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Wilsonville, OR

Open Ended Responses

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Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open ended question included on The NCS 2014 survey for Wilsonville. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about the City of Wilsonville’s priorities in the following question:

- What do you think is the biggest priority facing the City of Wilsonville over the next five years?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 351 surveys were completed by Wilsonville residents; of these, 256 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question. The themes most commonly cited by residents included growth and development issues, housing and jobs and economic development.

Figure 1: What do you think is the biggest priority facing the City of Wilsonville over the next five years?

- Growth, development: 26%
- Housing: 17%
- Jobs, economic development, business growth, office building vacancy: 16%
- Traffic, road construction, public transit: 13%
- City services, utilities, infrastructure, police and safety: 8%
- Recreation, education, youth engagement: 8%
- Other: 6%
- Taxes, budget, government spending: 3%
- Don't know/nothing: 2%

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The following pages contain the respondents’ verbatim responses written on the survey or entered in the web survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

What do you think is the biggest priority facing the City of Wilsonville over the next five years?

Growth, development

- Accommodating new growth
- Apparent uncontrolled growth, heavy traffic, ratio of apartments to single homes, what is our ultimate goal?
- As you continue to build housing & business establishments of a rapid rate, consider what this will do to traffic in the city. But kudos for good public transportation options!
- Avoiding the creation of a shopping mall (such as Wash. Sq.)
- Balanced development industrial vs comment retail vs. Senior housing vs. Planned developments (residential)
- Balancing growth and quality of life
- Biggest priority is definitely keeping up with the growth that is coming. Keeping the best parts of Wilsonville strong as we grow.
- Control the amount of growth Wilsonville is experiencing-do we have enough housing and service.
- Enormous housing growth which will strain infrastructure.
- First: Completing planned projects Second: hold within in costs in "check" Third: continue balanced approach to development
- Frog pond development, keeping Villebois community going (I would appreciate tennis courts in neighborhood), maintaining HEAL city recognition, continuing to have more jobs than residents, I worry there are too many new apartment complexes around town too.
- Growing the community in ways that reflect healthy, friendly and safe living. It should be fun & safe to live here.
- Growth & ability to drive or get around city w/o gridlock
- Growth in population & traffic
- Growth-apts-changes social + economic fabric- be ready for changes!
- Growth-keep public informed-get out of their little circle of who runs things pick the brains of all the public. More minds is better than a closed mind.
- Handling and having ability to handle the increase in population.
- Handling growth in population
- I fear that our little town is going to turn into a full-fledged city with more housing and commercial projects being added. It should be a top priority to maintain the small size and our sense of security
- Keeping a sense of community as we grow.
- Keeping good sense of community, safety and good schools with the significant growth within this community -Addressing mobile home housing which neighbors money's & landing as it appears very run down, poorly managed and gives feeling of unsafe when walking/running nearby-Wilsonville needs a better grocery option such as Whole Foods. New Seasons, market of choice! Regularly travel outside Wilsonville to shop at these stores.
- Keeping it clean & green-stopping over development of apartments making it animal and gender friendly
- Keeping it from getting "too" big & unsafe. (overall) Plus we need a chicken restaurant here. Maybe please a laundromat. Please
- Keeping run-away building of apartments & houses under control. The Thunderbird Park development is awful!!!
- Keeping up with rapid growth. Do not want W’veille to become another Beaverton.
- Land use (or overuse), education, conservation, recreation center
• Land use planning
• Large and extreme allowance of construction (ie apartments and housing w/out infrastructure to get in/out of area (ie) (Villebois community) large developing apartments create a "transitional" amount of people, not getting into the "small town" community sense...
• Maintaining a sense of community while more houses and apartments are added. It would help if we had a city center, but we don't. Many of us moved here because Wilsonville is a very nice small town. It would be great if it retained that identity. Well maintained, with a great library, nice parks and green spaces and easy access to Portland as well as rural areas.
• Maintaining balance between residential & commercial development. Protect residential areas.
• Maintaining high quality of life under the pressures of local and regional growth.
• Maintaining the livability of our community as our population increases. Will need more police and probably another modification to Wilsonville Rd/freeway intersection.
• Maintaining the excellent quality of life for residents. In 2013 I sold my house to move into an apartment - I chose to remain in the city because my church volunteer activity and shopping/library are excellent. I hope the city doesn’t change too much. I moved from Portland NW here 20 years ago by choice all above reasons influenced our decision, my husband died during the move. Only negative is Boone's Ferry Bridge and I5 south, construction on bridge several years ago missed opportunity to redirect traffic so drivers could exit sooner to Landy and get off bridge when accidents happen, it is horrible sitting there for 2-3 hours with children and groceries! Thank you. I have lived in other states and saw viable cities die, so sad to see the deterioration. I think a survey like this may have prevented the demise of those towns and cities.
• Managing fast commercial & residential growth while still maintaining parks, natural outdoor areas, and calm/peaceful atmosphere.
• Managing growth and shopping/services to supply the increased growth.
• Managing growth in a way that protects the quality of life and safety that we all enjoy
• Managing growth of population & how it will affect the overall environment surrounding us.
• Managing population growth and consequential traffic.
• Managing the rapid growth of the city manage the over flow of Portland growth along I5
• Manufacture growth quality of life we enjoy here while supporting-growth
• Not over developing, city needs to preserve green spaces & farmland & not develop every possible place
• Not to grow too much.
• Not too much growth. Control traffic. Keep schools vibrant and funded.
• Open space-land use planning being able to stop building apartments controlling spending/costs
• Over crowding!
• Planning for growth maintaining natural areas, parks funding
• Population growth
• Population increase
• Preventing over-building crowding; fast traffic; poor-quality construction
• Proper expansion, new single family buildings
• Slow down growth!
• Slow down the rate of growth by decreasing volume of rental builders going up.
• The addition of so many high density homes/aptments/etc. in & around town-Villebois, town center, Frog Pond/Advance Rd areas! That's a lot of new people living in areas that are poorly planned for so many-look at how many people park on the street in these areas because their garages are too small, look at how look full the parks are on a nice day, etc. Managing street congestion in around the Boones Ferry Road area toward I-5. It's a mess now & we're expecting more & more people! bad design, bad light timing. So much empty commercial space. A community pool with fun stuff for kids & families. Swim lessons, camps, a slide or something?
• The city is at crossroads with defining the future of the city in terms of housing. Are they going to continue to cater to outside builders with apts, townhomes, condos and small homes or are they going to go back to original master plan of mixed housing.
• The growth in this area is booming; thus, it is critical to plan for this growth so the sense of community, safety and open spaces is retained.
• The preservation of open land and keeping high density zones (apts, condo’s) to a minimum. I don’t want to live in a traffic nightmare after living here for 20 yrs.
To grow and meet needs of city without contention. Be open and honest.

To not overgrow - instead of building more new buildings. Fill the ones that have been vacant for a long time - maintain the landscaping that was planted last year and often gets filled with weeds. Its a pretty little city hope we keep it that way. Yes we do like growth but controlled

Too much growth - (negative growth) domino effect of many other problems

Urban sprawl

With so much development being built around us our two main worries are: keeping the natural beauty and small city feel of Wilsonville, and the rising costs of the housing market here.

Housing

A) Single family housing-not apartments! I know this is in the works already. B) Also, attracting major companies to Wilsonville. I originally thought the turn down of Cabella's was a mistake but I now see that it fits w/ livability, unlike Tualatin which is not as liveable in my opinion where downtown core is a mess.

Sidenote: About the saving of the art fair (festival). I think it should be axed and let others who have a great thing going continue to do it, like Lake Oswego etc. About Wilsonville being a tourist attraction the horse idea is great, but this concept is a stretch and one thing that night be fun is to do tying together of all the history - Boones Ferry, founders, etc and put together a living history tour of some sort. Build a replica of Boones Ferry down at the crossing or elsewhere if we think there is interest or build a workable ferry. Have a festival called Boone's Ferry Day. 1. Thanks for sending hard copy-easier for me to get it done. 2. I hope all my comments will be copied or sent to city thanks!

Affordability of housing and population.

Affordable housing

Affordable housing, affordable property taxes, affordable single family properties, (cost of living here is high personally I will not be able to afford to live here once I retire) Note: as a single person working full time w/ also a part time position I have not had time to get involved in the community therefore "don't know" or "not at all" is not negative but reflects the fact that I am not aware or have not used the services.

Affordable housing, not to overkill on signs & lights flashing on pedestrian cross walks it gets confusing & distracting. I'm from NYC. you cross w/ the light or look to see if a car is coming -that includes bikes too - common sense. More common sense- less meetings! Christ changed the world he didn't set up huge branches of gov't, something to think about.

Affordable, single family, one story housing

Apartments. They introduce a short term transient population which skews the snapshot of diversity studies and they consume a disproportionate quantity of government (fire police etc) resources. They also seem to be the source of loud speedings cars. 1 moves out, 2 move in. My next house may be in West Linn due to the high density apartments developments here.

Build truly affordable housing, not rental of condos, but individual houses that are small and affordably priced. This was promised while Villebois was under development, but did not materialize. Welcome more retail establishments. The city made it really hard for Fred Meyer to come to the city, for example. It would be great to have a much broader selection of retailers in Wilsonville.

Continuing to manage live ability, as regards to housing neighborhoods, transportation

Encouraging more single family home construction vs more multifamily construction.

Establishing more housing opportunities we love living here, but pay twice as much to rent 3-bedroom apartment as I used to pay to rent nice 3-bedroom house elsewhere. A disc golf center would be nice, too. I would love to buy a house here, but they are all around $300,000!

Expansion of housing

Getting more senior housing & not being snobby about getting a source of employment as well as taxes from a great national store like Cabelas!!

Home values going down due to the crazy ratio of apartments to homes in Wilsonville, why was this ok'd? Clearly better cities in Oregon have less apartments. I think we need some, but why do we need the most of any city.

Housing design. To many apartments and low income housing with no job opportunity locally. High density housing brings lots of problems along with max & light rail.
It would be great to see more affordable homes w/nice backyards. We would love to stay in Wilsonville, however, we don’t want to buy a house w/out a yard or right on I-5. Our son has asthma and we don’t feel it is a safe place (air quality wise) to continue to live at our current location. More homes w/yards in the 250 range for from the highway would be great! More space for bilingual classrooms. We are a bilingual family and it would be great for our son to attend a bilingual school.

Keeping cost of living down with affordable housing.

Keeping the values of the city. Keeping the home values up. 60% of our city is apartments I don’t understand it!!

Limiting apartment building!

Limiting the # of multifamily, apartments & limiting # of section 8 housing. Tax base is impacted when fewer homeowners are in Wilsonville. We as a community need to maintain a town that will continue to grow & bring tax pay families and businesses. Taxes are high now and with fewer single family households the higher the tax bill becomes for the existing homeowners.

Making fewer apartments.

More affordable housing and apartments. Law enforcement prepared and ready for city growth and to not become like Gresham & Hillsboro!!

More affordable housing - More opportunities for employment - Traffic under I-5 (Wilsonville Road!)

More diverse housing rental & sales for families, not just apartment living more ease to zoning changes, more open to new businesses community events outside of Villebois, there is much more to this town than just that one, new community. Perhaps the farmers market could vary its location thru the summer. Thank you.

More single family homes w yards that are affordable

Need to limit apartment explosion to combat reputation of “apartmentville” property taxes are very high we need a public pool!

No more apartments! land use, police department needs to treat residents/community w/respect and dignity, not arrogance. No more crosswalk dibacles. Should of given warnings and education. Not tickets and fines!

Over building of apartments leading to lower quality of living due to transient households & lack of community.

Slowing down the amount of housing complexes being built and also the increase of crime in the area.

To much multi family development!

Too much high density housing. We need more planned neighborhoods like Villebois and more high-end single family houses.

We need to focus more on growth of single family residences. There are far too many apartments. I believe the transient nature of apartment dwellers will adversely affect the sense of community that makes Wilsonville a special place to live.

Wilsonville has allowed for too many apartments to be built. They will require and use far more services than they pay for at the cost of property tax paying homeowners. I will likely not purchase another property in Wilsonville.

Wilsonville is an excellent city to live in the worst thing I can think of is the cost of housing.

Jobs, economic development, business growth, office building vacancy

1) There are way too many commercial buildings that are sitting empty. They are building retail spaces & shops that then sit vacant for years- on Main Street across from Red Robin 2 next to the Regel movie theatre 3 by Fred Meyer’s 4 Across from Fred Meyer’s gas station, etc. Why do they build more, when there are many vacant shops available? 2 We live near Memorial Park & walk there their daily. We saw someone dumping large bags of trash in the dumpster & told him to quit- he said no sign that says it is not allowed! Told park dist & talked to police officer with the dumpers license suggest that all park dumpsters be locked when not in use. Simple way to stop unwanted dumping at our beautiful parks

1) Rumors of Jiggles coming into the Kravens location. If this happens, we and many of our neighbors will move out of Wilsonville after 20+ years. If the city allows that after refusing an anchor business like Cabelas, it would be a travesty. Wilsonville has an opportunity to change its image for the better but these rumors are already causing people and businesses to look elsewhere. Please do not allow this to happen to our community.

A concentrated downtown area instead of shopping malls scattered too far to stroll through.
• Become a place to do more than sleep. I leave Wilsonville for everything I do except grocery shopping—work, socialize, shop. More Dar Essalam, high-quality local restaurants; less chain restaurants. Widen Wilsonville Road & increase speed limit. There’s no reason or major commercial thoroughfare should be 25 mph.
• Better quality retail, more variety of stores
• Bring more business to Wilsonville
• Bringing in increased diversity of products/shops for consumers. And housing for middle & low income citizens.
• Bringing in more businesses and restaurants, while still leaving space for parks and recreation areas.
• Commercial growth/new businesses for local employment; education—many young families; more fitness facilities—LA Fitness need to allow zoning to build a new facility. A new LA Fitness would bring/keep current employment and more people into Wilsonville to shop, restaurants, etc.
• Continue making good choices for economic and urban development
• Create environment to attract employees from dysfunctional high cost Portland. A community requires families, families thrive when there are quality jobs. All those rental units should have people with local jobs with a future. Let the private sector do health & wellness. Companies locate where the people with skills are. Silicon Valley has programmers. What skills does the Wilsonville community offer? Create a concentration of skills and employers will come.
• Creating a desire for tourists to visit.
• Creating a downtown that is more community oriented and pleasing to the eye
• Economic development and attracting new employers to the city—what incentives can the city provide that differs from other cities?
• Economic growth—bringing quality businesses to area. They need to stop building apartments & low income housing. We have enough. If too many rentals then those people have no real stake in the community. We need home owners
• Economic stability, safety, affordable single family housing, expanded community rec opportunity (pool)
• Economy, growth—without over-populating keeping a sense of safety & welfare
• Employments single family dwellings. Increase shopping opportunities so dependents don’t have to go to other areas.
• Encourage retail development...restaurants, businesses...maintaining and improving on the quality of living in this area while getting the outrageous property taxes under control!!!!
• Encouraging business to come here.
• Getting more restrants eating places-plus-bus and other local transportation.
• Getting a washateria business in town.
• Getting business into all the empty buildings, not building more, bring more stores such as Kohl’s, Walmart, Home Depot etc, so we don’t have to go elsewhere so often. More nice eating places & less fast food.
• Growing the economy in Wilsonville-employment opportunities
• I am continually stunned by the lack of shopping opportunities. Boutique clothing, bookstores, shoe stores, art galleries, etc. No yarn stores, and no low cost business incubators for artists, musicians, or other small businesses. I appreciate the obvious emphasis on the “built” environment but wonder if the time and costs associated are too high a bar for small businesses.
• Job development
• Jobs & Housing Balance
• Jobs and economic development.
• Jobs!
• Jobs, Traffic and schools
• Job’s-Wilsonville had an opportunity to have a large retails and distribution control. The mayor decided we did not need those "types of jobs" well who the hell is he to decide—would have been nice to have that retailer and all that would have brought. Now its up the road in Tualatin. Nice
• Letting new businesses in to the city
• Livability—strong jobs environment & pleasant place to live.
• Maintaining economic & fiscal sustainability Balance housing options balance more food offerings vs fast food
• More shopping/things people here can afford
• Need more mom & pop businesses and more cafes for meeting friends—not just Starbucks. Hope there will be no increases in urban renewal tax we pay twice as much do family members in NE Portland.
• Reducing carbon footprint, filling empty office bldgs, adding to stock of affordable housing
• Stop the anti-business tactics the council engages in. Dragging your feet with pointless "studies" to keep business growth stagnant while you waste city funds on your bullshit galas to pretend that Wilsonville is business friendly.
• Support local businesses!!! (less chains, heathier dining out options please) & shopping Bike lanes should be continuous (and safely designed) to the college campuses. Also safety of all bike lanes-especially at key intersections-should be addressed. Some cities paint the "danger areas" green for example so drivers are more aware of the bike lane. Biking is very dangerous on parkway between Napa & Bockman (esp southbound!) To me, Wilsonville is lacking a downtown there isn't a central meeting location with locally-owned businesses/green space and thus will never have a real feeling of community. This is the biggest reason my family is moving away.
• The economy
• Wilsonville said 'No' to Ikea! Worst mistake ever! Wilsonville said no to Cabelas... who does that? Wilsonville needs to court and woo: Trader Joe's Lowes Home Depot New Seasons Winco Bi-mart. Wilsonville must reach out to as many retailers as possible. That is all.

Traffic, road construction, public transit

• (1) (eg handling growth w/ traffic) keeping city services able to meet increasing demand (2) Get good internet/wireless availability to everyone.
• 1) Traffic control on I-5 2) Continue planned development of growth.
• 1. Getting a pedestrian, bicycle, emergency bridge across the Willamette river. 2. Aquatic center.
• 1. The left turn light on the intersection of Wilsonville Rd and town center loop west is always ran by cars and I've not once seen a cop there to hand out tickets or warnings for it. 2. The police to stop running red lights at the intersection by the library & police station.
• City traffic-congestion
• Dealing with traffic congestion north & southbound during rush hour.
• Develop better roads for better traffic flow.
• Finishing up needed through roads-Barber, Canyon Creek, Kinsman -Slow down building permits for apartments -need more mid priced homes. It's too expensive for many workers to live here.
• Flow of traffic, controlling property taxes controlling H2O cost diversity in Villebois housing.
• Getting from one side if I-5 to the other. poor layout of town. promoting emergency awareness (floods-storms etc)
• Hiking and bicycling trails. That will connect with Tualatin/Tigard trails.
• I would like to see a walking/biking bridge across the Wilamette. The hodge-podge of city development makes no sense & walking difficult. There is no cohesive center. I go elsewhere to shop. I love the new plantings & artwork on Wilsonville Road.
• Mid-day bus reserve to Portland
• Not sure how it can be done, but its crazy how long it takes to get from the high school to Fred Meyer in Wilsonville
• Over crowding, especially Villebois. Volume of traffic on Brown Road & the police ignoring speeders! Someone is going to get hit! Very poor street planning for the volumes of traffic coming in & out of Villebois.
• Public transit-light rail north & south
• Public transportation. The limited bus schedule/times for busses traveling out of Wilsonville no weekend services other than the one bus on Saturday only through Wilsonville.
• Resource logistics and traffic control in response to large multi family residential development that is occuring.
• Start Sunday bus service in south Wilsonville.
• To manage traffic and land use planning better in the next five years than you have in the last fifteen years. Frankly, there have been some very poor choices made in the recent past.
• Growth, traffic congestion ,crime
• Traffic
• Traffic
• Traffic
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- Traffic & water treatment plant (smell/awful) probably too small for the city.
- Traffic (trucks, motorcycles, speeding, etc.)
- Traffic and street planning for growing population moving in.
- Traffic at the two freeway crossings especially peak hours and Friday afternoons and maybe sewage treatment, worried that we would have to deal with that awful odor problem again. Which would drive people away.
- Traffic concerns with I-5 leads to less than desirable liveability. We need to develop the pedestrian walk bridge over the Willamette.
- Traffic congestion as city grows.
- Traffic congestion during commutes.
- Traffic control
- Traffic control
- Traffic flow to avoid congestion
- Traffic flow-it too often takes 20-30 minutes to go from (N) Wilsonville to Charbonneau!! Consider a foot/bicycle crossing over the river so that the bike/park paths can be accessed w/o risk from highway. more non chain restaurants
- Traffic jams on Wilsonville Rd during rush hours.
- Traffic on I-5 accidents in Wilsonville area of freeway.
- Traffic problem going on to I-5 from Wilsonville Blvd south I 5.
- Transportation on the main arteries needs to expanded. Traffic patterns during peak hours need adjustment. We have more than enough affordable housing. We need to maintain a ratio that leans the other way, towards singe family dwellings and not more apartments.
- Watching the speed and traffic growth on SW Wilsonville Road. Traveling West, pass the Walgreens area intersection, continue to monitor speed near Morey’s Landing subdivision. Possibly consider a speed camera near that point.
- Wilsonville road has become a drag strip-on the east side-plus 18 wheel trucks using it as a short cut from I-5 to I-205 we have parks/schools/kids someone is going to get run over water all the speeding. Zero police patrol!
- With all the bldg-concern for traffic flow on Wilsonville Rd

City services, utilities, infrastructure, police and safety

- City government needs to focus on essential public services and restrain itself from trying to touch or control every aspect of life. Also, most of this survey could have included a column to indicate its importance thank you.
- Clean, safe, accessible affordable housing for seniors/disabled. Waiting lists are a year long or more, I experienced this challenge recently in looking for housing for my mother.
- Control of vandalism
- Cost of public services and getting people to vote for them.
- Crappy housing (Villebois) that is destroying the environment. That housing complex is a ghetto waiting to happen with houses that are 2 ft apart & no yard. The development destroyed at least 1 bald eagle's nest-birds that are federally protected! Affordable housing and decent housing to purchase (e.g. 3 bd house with a fenced yard) is a joke. No one wants to live in New York style brownstones listening to their neighbor's activities. Wilsonville has a ban on drive thru coffee places, yet we have a Redneck Sharis, bowling alley & a Goodwill. We are not Bridgeport Village, but we fare a bit better than Woodland. Wilsonville will be nothing more than on overpriced suburb of Portland with not much to offer residents. Only live here because I work here & refuse to commute. Mayor Tim had a prime opportunity to development Wilsonville into an outstanding city (look at Davis, Calif as on example)-yet he sold out to greedy developers like Villebois, I hope they all burn in hell & karma is swift.
- Health, safety and education, please do not over expand Wilsonville's city limits, its getting over crowed please keep drugs out of Wilsonville, and smoking
- Keep Wilsonville feeling safe & yet growing the economy bringing jobs to the city. As a senior I want to live in my home but taxes may become to much, if we don’t do something.
- Keeping crime under control. I would also like to see the city be more welcoming to large business. We missed out on as great opportunity to have Cabelas here.
• Keeping it safe and clean
• Keeping Wilsonville livable & safe
• Land use-maintaining natural environment
• Liveability
• Maintaining the quality of public services and utilities/transportation systems.
• Police services land use planning build bike/pedestrian bridge over Willamette river
• Public safety
• Public safety
• Public safety planning managing you over budget
• Reducing the price of living & water sewer services. It's getting outrageous. Also increase the police force. These teenagers are getting out of control. I’m starting to see an increase in gang related active located at Hathaway park.
• Safety! As this city grows, and with our access to interstate 5, safety is the biggest priority for this city!
• The quality of land use planning. The ratio of single family dwellings to apartments (we have too many apartments) Bring more small business to Wilsonville for shopping.
• The quality of water sources to the public. And developing roads that can accumulate traffic issue with growing population.
• We have lived in Wilsonville for 5 years and been pulled over by police 3 times for trivial things. I once was pulled over for having a headlight out during the day! I think the police in Wilsonville are a little ridiculous. For the 10 years prior to moving to Wilsonville neither me nor my wife were ever pulled over. We haven’t changed. Only the police have changed. The Wilsonville police need to tone it down a bit.
• Wish something could be done about people who let their cats room outside all the time! Just want to say the underpass at I-5 Wilsonville road is beautiful

Recreation, education, youth engagement

1. Public swimming pool/facility. 3. Add concession stand to Memorial Park to attract sports tournaments 2. Would like to see a regional sports complex that baseball/softball/soccer/lacrosse fields.
• ADA access to parks and rec. I am a single parent of 4 kids and use a wheel chair. I can’t get to the swings at Memorial Park to push my 7 year old. There is no ramp and wood chips don’t allow me to roll through. More ADA access for parks play areas, and trails please!
• Aquatic center-keeping Wilsonville a community where you feel safe and like everyone is your neighbor-bike walking path over Boones Bridge to get to Charbonneau.
• Building another middle school. Building a public swimming pool. Offering classes in trades to the high school curriculum.
• Education
• Education quality traffic
• Education, both child and adult
• Getting a community swimming pool. Auto access over the Willamette River! (not I-5) maintain the library & its programs.
• Getting the high school scenes back on track, more single family units b/c the home ownership rate in Wilsonville is too low for sustainability.
• Insuring high quality schools!
• Looking into the feasibility of a municipal pool. It’s the only thing missing.
• Overcrowding of schools. Need for swimming center. With provision for kids swim lessons.
• Pool parks and fields
• Pool? It would be great!
• Public pool. Spanish speaking catholic church
• Quality of middle school education and environment.
• Teenagers.
• With the huge increase in rental citizens, maintaining a high quality school system will be a challenge.
Other

- 1) Removing political affiliations from the city council. 2) Lobby for WES or Next Generation Rail to expand to Eugene via Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Woodburn if possible. Wilsonville was historically part of the Oregon electric line which ran 28 trains from Portland to Eugene a day. 3) Improving weekend and evening transportation buses and WES. To reduce traffic on Wilsonville road, minimize rush hour traffic and encourage economic growth. Allow OIT and CCC to expand their offering 4) MAJOR-real affordable housing for people to live where they work. Housing options where monthly rent is under $900 a month. Anything over that is unaffordable for families and individuals with a working salary. Family incomes have "flat lined" $60,000 doesn't mean anything 5) A local recreation center similar to the Gabriel Park recreation center. This would allow all families in Wilsonville to have access to low cost/affordable recreation and health improving activities including a swimming pool, skate park and all weather walking course. This would also make us a destination and help cover some of the costs. Thinks both outside the box and the nuts.
- Airport!!! I will in part sell my home and leave Wilsonville if this is not addressed! The quality or life in this city is about to be destroyed! Density of apartments quickly becoming an issue
- An effective city council where differences are acknowledged, debated, and dealt with honestly, rather than by ideological or political power coalitions. Appropriate role for churches in carrying out religious mission without trying to shape political civic agenda.
- Finding a way for private citizens to sell land as they need, but still keep the zoning.
- For the city to be livable, honest & affordable.
- Global takeover by the city government. If everywhere was like Wilsonville it would be an amazing world. Legalize something controversial to get us on the news.
- Improving diversity and maintaining long-term livability for citizens of all ages and interests. Also improving job growth to reduce commuting.
- Keeping the city an attractive place for retired people to live.
- Overall quality of natural environment Wilsonville!
- Please bring in a clinic that accepts Care Oregon. It is a huge hassle to have to go to Canby, Glad Stone, and Oregon City for my families needs.
- Preservation of the environment.
- Survey needs to be shorter, & more concise.
- Treating all people the same
- What a stupid waste of art to put that ceramics piece in the underpass. It's a beautiful piece, but deserves a better location. Then you blotted out the view with the decorative railing. Besides, that, it is unsafe - ogling it while negotiating the traffic lanes where people cut across lanes all the time is a hazard. What should we say? "Come to Wilsonville to tour our excessively decorated underpasses." It's ridiculous.
- Wilsonville city hall needs to treat homeowners as equal to developers. Not as 2nd class citizens. Just because we are new home owners does not give the city the right to ignore important input from its citizens on development issues. The city needs to change its attitude.

Taxes, budget, government spending

- 1) Getting the cost of water down in this city. People cannot effort these high costs. If we move the cost of water will be one big reason. 2) Building no more apartments we have so many now and it can cause so much traffic and we don’t want our city out of balance. We don’t want to become Tigard or Beaverton!!!
- Balanced budget-no deficit spending
- Budget reduction.
- Don’t raise my taxes. Govern within your means, prioritize needs & expenses
- Efficient, wise spending of taxpayers money including limiting size city gov. growth, focusing on the basics of education (3r’s) limiting school size of administration (3-4 principles @ W’ville high school!?) Clackamas County property taxes are going to drive us out of this area that we really love!
- Fair property taxes. We moved in from Beaverton (Washington County) last year. The property taxes in Wilsonville is really high. We hope the city control weeds at a dog park and sidewalks more.
- Honesty with citizens regarding how money is being spent on future citizens rather than current citizens. Common sense approach to building budgets reflecting private sector economic duress, Slowing the cost of services verses protecting city employee wage/benefit package. Enough!
• Keeping taxes at current level.
• Lower taxes
• Reduce size & cost of city government.
• Rent and property taxes more expensive here.

Don’t know/nothing

• All is great. Keeping it beautiful
• City is on track and the biggest priority will be to continue on track without wandering off track
• Continue as is
• Don’t know—just moved here in April 2014.
• I have no clue
• Keep on getting it done
• Maintaining good quality of living.
• No opinion comment: section 7: # 3 item & section 10: code enforcement: solicitors ignore our "no soliciting" sign on house, understand & permit from city needed to do so. True? Issue needs clarification as solicitors for business, products either do not know or ignore.
• Not my problem
• Not sure.