and location on Puget Sound.
It's still a small town that I've loved forever
It's still a small, quiet suburb.
It's town atmosphere
Leaving it and coming back
Living in a seaside community— low density
Location
Location
Location between Seattle and Tacoma

Location is so beautiful
Location to the beach
Location to the water and views.
Location, community, water access, main st
Location, Marina, parks
Location, views, access to public transit.
Love Marina area: Concerts, Trail, QuarterDeck
Love the marina and the downtown core
Love the people, the marina and my family close by
Love the water, close to both Seattle and Tacoma
Lovely marina with good restaurants and view.
Marina
Marina
Marina
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Marina
Marina
Marina
Marina
Marina
Marina
Marina - love walking and taking in the scenery.
Marina & Farmers market
Marina + associated activities, my neighborhood
Marina and quarterdeck activities
Marina and the Des Moines creek trail
Marina and trails.
Marina Beach Park, Farmers Market, Quarterdeck
Marina District
Marina district, but we need hotels added
Marina District; parks; access to waterfront.
Marina & Beach Park. Hopefully wildlife will return.
Marina, add more restaurants and shops.
Marina, beaches, easy access to fwys & hwys, trans
Marina, boardwalk and beach in Redondo
Marina, Boardwalk, Community activities
Marina, close to water, the views and location
Marina, growing community, community events
Marina, No Encampments, Small Town, Dogs/Community
Marina, Redondo boardwalk, wildlife, community
Marina, sunsets, Farmers market, restaurants.
Marina, views, and parks.
Marina, walking paths, small shops & restaurants.
Marina.
Music in the Park this summer!!
My friendly community
My friendly neighbors and beautiful neighborhood.

My home
my neighbors small town vibes, neighbors, views
My view of the Sound. Auntie Irene's.
Natural beauty
Natural beauty of marina, beach park, state park
Natural beauty, community, Marina district
Natural beauty, proximity to Burien restaurants
Natural beauty, the history, the home town feel
Natural beauty.
Natural setting people quarterdeck
Natural Spaces, close to water, community events
Nature
Nature and open spaces
Nature, small town feel
Nature/Saltwater SP, restaurants, downtown/marina.
Nothing
Nothing I find myself doing activities elsewhere
Ocean access
On the water
Open space and access to the water/Beach park.
Open spaces, parks
Other residents
Our community, safety and natural beauty
Our house, view, the parks and the quarter deck.
Our marina and parks
Our neighbors, sunsets, water view & wildlife
Outdoor spaces
Park and marina activities; farmers market , music
Parks and my home.
Parks and programs for kids and families.
Parks and Recreation areas.
Parks marina
Parks, beaches, Marina
Parks, easy access to stores
Parks, Marina, my neighborhood community
Peaceful, small town feel in downtown.
Perfect location between Seattle and Tacoma
Preserving natural spaces
Privacy
Proximity and access to the Sound
Proximity and neighbors
Proximity to freeways.
Proximity to nature.
Proximity to Puget Sound
Proximity to Puget Sound. Small town. Foot ferry.
Proximity to Seattle, nice views, potential
Proximity to Seattle.....

Proximity to the airport, city, water and communit
Proximity to the Sound
Proximity to the sound and the views
Proximity to the water
Proximity to the water and access to transit.
Proximity to the water.
Proximity to things I like
Puget Sound vistas, long-standing friendships.
Puget sound. Sense of community.
Putting a hotel there could destroy green
Quarterdeck
Quarterdeck, Marina, parks, Saltwater park. People
Quiet and family friendly
Quiet small town. Access to international travel.
Quiet, close to the water, so much potential
Quiet, safe, connected to the water
Recreational and community gathering opportunities
Redondo
Restaurants and Marina
Safety, lack of homeless & graffiti. Cleanliness
sailing from the marina
saltwater state park and the marina.
Saltwater State Park, waterfront areas
Scenery at Marina
Small city convenient to larger cities shopping.
Small city, living in safe neighborhood.
Small community feel
small community, police support, beautiful marina
small quaintness with natural surroundings nearby
Small town
small town atmosphere
Small town atmosphere, but not rundown visage.
Small town atmosphere.
Small town close to big city ... crime low
Small town feel
Small town feel
Small Town feel, community events farmers market
small town feel, marina, parks, restaurants
Small town feel, marina, Saltwater State Park
small town feel. walking at the marina
small town feel. walking at the marina, parks
Small town feel. Beach Park and trail. View.
Small town feel. parks and waterfront.
Small town feel. Water front.
Small town feel;The waterfront's public open space
Small town feeling
Small town flavor

the marina
The marina , the Des Moines creek path
The marina and all the activities there
The marina and b&e meats
The marina and my neighbourhood
The Marina and nature places
The Marina and parks.
The Marina and Parks--that are left
The Marina and Redondo boardwalk
The Marina and Redondo, Hometown
The marina and the access to water
The marina and the farmers market.
The marina and walking around the pier.
The marina and waterfront space
The marina area.
The Marina Sailing
The marina without a hotel
The Marina!!! The Quarterdeck!!!!
The marina, it's a nice place to walk
The Marina, Quarterdeck, Auntie Irene's, library
The marina, Saturday markets
The marina, the trails, my church.
The marina, the view
The marina.
The marina.
The marina. Restaurants. Special events holidays.
The natural beauty and closeness to everything
The natural beauty of the water and our parks
The natural beauty, climate, and beaches
The natural environment and view.
The open spaces along the waterfront.
The people and being by the water
The people I have met, people are friendly.
The people it's a town that is very supportive
The people, governance, parks. Love this City.
The potential
The proximity to the waterfront
The Quarterdeck and walking my dog at the Marina
the residents and pride for our little community
The sea, the trail and parks, the Marina area.
The size and "feel"
The small community feel
The small community feeling
The small town feel
The small town feel. Community. Marina.
The sunsets
The view of Puget Sound

The view of the water and the small town feel
The view of the water.
The view, fresh air
The views
The views
The views & small town feel in the marina district
The views and marina
The views of the sound
The views of the sound
The views of the water
The views, state park, proximity to Burien.
the water
The water and beauty
the water and beauty, easy access to airport
The water and convenience
the water and marina
The water and the neighborly feel
The water and trails, public market. Very walkable
the water is nice.
The water views, marina, quarterdeck, redondo
The water!
The water! Too bad the access is so limited.
The water, auntie Irene's, the marina
The water, family, community
The water.
The Waterfront
The waterfront
The waterfront
The waterfront
The waterfront
The waterfront
The waterfront and farmers' market.
The waterfront and its community activities.
The waterfront and the views.
The waterfront, parks and free community events
The waterfront.
The waterfront.
The waterfronts
The waterway SR3
Transit
Transit to airpt. views; wlk to parks, libe, PO.
Used to be the small town feel;we need that back.
used to enjoy it because hadn't been messed with
Used to enjoy the quiet of the city
Used to enjoy the seafair parade
View
View of the Sound, farmer's market, marina
Views

Views
Visiting the marina
walkable downtown
Walking
walking around north hill & down along the marina
Walking at the marina. MVD is too boring to walk.
walking in the marina where people say hello
Walking into town and down into the marina
Walking my dog
Walking the Marina & seeing families enjoy it!
Walking the Marina District daily!
Water
Water access
Water and openness of marina
Water and the Marina
Water front areas, small down town marina district
Water location, downtown, both marina areas
Water views, Saltwater Park, great restaurants.
Water views, slower pace.
Water, knowing neighbors, walkability.
Water, mountain and sunset views.
Water, the parks
water, walkability
Waterfront
Waterfront
Waterfront
Waterfront
Waterfront and nature trails
Waterfront and parks
waterfront location
Waterfront parks and sound views
Waterfront, restaurants, small businesses
Waterfront, the Quarterdeck
Waterfront, MaST, SR3, Via Marina Pizza, Scavenger Hunt
Waterfront. Restaurants. Walkability
Waterfront. Walking in the Marina
We are close to the sound.
We love to walk the Des Moines Marina and trail.
Weather and scenery

In order to best plan for the City's future, and to comply with the Growth Management Act, What are the most important things for the City to address?

1) Eliminate COVID-19 2) Preserve natural spaces
A clean, beautiful city with no tolerance for homeless camps. Create a good environment for cool shops & restaurants to draw people here to enjoy DM.
A grocery store in downtown core. More things for kids. . Safety.
A grocery store? And communication. So often I see events posted on social media after they have happened not ever knowing about it
A Marina grocery store
A plan to make it easier for the private sector to expand housing supply for working class people.
Absentee landlords
Access, parking & grocery store
Add more sidewalks in neighborhoods, more schools, a real grocery store. Possible add more lanes of traffic through downtown.
Add sidewalks, ensure accessible and affordable housing is available, create & support programs for crisis response that are not police based
Adding restaurants, small hotels and tourist type shops
Adding sidewalks, greater police presence
Address derelict commercial properties and their property owners. Traffic on the main streets. Crime.
Address the crime and homelessness on pac. Highway. Revamp marine view drive to appeal to people in late 20's-30's
Affordability
Affordability and growth preparedness
Affordability. Education. Protect Natural Spaces.
Affordable housing
Affordable housing
Affordable housing and work/live development near Kent/Des Moines and Star Lake Light Rail Stations. Denser downtown/marina district with more food.
affordable senior housing
Air quality, noise pollution, and preserving / increasing green spaces
Air traffic. Pollution. Keeping the marina clean, beautiful, and family friendly.
Airplane landing paths, third runway usage.
Airplane noise, Taco time area flooding. How about a dog park?
Airport
Airport noise
all the fun violence
Allow accessory dwelling units without frontage improvements
Allow more density in residential neighborhoods, especially near major roads.
Attract more local businesses! Improve walkability.
Attracting a much needed grocery store
Attracting and retaining businesses to our main downtown area, as that will create jobs and commerce.
balancing growth with protection/preservation of natural spaces; sustainable and equitable economic development/opportunities
Beautify our Main Street and offer incentives for grocers and upscale retail
Better accessibility to all events and the downtown corridor
bring in more business, and a diverse community(family/teens/ young adults) not just seniors
Bring in new businesses in restaurants. Look at the model of., They have done a great job.

Build a destination business culture
Build up downtown as a public attraction and get the ferry boat running. It will bring revenue to the city so you can build the damn sidewalks!
Business development and marina development
Change the name to zenith. Young families with kids are moving in. Demographics are changing. The marina is not the most import thing.
City is a mishmash of things - no clear downtown core; such potential but many empty buildings. Become a city where people want to do business!
Clean up downtown!
Clean up the crime on Pac Hiway. Continue development near Pac Hiway and leave downtown to be "quaint". Add transportation to downtown seattle.
Clean water, homeless, crime issues
Climate change
Climate change and its impact on the environment and community, Economic Impact and how that affects everyone m
Climate change and systemic racism.
Climate change impacts and managing crime
Close down streets permanantly, public spaces, more sidewalks, end single family zoning, WALKABILITY!!! COFFEE SHOPS!!! FI GROCERY STORE!!!
Community center for working age folks, support the airport, airlines and airline workers, lower taxes
Community spaces to create a sense of belonging
Consider modern improvements to the electricity and all other utilities.
consider smart planning, consult with commercial building owners/developers on how to attract business
Consider the impact of your decisions on people who OWN homes here, not just renters who will leave in a year
Continuing from previous question: Edmonds and Poulsbo.
Cost of living and more bigger named stores
Create a tourism website and hire a tourism coordinator. Develop design guidelines to make the town look like a historic beach town.
Create a vision for downtown with the business and building owners so they have buy-in for our common future.
Creating an environment that encourages developers to develop vacant land to increase tax base.
Crime
Crime
Crime
Crime
Crime
Crime
Crime
Crime
Crime
Crime & housing
Crime & safety issues, economic/business development. Des Moines should be focusing on service industry/warehousing.
Crime , airplane noise
Crime and public safety
Crime and public safety
Crime and public safety. No homeless camps in town. Ban camping

Crime and revitalizing downtown to have more good restaurants
Crime and safety
CRIME AND SAFETY CONCERNS, plus homelessness.
CRIME and SAFETY!
Crime and safety, preserve history and our lush environment. Support local business.
Crime and safety; good quality local dining establishments and independent retailers in Marina District
Crime crime crime, especially Safeway, which is an embarrassment that needs to be addressed.
Crime rate.
Crime!
Crime, homelessness and climate change
Crime, infrastructure (roads), not locking folks out of the PUBLIC Beach Park.
Crime, Pacific Highway needs to be completely cleaned up and the criminals/addicts/thieves must go. Endangering lives is not a human right.
Crime, retaining green space, concentrated growth downtown instead of more warehouses
Crime, road safety, speed bumps and gates on marina floor
Crime, Safety and lack of grocery stores and restaurant options. The hotel idea is great.
Crime, specifically gun violence, theft & drug use. Infrastructure like roads that are falling apart in some neighborhoods. Dont forget Woodmont area
Crime, violence, drug use
Crime. Infrastructure. Support for new local businesses.
Crime/homeless/drugs
Crime: Development: Sidewalk infrastucture
Density with height restrictions
Derelict spaces and investing money where it matters. Invest in ease of development and attract businesses.
Develop plans to beautify DM. It looks run down. Have standard for store fronts. More parks, Protect environment . Get commuters off streets.
Disapprove building multi family housing especially on existing residence properties.
DOESN'T MATTER, OUR CITY WON'T DO IT.
Don't know. What are the options you are SERIOUSLY considering
Don't let government/corporate stooges make the decisions
Don't put affordable housing or second 8 housing close to our neighborhoods, it creates so much crime
Drug use and homelessness
Drug use and homelessness, adequate public transport for a growing city, plan to revitalize downtown /Marina area
Drugs, crime, and mental health
Ease of public transit access to Seattle
Economic development in city center, marina development and stairs
Educate me on what the Growth Management Act is.
Efforts to address and reduce air traffic and air pollution caused by air craft flying in/out of SeaTac. Solar, Tree planting, community gardens
Elimination of the homeless and crime. Stop turning green areas into large apartment complexes. The roads are already maxed.
Empty storefronts and vacant lots. We need more local businesses to fill these places.
Encourage and support business, and foster community among the residents
Encourage more business to open
Equity across all neighborhoods spreading growth and resources in all areas.

Equity, diversity and inclusion of all socioeconomic backgrounds and cultures. Bring back more public transportation!
Fill in the blank spots downtown.
First, preserve trees and green space as they help with pollution. Next address the airport noise and pollution. .
Fix & open up Masonic home
Focus on downtown before bringing tourists here. Right now there are only restaurants and services on MVD.
Focus on resident needs and not tourism wishes. No overpriced ferry. No hotel. We have a hotel. How about a grocery store?
Food at redondo pier
Funding for education (improved facilities and instruction).
Get a grocer back in town.
Get animal control department.
Get more cops
Get rid of the Dollar Tree and bring back a grocery store!!!!!!
Get some big box stores like a real grocery store. Infrastructure improvements on our roads and bridges. More police to address crime, drugs, homeless
GMA probably requiring more density which is best located near public transportation up in general neighborhood of light rail and express buses.
Good housing along efficient transportation routes for the work force
Grocery
Grocery store
Grocery store , cleaner city
Grocery store in Marina District
Grocery store, and public boat launch
Grocery store.
Grow the DM police force and prepare for any increase in crime
Grow the police department to have adequate coverage of all areas of the city at all times for a safer city in the future.
Growth of downtown businesses.
Gun violence, homelessness & drug use
Have a professional edit your publications and surveys. The number of grammatical and other errors is embarrassing .
Have an actual plan that doesn't cost the residents money to grow the town, get a new city manager
Help me understand the goals and scope of the Growth Management Plan. Does it really address crime or is it primarily land use and transportation?
High taxes. Middle class homeowners are being taxed out of their homes.
Higher density housing within walkable distance to amenities
Homeless, violence, etc.
Homelessness, crime, parks
Housing
Housing affordable
Housing and maybe adding a grocery store
Housing needs/cost. Support of small businesses.
Housing. There's too much land sitting untouched. Everything should be rezoned

How can we grow in a way that's environmentally friendly, not cost prohibitive for diverse population to live here. Warm feel.
How to accommodate more residents, keep housing affordable, maintain public safety & sense of community, focus on clean, healthy environments for all
I can't provide this level of detail in 150 characters
I have lived here over 25 years,Keep building nursing homes that's the only growth I want to see.
I would need to read the Growth Management Act, didn't know that was a thing.
If we want to have a vibrant Marina district we have to offer people lovely places to come that are kept up and pleasing. We have a beautiful marina.
I'm not familiar with details of that Act.
Improve our downtown facade to encourage small businesses to want to set up shop. Get a grocery store back!
Improving walkability and access to public transportation.
Inclusion and equity. Sustainable energy practices. Not crowding more housing onto residential lots.
Increase green spaces. Unlock Steven J. Underwood. Reduce cruising, speeding in Redondo. Increase sidewalks.
Increase walk ability, minority support, safety (Safeway & Pac Hwy), community activities for artists, youth & volunteers
Increasing emergency services.
Infrastructure
Infrastructure
Infrastructure upgrades, from WATER /Sewer, to electrical upgrades (focus on renewable, public charging for EV
Infrastructure-don't add residences before considering the impact of schools, traffic, and emergency services
keep commercial development on pac hiway.
Keep homelessness, gun violence and gangs out.
Keep natural areas as waterfront and woods; build away from them.
Keep the downtown buildings maximum height level to three stories.
Keep the marina a public space
Keep the small town feel and waterfront vibe, encourage boat visitors and build an identity around the waterfront. See Poulsbo or Port Orchard.
Keep the waterfront accessible
Keep us informed of our options and your decisions!
Keeping our residents safe. Remain strong on open illegal drug use. Keep properties safe by continuing to support no encampments.
Keeping the city a safe place to live. Otherwise nothing else matters.
Large enough roads
Leave the Marina and surrounding area for the people - maybe a fun pathway for GO TO places in DM. get all the cars off MVD hopefully the new road wi
Limit the height of buildings
low income housing
Lower taxes and fees...and quit all the woke crap...
Lowering housing costs, easier access to cheaper healthy foods or more grocery options, Safeway is friggng nuts on the prices they charge
Maintain green belt or space, no hotels needed
Maintain green spaces like the creek trails

Maintain open spaces in the Marina area and the Beach Park and discontinue plans for large commercial projects such as a hotel which is inappropriate.
Maintain safety and transportation options
Maintain the Marina for public use and support local businesses. STOP good old boy club in government. Fire City Manager and mayor
Maintain the small-town feel, respect the citizens over new business.
maintaining forest canopy and protection of critical areas
Make a diverse representative government, create cultural outreach, give more support to low income folks so they don't resort to gun violence, youth
Make City safer.
Make it affordable
Make it more attractive to do business in Des Moines without degrading quality. Signage standards for example.
Make it more desirable to spend time there. Boutiques, restaurants, wine tasting, plant trees etc
Make it safer
Making it easier for businesses to come to Des Moines. People are so put off by the costs no one wants to come.
Making the schools safe, warmer, positive & raise the schools ratings. Work on decreasing violence, harassment & creating inclusion in middle & HS
Manage airport noise. Build housing. Develop local restaurants and bars.
Marina upgrades.
Merge with SeaTac. Or hire a professional City Manager. Proven under current leadership our town has decline. Future is grim with the airport growth.
Middle housing, loosening zoning - allow homeowners 35% lot coverage - no matter the # of buildings/dwellings
Model that DM a radically inclusive city
More business friendly, address crime and garbage
More Family play areas. Such as splash pads, parks etc.
More Low income housing and more open space for all Des Moines residents
More options for dining, better walk ability, and revitalization of the marina
MORE PARKS with play equipment (and open the bathrooms), grocery store, increase walkability, multi use zoning instead of single family
More residential development for family homes
More restaurants and sidewalks in the marina district
More side walks. Especially on Kent Des Moines RD
More things to do in Des Moines
More trees and green spaces, noise and air pollution.
Most people aren't familiar with the Growth Management Act and it's requirements - I don't think answers will be helpful here.
Na
Need to have a wider variety of small businesses in the marina district. We need a grocery store back in the marina.
New buildings for economical growth. We need a supermarket!!!!
New development of retail space
Nice housing with water transportation to Seattle.
No hotel in Marina! I can't stress it enough. Bring gates back to Marina, & have cops come by Marina at 10 & after.

Not too much growth! Des moines is a quiet small town lets keep it that way!
Of the 13 goals of GMA, the 3 most important are open space and recreation, citizen participation and coordination, and public facilities and services
on going conversations and polls like this
Open the new trails for biking please
Opening up marina to ALL boaters at a reasonable cost, make Des Moines interesting enough to walk,limit nail salons! Get a grocery store.
Out of town landlords that don't care about our community
Parking
Parking and infrastructure in Des Moines.
Parking and traffic.
Parks, open spaces, natural environment - our blessing of natural assets in Des Moines are unique in Puget Sound region.
People living in motor homes that do not move from residential properties. Makes me wonder where sewage is going.
Please leave our green spaces we have left and don't chop anymore trees down by the creek trail on 216th.
Please provide a link to the GMA. Infill development downtown first. Not fast food. Be classy.
Policing, traffic circles instead of lights in downtown
Potential flooding from climate change. Air pollution—from airport and more.Address noise and light pollution.
More frequent farmer's markets.
Preserving natural spaces, adding natural spaces
Preserving open and green spaces. Don't try to cram everything in. If we can't expand, let's NOT expand.
Preserving open spaces. And preserving the Masonic Home. Also airport noise is getting ridiculous.
Preserving single family zoning. Keep multi-family/high density housing out of our neighborhoods - it should be concentrated near the light rail.
preserving trees and protecting critical areas
Price of Housing & Transit
Price of housing, crime, security, safety, homelessness, drugs
Promote growth and expand the marina. Build the stairs
Promote/assist local businesses
Property at 216th & approx 17th AVE S. Very similar to Mason Home. It HAS TO BE something very special built there. That view is RARELY available.
Prosecute criminals to fullest extent and support police efforts.
Protect tree canopies, creeks, parks, wildlife by preserving their habitat, the eagles, the salmon, the geese, even the deer, some are still around.
Provide more safety and social resources to the folks on hard times that are around the Pac Highway corridor
Public boat launch at the marina. A marina without a launch is just stupid.
Public Health and Safety
Public health and safety
Public health from airport, lack of vibrancy in downtown/marina district, inclusiveness, transparency of council and government
Public safety
Public safety
Public safety and downtown rehabilitation
Public safety and littering along pac highway.

Public safety, high property taxes, more economic growth, no multi- housing units in single family neighborhoods (i.e.The north hill)
Public safety, preserving open space, put a cap on excessive rent prices.
Put a limitation on how many bars can be in City of DM.
Realistic planning, taller buildings. Forget about retail on the first floor of buildings the empty unused space is echoing throughout the town.
Recruiting young families
Reduce noise from cars
Reducing barriers to building and development
Reinvent the marina. Encourage new business growth in downtown. Build it, and revenues will come!!
Remember that many of us moved here because we like the small community feel
Rethink the marina master plan. The new design ignores all the people who have boats on trailers.
revitalizing down town corridor
Rising cost of living.
Roads growth of housing marina
Roads that can handle future capacity
Safe walking paths on Kent Des Moines Rd for Pacific and Mount Rainier school students
safer streets, sidewalks,
safety
Safety
Safety
Safety
Safety and law enforcement, the use of marine view drive as a major thoroughfare to I5 makes it almost unbearable
Safety and parking for apartments and condos. Sidewalks should be on every street. Friendly people.
Safety and security of residents, Protect and preserve open space on the Marina floor, Support downtown businesses and downtown business development.
Safety and security. Keep gangs, drugs, prostitution pimping, speeding through the town out. Beautify MVD and Marina.
Safety and walkways
Safety if the people, wether their walking to school, playing in the park, or biking in the streets.
Safety in certain areas of the city. Traffic flow. Sidewalks on many streets. More activities for kids/teens.
Safety in our public spaces
Safety of our town, make it easier for businesses to stay in business in our town and getting a grocery store downtown
safety of residents
Safety so people at safe everywhere and so that people will want to visit from other cities
Safety, and well-planned community.
Safety, develop marina district to add more variety of activities/stores and accomodate families
Safety, inclusion, rules of civility, I feel that by fixing this, the rest will come by itself
Safety/crime rates
Safety/crime/homelessness, air traffic pollution, creating a vibrant retail core on Main Street & the Marina and ensure utilities are safe and stable.
Same as above
Saving up money for a rainy day and not wasting it on stupid ferry boats etc.
See #32

see above
Sidewalks
Sidewalks, crime, infrastructure, absentee landlords
Sidewalks. Please set back building from the road so downtown doesn't become a concrete canyon.
Small business and downtown development. Safety
Smaller houses, not more senior housing. Bring back the public boat launch at the marina. Stop subsidising some businesses over others(Quarterdeck?)
Smoke from wildfires
Start by taking the Port to court for ruining our city & State Park No one wants to visit us because they can't even hear outdoor conversation
Start working with Metro now to implement local feeder routes to Link stations and Rapid Ride stops.
Stay financially solid.
Stop expanding road, stop building. Building using power and doesn't protect the environment.
Stop talk of marina growth / hotel talk. Take care of existing structures, no new building.
Stopp the flow our town as thoroughfare, makong this an appealing destination, better shops, marina boat launch, better Waterland events .
Support more businesses in the city, therefore giving residents more options instead of going to neighboring cities for groceries, restaurants, etc
Support small businesses. Please no more nail salons, we have plenty! Healthy restaurants with inclusive menus so I don't have to drive to west sea
Support small unique business as much as possible make city tourist friendly
Support the airport and airport workers with amenities, increased public transit and support for airlines
Supporting business and protecting homeowners
Supporting our unhoused community members and creating spaces& opportunities for third spaces(libraries, parks/playgrounds) esp. for children &teens
Supporting the growth of Des Moines by making projects move faster (permitting, approvals) and capturing economic opportunity
That current residents aren't priced out of the city they love
That we're named after a more famous city in Iowa. A name change would be a great opportunity for the city to rebrand!
The biggest thing would be to streamline the permitting process. Hire and train people to get permits taken care of quickly.
The crime is so bad here. How can we address this
The crime on PAC highway should be a huge priority. When the light rail is done is either going to get better or worse depending on what we do now
The downtown store fronts along Des Moines Memorial drive need to be more modern and updated with better incentives for people to start businesses
The management model of the city govt needs to change. A city manager run operation doesn't allow for affective transparency and due process.
the Masonic home lot
The size/area of City is fixed, The population is rapidly increasing. The city must preserve and actually increase its public open space
Traffic congestion, solar power for city buildings, keep green spaces, manage airport pollution
Traffic control.
Traffic flows from FAA / Business Park and Federal Way.
Traffic! Promote a feeling of personal safety
Traffic/transportation and sidewalks. Protect the views.

Transit and TOD (especially east west and frequency). Targeted grown in areas while preserving the feel of other areas is key.
Transparency
Transportation through main arteries, sidewalks. COMMUNICATION. FB is not enough! And usually posted with short or no notice
Unclear
Unknown
Using respect and dignity to assist the unhoused
Vitalize Marina District and traffic control through the downtown roads during work week (M-F)
Walkable, bikeable diverse neighborhoods where teachers and healthcare workers can afford to live near where we work
We are a city people pass through and old people retire here. Make it a little fun and safer to visit.
We need more local/small businesses downtown with fewer strip malls and more public spaces. More parks throughout the city.
We need more new businesses. Look at all the great places in Burien.
We need to welcome young families, not just wealthy retirees. A grocery store would be helpful. Stronger school ratings are important
What the citizens want and not just what the city council wants.
Whatever we need to save the salmon and Orca, and not continue to let the Port of Seattle toxify our community with runoff, and poor air quality..
Who knows
Why has the pit has been allowed to remain an ugly hole in our downtown. That property could house a nice supermarket or other asset to our community.
With the water taxi, Des Moines needs to improve the downtown to make it more appealing for day trips from other communities
Year round activities at Marina and downtown areas to attract more people to our town
You can't have weekly shootings or even monthly outbursts of violence and have citizens feel safe.
Zero services and zero affordable housing in the marina. All people should matter equally not just those privileged with \$\$\$\$
Zoning ,property care, growth management infrastructure to support all citizens
Zoning that allows for more ADU's and small business operations.

What could the City do to better support you as a resident?

A grocery store downtown.
A more cohesive easily walkable downtown core.
A taproom or brewery would be great!
Abandon the marina step and hotel projects. Preserve the open space at the marina and north pier lots. Focus on a walkable downtown that connects all streets with sidewalks. Widen Cliff Avenue.
Access to public transportation
Accountability to stop the crime that is rampant in our city. Fund more police, crack down on property crime and make it known that it is not acceptable in our city.
Actually support businesses
Add a grocery store
Add a major grocery store, better downtown shopping, control of gun violence
Add underground utilities on North Hill to decrease outages and improve views
Address excessive crime along pac highway. Install sidewalks along 16th ave s.
Address gun violence
Advocate for residents concerns over growth that impacts their quality of life. Encourage diversity of stores and quality of restaurants on main street. Control crime..
Aesthetically improve downtown core to bring in quality retail food,attract guests. Lose the "big catch plaza" -A poor excuse for a park in an intersection. An example of a waste of money and space.
Affordable housing
allow for more housing types
Allow the council meetings to be remote, change some of the laws that are obviously trying to silence people, have better surveys, get a new city manager.
Appreciate the the police and emergency response we received in Des Moines.
Arrest public drug use, beggars and loiterers!
As a home owner, I think Des Moines does a great job of providing services. Would like more interesting parks for when my grandchildren visit. A play structure in the Marina area?
Attract a grocery store, add sidewalks! Attend to crime.
Attract nicer restaurants and shops in the marina district.
Be accountable and transparent instead of confrontational and dishonest
Be harsher on theft and drugs
Be honest and lead with your heart as well as your brain
Be more financially accountable.
Be more transparent 100% of the time. Such as why are some council members back on when their terms were clearly over. Stop the nepotism!
Be open and listen to residents before making major decisions
Beach access, adequate city community center with gym and pool,better pool hours, police enforcement of traffic issues (red-lights and stop signs)
Beautify downtown, create safe shopping opportunities.
Become a tree friendly city, reduce pesticides use, protect and increase green space
Become more involved.
Become unincorporated from kin County and use the taxes for des.moines!
Better city wide advocacy for neighborhoods in the flight paths - the noise, pollution and increased traffic frequency is concerning and the only thing that would force us to leave this beautiful town
Better crime control esp at both Safeways!! Pressure the port to come up with a solution abt how low the planes fly
Better distribution of taxpayer money.

Better public safety and more transparency from city council around decisions made for the city.. for example finding a ferry that doesn't address the needs of the residents
Better publication of city events, news, meetings & community.
Better restaurants, stores, safer area
Better shops, restaurants and central district to walk around... fix the water quality - I shouldn't have to be concerned about what my daughter is drinking at daycare!!
Better support of business in Des moines
Better utilities, maintaining views, and promoting businesses to want to be in des moines
BIG PROBLEM, better communication, e.g. email blast to ALL citizens, the Currents is not adequate!
Bring a large grocery store to downtown Des Moines.
Bring back the boat sling and improve the sidewalks with actual sidewalks
bring in a more upscale, modern developed "downtown" stretch
Bring in more restaurants, get rid of old ugly garages in marina and use space to generate more tourism, ie. more restaurants and shops
Bring more business to Des Moines
Build infrastructure before looking at anything bigger. Get rid of water district 54
Build more playgrounds, more school options
Build more sidewalks! Create better incentives for small businesses to move into downtown - we have so much potential.
Build sidewalks and walkable communities so people can access amenities.
Build sidewalks in North Hill, prioritize walkability.
Build up the city center with more small business and promote those that are already there to get the community feel back. Crackdown on crime that seems to be making its way in from outside.
Care about people over profiting
Cell tower and wifi options
City Council is doing a good job, let them keep doing it. Don't go down the path Seattle and Burien have taken. City leaders need to be more transparent and communicative so that residents can be active participants in their community.
Clean up pac highway. Make marine view a destination for younger adults.
Clean up run down properties and decrease crime. Need to feel safe and make our community walkable with adequate retail.
Clean up the dollar tree parking lot, sidewalks, dog park, keep the marina parking free
Clean up the homeless, create safe environments for families and children
Clean up the look of the strip mall areas to make them more cohesive
Clean up this city, main street is a dump. The City has not improved in the past 20 years, it has declined. The plane noise is too much. The pollution is harmful.
Clearer goals. Transparent finances. Promote events better somehow.
Close down streets permanently, build public spaces, build more sidewalks, end single family zoning, lower taxes, eliminate property setbacks, WALKABILITY!!! COFFEE SHOPS!!! FI GROCERY STORE!!!
Communicate
Communicate specifics about planned development and provide opportunities to have input prior to moving forward.
Communicate to residents regarding city events
Communication, communication, communication. Rebroadcast council meetings on a frequent, published schedule. Video and broadcast other public meetings. Publish the schedule in City Currents magazine.
Complete the ongoing project in Des Moines

Contact absentee landlords, and have a plan to deal with how to buy/ incorporate their properties for development
Continue offering these surveys to residents
Continue their good work to manage and maintain the City governance and properties responsibly.
Continue to develop sense of community, work on Main st development
Continue with safety at schools
control gun violence, more police patrol. take down the weed shop on pacific highway near by highline college. thats just terrible!
Control nighttime gatherings in neighborhoods.
Cost of living is too high, crime and enabling drug addicts is over tolerated in this region.
COVID-19 is not over. Require masks in healthcare. I'm immunodeficient - you can have everything else, just please make healthcare safe for me.
Crack down on all crime. Add sidewalks with barriers possibly to make the area more walkable. More patrols so thefts are prosecuted.
Create a trail/gym trail route around city. Connecting parks.
Create safe bike paths to the new link stations
Crime is my biggest concern; I absolutely love Des Moines but I feel less safe all the time. Put people in jail when they break the law, don't allow homeless camps or sidewalk sleeping.
Crime is my top concern; this should be a priority for the City, through policing and community supports
Crime solves and businesses in redondo
Crime. Safety. Security. Right now, I believe everything else is secondary. We have a disaster on our hands that needs to be fixed before we move on to anything else.
Des Moines has so much potential but why aren't we growing. Why does it take so long for projects to be completed? Six years of construction on theater? No grocery store? Why have these things happen?
Develop a plan to clean up pac hwy south and ensure my safety to walk in my neighborhood. Work cohesively with city of Kent to address crime on our bordering cities.
Develop more affordable housing.
Develop plans to beautify Des Moines. It looks very run down. Make it appealing. Have standard for store fronts. More parks, Protecting our environment is vital. Get commuters off our streets.
Develop the marina district so people want to cost Des Moines. Bring in a grocery store that is safe shop at!
Developer downtown. The lots that are currently empty have been empty for 20 years. We need a normal grocery store not Dollar Trees and small merchants.
Development other than condos
Divert funding from a bloated police budget to community programs - fund parks, playgrounds, teen spaces, sidewalks, shelter, safe injection sites, etc. Create a community truly welcoming to all.
Do a better job of actually talking with residents about what they want from the City rather than the City Council imposing its agenda on the residents.
Do not make it overcrowded. The marina is already flooded with people.
Do something about speeding on 222nd
Do something about the Marina traffic and the visitors that attend. Bring back paid parking.
Do something about the safety & crime issues. Sue the City of Kent for their lack of action on the crime at their City's border with Des Moines.
Do something, anything, to redevelop downtown and make permitting and doing business easier.
Don't build up the Marina into a large tourism destination, the citizens enjoy it as it is and it belongs to the people who actually live in the city and pay the taxes and levies here.
Don't sell off our marina. Ever.
Downtown grocery store

Easier information through the City website such as; a community calendar, key word searches for events, policy, documents, history, etc. and easy access to volunteer organizations and opportunities.
East/west bus routes to light rail, more crosswalks
Elimination of the homeless camps and crime. Then residents can use the parks/green spaces safely. Stop turning green areas into large apartment complexes. The roads are already maxed.
Encourage a grocery store to be part of the city
Encourage a healthy grocery store to locate in the Marina District
Enforce the law, enforce speed limits, make it difficult for criminals to have the upper hand. monitor Nextdoor to see what Des Moines residents are complaining about and make Des Moines a great city
Enforce the laws remove homeless drug criminals build a boat launch support local businesses
Enforce zero tolerance for crime, drugs and homeless walking around and at bus stops. Stop the littering.
Enhance police protection
Ensure that when a call is made to neighboring city of Seatac for mitigation of weeds obstructing DMMD from 206th that Des Moines will help address this safety concern.
Entice businesses and restaurants to the marina district and improve infrastructure.
Fight for the elimination of Water District 54.
Fight the airport
Find several avenues for communicating with residents. Publish city happenings in one place including work being done by Destination DM, etc. We want to be more active in our community but not aware.
Fire the city manager and don't censure dually elected representation
Fire the city manager who has a fatal disregard for community and building togetherness. We need a city manager that is present in the community and cares about the people that makes us who we are
Fix up marine view drive so it looks decent (cafes, make it feel walkable) put in sidewalks , hire more police , work with port to have quiet skies at night
Focus on what we need (e.g. grocery stores) and not on pet projects (e.g. hotel)
Get a better animal control company to contract with that is actually in Des Moines.
Get a grocery store in the Marina or up near Kent Des Moines Road. Safeway is unsafe, Fred Meyer is frightening too. More police officers please.
Get a grocery store into Des Moines
Get a real grocery store downtown
Get downtown booming! Crack down on landlords that let their buildings sit vacant
Get more cops. Make the city safe
Get on with it, start doing something. You're studying things to death.
Get rid of parking gates in marina, Allow Chickens, transportation to marina, fast ferry to seattle
Get rid of the Dollar Tree and bring back a grocery store!!!!!!
Get rid of the homeless that s and throw trash everywhere want new jobs hire people to come and clean the parks and beaches and sidewalks up
Get the guy across the street from me to stop renting his garage out on Airbnb, code enforcement is a joke.
Get Tougher on Crime
give us a safe healthy grocery store
Greater enforcement/prosecution of drug, gang, vagrancy, graffiti, violence, theft and etc. laws/codes/ordinances.
Greater focus on public safety; more retail/grocery options; more sidewalks
Grocery store
Grocery store in central Des Moines
Grocery store in city center, connecting bike paths
Grocery store in des moines

Grocery store in Marina district.
Grocery store public safety inferiority structure
Grocery store! Reduce traffic congestion at rush hours. Address loud cars, racing.
Grocery store!!! Also, put the crosswalks back in on 7th Ave. S — it makes zero sense that they were removed. More sidewalks.
Grocery store. Food truck yard in city center. A boat launch in the protected marina for small boats instead of Redondo. Dedicated kayak/canoe put-in.
Gun violence, drugs, crime on Pac Hwy, even downtown/marina spikes in crime. We have 2 toddlers & would love to have play structures at the marina. More family-friendly food/brewery options.
Have a City Clerk office where people can walk in and ask questions, get information, etc! Have an Animal Control Officer!
Have a greater plan to bring a sense of safety
Have a grocery store near marina like there used to be. More entertainment options downtown.
Have more spaces for families, crack down on night time speeding on marine view dr s
Have more stores in Des Moines, since qfc left the grocery stores are further away. More restaurants would also be nice
Help attract business growth to create a more lively downtown core
Help eliminate noise and car racing downtown
Help get a grocery store in town
Help support growth while also creating/maintaining community
Help us understand the plan for managing traffic once light rail station opens, fight drug use and homelessness
Help with redevelopment of my property
Help, small business and restaurants to stay in Des Moines's
Hold absentee landlords accountable, to clean, fix and maintain buildings
Hold residents to standards of conduct
I am shocked that airport expansion, noise and pollution, public health, are not even mentioned in your poll. Perhaps take this seriously as part of our comprehensive planning?
I need a vibrant community, with entertainment, restaurants and public spaces.
I want to spend \$ in DM! NP and Burien get all my \$.
I would love to see a community space in the likes of Henry Moses in Renton.
Improve communications and inclusion with residents on City plan, strategies and projects
Improve public transport, make things more accessible by walking
Improve safety, address high traffic issues from North Hill thru 16th,, stop high tax increases, listen to our concerns from all economic backgrounds
Improve the safety and cleanliness of Pac Hwy. Create more opportunities for commerce and community in the downtown area (looks like 1962). Make Des Moines (including marina) more of a destination.
improving access to healthy food
Improving public schools
Incentivize businesses to move to DM. Hold commercial property owners to a high standard and establish occupancy requirements.
Increase communication; engage younger adult residents in shaping DM culture, public safety, crime prevention, restrict homeless camps, encourage business growth & development in more neighborhoods
Increase options for dining & shopping with development on Marine View Drive & keep the Marina a public space to be enjoyed by residents of all Des Moines neighborhoods!
Increase safety
install parking fees in marina, stop speeding and partying at night in marina, add sidewalks,

Invest heavily in the waterfront using the marina as a starting point
Invest in infrastructure!!! Do something with Water District 54 to ensure that we can become an attractive waterfront community, because we ARE NOT now.....
Invest in South des moines. I don't feel like aa des moines resident since mostly do business in federal way.
Invest in the city. Bring tourism, clean up encampments and enforce laws.
It's not a safe community to walk around all the time, it's not an appealing place naturally or otherwise, all the food options are average at best. There is no motivation to want to be a citizen.
Keep addressing the increasing crime and drug issues
Keep criminal activity away
keep the character of the downtown area but add a grocery store. market for small businesses to fill the empty lots around downtown.
Keep the crap from Safeway and kdm out of the area! Keep the lodge. Make THAT a hotel. Don't bring a hotel to the marina!!!! More container business like quarterdeck would be great.
Keep the homeless drug users out of our town
Keep us safe! Literally every night there's a shooting or drugs on our corners. We'll never attract more businesses if we're in the news every night
Lean on developers to finish projects within a human lifetime.
Leave the green spaces alone. Quit thinking we want "equality" by making life unequal to others.
Less crime better sidewalks
Let's have a strong plan for downtown and all the vacant and derelict spaces.
Listen
Listen / listen to the people and what they want, make the best decision even if you don't agree
LISTEN rather than dismissing opinions that differ from the straight, white majority on the council
Listen to residents and stop ignoring council members.
Listen to the citizens when bring concerns
Listen without ego. Make good decisions for all residents, not just the rich ones who live down town. Don't add fees to our utility bills—and don't deny that these fees are taxes.
Look at of two jail facilities are needed in our community
loosen zoning and development requirements to allow neighbors to support affordable housing on their land beyond what the state mandates
Lower my taxes
Lower taxes and bs fees
Lower taxes, provide more beach access and protect the Landmark (masonic) building
Lower taxes, reduce crime, not approve building multi family house on existing residential properties.
Lower taxes. Support more restaurants and small business downtown
Lower the taxes on utility bills
Maintain the identity of Des Moines as a small town with incredible natural resources and focus on maintaining that instead f expanding and putting a strain on that
Maintane the police department
Make buses safer and have more routes to Seattle. Safer walking routes as well.
Make downtown look nicer, more cohesive with signage and banners. Continue being proactive with crime prevention.
Make downtown more attractive and add more shops
Make downtown more walkable with little shops
Make it more desirable to spend time there.
Make it more walkable and give us destinations to walk to! That would help with traffic, environment, jobs, etc.

Make it safer for our children to walk around our neighborhoods without the fear of getting ran over
Make our taxes lower
Make pac highway safer
Make Pac Hwy safer!!! Also, more businesses in downtown area so we can shop and eat in our own city more often.
Make sure there is LOTS of parking at new buildings.
Make the city accessible. It's not accessible for wheelchairs or older people or people with kids/strollers
Make the farmer's market less hazardous.
Make the town more attractive destination by creating a "village" feel cf Seabrook, Leavenworth, Kirkland, so that we can feel proud living here. DM has a bad reputation as backyard of SeaTac & crime
Making sure our infrastructure is safe and works for the citizens. Reduce the amount of fees you charge for every little thing related to code.
More public safety
More affordable housing, please
More areas with nature and less industrial.
More business and community events like Burien does.
More communication on plans
More events, encouraging new businesses to move into closed ones, development of the marina district and piers.
More free park time
More grocery options.
More local businesses (bars, restaurants) so we don't have to go to Burien or White Center for a date night.
More parks (and open the bathrooms), grocery store, increase walkability
More parks, school and city collaboration and community center for our kids
More places I would choose to spend my time off
More playground/updated playgrounds would be amazing.
More police
More police in south end
More police officers please. Speed cameras to catch racing vehicles' license plates and send them a citation. Speed bumps all along 16th avenue.
more police presence
More police! crime. Why am I paying \$50 a car to live on Des Moines? That's outrageous!
More police. Build another regional airport. More activities for people under the age of 18. Allowing people to use the athletic fields.
More recreational programs for adults, increase public safety, keep homeless camps out
More restaurants and entertainment options. Make progress on the Masonic home. Fiber internet.
More sidewalks in neighborhoods and more local businesses, preserving our city and parks
More small businesses that are unique and interesting and diverse
My neighborhood doesn't feel safe; incentives or rebates for improving energy efficiency of my home; improve the downtown experience
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na
Need a grocery store.
Need to feel safer within the community
Need zoning changes for developments of townhomes and access to more housing
Not a resident

Not allow any new big Companies in until the excessive traffic issue on our small roads are fixed.
Not bring in stores like the Dollar Store and bring in a grocery store instead.
Not have corrupt officials that rob the city and mayors with bad haircuts that think they are a rock hero
Offer more safe youth/young adult activities
Overhaul downtown and make it a desirable destination
Please work together with the City of Kent to solve this problem of homelessness. It is sad that our only shopping center is an eternal sale of drugs
Police and enforcement
Police need to be seen. Airports are loud and we need sound insulation.
Preserving natural spaces, adding natural spaces
Promote business grown and reduce regulatory burdens. The work required to build or open a new business is a problem. Be more growth friendly. Des Moines is known as difficult to approve work
Promote business growth while preserving our natural spaces. There is a sensible balance to be had.
Promote growth and development and get rid of the vacant eyesore lots in the downtown corridor. Make sure projects get completed in a timely manner, like the theater.
Protect natural environment. Build that into any new development. Go with creative developers who know how to work in harmony with the land and water, not destroy it all and plant a few token trees.
Provide a better police force
provide a full scale grocery store and eradicate crime
Provide an engaging community with a more vibrant and diverse downtown area for people of all ages and groups
Provide more safety and social resources to the folks on hard times that are around the Pac Highway corridor
Provide more support to the Police department. And how about promoting better internet speeds and access
Provide protection against crime
Provide support to help alleviate noise and air pollution due to air traffic; help reduce traffic through downtown(more stop lights?)airport
Public safety is huge. We need better access to safe stores. I will not shop on Pacific Hwy due to crime and drugs. I drive to FW or Burien to shop
Put a cap on rent.
Put in a sidewalk to Redondo. Reduce commercial rent to attract local restaurants and businesses to the Marina district.
Put some teeth in traffic and parking regulations in Redondo area, enforce existing laws. If not enforced, they aren't worth the paper they are written on. Scofflaws win.
Quit allowing Port to ruin our city, too much pollution from airlines specially Delta who has been lowering wheels over us dropping gear fluid on soil, water, furniture, cars, homes, clothing drying..
Quit playing politics and start listening to what community members want. Stop pandering to just the wealthy conservative citizens.
Quit wasting tax dollars on ferries and paid parking boondoggles. Quit overpaying the city manager
Really LISTEN and stop allowing the Mayor to 'scold' residents who dont have the same vision as him like they are children. (Last 3 city currents letters)
Reduce crime, promote more downtown commercial development
Rehabilitate downtown to be more walkable with diverse storefronts and better dining options
Reinstall the public boat launch at the marina, get a grocery store and build better sidewalks
Remove City Manager and make mayor accountable
Remove RVs, sidewalks, slower streets

Rent property to a grocery store
Safe walking routes on 240 and KDM is a start. Residents, including children, have to walk on these busy roads with few (240) or no (KDM) sidewalks separated from the traffic.
Safety and neighborhood community
safety and security
Safety, zero tolerance policy!
Security. Replace marina gates. Clean vacant lots, eyesore businesses. Provide a drawing/plan on marina development plan. Consider eco-friendly covered moorage similar to Kingston,
See answer to #29.
Show city council meetings more than live on channel 21 so if one misses the meeting one knows what is happening.
Sidewalk infrastructure for wheelchair users, our son is disabled and drives a power wheelchair. We live on 10th Ave without sidewalks and high speed drivers it feels unsafe for him to drive our road
Sidewalks
Sidewalks and public transportation
Sidewalks in North Hill, grocery store in Downtown Des Moines
Sidewalks with bike lanes, more uniformed and plain closed officers lots of cameras especially on hwy 99 corridor
Sidewalks!
Sidewalks!
Sidewalks. Close up all the storm ditches and put in proper pipes and create bike lanes and sidewalks, like on 216th. Also on 509/1st, traffic is terrible/no safe places to cross, open ditches
Simplify the permitting process
Some more cute restaurants, coffee shops, Recreation Center would be awesome! A regular reliable commute ferry to Seattle would be awesome!
Spend money on residents, not tourists. More recreation (pickleball court). More police officers. Stop withholding speed cameras from Redondo.
Stand up to port of Seattle expansion, far more firmly, to date they've been enablers to the ports harms
Start changing laws and enforcing crime issues, way too much violence. May have to move.
Stop forgetting that Woodmont area is IN Des Moines. And that kids in South if 250th attend FWPS and not Highline SD
Stop increasing property taxes on middle income families. Institute higher tax on business properties, add penalties to all properties without at least 1 (>5 yrs) tree per 300 sq feet, no sidewalks.
Stop lying. Spend money on important infrastructure and quality of life programs. Stop wasteful spending on Ferry and Hotel.
Stop nickel and diming us
Stop noisy fast cars running up and down my street
Stop sending surveys
Stop taxing us to death, absolutely every bill I w come with additional Des Moines taxes
Stop the Growth for Growth's sake mentality. Quit trying to over develop the Marina. We need an Emmett Watson "Lesser Des Moines" mindset - we rarely use the park due to too many visitors.
Stop the pot smoking at the Marina! Ruins the atmosphere for everyone but the stoners.
Stop unnecessary spending like the failed ferry program
Support meaningful communication about city government. It is hard to know the details and pros and cons of issues without robust local, independent reporting, not just about crime.
Take a firmer stance against SeaTac expansion and plane diversions over the city
Take action on road safety concerns,

Take better care of our unhoused community members through housing opportunities and safe injection sites. Streetlights and sidewalks in suburban areas. Third spaces for people to exist for free.
Tax relief. Fix the streets. I believe you are working on police funding? Support citizens regarding issues with the airport.
The city needs to enforce the laws, the speed limits, the parking restrictions, the noise ordinance. It will never get better or safer without enforcement.
The design and structure of DM as a city is baked, set decades ago. Why the waterfront is not a bustling center of commerce I don't know. The condos and downtown strip should be reversed
There is not much to do in Des Moines. What shops we have I cannot access because the doors are too small and my scooter won't fit.
Think through the real consequences of their decisions.
THIS CITY DOES NOT CARE ABOUT IT'S RESIDENTS.
This city NEEDS a grocery store! A longer running farmers market would also help to bring the community together and give us access to fresh produce during more months of the year.
Transparency
Transparency!!!
transparent communication
Upgrade landscaping on MVD and 7th Ave S. Encourage small retail businesses downtown.
Use taxes very wisely.
Watch my property taxes, bring the metro back to 250th st, off more patrol and engagement with troublesome neighborhoods
Water taxi to Seattle and Tacoma
We are concerned about crime and the transient population along Pacific Highway migrating toward our neighborhood.
We need a grocery store. The dollar store was a poor decision and it doesn't reflect what our residents need. Safeway is our only option and it's unsafe. I do all my shopping outside of Des Moines.
We need more new businesses. Look at all the great places in Burien.
We need more opportunities for children and we need any consideration of growth to have the residents who live here currently in mind. Am not interest in development if it displaced my neighbors.
We need more restaurants and businesses to come to the Moines, and to be able to stay in business.
We used to have very serious problems in the Marina District. Loud, all night parties. Drinking. Drugs. Gun shots. Fights. Trash. Etc. Please Return to Parking and Gate controls!!!
We would like to place a tiny home In our backyard.
We would seriously consider opening a vintage boutique if appropriate retail space were available. Pybus Market in Wenatchee could be a model for invigorating the city and making use of dormant spaces
Wider streets
Work with Highline College and Des Moines Community Center to offer more local activities, after school programs, and adult continuing education/enrichment. Also getting a trader joes/Met Market.
You are doing a great job in my opinion.
You are doing a great job now!

