Larimer County Citizen Survey 2013
Analysis

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Executive Summary

The Larimer County 2013 Citizen Survey was conducted and analyzed February through April 2013. The purpose of the survey was to 1) continue to benchmark citizens' attitudes and opinions of County services, 2) identify any areas of concern, and, 3) assist the County Commissioners and managers in their budgeting processes.

The general findings from the survey are:

- Larimer County citizens remain enthusiastic about the County – this was determined by the high response rates to the surveys, plus the generally high performance ratings given.

- Performance of County services has slightly, although gradually, improved since 2002 when these benchmarks began.

- There is a great deal of stability in the data. That is, a pattern of ratings of high levels of importance and high performance levels has been seen for several years.

- Several social services provided by the County tended to rate lower in both importance and performance.

- The most important services offered by the County are providing Adequate Recycling and Landfills. Wildfire Protection, Restaurant Inspections and Conducting Elections were also seen as very important. The lowest rated services in importance are 4H, The Ranch, and Animal Control.

- Importantly, of the primary services (that is, important services) offered, most all perform very well.

- The performance of County services continued to be highly rated. The top performing services are Collecting Property Taxes, Conducting Voter Registration and Elections, and Recording and Maintaining Official Records.

- Regarding communications within the County, citizens continue to utilize electronic sources. In fact the Larimer County website is their most useful source for County information. They also find in-person Town Hall meetings to be very useful.

- Attitudes toward the County government and perceptions of Larimer County as a place to work and live can be considered moderate to good.

- An area of concern arose in that younger, poorer, residents that have not lived here long are finding social services to be more important than others find them to be.

- Looking forward, citizens think that environmental health is the most important thing for Larimer County to focus on.
The Survey

Purpose of the Survey

In order to have a good understanding of Larimer County citizens the County conducts periodic scans of its residents. The survey is part of the County’s overall information gathering plan and is one of several instruments used by Larimer County Commissioners and managers to inform decision making. The specific objectives of the survey are to:

• Determine the importance and performance of 32 individual services offered by the County.
• Determine general concerns of County citizens.
• Analyze changing trends in how citizens obtain information.
• Provide an observation point for comparison with previous benchmarks.
• Look forward to understand what citizens desire the County to focus on in the future.

Methodology

The survey was derived from previous surveys in order to maintain the benchmarking standards. The only substantial changes from previous years were, 1) modified attitudinal questions about how citizens perceived living and working in Larimer County; including their perceptions of the Larimer County government, and 2) added an open-end question regarding what citizens will find important in the future. See Appendix 1 (following p. 29) for the online survey.

Once the survey was designed, a telephone research firm was procured to recruit respondents. See Appendices for the telephone script used by the callers (following the online survey). At the end of each calling day the results of the recruitment were sent to the researcher. All respondents were promised anonymity and confidentiality, and that their names/addresses would not be used for any further contact.

The telephone research firm randomly called Larimer County citizens based on two lists generated to reflect the geographic distribution of residents within the county. One list was a list of land line phone numbers, the second list contained cell phone numbers. The caller asked the respondent if they would agree to fill out the survey. If the respondent agreed their e-mail address was taken. After the address was taken it was confirmed by the callers for accuracy. Then a mailing from the researcher sent each potential respondent a URL for the respondent to log on to (see Appendices). This URL provided access to the online survey.

Residents took the survey via an online survey tool known as Qualtrics. Once completed, citizens submitted the data, which went to a secure server. From there the researcher accessed the data for tabulation, coding, and analysis. Three reminder emails were sent to only those respondents who had not submitted the completed survey.
Regarding response, 706 requests were emailed and 426 submitted full responses for a response rate of 60%. The response rate is very high.

Description of Sample

When the survey data was returned the cell phone sample data was pooled with the landline sample data. The large sample size contributes to smaller margins of error. The effective margins of error (MOE varies per item) for this study were approximately ±3% based on the typical margin equation\(^1\).

Regarding the sample makeup it can be summarized as follows:

- 51% male, 49% female
- Average home size of 2.5 people (including respondent)
- Average tenure in County of 23 years
- 67% of the sample lives inside of the city limits and 33% lives in unincorporated areas of the County.
- 94% Caucasian

Regarding zip code representation:

\[ e = z \sqrt{pq/n} \]
Regarding income:

- More than $150,000: 14%
- $100,000 - $150,000: 22%
- $50,000 - $100,000: 36%
- $15,000 - $50,000: 25%
- Less than $15,000: 3%
Regarding age:

- Less than 18: 1%
- 18-40: 15%
- 41-64: 52%
- More than 64: 32%
Regarding education:

- College graduate: 36%
- Graduate degree: 35%
- Some college: 22%
- High school: 7%

Importantly, after consulting the demographics section of Larimer County Compass it was deemed that this is a representative sample.
The Importance of County Services

Respondents were given a list of 32 services provided by the County and asked to rate each service based on how important it was perceived to be. These importance ratings were compiled and the results are reported in Table 1, p. 22. They are listed in the order asked. We demonstrate this graphically in the figure on p. 9.

As demonstrated in the figure, the most important services are, generally, those that have to do with keeping safe and healthy (Wildfire Protection, Restaurant Inspections, Law Enforcement), and performing basic County services (Conducting Elections, Processing Criminal Cases). The most important county service is Solid Waste Management and Recycling. The least important services are Animal Control, Operating the Ranch, and 4H and related services.

We also examined the importance of County services in total. That is, we took the average of “Not so important,” “Important,” and “Highly important.” This figure is reported on p. yyy. We note that most of the responses (87.6%) scored the services as either “Important” or “Highly important.” This indicates that Larimer County is providing services, for the most part, that citizens find useful.

Importance of Services by Demographic Group

It is important to look at how importance of services is affected by group differences. To do so we took median splits (approximately 50% above and 50% below) and examined statistical differences in groups. We found the following (see Table 2 on p. 24)?

City Limit. As expected, services are rated at different levels of importance based on where people live, either inside or outside of the city limits. Those that live outside the city limits rate services as more important that are only provided by the County (as those, such as fire protection, maintaining County roads and bridges, and law enforcement, that are provided by both City and County). Those that live inside city limits found services to be more important that were more social based (Public Health, Helping the Hard-to-Employ).

Age. We split the data at 40 years old. Those under 40 are more interested in many social services (Public Health, Helping the Hard-to-Employ, Providing Employment and Training) and recreation (Maintaining Parks and Open Lands) while those 40 and over are interested primarily in safety issues (Operating the Jail, Prosecuting Criminal Cases, Law Enforcement) and conducting everyday County business (Property Taxes, Registering Voters, Recording and Maintaining Official Records).

Income. There are differences in those making $100,000 or more and those making less than $100,000. As expected, on the lower income end social services are deemed more important (Public Health, Supporting Long Term Care for the Needy) and those on the higher income end are more focused on other issues (Operating the Jail, Zoning Enforcement).

Education. Those without college degrees are more interested in Supporting Long Term Care for the Needy, Supporting Veterans, and Supporting Senior Citizens. Those with college degrees are more interested in safety (Law Enforcement), recreation (Maintaining Parks and Open Lands), transportation (Coordinating and Planning Future Transportation) and the everyday workings of the County (Zoning Enforcement and Registering Voters).
Figure: Importance of Larimer County Services from Most to Least Important (1=Not so important, 2=Important, 3=Highly important; red lines represent services performed only outside the city limits).
Figure: Importance of Total Larimer County Services
The Performance of County Services

Citizens were asked to rate whether the 32 county services were performed “inadequately,” “adequately,” or “better than required.” In order to provide as full an understanding as possible regarding performance of county services we consider multiple views of performance. All of the results can be found in Table 3 (p. 27). This is demonstrated graphically in the figure on the next page (the red bars represent services performed outside of the city limits).

**Overall Adequacy.** To consider overall adequacy we combine the “adequate” score with the “better than required” score (another way to look at this is “not inadequate”). In total, 20 of the 32 services analyzed (63%) scored 90% or above in overall accuracy, an outstanding number.

**Inadequacy.** Regarding inadequate services, there were several, but fortunately, none that were rated to be quite important. Most concerning are: Mental Health Services for Criminal Offenders, Detoxification Services, and Communications Services.

**Better than Required.** While there are some problems with services performed inadequately, others are performed better than they are required. The services most evaluated as having been performed better than required were: Wildfire Protection, Solid Waste Management, Maintaining Parks and Recreation Areas, and Conducting Elections. Most of those services are also ranked high in importance, suggesting Larimer County is especially careful to provide adequate service levels to the most important areas.

We summarize by examining the overall performance of services performed in the County (see figure on p. 13). As the figure demonstrates the news is good. Only 10.2% of services are rated inadequate. Finally, the figure on p. 14 shows performance broken down by service and performance category.
Collecting taxes
Conducting elections
Keeping records
Coroner
Public health
Solid waste mgmt.
Wildfire protection
Parks and recreation
Operating The Ranch
operating the jail
Restaurant inspections
Vehicle registration
law enforcement
Land use planning
4H and related services
Processing criminal cases
Nontrad land use mgmt
Animal control
Property taxes
Roads and bridges
Alternatives to jail
Senior citizen services
Future transportation
Veterans’ services
Med care for those in need
Child protection
Helping hard-to-employ
Enforcing child support
Employment services
Juveniles in conflict
Communications
Detoxification services
Ment. health for crim. off.

Figure: Performance of Larimer County Services (% Adequate plus % Better than required; Red lines represent services performed outside city limits only).
Figure: Performance of Overall Larimer County Services
In order from most inadequate to least inadequate

Figure: Performance of Larimer County Services
The Importance and Performance of County Services

We examine the combination of importance and performance graphically. The figure (p. 16) shows the top 10 importance and performance of services. These are arrayed in a 2x2 matrix, which demonstrates where these lie. In a perfect world the most important services would all be rated as the highest in performance (top right hand box). The worst result is too have the important services rated as poor in performance (top left hand box). As is shown, most of the high importance items are highest in performance, and most of the least important items are lowest in performance.

We also note that services, both in their rated importance and performance, have been stable over time, with a slight upswing in performance (see figure on p. 17).
Figure: Importance and Performance of Larimer County Services
Figure: Importance and Performance of Larimer County Services Over Time (Importance based on 1=Not important, 2=Important and 3=Highly important; Performance based on % Adequate and % Better than required).
Quality of Life in Larimer County

Four questions were modified from last year’s survey to ask citizens about their overall impressions of the County. This resulted in a “global” representation of the County, different from rating individual services. Individual questions asked about citizens’ impressions of, 1) the direction in which Larimer County is headed, 2) the County as a place to work, 3) the overall quality of life in the County, and, 4) the confidence citizens have in County government.

As the figure indicates, perceptions of the quality of life in the County might be described as moderate. On one hand, the scores are tricky to interpret because there is no benchmark for comparison. For instance, without a reference point a mean of 4.3 is not completely relevant. Even so, these scores indicate that improvement can be made. As it stands it is too early to make substantive decisions based on the findings.

Figure: Attitudes About Larimer County (1=strongly disagree; 5=Strongly agree)
Information Acquisition in Larimer County

Every two years we explore how easy it is for County residents to access information about the County, and what tools they use to access the information. As can be seen below, citizens find it relatively easy to access information about the County.

We are also interested to know which sources of information, for instance, the County website and newspapers, are the most useful to Citizens. As expected the Larimer County website is the most useful source of information for citizens followed by public meetings. The least useful sources of information were social media sites.

Figure: Usefulness of Sources in Gaining Information About Larimer County (1=Not useful, 3=Useful)
Future Considerations

A new question concerning what citizens thought the Larimer County Commissioners should focus resources on in the future was added to the survey. Citizens were asked to list “the top three to five things Larimer County should focus on in the future.” This allowed citizens to consider all the services provided by the County and the direction in which the County should move.

There were a very wide range of answers (see final Appendix). Trends included:

- Promote jobs and employment opportunities
- Law enforcement
- Mental health issues
- Protection of open spaces
- Building and maintenance of County roads
- Provision of social services
- Wildfire protection
Summary

Things remain good. As it was the last time the survey was executed, citizens remain quite satisfied with the way the County is run. There are always a few areas which could stand improvement, but by and large, citizens are happy. Performance ratings are very high for most services offered by the County and citizens see most all services offered by the County as important.

Positive Performance Trendline. Comparing the performance of Larimer County Services over the past 11 years indicates that the performance of such services is gradually improving. It has gradually increased from 85% in 2002 (service performed adequate or better than required) to 90% in 2013.

Protection of Open Spaces. Protection of open spaces was seen as the most important concern when citizens looked out into the future. Open end comments indicated their passion for open areas, parks, and recreation. They are concerned about maintaining such spaces and about encroaching development into the spaces.
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Providing extension services such as research-based information and education in nutrition, financial management, 4-H and agricultural practices

|                     | 35.0 | 45.9 | 19.1 |

Providing advocacy information and referral services for senior citizens

|                     | 20.9 | 52.9 | 26.2 |

Recording and maintaining official records such as real estate deeds and marriage licenses

|                     | 7.3  | 47.1 | 45.6 |

Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ

|                     | 25.1 | 46.8 | 28.1 |

Collecting property taxes and keeping records of property tax bills and payments

|                     | 6.4  | 45.6 | 48.0 |

Providing alternatives to jail such as work release programs, community service, and home detention

|                     | 11.4 | 53.1 | 35.5 |

Providing a temporary place for juveniles in conflict with law enforcement or in conflict with their families

|                     | 10.7 | 54.3 | 35.0 |

Providing medical investigation of all deaths not resulting from natural causes

|                     | 10.9 | 54.0 | 35.1 |

Establishing and enforcing child support orders

|                     | 9.5  | 45.4 | 45.1 |

Providing foster care, adoption, and other child protection services

|                     | 6.4  | 45.9 | 47.7 |

Providing substance abuse and detoxification services

|                     | 20.9 | 54.2 | 24.9 |
Table 2: Importance of Services: Group Differences

**PANEL A: Those living inside city limits vs. those living outside city limits**

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**PANEL B: Those under 40 vs. those 40 and over**

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Collecting property taxes and keeping records of property tax bills and payments

Responding to non-city public safety problems and enforcing laws

Maintaining parks and open lands such as Horsetooth Reservoir and The Devil's Backbone

**PANEL C: Those making less than $100,000 vs. those making $100,000 or more***

Providing public health services such as immunization clinics, tracking infectious disease, home visits, and health screenings

Operating the jail for all of Larimer County (including the cities in the county)

Supporting long term care and providing medical and financial assistance to those in need

Communicating with residents about county services

Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ

Providing land use planning, zoning enforcement, and building inspections

**PANEL D: Those without college degrees vs. those with college degrees***

Providing landfills, recycling programs, and other solid waste management systems (not including trash collection)

Supporting long term care and providing medical and financial assistance to those in need

Providing support services to military veterans

Registering voters and conducting elections
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*Only significant differences are listed. Scores are means based on 1=Not so important; 2=Important, 3=Highly important; groups are compared based on independent samples t-test (t=(\bar{x}_a-\bar{x}_b)) at p≤.10*
Table 3: Performance of Services

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Recording and maintaining official records such as real estate deeds and marriage licenses & 1 & 85 & 14  
Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ & 21 & 66 & 13  
Collecting property taxes and keeping records of property tax bills and payments & 1 & 83 & 16  
Providing alternatives to jail such as work release programs, community service, and home detention & 12 & 71 & 17  
Providing medical investigation of all deaths not resulting from natural causes & 1 & 86 & 13  
Providing foster care, adoption, and other child protection services & 17 & 71 & 12  
Establishing and enforcing child support orders & 35 & 59 & 6  
Providing a temporary place for juveniles in conflict with law enforcement or in conflict with their families & 21 & 66 & 13  

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Finally, what are the top three to five things Larimer County should focus on in the future?

Agriculture
- Strong support for the farming and ranching communities.
- Protect Agricultural Lands in the County
- Limited growth initiatives like Boulder County that favor agriculture
- Loss of farm land/agriculture
- Better communication to the ranchers and farmers to have the chance to promote our craft such as the venue "BE LOCAL".
- Enforce to the ranchs and small communities.

Agriculture
The change in demands of the citizenry. Larimer County is no longer an agricultural based economy. Also agriculture is a big business enterprise and no longer family oriented. Agriculture should have to meet the requirements of any other enterprise.

Animal Control
- When reporting a barking dog of a neighbor's, if it's behind a fence, how can one describe the dog to the Larimer Humane Society if the fence is six foot tall? A nuisance barking dog is a nuisance barking dog when someone is working nights and trying to sleep during the day, or when you have had a life-threatening surgery and are trying to recover from it and need rest.

Animal Control
- Animal control to pick up stray dogs & cats
- Improve animal control services.
- Encouraging new business in Larimer County.

Business
- Recruiting and encouraging the relocation of businesses to the county that provide highly stable and employee friendly work environments.
- Smart commercial growth- attracting the right type of employers with tax/zoning incentives.

Business
- Attracting clean businesses that need a highly educated workforce.
- Do not make doing business so hard that the business will locate somewhere else, and then you wonder where the tax income went.

Business
- Work to bring in more businesses. As far as I know or have experienced, I think Larimer County does a good job. I'm sorry my answers are not very helpful but I'm not very "involved" outside of my home, with my neighbors, my church and in the City of Fort Collins.

Business
- Helping small business
- Diverse Business opportunities

Children/Youth
- child health
- Caring for the children of the county to protect them from child abuse and being killed by care givers.

Children/Youth
- Child Protection
- Improved Child protective agency

Children/Youth
- children
- Enforcement of Child Support

Children/Youth
- Children's health
- Work with at risk youth to prevent further problems

Children/Youth
- Youth Activities including young mothers and proactive young fathers
- Services to underprivileged youth

Children/Youth
- I feel that focusing on teen pregnancy, teen drug use, teen school dropouts, teen violence and teen job skills will have significant impact on future issues in Larimer County. Good luck to all of you.

Children/Youth
- Youth Development
- sending out more information about services provided, available to the public of Larimer County.

Communication
- Better communication and services to the southern part of the county.

Communication
- better information
- places for information
- more public notices

Communication
- Social Media
- Communication to the public by press release of line items in the county budget.

Communication
- Better communication services, easier access & understanding of the services.

Communication
- mailing information to rural homes
- be highly responsive to citizen input

Communication
Most of the changes and improvements I see are directly related to Fort Collins and not necessarily county-wide changes. In fact, I'm hard pressed to name anything that the county has tackled since we moved here 11 years ago, besides organizing people and activities around fire events. I definitely appreciated the information and the timeliness of the county website at that point. But when I'm looking for information, I more often check out the city website rather than the county.

Communication
- Web site is awesome for property info. CSFS is really helpful.

Communication
- Thanks for the many fine county services, such as the website.

Community
Community events are still very important.

Community
- Community building through education programs
- families.

Community
- Maintaining good communities
Community Gardens, to eat locally, benefiting our overall health as a community.

Continue to keep this city a desirable place to live for all ages as I have discovered being here for twelve years.

Recreation/Community Center in Estes Park.

County Fair Moving State Fair from Pueblo to the Ranch in Loveland

County Fair Crime low crime

Crime monitoring illegal activity in and around public housing in lower income areas

Crime criminals

Crime keeping the crime rate down.

Crime crime prevention and community safety

Crime Lessen crime, such as graffiti. We do not need this to start in our area

Crime Managing growth issues such as crime

Crime Process criminal charges based on the severity of the crime instead of its monetary value.

Crime Crime

Crime keeping an eye on gang activities

Crime Keeping our county free of gang violence.

Drug Drugs and marijuana usage

Drug Iron out and carefully deal with the cannabis law

Drug marijuana laws, usage and how to protect citizens

Drug Substance abuse

Drug Restrict drug/marijuana sales

Drug Substance Abuse

Drug Alcohol detox and treatment

Education non-traditional education options for kids who don’t fit the typical classroom model

Education strong support for K - 12 education funding

Education make our school system the best in Colorado.

Education Education

Education schools

Education Schools

Education Ensure security for public schools

Education education of services to the people, county labor crews for inmates program.

Education Education

Education How to increase our ability to educate from Pre-school to College age folks

Education Schools

Education quality of schools and education for everyone

Education Public education

Education SCHOOLS

Education More educational programs for children

Education keeping our schools academically competitive

Education getting the students more involved.

Education schools

Education Education

Education Education

Employment Employment

Employment Enticing high quality jobs to the area.

Employment jobs

Employment Jobs for youth

Employment Jobs

Employment I would like the county to hire more employees even if it means higher taxes or fees.

work related issues, including developing entrepreneurial and small businesses that begin here; balancing the protection of high quality of life and open space with bringing in new companies i.e., intelligent growth); and structured programs for young adults to help them transition into full-time, fulfilling work that pays enough for them to be independent (and pay taxes, too!).

Making it easier for businesses to start up in Larimer County

Creating more jobs

Jobs-finding and keeping them

Support the employees you have so they can get their job done, less interference and more support

The availability of jobs in Larimer County is horrible. I have a job, but am not happy with it at all and have had a seriously hard time being able to find a new one, to the point that I haven’t even been accepted into another. And I know several other people who have had the same issue.

Initiatives that promote jobs and employment

Jobs

The economy and job creation

Finding people jobs, like the felons or kids out of high school and elderly who are able to work.

Jobs

low unemployment

employment

partnering with other governments, educational institutions and private organizations to create and maintain jobs

Providing our citizens opportunities to learn and thrive

job training

Get more industry and manufacturing companies to locate here.

job creation/employment opportunities/ competitive employers

Employment Services

Job creation
Employment
aggressively work to maintain employment opportunities
Employment
Job creation
Employment
Jobs
Employment
jobs,jobs,jobs
Employment
Jobs: Hosting Job Fairs at the Budwieser Event Center.
Employment
Job creation and supporting Innovation (small business assistance/tax relief)
Employment
Job preparation
Employment
lowering regulations to help job creation.
Employment
Develop diverse economic jobs (Larimer County may be a great place to work, but I wouldn't know - I've driven to Boulder County to find work the last 5 of 7 years).

Energy
Alternative Energy
Energy
Set rules and guidelines for such "new energy" projects such as fracking, wind and solar farms, etc.
Energy
Promote alternative energy use; rebates for adding solar panels, offering wind generated electricity, selling low-cost solar panels for homeowners.
Energy
Building, promoting and financially assisting adoption of clean, renewable energies.
Energy
Safe oil & natural gas extraction
Energy
increasing and improving public access to water resources and abundance of natural resources
Energy
Regulation of oil wells and mining location and smel
Energy
Precious Resources including water, land and oil
Energy
set an example for solar energy
Energy
Sustainability
Energy
develope sustainable homes for income qualifying
Energy
Alternative/Sustainable Power and Smart Grid technologies
Environment
Mitigating the pollution that occurs.
Environment
air quality, etc.
Environment
air quality
Environment
Environment
I would like the county to maintain high environmental standards through services and education
Environment
Preventing the destruction of our environment by fracking, over development, and electromagnetic pollution through cell towers, power lines, and smart meters. I encourage our county officials to read the Bioinitiative Report 2012 along with other EMF articles at www.electricsense.com.
Environment
Find a way to get the windmill ? servicing Ft. Collins
Environment
Managing population growth
Environment
Resisting the lure of development of oil and gas without doing a true cost/benefit analysis that looks at time frames beyond the "boom" years. Our water, air and land in Larimer County are truly priceless and once ruined, unlikely to be repaired in many generations.
Environment
Taking an active role in working on multi jurisdictional ways of reducing our carbon output and adapting to effects of climate change in ways that are forward thinking, innovative and inclusive of all Larimer County residents.
Environment
How to manage the burned areas for environmental issues
Environment
envirorment air quality
Environment
Care of the environment
Environment
Environmental sustainability Regulations
Environment
Maintain environmental health of county owned lands
Fees
charge more for outside county participants that attend events at the events center such as concerts eagles ggames ect.
Fees
access to ranch arena for indoor horse riding in wither (charge a fee)
Fees
Permits to use county parks and recreation lands are too expensive to county residents. I seldom use them do to extreem cost. Family gatherings at Hermit park has a daily car fee for each car in addition to cabin fees. That really runs up the total cost.
Fees
Can we have at 14east some parks that don't require parking fees each time?
Fees
Create an affordable park pass that covers booth Lory State Park and Horsetooth Park.
Financial
ECONOMY
Financial
Cut spending and get rid of unnecessary programs.
Financial
Stop spending money on purchasing open space that is not used and cannot be maintained and spend that money on the school system.
Financial
Stop dumping money into schools for things like the Fort Collins High School tower, paving the Rocky Mountain parking lot, expensive name brand computers instead of generic brands, bronze logos like is on the grade school building on Taft Hill, and use the resources for things that may, MAY improve the education of our students, and TEACH THEM RIGHT FROM WRONG AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.
Financial
Law enforcement, e.g., traffic, animal control, water & air quality.
Financial
Keep expenditures well controlled
Financial
Fiscal sanity - not spending on areas that unnecessary.
Financial
Carefully watch county budget
Financial
More sources of income for the city that doesn't include my taxes.
Financial
Maintain a budget that creates a rainy day fund and lives within it's means
Financial
reduce unnecessary spending
Financial
concentrate budgeting more on basic services, not "fluff"
Financial
There is entirely too much speeding on major roads.
Financial
Comparisons of county bugets growth compared to population numbers for past and future years.
prioritizing expenditures
Stay within budget.
Cost control
Budget
Fire protection
Provide adequate fire and police service outside city limits.
Fire safety issues
Fire prevention
Fire control
Fire training and top-notch equipment.
Fire issues
Fire safety from fires
Strong laws preventing fracking and oil/gas development too close to residences
Monitoring air and water pollution (primarily from fracking)
Continue vigilance and research into fracking and oil rigs. Keep the houses away from these—especially since in most cases the oil rights were being used before subdivisions were permitted
Limiting fracking and other gas/oil mining
Protection of natural resources, including prevention of practices that yield short term solutions with very long term environmental degradation. (fracking leaps to mind).

Maintain a comprehensive and future thinking zoning plan including the impact of the oil & gas drilling frenzy on the quality of life and property values of those in the county. We are considering moving out of Larimer County (and it certainly won’t be to Weld County) because of the potential of a gas well being drilled on our 35-acre residential (not zoned agricultural) horse property. I don’t believe fracking is harmless to our health (read some of studies out of Duke University) and it uses a tremendous amount of water.

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Larimer County should issue annual licenses for fracking. Should a fracking company be found to violate air and water quality standards of the State, pollute the environment, or damage property values of county residents, the renewal of their annual license shall be withheld until compliance standards are met. On an annual basis, 10% of net sales should be held in escrow for the life of a fracking well or pump to be used to compensate State, County and residents for violations of air and water quality standards, spills, cleanups and remediations, and loss of property value of residents. Unused escrow is to be returned to the fracking company within 5 years of cessation of activity of a particular pump or well and returning the site to pre-fracking conditions (including removal of all equipment and pipes, removal of contaminated soil, capping and landscaping).

Banned fracking!
Limit or keep out fracking for oil.
Stop oil and gas, exploration; Do not allow fracking close to neighborhoods.
Natural resource mining issues. Provide fair, objective oversight ie. oil and other mineral explorations that are on the increase in county. Advocacy for citizens.

I think you are moving in the right direction / Thanks
keep up the good work.
The County is doing things right. In my experience, personnel are effective and courteous, including sheriff deputies, county clerks, and landfill.

I do believe you are doing the best job you can with the limited resources available.
Less government
Responsive government
Smaller government, balanced budget, less regulations,
Reduce overall government control
Close cooperation with city government.
Voting, property & vehicle handling systems maintenance & improvement
Smaller government.
Maintaining adequate law
Nonpartisan governance.
Generally removing as much government interference and regulation from each citizen’s life as possible.
Stop micro managing everything.
Reduce regulations
Future Developments & Growth
Economic development
Community development
Economic development other than agriculture
Develop an openness to growth in population that is coming and prepare for it
Growth planning
Manage growth
Growth
Positive attitude with the growth of downtown Loveland and giving the info to the general public.
Controlled growth
Overdevelopment
A detailed plan on continued Growth in the county
Growth
Growth/Development
Smart growth, not too many houses or condos in one area.

Impact of growth

Local Food Producer support and growth

Maintain logical development plans as the County continues rapid growth.

Don't get too caught up in population growth projections. I realize that the County population has shown historical growth, however the earth is overpopulated and is due for a correction. Our state cannot support the additional 10,000,000 people that projections predict. We don't have the water or other infrastructure to support it. Also people don't want it. These projections should be tempered to allow for a moderate growth and the county should plan accordingly.

City Growth
Common sense gun control: assault rifles should not be permitted, nor should the ammunition be available, and law makers should not jump to conclude (or cause the public to conclude) that all calls for guns control are attacks on hunters and people who want home protection.

Getting the Sheriff to enforce gun laws
work with others to get rid of assault weapons

ELIMINATE GUN FREE ZONES

Gun control. No need for assault rifles and large magazines in Larimer County. And to demand back ground checks on all purchases and transactions of guns. I support the 2nd amendment, but I do not believe our forefathers meant for us to have military assult guns in the general population. If these people want to have them then they should join the military and go to war.

Health Care Services
Health Care Services

quality and availability of health care for all....

medical assistance

Health Care (preventive and screening)

housing

affordable housing

Planning for and controlling industrial and housing development activities related to the county's increasing population.

ENFORCEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS AND HOUSING RULES WITH MULTIPLE FAMILIES AT SAME RESIDENCE.

Housing and jobs for people below the poverty line

Provide housing and jobs for those who are homeless and want help, especially veterans.

Creating more affordable homes to buy.

Creating more affordable homes to rent.

Maintaining quality infrastructure.

infrastructure

Sustainable and safe growth (infrastructure, fire/emergency response)

Infrastructure (roads, etc...)

Keeping our infrastructure strong ( and it can be paid for without selling water)- roads - ect.

Maintain infrastructure

strong infrastructure.

infrastructure maintenance

maintaining the county infrastructure

Maintenance of infrastructure

maintenance of infrastructure

Have the infrastructure in place before cramming people in one area. I.E. waiting until hundreds of new homes are built before addressing the traffic problems that comes with it. Look at all the building going on between Timberline and West of Zach school on Kechter Rd. No improvements to any roads to address all of the new congestion of traffic. Ridiculous.

Building safety

Improve infrastructure

Construction

Alternatives to jail

altrenatives to jail and jail operation

reducing Jail population

Jail, jail , jail

Jails

Jails

getting funding for the jail

Correction facilities.

Decrease the size of the jail

Having enough deputies to safely manage the jail

jail facilities (and keeping people out of them - preventive measures)

court system

The lack of regulation in the justice system.

Criminal justice

Clean up the court system - it is dangerous. Citizens should not have to fear law enforcement and the judicial system.

Criminal Justice System

Expedite Court Proceedings

Re-think many judicial processes.
Justice System

Land Use
- maintenance of all public areas
- land use planning & coordination with taxing units
- Land use
- Land use and enforcement of sanitary codes
- Land development and water.
- Land use
- Land usage
- Responsible public land use by the public
- Land use / zoning management
- Land use issues to preserve the beauty of the county

Restricting the use of good agricultural land for building projects (housing or commercial) - make use of unimproved land only, or land pre-used but on which the structures (houses or commercial property) could be condemned and the land re-used.

Law Enforcement
- Law enforcement
- Essential services such as law enforcement
- Continuing to support Sheriff Smith and his good LCSO that we are fortunate to have
- Law enforcement
- Ensure we support our law enforcement personnel as they deal with local and state laws pertaining to marijuana that conflict with Federal Laws.
- Law enforcement
- Continue to support Sheriff Smith and his good LCSO that we are fortunate to have
- Police training and top-notch equipment
- Remind Sheriff of distinction between "political" and law enforcement issues
- Deputy patrols in northern part of County, non-city law enforcement
- Provide the tools and man power to help law enforcement do their jobs.
- Less Law Enforcement!
- Maintain appropriate coverage including rural areas / law enforcement:

Mental Health
- Mental health care, including transitional care (and preventative care) for those at-risk of incarceration or who have been incarcerated.
- Improved mental health, substance abuse treatment
- Mental health issues
- Mental health
- Mental health care for those who cannot afford costly treatment
- Housing, and Mental Health Services
- Mental health
- Better mental health facilities
- Mental Health availability
- Mental health
- Mental Illness care / treatment
- Mental Health Services - providing mental health services for all, regardless of capability of paying
- Mental health services
- Mental health
- Mental Health
- Mental health determination processes and solutions
- Being good stewards of our beautiful land

Open Space
- Maintaining natural space and trails so residents can enjoy Colorado's landscapes.
- Natural areas
Maintaining public land and natural resources

Open space

Open space care: Larimer County open spaces and hiking areas have the best-kept facilities I’ve ever seen, and I hope that continues!

Open space

open space trails (bikes, hiking, walking, horseback riding), openspace, and related, including issues of access, maintenance, expansion, connectivity, and safety.

Open space

Open Space management and even growth

Open Space

We love Larimer County. Great job maintaining the open spaces and reservoirs.

Open Space

Continued access to open space for those who want to hike, bike, etc.

Open Space

Open space

Open space

Increase natural areas and maintenance.

Open space management

Open Space

Maintaining and expanding open space/natural areas/farmland preservation

Open Space

preserving open space

Open Space

preserving our open and natural spaces- and when it can be done, get more.

Open Space

Preservation of open space.

Open Space

Land preservation and open space

Open Space

Control of Open Space in regard to new developments

Open Space

preservation of open space

Open Space

open space.

Open Space

Preserving open space and natural areas.

Open Space

Land use and open space preservation.

Open Space

Maintaining and adding to open space.

Open Space

Securing more open space.

Open Space

continue forward looking ideas on open space

Open Space

Preserving open spaces/parks

Open Space

Continue Open Space planning and acquisition

Open Space

Land Management including Open Spaces

Open Space

Planning of open space and land development

Open Space

Preserving and maintaining Open Space is a very high priority for me. Boulder County sets an excellent example.

Open Space

Open space and block suburbanization of county

Open Space

Open land maintenance

Open Space

Public lands. Open space. Parks and rec areas

Open Space

Land use to preserve open space

Open Space

open space

Open Space

Open land acquisition and maintenance

Open Space

open space

Open Space

OPEN SPACE

Maintaining open space/parks but don’t acquire open space that will cost the county to maintain but largely can’t be used by the public, i.e. Roberts Ranch.

Open Space

Open Space and land preservation

Open Space

Open space preservation. Encourage common sense planning, i.e. cluster building development

Open Space

keeping up with open space program and new chances to expand the lands

Open Space

Increase Open space

Open Space

Open Space

balanced with conservation of open spaces

Open Space

Continue to preserve open spaces.

Open Space

Acquire open space as needed

Providing affordable use of open space and tee areas. Hermit Park for example for $24 a night with virtually no amenities. I have camped in many Federal campgrounds, some with water electric and flush toilets for a lot less money. I can go many places in Colorado and “dry camp” and it is free. I was very pleased when the County bought Hermit Park, but because of the rates will now never use it.

Lower park user fees in line with services provided--many people in the county can’t afford the park fees and are therefore excluded from their use--this is not right.

Open Space

Protection of open spaces

Open Space

Make open space area regulations less stringent--lighten up a little and use more common sense. Give the citizens of Larimer some credit for using their heads.

Open Space

The Ranch events

Other

Downtown Loveland with more to do, shopping and entertainment.

Other

City planning

Other

Making Estes Park a better place for young people and young families to live.

Other

Getting state representatives that represent Larimer County and not other counties (i.e. Boulder county).

I’ve recently been trying to get information on when vine urine, which is an accident waiting to happen when it comes to massie schoolers commuting to and from school, is going to get sidewalks. But despite searching, I’m at a loss on where to go for that information. The pages I’ve found weren’t by the county and were mostly just hearsay that people were posting to their blogs. I don’t even know if Vine Drive (which is in large part surrounded by county land, not city land) is even a county road or a city road. And I can’t figure out where to go to get that information either.

The county should not get involved in social/welfare issues that can be handled by non-profit organizations (even those that are faith-based).

Other

are there county maps available ??

Other

fighting
Other

Although I have my complaints, I choose to live in Larimer County.

Other

"Light-touch" as opposed to heavy-handed

Other

And possibly a preserve class to help us through our harsh winters.

Other

I cannot do.

Other

Getting large events into our county.

Other

Refusing to allow the stadium to move so close to the city. These dollars could be put to better use.

Other

Require all county employees to help fund their own retirement, ie. 401 K's instead of defined benefit plans

Other

Keeping the forest roads open - or re-open when possible (Kelly Flats) - so the 4-wheeling families can ride and see the natural habitat.

Other

The north end of Fort Collins still needs work to present that entrance to Ft Collins better.

Other

I don't have an opinion.

Other

Firing people that are toxic to the county and coworkers

Other

Keeping trash, junk cars out of people's view and regulated as not to degrade neighbors values.

Other

It is the dishonesty and power-hungry bullies in the county that causes a blight on this beautiful place.

Other

They need to focus on what the majority says rather than their own personal religious viewpoint.

Other

Creating citizen review boards that do not consist of relatives and cronies of the agencies being reviewed.

Other

Do not issue building permits for buildings/homes on ridgelines.

Other

Expanding Centerra

Other

Cleaning up north Fort Collins and old town

Other

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Other

Supporting faith based programs to deal with social problems

Other

Creating a source of representation for ordinary citizens, that will stand up for their rights when threatened by big business, etc.

Other

Elections

Other

City planning

Other

Customer Service lessons to the DMV

Other

Continue doing what the has been doing. I do not have any complaints with the limited services I use.

Other

DUI issues

Other

Working collaboratively with municipalities

Other

School security, and by this I mean how the teachers treat the students, how the school's system works, and the disciplinary way of

Other

voting process is great, don't screw it up.

Other

Better oversight in open land burning.

Other

Not issuing building permits for buildings/homes on ridgelines.

Other

Working with the cities to find ways to save money by cooperating on maintenance and capital projects

Other

Keep large-scale platting applications requiring deposit for utility extension early on.

Other

I'd say focusing on areas that should be covered by the county and relinquish control of things that can be overseen by private

companies.

Other

Do not implement agenda 21

Other

Race Relations in their own workplace.

Other

Keep pet projects in control.

Other

I don't have an opinion.

Other

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companies.
Turning large county parks over to state.

Protecting our state/local parks

Limit growth of parks and open lands

Maintaining roads

improving parks and public open space access

park services

RECREATION

Parks

Parks and recreational facilities.

Parks

Public Health

HEALTH AND WELFARE OF RESIDENT S

Health services.

Health Services for all in need

Health services

Health Services

Quality of Life

Quality of Life

Protecting and maintaining quality of the Colorado lifestyle:

quality of life.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Preserving the high quality of life (safety, good streets, cleanliness, short commutes, good restaurants and shopping, beautification, and other amenities) while improving the economic base and helping those who need it to find employment, food and shelter.

Expand recycling program.

establish county wide recycling pick up, that is included in our taxes 5 cent can, plastic bottle or glass bottle return

continue the superb programs of recycling

Recycling

RECYCLING

The recycling opportunities are wonderful -- keep up the good work (in Fort Collins at least... are these city or county services?).

Continue to offer community recycle programs and options to reduce waste.

Roads

Roads and bridges

Roads

streets

Roads

roads

Roads

I would like the county to continue maintaining roads after snow.

Roads

Fix roads and bridges that are in need of repair.

Roads

agressive road improvement and maint. with an eye to safety

Roads

Roads

Maintaing Roads

Roads/Bridges to accommodate the growing population

Roads

Road & Bridge maintenance

Roads

roads

Roads

Take notice of some unrealistic streets where accidents happen frequently.

Roads

maintaining roads

Roads

Improve roads in non-city developments

Roads

Continue to keep the streets repaved, recycling service available, and communication open for all.

Roads

Roads

improving mountain roads for easier access

Roads

roads

Roads

Road maintenance

Roads

Study future county roads (County Rd. 7) going thru Dairy and Farm land

Roads

Roads
better Maintenance of county roads
Maintain (and upgrade, as necessary) roads and bridges.
Modernize street and traffic control
Road Repair and Maintainance
roads
traffic and roads
Roads and bridges
Roads and bridges repair
Roads widen I-25 from Longmont thru Fort Collins
Road and bridge Mtce
Roads and Traffic
Roads protection and roads and bridges
Maintaining homes and bridges.
roads and bridges
safe roads and bridges
road maintenance
Widen I-25 to 6 lanes.
Widen main roads between Fort Collins and Loveland.
maintance of roads and bridges
Road maintenance
Roads
Maintainance of roads and bridges
Roads & transportation (wider county roads for bicycles around Carter Lake)
Roads and Transportation
roads
good roads
Paving county roads that are highly used (esp. 56)
continue unpaved road maintenance
road improvements
CONSISTENCY IN ROAD WORK, BETTER PLANNING FOR DETOUR AND CLOSURES
Roads
roads
Keep on top of bridges needing repair
Roads and bridges
road planning
road maintenance
Up keep on streets and county roads; cleanliness of streets;
Public safety
Public safety. Crime seems to be rising in our area.
Public safety
Safety in hour homes and schools by whatever it takes.
public safety/police, jail
Safety
Safety
This may sound racist, but I feel like Larimer County is becoming a less and less safe to live in due to the increase of hispanic population, causing an increase in the presence of gangs, etc. in the county.
citizen security
Protection
Safety
Identify and strengthen existing programs related to community/citizens' health and safety.
safety in schools and public places
Public safety, including law enforcement (deputy availability in outlying areas) and road maintainance
Public Safety
Public safety (police, fire, emergency medical response)
Public safety.
Social and economic safety need for the needy.
Safety of the citizens, fire protection and law enforcement for those living in non city areas.
public safety
Security and investigation cases.
Safety of citizens, without any more interference than necessary.
Safety.
public safety
Follow Loveland and provide free curbside pickup of leaves and garden waste that is then composted, instead of going to the landfill.
Bulk services to solid waste site
I really do like the property database that is run by the county. We were looking for a new house at one point and I often knew more than the realtors about houses thanks to the county database. That’s probably one of the best things that the county does (that I interact with fairly regularly).
Land fill
Landfill operations into the future
Hot composting Service
Future focus: Maintain programs in place ~ without investing in new programs. How can current programs partner and assist each other? It’s vital to reach across to other programs and become better collaborators.
Services
Rescue operations
Services
emergency preparedness
Services
Cleaning up and preventing illegal dumping.

Services
work programs for those on assistance.
Services
Follow the rules for weed control and snow removal the city expects of home.
Services
Maintain existing county services
Services
minimize expansion of services
Services
Assisting all towns with any help as needed.
Services
public services

Identify overlapping and duplicate programs in the County – not only the County programs but other community organizations and industries who provide similar programs. AGAIN – reach across to other programs and become better collaborators.

Services
Basic services
Services
keeping services at least at current levels
Services
public assistance

Services
Providing services such as maintaining roads, bridges, open space areas as well as snow removal, policing, park rangers, etc.
Services
efficiency in delivering prioritized services (per this survey)
Services
general services as required by law and state constitution.
Services
Providing programs for the needy.

Services
Snow removal.
I think this might run under the city, but it can apply to the county also. When the weather is cool, then warm, then freezes and the road to the mailbox turns to ice and the seniors take a risk crossing the road to get their mail. Has the city/county considered putting a small layer of mag chloride on the side of the road to melt the ice. One day someone, and I have called the city about my mailbox several times, is going to fall and break something and that will be the death of them, for real, just due to ice on the road. It's a real concern to be considered. / / Thank you.

Services
Ensuring we have water and other utilities to match the growth of Larimer County

Shooting Range
Build a public shooting range, clubs are too expensive for most.
Shooting Range
adding a county gun range
Shooting Range
shooting range rifle, pistol and bow (charge a fee)
Shooting Range
The County should operate one or more shooting ranges open to the public, convenient to the urban areas.

Social Services
Veteran services
Stop wasting resources on things like land-use planning, county logos, and etc., and use the resources for feeding hungry children, hungry seniors, and for people who can't afford to stay warm.
Social Services
Some how help the poor that live in Larimer County, more food, clothes, drives, etc.
Social Services
General issues to help homeless, parolees, substance abuse subjects.
Social Services
Community housing for homeless, mentally ill, minor criminals that also provides services to these populations.
Social Services
I would like to know the ways children and poor families are served by the county.
Social Services
Not ignoring those who need a second chance
Social Services
Poverty-Awareness activities (poverty simulations)
Social Services
Senior citizen resources and safety

Social Services
I am new to Fort Collins. I would like to see more diversity in the county. Are there any black employees at Larimer County. I had the privilege of working the early elections but I noted that I saw no one of color working in the county building. I love living here and am comfortable being a minority here. I moved here from Delaware and was actively involved in my community for over 30 years. I would like to add my voice and lend my talents to improve my new community. I have recently joined the Colorado State University Women's Association and have been nominated along with 29 other women for the Class of 2013 Women of the Year. I am very excited at the opportunity to meet new friends. I have been feeling 'invisible' since moving here and it's not a good feeling. I write often to the Coloradoan. I am single, 61-yrs. old. I also joined the Senior Center but haven't been able to take full advantage of services offered there. I am hoping to semi-retire by this fall. Services for seniors is my main concern right now followed by safety.

Social Services
Keep thinking on how to improve the quality of life for residents especially seniors as the biggest growing demographic

Social Services
It would be MOST helpful if you furnished Day Care for Senior Citizens in Estes Park. I was a care giver for my husband for many years. He had Parkinsons Disease. I had to pay private services for all day-care, which was expensive. Driving him all the way to Ft. Collins was too far and inconvenient. Estes Park has many senior citizens and would benefit from Senior Day care!!! It's too late for me as a care giver, but it would be so helpful to others in Estes Park. / / I have no further suggestions, but this one is very important to me.

Social Services
Services to Seniors
Social Services
care for elderly
Social Services
Senior services.
Social Services
Health & Human Services
Social Services
Human services
Concentrate financial and human resources on programs that are important to county residents and get out completely of programs that can be better handled by other agencies. For example, parks and open space is something that benefits residents and improves our county, so keep up the good work, whereas employment programs or health services are probably better handled by private and state organizations. So get out and reappropriate the resources.

Social Services
Having enough social services personnel to adequately keep kids at risk, safe
Social Services
Continuing progressive programs and services at the Department of Human Services. Providing opportunities for families to be safe, healthy and self sufficient is not only the right thing to do, but helps the overall economy and quality of life for all citizens of Larimer County.

Social Services
County.
Continuing progressive programs and services at Community Corrections and the Sheriff's Department. Providing opportunities for those who have broken the law to learn more adaptive ways of living and repaying the community for the harm they have done is both more cost effective and more likely to provide for overall safety of the community than just jailing people and then letting them out.

Coming alongside those who are supporting those less able (elderly, disabled) being advocates for those less fortunate (foster care, unemployable, financially disadvantaged)

Maintaining social services

Stricter regulations regarding entitlement programs, social services, food stamps, etc. Less people on welfare. (AND drug testing for those on it!!!)

Cutting taxes, fees, and other costs, downsizing government, improving infrastructure.

Reduce taxes.

Keep the property taxes in line.

Property tax values - to maintain a great quality of life in Larimer County.

Keep property taxes reasonable and in line with other local areas, focusing on "needs" of the county.

Fair and equitable taxation

Lowering taxes

Reduce tax burden on residents

Keep property taxes at a minimum

Reduce taxes

Tax gathering

Property taxes - impartial, fair reviews, not allowing the county employees to devalue their expensive homes, yet overvalue plain, small homes. And blatantly do it! And they still get away with it!

Keep taxes low

Keeping land tax assistance for people over 65 who have lived on their land for 10 or more years (Homestead Act).

Lower Business Property Taxes

Property tax assessments used to be messed up, but electing a new Assessor seems to have fixed the problem.

Traffic

Traffic at the Ranch — add control lights and turn lanes

Adequate parking for retail stores

Parking in Old Town

Urban sprawl

Traffic enforcement.

Enforce traffic speed limits and lane change laws.

Proper development (no sprawl like CoSprings or Jersey, where I'm from and where I can see FoCo headed)

Limiting urban sprawl

Land use trails, open space, urban sprawl

Coordinated development between cities and rural areas.

Clustering of housing and agriculture separately - agriculture is important (I have an ag background) but I don't understand how farms - especially feedlots - are stuck around housing developments - I don't understand the planning process to allow this to happen - it all seems haphazard to me... More thought and planning needs to be done and farmers need assistance to relocate to an area where they are not surrounded, and people living in subdivisions should be able to avoid the smell of manure

Density

Get the cities and towns in Larimer County to work together to focus on traffic patterns/needs to match the growth in Larimer County

Traffic control

Coordination of long term transportation plans with the cities to relieve congested (city) traffic areas.

Traffic control

More efficient NS traffic plan.

Zoning that promotes grouping homes, shopping, such as grocery stores and not big box stores, and work places to minimize traffic and carbon fuel usage.

Enforcing zoning laws quickly and equally

Transportation

Transportation corridors

High speed rail or more public transportation options to Denver and the airport

Rapid transit

Public transportation in & out.

Coordination of regional mass transit with the LDenver area, specifically, the airport.

Transportation

Regional transportation needs.

Work with other Northern Colorado jurisdictions for transportation,

Improving the transportation means to Ft. Collins and out of Ft. Collins like the new transport system in effect.
Transportation

Public Transportation.
Taking an active role in trying to bring effective mass transit to the northern Front Range. There has got to be a better way than

Transportation
continuing to increase the number of lanes of traffic on I-25 ad infinitum.

Transportation
Mass transit Fort Collins to Denver.

Transportation
transportation and roads.

Transportation
transportation, including public transportation, keeping FLEX bus system in operation

Transportation
Public Transportation

Transportation
Improve bus services in Loveland (COLT)

Transportation
Transportation

Transportation
Increase/better public transportation systems.

Transportation
Transportation planning and maintenance of facilities.

Transportation
Transportation (light rail, etc.

Transportation
Transportation - light rail to Denver, bus service between cities

Transportation
Transportation and roads (basic infrastructure)

Transportation
Transportation roads and bridges

Transportation
transportation

Transportation
Cooperative transportation projects

Transportation
Light rail to DIA, Denver (eg Zoo), and Boulder.

Transportation
Alternatives to the automobile for transportation in the county

Transportation
Mass transportation

Transportation
public transportation.

Transportation
Public Transportation

Transportation
Transportation

Transportation
transportation, maintenance.

Transportation
Transportation planning

Transportation
transportation

Vehicle Renewal
License plate renewal system needs tweaking. Some notices have lost in the mail.

Vehicle Renewal
Lessen the cost of getting items online vs in person when available (auto plates)

Vehicle Renewal
License & registration services

Vehicle Renewal
Online vehicle registration fees are way too high. To register my vehicles on line, the fee was in excess of $25 on top of the registration fees themselves.

Water
Monitor growth - we have limited resources, mainly water. I don't want us to turn into a paved over Denver suburb.

Water
water

Water
Water conservation and quality

Water
Preserve Water

Water
Water - quality, storage, availability, cost

Water
Water

Water
Water issues- the more people that move here, the more water is needed. Selling water for things like FRACKING is wrong. Protect our

Water
water.

Water
Water Usage

Water
water management in the drought

Water
Water

Water
Ensuring our water is not compromised in any way.

Water
Adequate water supply (or limit growth to the amount of water available.

Water
increasing water resources

Water
Water usage.

Water
Water quality assurance

Water
Water resources

water
Maintaining the ratio of population and commerce growth to water resources (i.e.-don't let growth outstrip water).

Water
Water supply

Water
Build more water reservoirs and use hydro power from the dams.

Water
Conservation of water and other resources.

Water
Protect out meager water resources

Water
Care in water storage and use in our periods of shortage

Water
Restricting the overall population growth of the county based on availability of sufficient resources, particularly water.

Water
Water issues

Water
Water conservation and safe to consume

Water
Access to water and balancing this with growth. Trying to keep growth "smart", controlled and consider sustainability while doing so. I
didn't know LC did so much in helping those in poverty, but this should also be a focus in the years ahead.

Water
Water use and preservation (gray water use/rainwater collection)

Water
Water, stop allowing development that abuses water (lawn farmers)

Water
Water

Water
Help speed up the process on getting the Damn built to help water needs now and the future

Water
Water conservation is likely to become a very big deal and should be addressed for the county.

Water
Water issues.

Water
water issues

Water
efficient use of water

Water
Quit dragging their feet on providing the area with water storage. We need reservoirs now. This has been on the table for years and it
keeps getting pushed back. If something would have been done 20 years ago when we didn't need it. We would be totally prepared

Water
for drought now and well into the future. We're still growing and it isn't going to stop.

Wildfire
Wildfire prevention and control

Wildfire
Wild fire preparation
Wildfire WILD FIRE PREVENTION and SUPPRESSION
Wildfire Wildfire control
Wildfire Fires and wildlife within the county.
Wildfire Wildfire prevention.
Wildfire Keeping fire fuels low
Wildfire Ensure we have the funds and resources to combat forest fires in Larimer County.
Wildfire Wildfire protection
Wildfire Wildfire and forest fire protection
Wildfire Mitigation of beetle-kill trees to help control wildfires
Wildfire Getting rid of beetle kill trees to diminish fire hazard.
Wildfire Fire mitigation
Wildfire Wildfires
Wildfire Augment rapid forest fire response.
Wildfire Reduce urban development in fire prone RED Zone areas
Wildfire The forest and the fires
Wildfire how to deal with all the beetle kill trees that have not burned (yet)
Wildfire continue supporting wildfire suppression
Wildfire Have sufficient wildfire fighting capabilities
Wildfire Wildfire rescue and protection.
Wildfire The County did a Fantastic job w/ handling the High Park Fire
Wildfire Wildland fire support.
Wildfire Land management after the fires
Wildfire Wildland fire mitigation
Wildlife Promote co-existance with wildlife, I am a native and LOVE the fact that we have a return of species that were never present when I
Wildlife was growing up. We now are visited by eagles, hawks, owls, fox, coyote, elk, deer, bob cat.
Wildlife Keeping Open area for wildlife
Wildlife Also, keeping in site the wildlife population as people move into their spaces.